

Grandchester Community Flood Awareness Guide

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FLOODS HAPPEN IN GRANDCHESTER

Preparing today means you'll be ready tomorrow

Home to Queensland's first railway line, Grandchester is a tight-knit rural town in the west of Ipswich local government area. Grandchester is built on a floodplain, with Western Creek running through the heart of the village. Its high annual rainfall and proximity to the creek make the area particularly vulnerable to flooding.

Resilience begins with awareness and preparation. While flooding is most common during Queensland's severe weather season (from 1 November through to 30 April), in Grandchester it can happen at any time. That's why being ready for floods is essential all year round.

This Grandchester Community Flood Awareness Guide (guide) draws from local knowledge, historical flood data and community feedback to provide practical steps to protect what matters most. Information in this guide will help you better understand local flood risks and prepare in advance. By preparing your family, home, business or community organisation, you take control and help build resilience for yourself and those around you.

When each of us takes responsibility and actions to prepare, the whole community can respond more effectively and recover from floods faster.

Use this guide to help you prepare for the future in ways that work best for you and your household.



Watercourse in Grandchester, 2026.

THE GRANDCHESTER COMMUNITY



460+
residents,
average age
45 years

Over **25%**
of residents
were born
overseas, with
4.1% of residents
migrating from
England



3% of
residents identify
as **Aboriginal
and/or Torres
Strait Islander**



80% of
households only
speak English,
other languages
were not identified
by the ABS

1
state
government
school



A **public
bus service**
operates as well
as commercial
transport services



Agriculture,
tourism and
hospitality
support the
local economy



The information above comes from
publicly available sources. You can find out
more about Grandchester's population online at
[Australian Bureau of Statistics](https://www.abs.gov.au).

A guide by locals, for locals

This guide was informed by extensive community engagement in late 2025, which included a variety of activities: community events, pop-up information stalls, one on one and group interviews, community forums and via an online survey. Engagements took place across all of Ipswich, including Grandchester, making this guide community-based in its approach; by locals for locals.

Grandchester is prone to flash flooding caused by heavy localised rainfall in Western Creek. Grandchester is located far enough away from the Bremer River that it is not directly impacted by riverine flooding.

This guide has been prepared to assist you to identify potential flood risks and shares handy tips and links to help you prepare for, respond to and recover from future floods.



DID YOU KNOW...?

Originally named 'Bigges Camp', it became Grandchester in 1865; however, it was traditionally known in Yagara Language as Gujabila (goo-jah-bill-ah), where 'guja' = honey and 'bila' = full of/lots of.

Information to help you prepare

It is important to understand your risks and how warnings are issued before a flood happens. This will help you to respond quickly and confidently.

1. Know the history of flooding

Every flood is different, but we can learn from past floods to help us prepare for what might happen in the future. The flood totem pole on the next page shows impacts of past floods and the peak water level recorded at the Grandchester Gauge, which is your main gauge to watch in Grandchester.

2. Understand your local water level gauge (gauge)

Gauges show water levels in creeks and rivers and are useful tools to help determine riverine flood behaviour. Gauges will show the water level of the creek or river it measures, which will help you to determine if flood water might keep rising or whether it is falling.

When you check the water level gauge reading online or in apps, there is a brief time delay in the information being recorded at the gauge and it being reported online. This means that the information you see online or in apps is not in real-time.

3. Learn how to interpret a flood totem pole

A flood totem pole provides different gauge levels, impacts and historical flood levels.

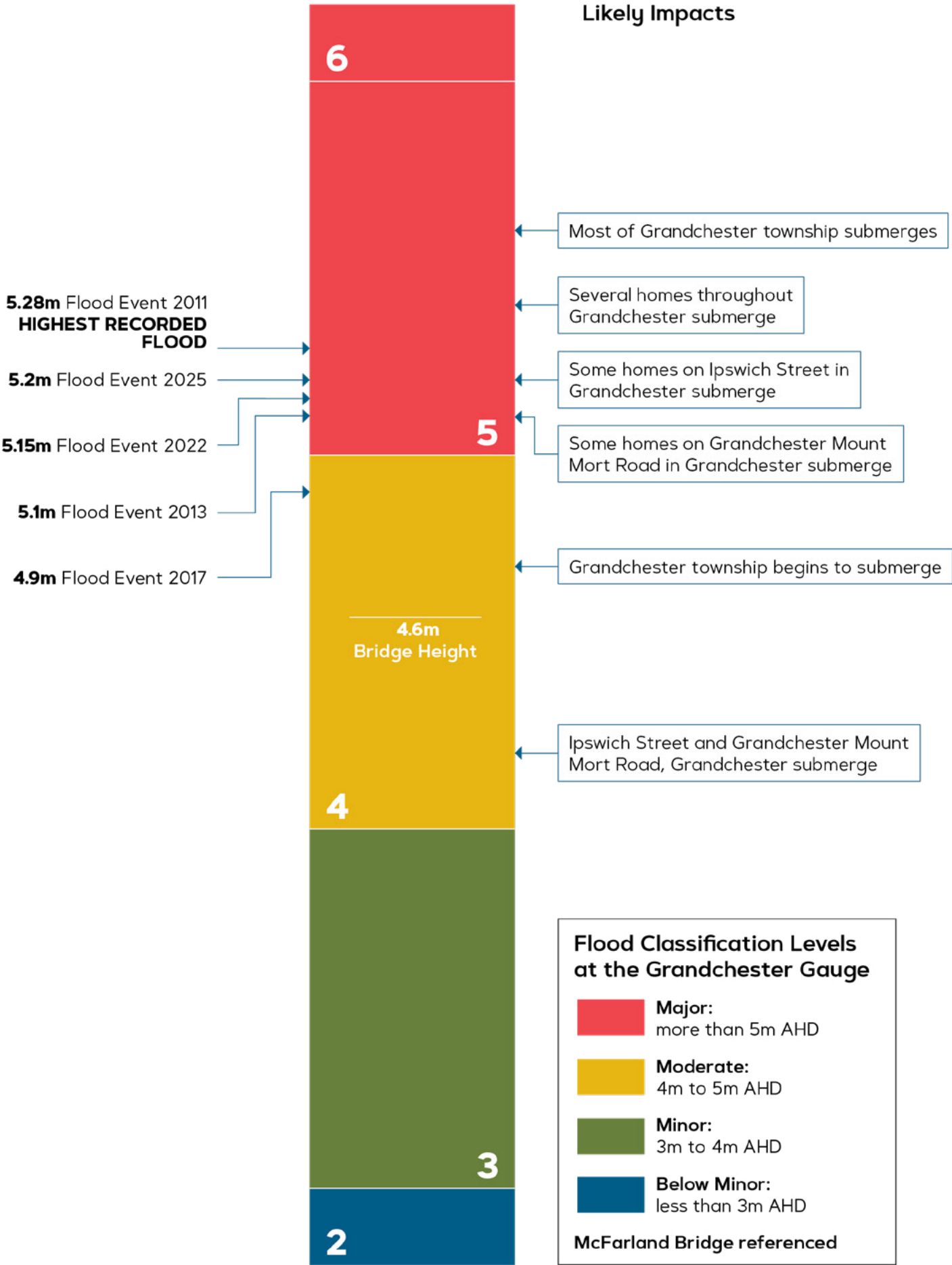
4. Know where to find your water level gauges

