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Is Texas town at risk of being impacted by floods?

Like most towns across Australia, floods can pose a risk to Texas. The original Texas township was established on the river flats in 1875, however the majority of the town relocated to its current site further up the hill after the disastrous floods in 1890.

River height records for Texas commenced in 1890 with 14 major flood peaks since that time, with 1893 and 1921 both recording two major flood peaks. The highest ever recorded flood at Texas is 10.80 metres, which was measured in February 1976.

Council manages flood risk under the [Local Disaster Management Plan](#), and has developed detailed evacuation plans using likely safe routes should they be required by residents in the low lying areas.

The best thing to do is to be prepared, with your [individual flood plan](#) in place for your household.

The biggest risk arises from high rain fall further upstream in our river catchment area due to the fast pace at which the water travels down the Dumaresq River. This often results in limited warnings and difficulty in accurately forecasting the river height at Texas.

The fast rises does however, usually mean that flood waters are also usually quick to recede as the flood peak moves through.



THE FLOOD RISK IN TEXAS TOWN

What rivers and creeks can impact Texas town?

We have a map of intersecting rivers in our region and wider rainfall catchment area.

The Texas town sits on the banks of the Dumaresq River. A key feature of the Dumaresq River catchment is Glenlyon Dam on Pike Creek, which is located 7 kilometres upstream from the junction of Pikes Creek with the Dumaresq River.

Glenlyon Dam is managed by Sunwater, who in the event of an emergency, will work with the Goondiwindi Local Disaster Management Group to communicate with downstream residents with appropriate warnings and actions.

For more information about floods in our region, click [here](#).



[Click to open in Google Maps](#)

What are the typical impacts of a flood event on the Texas town community?

The majority of the township of Texas is located on a hill, and out of the way of most floodwaters. However, there is still a section of the town, known locally as 'Old Texas', that remains at risk of inundation from flood waters.

During the major flood of 2011, Texas low lying areas and houses were beginning to become impacted when the flood height reached 6.7 metres. At 7 metres there were significant stock and crop losses.

However, **road closures** are a typical disruption associated with flood events around Texas – especially the main local roads (**Texas Road, Stanthorpe-Texas Road, Texas-Yelarbon Road** and **Inglewood-Texas Road Highway**) as well as the Dumaresq River bridge, which typically goes under water when the flood reaches a height of 7.50 metres.

Road closures can lead to **temporary isolation**, supply issues and loss of services in the town. Ensure you have essential provisions (food, medication, etc.) to sustain your household for a **minimum of three days** in case of isolation and/or service disruption due to road closures.

Storm damage, flooding of low-lying areas or other localised flooding can also occur.

Be cautious and check road conditions before you travel:

- **Goondiwindi Region Disaster Dashboard:**
<https://dashboard.grc.qld.gov.au>
- **QLD Traffic Flood Cameras:**
<https://qldtraffic.qld.gov.au/cameras.html>



How are floods classified in Texas?

Dumaresq River Bridge FLOOD HEIGHT

Minor

6 m

Moderate

7 m

Major

8 m +

What are the historic flood heights recorded in Texas town?

Flood records in Texas extend back as far as 1890, with **over eleven annual flood peaks above the major category** in this time.

The 1976 flood of 10.80 metres stands as the Texas record flood to date.

Some significant historic flood events include:

1956	10.27 m
1976	10.5 m
2010	10.6 m
2011	9.21
December 2021*	8.7*

**Unofficial, internal record. Not published by the Bureau.*

BEFORE A FLOOD – HOW DO I GET READY?

What can I do to prepare for a flood event in Texas town?

The best way to minimise the impacts of a flood (or any natural disaster) is to **be prepared**.

Follow the 3 simple steps to Get Ready:

STEP 1: Understand Your Risk

- Stay informed about local updates
 - Visit <http://www.bom.gov.au> for up-to-date weather forecasts and warnings.
 - Listen to your local ABC Radio on 92.7FM, 104.9FM or 747AM.
 - Visit the [Goondiwindi Region Disaster Dashboard](#) for all the latest road closures, river heights, dam levels and more.

STEP 2: Prepare a Household Emergency Plan

STEP 3: Pack an Emergency Kit

- Remember to include essential provisions to sustain your household for a minimum of three days in case of isolation and/or service disruption due to road closures.



Download the ABC
[listen app](#)



Download the
[Emergency + app](#)

For detailed information on what to do, visit the Get Ready website

<https://www.getready.qld.gov.au/>



Will I need to sandbag my house/business?

Sandbags can reduce the impact of flooding. They won't stop it entirely, but can reduce the amount of water entering your home or business.

In the event that residences and businesses within parts of Texas town face a major risk of inundation, Council will establish designated stations where sand and limited sandbags will be available. (You will need to bring your own shovel and fill your own sandbags).

Make sure to follow Goondiwindi Regional Council for the latest updates and more information.



EVACUATION

Where do I go if I am advised to evacuate?

If directed to evacuate, you should self-evacuate early to a place of safety out of the impact zone.

Follow the [**Household Emergency Plan**](#) you have already prepared.

When you evacuate, take your [**Household Emergency Kit**](#) that you have already prepared with you. This should include essential provisions to sustain your household for a minimum of three days.

It may be best to go to a friend or relative's residence to await further updates. In the event that there is a need for an Evacuation Centre or Assembly Point to be opened, Council will notify those who will need to evacuate on the place to go to. However, this is intended only as temporary accommodation and will have limited resources.