Go to the [Ipswich Disaster Dashboard](#) to find out the location of a gauge near you.

5. Understand warnings and what they mean

Knowing what warnings mean is important to help you make timely and safe decisions during a flood. Further information on warnings is provided on page 15.

HISTORICAL FLOODS: GRANDCHESTER



A HISTORY OF FLOODING IN GRANDCHESTER

Grandchester's history has been shaped by floods. However, flood records are dependent on how long water levels have been measured at a particular location and how well the monitoring equipment worked during past flooding events. Based on available records some significant flood events in living history include:

2011

Most of Queensland was impacted by extended rainfall in 2011, including Grandchester from Western Creek.

- Recorded flood height at the Grandchester Gauge was 5.28m AHD
- For reference, flooding at the McFarland Bridge would have been approximately 0.68m underwater.

2022

A series of heavy rainfall events associated with ex-Tropical Cyclone Seth.

- Recorded flood height at the Grandchester Gauge was 5.15m AHD
- For reference, flooding at the McFarland Bridge would have been approximately 0.55m underwater.

2025

The rainfall associated with ex-Tropical Cyclone Alfred.

- Recorded flood height at the Grandchester Gauge was 5.2m AHD
- For reference, flooding at the McFarland Bridge would have been approximately 0.6m underwater.

Grandchester was also likely impacted by the 1974 floods; however information and records are limited in this area, and the gauge had not yet been installed and was not commissioned and operational until 30 October 2002.

What is AHD?

The Australian Height Datum (AHD) is a system that uses mean sea level as the zero point for measuring height.

Mean sea level was worked out by checking water levels at 30 measuring stations around Australia's coast between 1966 and 1968. You can find more information on the [Geoscience Australia](https://www.ga.gov.au/geoscience-australia) website.

50 years on from the 1974 floods

Head to the Queensland State Archives YouTube channel to watch Dr Margaret Cook's presentation, [Remembering the 1974 floods 50 years later.](#)

In this talk, Dr Cook reflects on how the flood unfolded, examines its immediate and long-term impacts on the community, and explores the underlying causes behind the devastation.

Check out the interactive flood maps for the 1974, 2011 and 2022 floods via the Ipswich City Council Flood Mapping page at ipswich.qld.gov.au/floodmaps

BRISBANE RIVER CATCHMENT AND FLOODPLAIN

The Brisbane River Catchment spans approximately 13,570 square kilometres and is home to the largest river in South East Queensland. Approximately half of the catchment drains into the Wivenhoe and Somerset Dams, providing the primary source of water supply for communities located in the region.

The Brisbane River floodplain extends into parts of the four local governments of Brisbane, Ipswich, Somerset and the Lockyer Valley.



Catchment is an area of land where water drains to a common point such as a creek or river.



FLOOD BEHAVIOUR IN GRANDCHESTER

Grandchester sits adjacent to Western Creek and is impacted when flooding occurs from this creek. Grandchester is located far enough and high enough above the Bremer River to avoid direct impacts; however, major roads in the nearby area can still be cut by flooding from the river.

The Wivenhoe and Somerset Dam are important infrastructure with regards to flooding in Ipswich overall. However, Grandchester is located far enough away from the Bremer and Brisbane rivers to not be significantly influenced by the operation of these dams.

Wivenhoe Dam

South East Queensland's largest water storage and the main supply of water for the Greater Ipswich area. It is a gated dam which allows the operator, Seqwater, to make controlled water releases during times of heavy rain.

Seqwater Flood Operations Centre has information about how the dam works, including in times of flooding, on their website: [Seqwater.com.au/dams](https://seqwater.com.au/dams)

Flash flooding

Flash flooding can be caused by severe storms with high volumes of rainfall over a short period of time. Flash floods can affect local creeks which can overflow and inundate parks, roads and water crossings. Flash floods can overwhelm local storm water pipes and combined with overland flow can cause short-term inundation to property and business. You can find more information on generalised Flash Flooding on the [Queensland Government](https://www.qld.gov.au) website.

In Grandchester, flooding can be caused by heavy local rain (generally over 100mm) or rain falling upstream in the Western Creek catchment within a short time period (generally, less than 6 hours). As the catchment area is small it therefore responds to rainfall quickly. Short, sharp burst of rain can cause flooding in the catchment

Flooding from Western Creek occurs rapidly due to its small catchment area and can flood roads, properties and houses in Grandchester quickly. During flooding, Ipswich Street can become inundated quickly. Water moves along this area, impacting houses. Floodwaters through Grandchester can move very fast and become dangerous.

Western Creek also impacts and floods Grandchester Mount Mort Road at several locations. When Grandchester Mount Mort Road and Ipswich Street flood, movement in and out of Grandchester is often restricted.

You can visit the [Ipswich Disaster Dashboard](#) to check for road closures to help you determine what your best evacuation route may be. Council may also publish evacuation information on the Ipswich Disaster Dashboard if additional information or supports are available.

For a detailed technical description of flood risks in the Ipswich area you can view the [Ipswich Integrated Catchment Plan](#) and the related [technical flood information](#)



Water body in Grandchester, 2026.

FLOOD FORECASTING

Predicting rainfall and flooding is complex. The longer the lead time for a flood warning, the less precise the prediction will be. Predictions and warnings will never be perfect, but they're helpful when combined with local knowledge – especially if you are prepared.

During a flood event, many agencies such as the Bureau of Meteorology (Bureau), Seqwater and council work together to produce the best forecasts and warnings possible with the information and technology available.

A simple guide to water level gauges

Water level (flood) gauges measure how deep the water is in a specific spot on a river or creek. Many of them are automatic and show the water level online in near-real time.

These are often called **observation gauges** and they help the community understand what is currently happening in a river or creek—for example, whether water levels are rising or falling.

The Grandchester Gauge on Western Creek is a good example of an observation gauge for the Grandchester community.

A limited number of locations are referred to as **formal forecast locations, (or forecast gauges)**. These gauges still show current water levels, but the location itself is one where the Bureau will predict future flood levels. During flood events, the Bureau can estimate how high the water might rise and when it is likely to peak at this gauge location.

For example, at a forecast gauge, such as the Ipswich Gauge for the Bremer River and the Moggill Gauge for the Brisbane River, you may see in the Bureau flood warning:

- The flood level category (minor, moderate, or major)
- The expected peak water level
- The time the peak is likely to happen
- More frequent updates during floods.

It should be noted that the Bureau does not provide flood forecasting within the Grandchester area due to the nature of flash flooding. For this reason, currently council does not publish any flood forecast maps for the area.

The Grandchester Gauge can be used to gain an understanding of how the Western Creek is responding.

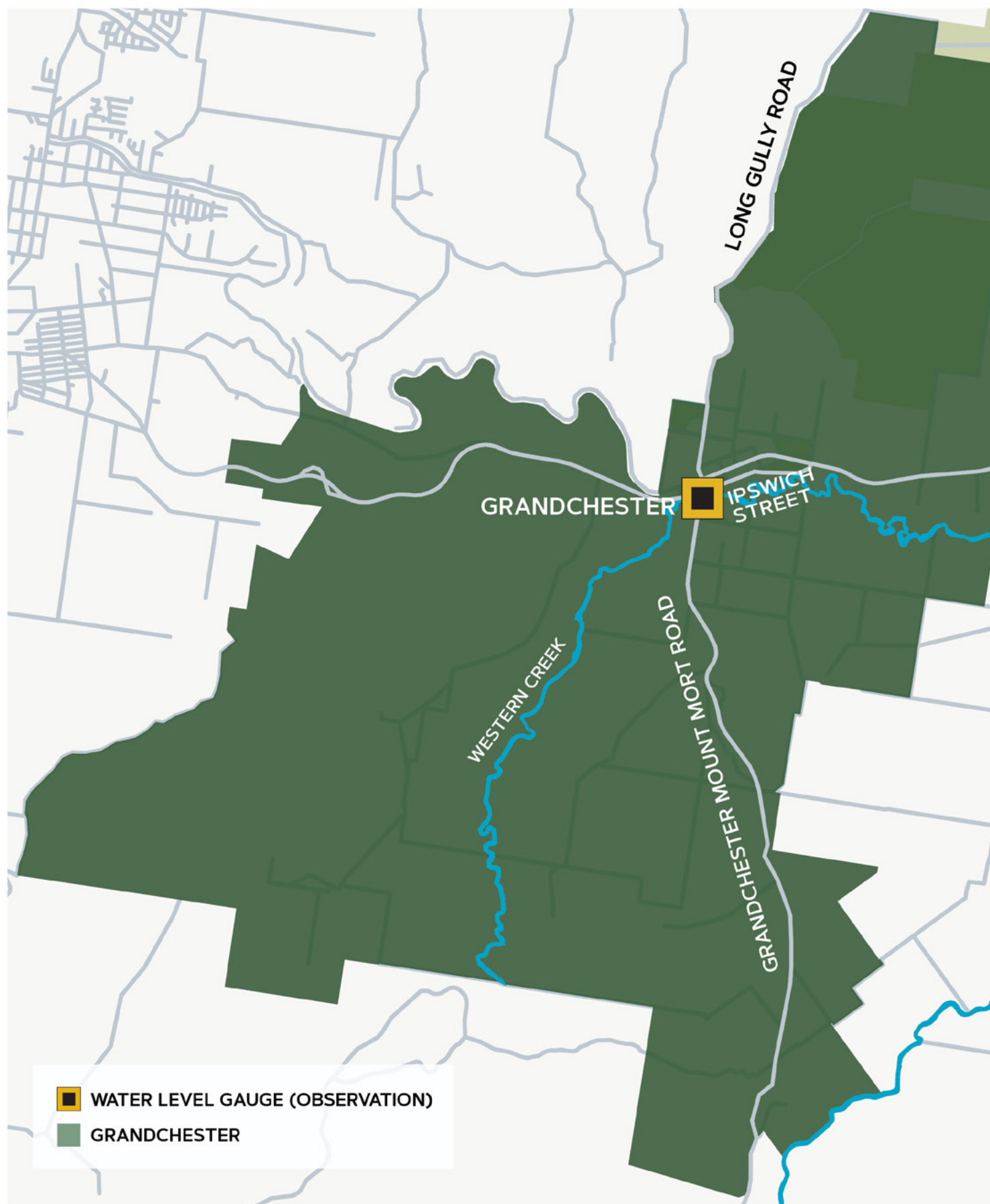
Council may also produce a 'predicted flood surface', sometimes referred to as a 'forecast flood extent'. This product is based on the Bureau's predicted heights, showing the possible extent of flooding in Grandchester. You can use this information to inform decisions about what you can do during a flood.