Aim to be self-sufficient whether you stay with a friend or relative, or at the evacuation centre. Even taking a sleeping bag, pillows and blankets with you can decrease the demand on limited supplies.

What about my pets?

Include your pets in your [**Household Emergency Plan**](#). You can find extensive resources on how to plan for your pet at the Get Ready Queensland Website.

Make sure you have your pet microchipped and [**registered with Council**](#). Have them wear a collar with up-to-date contact information and identification at all times to make reuniting with your pet, if you are separated, easier when it is safe to do so.

I am, or am responsible for, a vulnerable person in our community. How should I prepare for a flood event?

The Local Disaster Management Group has a **Vulnerable Person Plan** for community members who require support. This is actioned by local service providers (such as Care Goondiwindi) - if you are registered on their caseload, that service provider will plan for and be responsible for you.

Please note that the Evacuation Centres have limited resources available to support residents, and vulnerable community members are encouraged to make alternative arrangements suitable to their own individual circumstances.

Additional Resources

- Get Ready Queensland has a number of resources on how to [**prepare for disaster with disability**](#).
- Download the [**Person-Centred Emergency Plan**](#) (P-CEP) Workbook by the Centre for Disability Research and Policy in partnership with the Queenslanders with Disability Network and the Community Services Industry Alliance.



EVACUATION

How will I know if I have to evacuate?

If you have NOT been advised to evacuate, you should shelter in place, prepare your home, and stay informed of the developing situation via:

- **Local radio** - 819AM (Glen Innes), 104.9FM or 747AM
- Online channels such as the **Goondiwindi Region Disaster Dashboard** dashboard.grc.qld.gov.au
- **Council news channels** - www.grc.qld.gov.au/council-news or www.facebook.com/grcqld

If an evacuation is directed, you may receive notifications via:

- The Emergency Alert System
- Doorknock from Queensland Police Service or other emergency services

The Emergency Alert System is a national telephone warning system, which sends a voice message to your home phone and a text message to your mobile phone. It is vital that you follow the advice in these warnings and leave early, if required, to avoid being isolated.

Stay informed and follow the Household Emergency Plan you have already prepared - don't wait to get an Emergency Alert before you act.

Alerts and notices will also be distributed via Council media channels.

If you are concerned or live in a low-lying property, it may be best to go to a friend or relative's residence to await further updates.



What is the Goondiwindi Region Disaster Dashboard?

The **Goondiwindi Region Disaster Dashboard** features all your Goondiwindi Region Disaster Management information in one spot - including current road closures, river heights, dam levels and more.

Bookmark or save the Disaster Dashboard for quick access:
<http://dashboard.grc.qld.gov.au>

Remember that the Disaster Dashboard shows information relating to the Goondiwindi Regional Council area only.

The Disaster Dashboard will show live updates from external sources such as <https://qldtraffic.qld.gov.au/>. Road closures etc. will only be updated if and when there is a change in condition - i.e., if it hasn't been updated, assume the warning is still current.

Can I view live images of local floodways?

QLD Traffic has a number of flood cameras available that show live updates of floodways in the Goondiwindi Region, including one at the Texas-Yelarbon Road at Macintyre Brook.

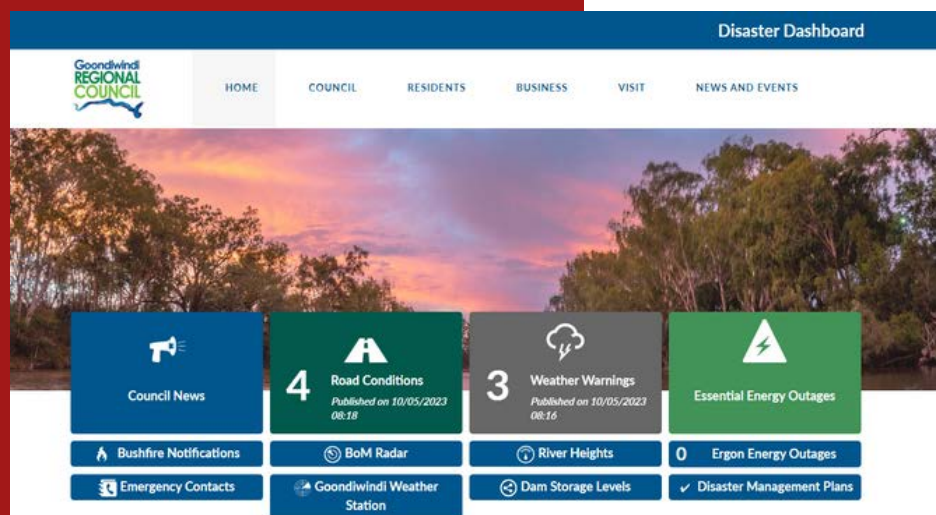
The cameras are a useful tool to check crossing levels and allow the community to better prepare and plan their response to flooding, including seeking alternative routes to stay safe where flood waters have impacted the road network.

It is the responsibility of the user to make their own decision about the currency, accuracy and completeness of the information and images. Goondiwindi Regional Council accepts no responsibility or liability for any loss or damage incurred as a result of this information or its use in any way.

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Check road closures before travel. Remember that once a bridge has been closed due to flooding, the structural integrity must be assessed in-person before the road can be re-opened.

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Temporary 'Road Closed' signs are generally only placed on significant local Council roads and state-controlled roads. Do not assume that the lack of a 'Road Closed' sign means the road is safe to drive.

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