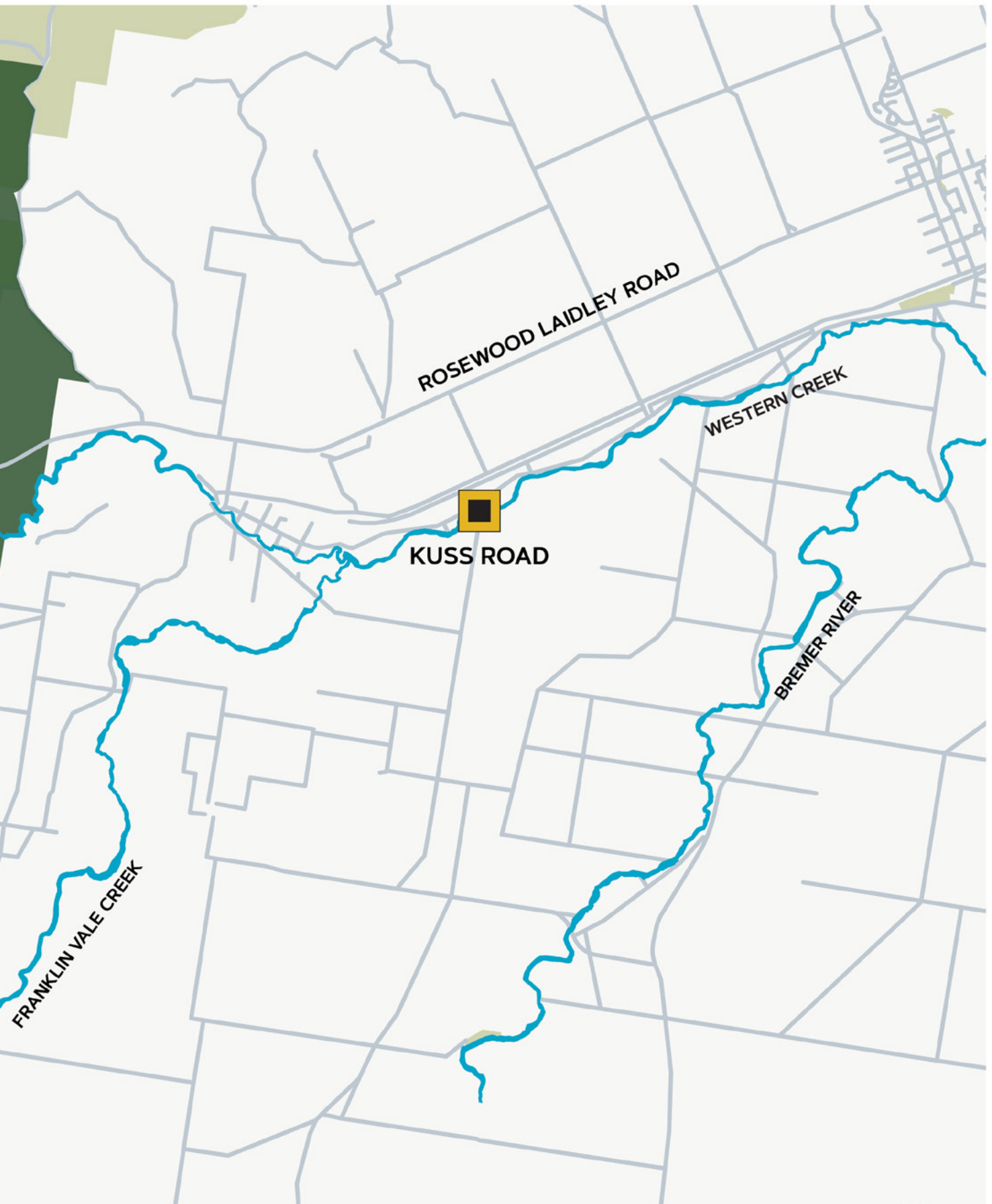
A predicted flood surface is an estimate and does not generally show flood water depth. It can help us understand what might happen, but it can't tell us exactly how much flooding there will be.

A 'predicted flood surface' is the area which is expected to be covered by flood water based on science and computer models.

This information, shown in a map, helps people know which places might get flooded so they can make safer choices.

GRANDCHESTER'S FLOOD MONITORING SYSTEMS





Grandchester communities have access to a variety of flood warning tools and information available on the [Ipswich Disaster Dashboard](#).

Disaster cameras are strategically placed across the region at familiar sites like major roads and higher flood risk locations. The Rosewood Laidley Road flood camera provides a photo of flood levels at 10-to-15-minute intervals. This can help you to understand road closures and the level of flooding. The cameras can be accessed on the Ipswich Disaster Dashboard here: [Cameras](#).

There are also rain gauges located in the Western Creek catchment and beyond. These can help give you a better understanding of how much rain has fallen in different areas. For [Western Creek](#), understanding how much rain has fallen in the following gauges can provide some indication of potential flooding:

- Grandchester Gauge
- Upper Western Creek Gauge (located upstream of Grandchester).

The Upper Western Creek rain gauge can provide an indication of how much rain has fallen in the upper Western Creek catchment. By using this rain gauge in combination with the Grandchester water level gauge [[Station No: 540064](#)], you can gain an understanding of whether the water level will continue to rise in Grandchester.

The only water level gauge in the vicinity of Grandchester is the Grandchester Gauge [[Station No: 540064](#)].

You can view the gauges at any time on the [Ipswich Disaster Dashboard](#), through the interactive map.



Grandchester "Bigges Camp" Train Station, Grandchester

FLOOD WARNINGS AND WHAT THEY MEAN

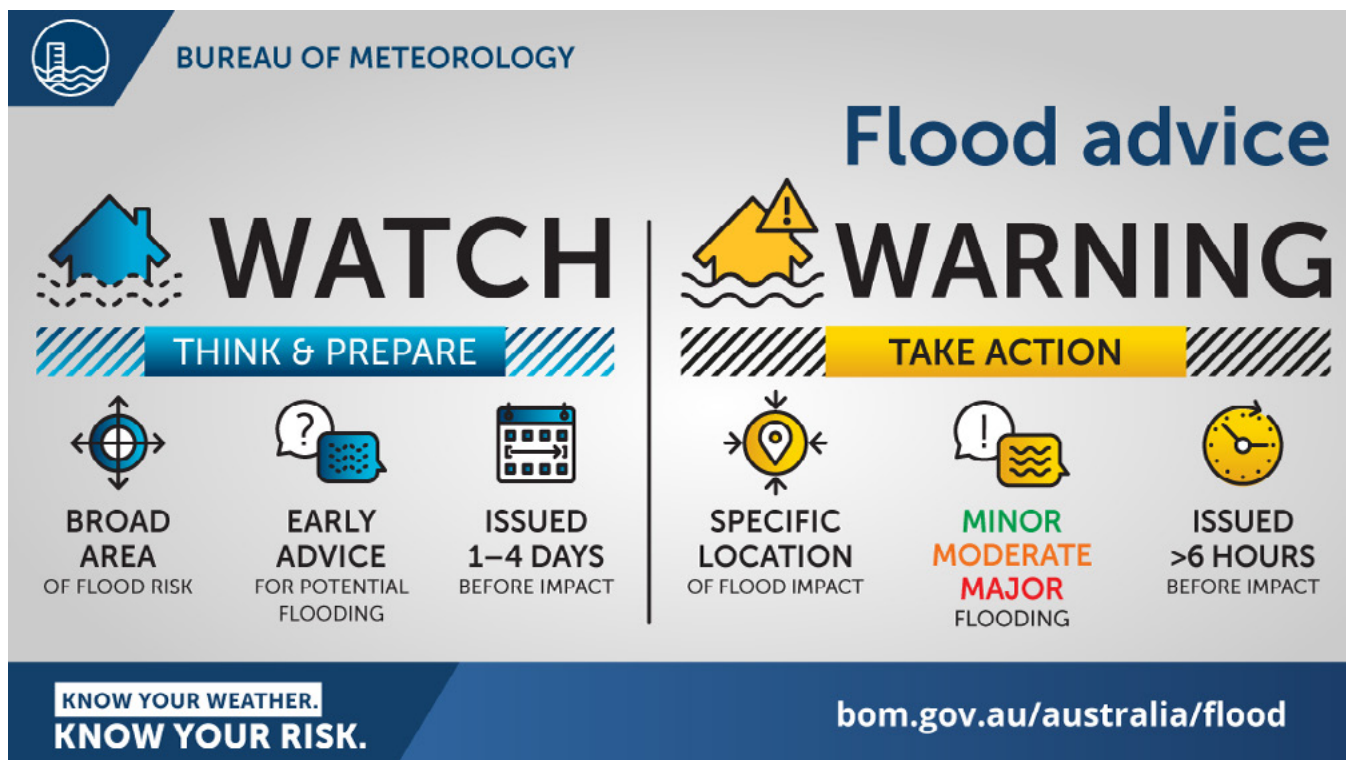


Image courtesy of the Bureau of Meteorology

When you understand your flood risk and how local gauges can relate to flood levels, the flood warnings you receive will help you to decide what action you need to take. The Bureau may issue multiple flood warnings for the Brisbane River and/or the Bremer River before, during and after flood events.

For people living in Grandchester, the flood watches and flood warnings that matter most are the ones for the Lower Brisbane River.

Flood Watch

A Flood Watch will be issued by the Bureau when there is an increased risk of riverine flooding. The Flood Watch is issued noting which areas are at risk, the expected rainfall, and rivers and creeks that may be impacted. A Flood Watch is not a warning of imminent flooding and can be issued before any sign of flooding occurs or before rain has started falling. More information about Flood Watches is available via the Bureau's [Queensland Flood Watch Brochure](#).

Flood Warning

A Flood Warning will be issued by the Bureau when there is more certainty that flooding will occur. The Flood Warning is generally issued when rainfall has started and will be more specific, referencing catchments and river systems. No flood warnings are provided by the Bureau at the Grandchester Gauge as this is not a forecast gauge.

You can find more information on Flood Warnings on the [Bureau](#) website.

Council also shares warnings and updates on the [Ipswich Disaster Dashboard](#) to help you understand what's happening across Grandchester and Ipswich.

Australian Warning System

The Australian Warning System (AWS) aims to provide consistent warnings to all Australian communities so that people know what to do when they see a warning for hazards such as flood, storm, severe weather, bushfire and extreme heat.

Warnings provide point-in-time information about the flood that is impacting or is expected to impact communities. It describes the impact and expected longer-term outcome for communities and includes general advice on what people should do.

When there is a flood warning for Grandchester, you will see the following images.

There are three warning levels:

	Advice (Yellow) An incident has started. There is no immediate danger. Stay up to date in case the situation changes.
	Watch and Act (Orange) There is a heightened level of threat. Conditions are changing and you need to start taking action now to protect you and your family.
	Emergency Warning (Red) An Emergency Warning is the highest level of warning. You may be in danger and need to take action immediately. Any delay now puts your life at risk.

You can get more information at Disaster.qld.gov.au/watch-for-the-warnings.



HOW TO PREPARE FOR FLOODING

We know that flooding in Grandchester will happen again. The good news is there are steps you can take to prepare yourself, your loved ones and your home. Being ready for severe weather and flooding not only increases your safety and peace of mind, but also allows emergency services to focus on supporting other members of the community during major flood events.



Get Ready in 3 simple steps

Step 1: Understand your flood risk

This means learning more about how flooding could impact your community, neighbours, home, loved ones and pets. By reading this guide, you're already taking the first step to being prepared.

Step 2: Prepare a household emergency plan

Planning ahead takes the guesswork out of a flood and helps keep everyone calm when it matters most. Your household emergency plan should be done ahead of the severe weather season, which is typically 1 November through until 30 April, and should include details on what your household will do in a flood. This includes how you'll look after pets, who to contact, and where you'll go if you need to leave home. Visit the Ipswich Disaster Dashboard and follow the steps to make your own [Household Emergency Plan](#). You can also use the Get Ready Queensland website to make an [Emergency Plan for your Pets](#).

Step 3: Pack an emergency kit

Your emergency kit should contain key items your family and pets need to stay safe and comfortable if power, water or other services are interrupted, or if access is cut due to flooding. Your kit should include things like a torch, spare batteries, non-perishable food, water, copies of important documents, things to keep everyone entertained and pet supplies. The good news is you probably already have most of these things, the kit simply keeps them in one place so they're ready for you to grab in an emergency. Consider also packing a smaller version of an emergency kit, or a 'grab and go' bag, with essential items if you need to leave home quickly. You can keep this at your front door or in your car. You can also download this [Emergency Kit Checklist](#).

For more practical advice and tips on how to prepare for flooding and other severe weather events, visit the [Get Ready Queensland](#) website.

EVACUATION AND ISOLATION

It is your responsibility to monitor weather conditions and warnings, and take action as needed.

Depending on the severity of flooding, you may need to leave your home to stay safe or avoid being cut off for long periods. Official evacuation advice may come via Emergency Alerts, updates on the [Ipswich Disaster Dashboard](#), local radio stations (ABC 612 and River 94.9), council social media channels or in some cases doorknocking by emergency services. However, you should always act early and make the best decision for your household. Having these actions agreed ahead of time and written in your household emergency plan will help you make an informed decision during a flood.

Evacuation routes might get flooded, leaving you unable to leave your home, or if you are at work or another place, unable to return home. If you live in a high-risk part of Grandchester, plan to evacuate as soon as possible before it's too late. You may find the 'Your Emergency Contact Information' on page 25 helpful to assist with your planning.

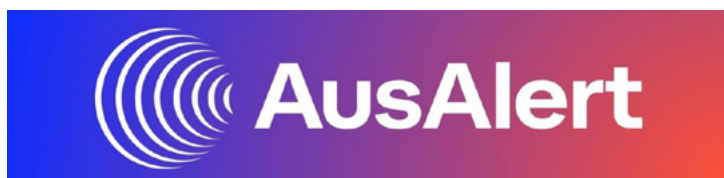


Image courtesy of the Australian Government: NEMA

AusAlert is the new national system that sends emergency warnings straight to mobile phones and other mobile devices in a specific area.

It uses cell broadcast technology, which is already used in more than 30 countries and is considered one of the best ways to send emergency warnings.

With AusAlert, emergency services and some Australian Government agencies can send messages to the people who need them most.

The system is designed to be more reliable, more accurate and faster than current warning systems. This means authorities can reach people quickly during serious situations, helping to protect lives and property.

In the future, AusAlert will also be able to send automatic voice messages to landline phones.

For more information on AusAlert, please visit [AusAlert | National Emergency Management Agency](#).

You do not need to register to receive an Emergency Alert

Emergency Alert messages are sent from: +61 444 444 444.

These messages are not a scam and are official text messages from the Queensland State Disaster Coordination Centre as part of the national emergency alert system. If you receive an Emergency Alert and want more information, follow the instructions in the message.



Image courtesy of Queensland Government

Finding shelter before or during a flood is important, do not wait until it's too late to make a decision that could save your life.

If you need to evacuate, do not rely on going to a temporary evacuation centre. Seeking refuge at an evacuation centre should be your very last resort, because they are not a resort. At an evacuation centre you can expect to share a single toilet with up to 50 other people and may be sleeping just 40cm away from a stranger. The best option is to plan to stay with family or friends or arrange alternative accommodation away from areas likely to be impacted by flooding. These arrangements can also be made ahead of time and written in your household emergency plan.



For more detailed information on evacuation and sheltering – please review our ‘Prepare for Evacuation and Sheltering’ downloadable resource at [Download Resources: Ipswich City Council](#)

Before travelling, check the [Ipswich Disaster Dashboard](#) to see what information is available that can help you make a decision about whether it is safe to travel and if roads and/or evacuation centres are open.

Public health advice for disaster management

Queensland Health has [resources online](#) to help you manage potential health risks after a flood or disaster, such as safe drinking water, food safety and mould.

Planning for your needs

People with specific medical needs, mobility challenges or other general wellbeing considerations may require support to develop a suitable emergency plan and to evacuate.

If you or someone you care about needs support, you can find helpful information about the Person-Centred Emergency Preparedness (P-CEP) program, as well as Disability Inclusive Disaster Risk Reduction projects, via factsheets and short videos on the [Queenslanders with Disability Network](#) website.

If you live with a disability, it's important to share your emergency plan or P-CEP plan with your family and friends and ensure that your support workers and service providers know where to find it before a flood.

Visit the [Get Ready Queensland](#) webpage for inclusive preparedness resources.

Power outages and powered medical devices

If you rely on a powered medical device, you may be eligible to apply for the Energex Life Support Program. The Life Support Program does not guarantee power supply, but it does provide eligible customers with information to help with preparing for planned power interruptions. Visit the Energex website to learn more: [Life support customers | Energex](#).

Read the [Queensland Health fact sheet to prepare for power outages](#).

Call **13 HEALTH** (13 43 25 84) at any time.



YOUR QUICK GUIDE TO FLOOD EMERGENCY INFORMATION

**In case of an emergency dial Triple Zero 000
Speak and Listen (TTY) Emergency Call 106**

WHO	GOOD FOR	WHERE TO FIND
Ipswich Disaster Dashboard	Local warnings, power outages, road closures, viewing disaster cameras, information about evacuation centres and recovery support.	Disaster.ipswich.qld.gov.au
The Bureau of Meteorology	Regular forecasts, push notifications about severe weather warnings (app only), monitoring and advice before, during and after a flood event.	Bom.gov.au/qld Or download the app
Radio	Regular updates during emergencies like floods.	ABC Radio 612 ABC Radio Brisbane (AM radio) Abc.net.au/listen/radio Or download the app River 94.9 River 94.9 (FM radio) River949.com.au/ Or download the app (via iHeart Radio)
Qld Traffic	Up-to-date information on flooded roads.	Qldtraffic.qld.gov.au 13 19 40
State Emergency Service (SES)	Non-life-threatening flood and storm emergency assistance during severe weather events.	Ses.qld.gov.au 132 500 Or download the app
Seqwater	Up-to-date information on dam releases and water quality.	Seqwater.com.au
Urban Utilities	View interruptions currently affecting Ipswich suburbs.	Urbanutilities.com.au 13 23 64
Energex Outage Finder	Real-time updates on the number of customers affected, estimated restoration times and the causes of power outages.	Energex.com.au/outages/outage-finder/outage-finder-map/
Department of Education	Up-to-date information on state, independent and Catholic schools that have been deemed unsafe for student attendance.	Closures.qld.edu.au

WHO	GOOD FOR	WHERE TO FIND
Insurance Council of Australia	Information and advice to help you navigate disaster preparedness, clean up and claims.	Insurancecouncil.com.au/consumers/help-in-disasters/ Insurancecouncil.com.au/resource/frequently-asked-questions-after-a-disaster/
Australian Financial Complaints Authority	Support if you find yourself in a dispute with your insurer or financial firm about your claim or request for assistance.	Afca.org.au/make-a-complaint/insurance/floods-and-storms-disaster-support 1800 931 678 1800 337 444 (Significant event hotline)



LOOK OUT DISASTER CHASERS ABOUT

Unfortunately, criminals sometimes target flood impacted communities. These offenders are known as 'Disaster Chasers' who typically present themselves shortly after a flood occurs but can also appear months later.

They may doorknock neighbourhoods, claiming to have identified damage at your property, or in some very bold cases they may claim that they are calling on behalf of your insurance company.

The Insurance Council of Australia has a [fact sheet](#) with information and advice for identifying or dealing with a Disaster Chaser. If in doubt, report any suspicious activity to the Queensland Police Service via [Policelink](#) or phone 131 444 (24 hours, 7 days a week).

LIFELINE 13 11 14

If you are feeling overwhelmed before, during or after a disaster, Lifeline is available to provide you with free and confidential support.

Call 13 11 14 or visit [Lifeline.org.au](https://lifeline.org.au)

Confidential one-to-one text with a trained Lifeline Crisis Supporter is available 24/7, **TEXT 0477 13 11 14**

PET PREPAREDNESS FOR DISASTERS

Get your pets ready for severe weather and emergencies with a simple three-step plan:

1. PLAN 2. PREPARE 3. PRACTICE

Being ready before a disaster strikes could save your pet's life.



[RSPCA Queensland](#), proud partners of [Get Ready Queensland](#)

HELP IN TIMES OF DISASTER

Do you need help?

If you require assistance after a flood, visit the [Ipswich Disaster Dashboard](#) to see what support is available in your area. You can also visit the [Queensland Government](#) website for information about state and federal financial and support services for people impacted by disasters and emergencies.

Are you able to help?

If you want to assist after a flood, please be mindful that even good intentions can sometimes get in the way. The suggestions below hope to harness your community spirit so you can make a difference and stay safe at the same time.

Donate

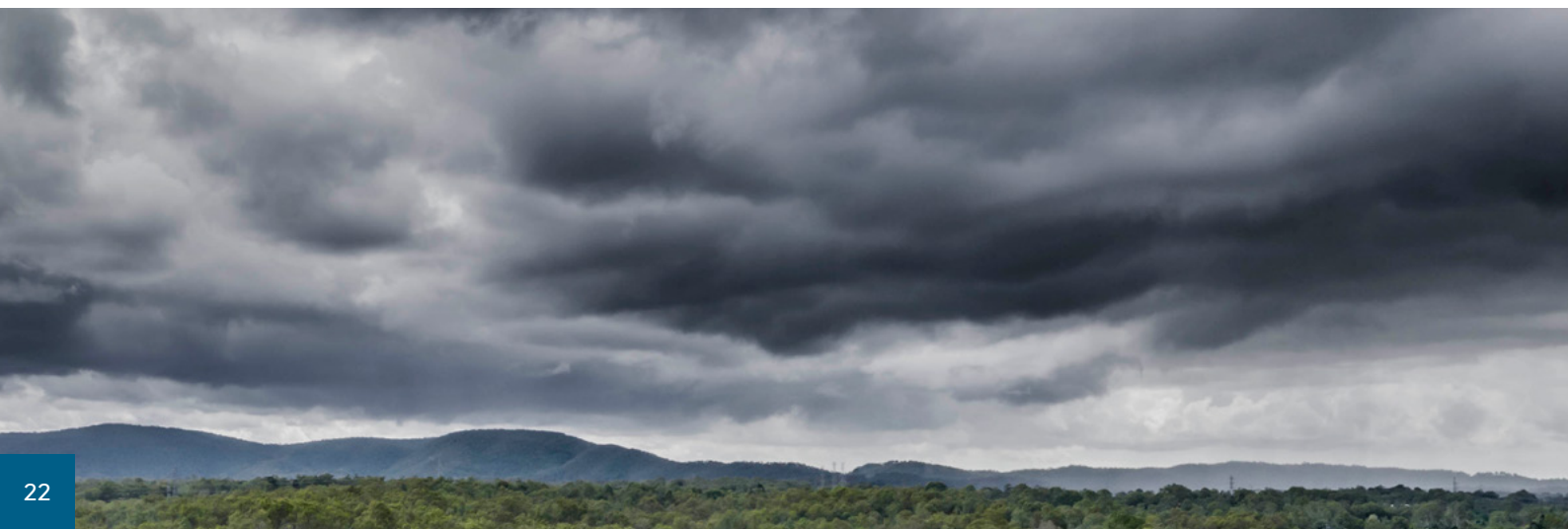
- [GIVIT](#) captures all donation offers online so your donation meets the real needs of people right now, as identified by support organisations working directly with people impacted by disasters.
- Through GIVIT, your donation goes exactly where it's needed, based on requests from organisations supporting people affected by disasters.
- Unrequested items can overwhelm recovery efforts, so please don't send or drop off donations unless asked.

Volunteer

- Council partners with local volunteer groups who restore and protect natural areas before and after disasters. Find out more on council's [Volunteer Portal](#).
- Register your interest in [Emergency Volunteering Community Response to Extreme Weather](#) (EV CREW). Through this program, council works with Volunteering Queensland to place volunteers who have the required skills, availability and locality into the areas of the community that need help.

Visiting impacted areas

- Visiting flood impacted areas can help stimulate economic recovery.
- Never visit immediately after a flooding event as it hinders emergency responses, risks personal safety and exploits local trauma.
- Wait until official advice confirms it is safe to visit.
- When it is safe and businesses begin to reopen, supporting local shops and services is one of the best ways you can help the community recovery.



GRANDCHESTER FLOOD AWARENESS: AT A GLANCE

CATCHMENT	Bremer River For warnings from the Bureau look for Lower Brisbane River
SUB-CATCHMENT	Western Creek
FORECAST GAUGE LOCATION	Not Available
OBSERVATION GAUGE LOCATION	Grandchester Gauge [Station No: 540064]
<u>RAINFALL GAUGE</u> LOCATIONS	- Upper Western Creek - Grandchester. Refer to Ipswich Disaster Dashboard for Bremer River catchment rainfall gauges.

It should be noted that the Bureau does not provide flood forecasting within the Grandchester area due to the nature of flash flooding. For this reason, currently council does not publish any flood forecast maps for the area.

The Grandchester Gauge can be used to gain an understanding of how the Western Creek is responding.

You can view all the gauges at any time on the [Ipswich Disaster Dashboard](#), through the interactive map.



FURTHER INFORMATION AND READING

Ipswich Integrated Catchment Plan

The [Ipswich Integrated Catchment Plan](#) (IICP) aims to reduce flood risks and help communities increase their flood resilience. Planning also looks at protection of the natural floodplain, improving water quality and supporting biodiversity across the catchment.

The IICP has been developed as two documents:

- [Ipswich Integrated Catchment Plan – Strategy and Action Plan](#)
- [Ipswich Integrated Catchment Plan – Technical Evidence Report](#) (TER)

Brisbane River Strategic Floodplain Management Plan

The [Brisbane River Strategic Floodplain Management Plan](#) (BRSFMP) was published in April 2019 and provides the framework for a consistent approach to managing flood risk across the floodplain. It is a significant regional plan that considers current and future flood risk, disaster management, mitigation infrastructure, community resilience, building guides, land use planning and landscape management. It has been informed by the Brisbane River Catchment Flood Study.

This document provides relevant information for Ipswich residents.

Brisbane River Catchment Flood Study

The [Brisbane River Catchment Flood Study](#) (BRCFS), published in May 2017, encompassed hydraulic and hydrologic assessments undertaken in response to the Queensland Floods Commission of Inquiry, providing a comprehensive plan to manage Brisbane River flood risk. The document also contains important information for the City of Ipswich.

How Ipswich City Council Manages Flood Risk

As a city on a floodplain, flooding will remain a natural risk to the Ipswich community. Visit the Ipswich City Council [Floods](#) page to explore the measures used by council to manage the risk.

Ipswich City Council Historical Flood Mapping

This interactive [tool](#) allows residents to pan and zoom across the City of Ipswich and apply the three historic flood events (1974, 2011 and 2022) as visual layers across the map, demonstrating flood impacts.

Ipswich City Plan 2025 Mapping

Ipswich's [City Plan 2025](#) is the primary land use planning tool for managing development of the city's floodplains. The Planning Scheme is continuously updated to meet changing policy, new flood information, technology and best practice.

The interactive City Plan 2025 [map](#) allows residents to pan and zoom across the City of Ipswich viewing mapped flood information in the City Plan, when the 'OV12 Flood Risk and Overland Flow' layer is selected under Overlays. To learn more about flood risk and overland flow, see council's [fact sheet](#).

Flood Terms and Definitions

The Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA) is the lead agency responsible for disaster recovery and resilience in Queensland. To assist with promoting consistent terminology when communicating information about flooding, they have developed a comprehensive list of flood terms, definitions and references. To learn more please visit the QRA website on [flood terms and definitions](#).

YOUR EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

NAME	MOBILE NUMBER	EMAIL

Meeting place in case you become separated or need to evacuate:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY CALL TRIPLE ZERO: 000

State Emergency Service (SES)	132 500
Ipswich City Council	(07) 3810 6666
Electricity provider, loss of supply	13 62 62
Electricity provider, report fallen powerlines	13 19 62
Urban Utilities, emergencies	13 23 64
Gas (LPG) providers, emergencies	1800 808 526
Gas (natural) high pressure transition pipelines	1800 017 000
Queensland Health	13 HEALTH (13 43 25 84)
Local GP or Doctor's surgery	
Hospital	
Animal emergencies	1300 ANIMAL (1300 264 625)
Local Vet	
Children's school	
Workplace	
Workplace	

Visit the Ipswich Disaster Dashboard and follow the steps to make your own [Household Emergency Plan](#).

You can print this page at home, fill in the important details, share it with everyone in your household and keep it somewhere easy to find, such as on the fridge, in a kitchen drawer or in your emergency kit.

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This information is a guide only and should NOT be used for:

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- **Financial or Legal Decisions:** The data is unsuitable for financial or legal decision-making. Consider seeking independent professional advice for those and like matters.
- **Property Valuation:** The information should not be used for property valuation purposes. Consider seeking independent professional advice for that and like matters.
- **Impact Assessment:** This is unsuitable as a historical record of flooding or validation of actual flooding or impact for any purposes, including, but not limited to, insurance assessment. Consider seeking independent professional advice for that and like matters.





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