## Strathbogie Tableland: Local Emergency Action Plan (LEAP)



Strathbogie Tableland's local risks are:

## Fire, Storms, Floods and Animals on roads

The aim of this action plan is to continue to build greater community resilience, during and after emergencies, by increasing the awareness of our local emergency risks and the steps that our community and individuals can take to prepare for, respond to and recover from these emergencies.

In particular, this action plan will provide avenues to achieve and enhance the plans already developed by our community and provide additional strategies to support people living on the Tableland.

Strathbogie Shire Council acknowledges the Taungurung peoples as Traditional Custodians of the Strathbogie Tableland area. We recognise and respect the enduring relationship they have with their lands and waters, and we pay respects to the Elders past, present and emerging.

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### **Emergency preparedness**

### Preparation is key

For more information scan the QR code below or visit www.strathbogie.vic.gov.au/ services/emergency-preparedness



For Community Emergency Information for the Tableland visit www.strathbogie.org In an extreme weather event power, water, telecommunications, and transport networks may be impacted, causing disruptions and isolation to households and communities.

Emergency Services will have high demand in an emergency event. As a part of your emergency plan, households should be prepared for up to 72 hours of isolation.

Prepare a household emergency kit. Download the VicEmergency App and have a battery powered radio ready to receive warnings and updates. Monitor warnings and be prepared to act.

Emergency management is a shared responsibility between individuals, communities, Council and agencies. Preparation is key to reducing impacts and to supporting emergency services.

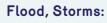
# Check the risk in your location:

Scan the QR codes or visit the listed web addresses. Internet Access is available at Euroa Library.



**Fire:** CFA – www.cfa.vic.gov.au

Add 'Strathbogie' to location on the banner then 'view my local information'



Storms: BOM - www.bom.gov.au/places/vic/

strathbogie/



Road Closures: VicTraffic - traffic.transport.vic.gov.au

Enter 'Strathbogie'

# Prepare your household emergency plan:

All hazards:

RediPlan - www.redcross.org.au/prepare

**Bushfire:** 

www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare Attend 'Bushfire Sunday' – a training day held annually, in Strathbogie, before the

fire season

Flood and Storm:

www.ses.vic.gov.au/plan-and-stay-safe

#### Medical advice

Nurse On Call:

**2** 1300 60 60 24

Speak with a registered Nurse for health advice, 24/7

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Victorian Virtual Emergency Department: Register at: www.vved.org.au For non-life-threatening emergencies

via video consultation

## Non urgent Police assistance

Non Urgent Police Assistance Line & Online Reporting: **2** 131 444

www.onlinereporting.police.vic.gov.au *Report non-urgent crimes or events, 24/7* 

### In an emergency

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Life threatening emergency:

Fire, Ambulance, Police:

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Non-life threatening emergency:

Floods and Storms (SES):

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### Warnings and updates:

Download the VicEmergency App on Apple App Store or Google Play. Set up a user profile and watch zones to ensure you receive official warnings alerts and emergency information for areas that interest you. VicEmergency:

**1800 226 226** 

www.emergency.vic.gov.au

Radio:

ABC Local 97.7 FM

### **Bushfire Place Of Last Resort:**

A Bushfire Place of Last Resort does not guarantee your safety and is only used if your bushfire plans have failed. Do not expect anyone to be there to assist you.

Strathbogie Golf Clubhouse

17 Armstrong Avenue, Strathbogie

### **Emergency Relief Centre:**

Only open subject to approval of the Incident Controller. If there are road closures you may not be able to get to the Shire's Emergency Relief Centres.

Euroa Showgrounds - 16 Frost Street Euroa

Brian Hayes Memorial Football and Netball Pavillion

- Tulip Street Violet Town

Merton Memorial Hall - High Street Merton

Stock or trees on roads:

Strathbogie Shire Council 1800 065 993 (24 hrs)

Notes:

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Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS):

**9** 131 450

Vicdeaf:

**(**03) 9473 1111

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### **LEAP Overview**

This LEAP will be updated as required.

To ensure you have the latest version scan the QR code or visit www.strathbogie.vic.
gov.au/services/emergency-preparedness/local-emergency-action-plans-leaps/



This LEAP has been developed as part of the LEAPing into Resilience Project, a joint initiative between Mansfield, Strathbogie and Murrindindi Shire Councils. This project received grant funding from the Australian Government. It is the outcome of joint community, agency and Council collaboration and actions are shared between all parties.

In February 2024, a Strathbogie Tableland Steering Group was formed to help guide the LEAP process in the community. In April 2024, community members came together to identify the ways in which the Strathbogie Tableland community can build on their existing emergency preparedness, and these ideas formed the LEAP actions. The LEAP project thanks the Strathbogie Tableland community and participating agencies for their contributions to the development of this plan.

### **LEAP Priority Actions**

Strathbogie Tableland local risks are: Fire (bushfire and grass fire), Storms and Animals (stock and wildlife) on roads. Power outages are a frequent occurrence, 14 incidents with 130 hours of outage recorded over a 6-month period. Localised flooding can also occur after heavy rainfall events.

The identified impacts of these events were injury/fatality (human and animal), loss of power and communications, blocked access roads and negative mental/emotional health impacts on the community. Other identified impacts were loss of infrastructure and financial losses.

### 1. Emergency Planning and Preparedness

Description	Lead	Timeframe
1.1 Fire Awareness/preparation/ suppression (including First 72hr presentation and household emergency plans preparation) and understanding agency roles in emergencies	CFA	Pre-fire season (annual)
1.2 Setting up VicEmergency App activity training days	CFA	Ongoing
1.3 Establishing a Community Recovery Hub at the Strathbogie Memorial Hall	Strathbogie Emergency and Hall Committees	ASAP, before the Fire Season
1.4 Consider options for Community Recovery Hubs at Kelvin View and Boho South	Community Hall Committees	2025
1.5 Community meetings (in person/virtual)	Community/Council/ Agencies	April/November
1.6 First Aid/AED (GoodSam program)	Ambulance Victoria	October (biannual)
1.7 Accessing Emergency Information workshop	CFA/SES	September (biannual)
1.8 Person Centred Emergency Prepared- ness (limited one on one assistance)	Red Cross/CFA	March (biannual)
1.9 Mental Health First Aid	Council/Community	October (biannual)

### 2. Strengthening Social Connections

Description	Lead	Timeframe
2.1 Trial of Support for a vulnerable persons network	Community	March 2025
2.2 Support recuitment of volunteers in emergency management	Agencies/Community	Ongoing

### 3. Response

Description	Lead	Timeframe	
3.1 Protection of communications and power infrastructure	Agencies	Ongoing	
3.2 Community Asset protection (Strathbogie Memorial Hall, Golf Clubhouse, General Store & PO, Recreation Reserve, Primary School, Strathbogie township water pump at Smiths Bridge)	CFA/FFMV	Ongoing	

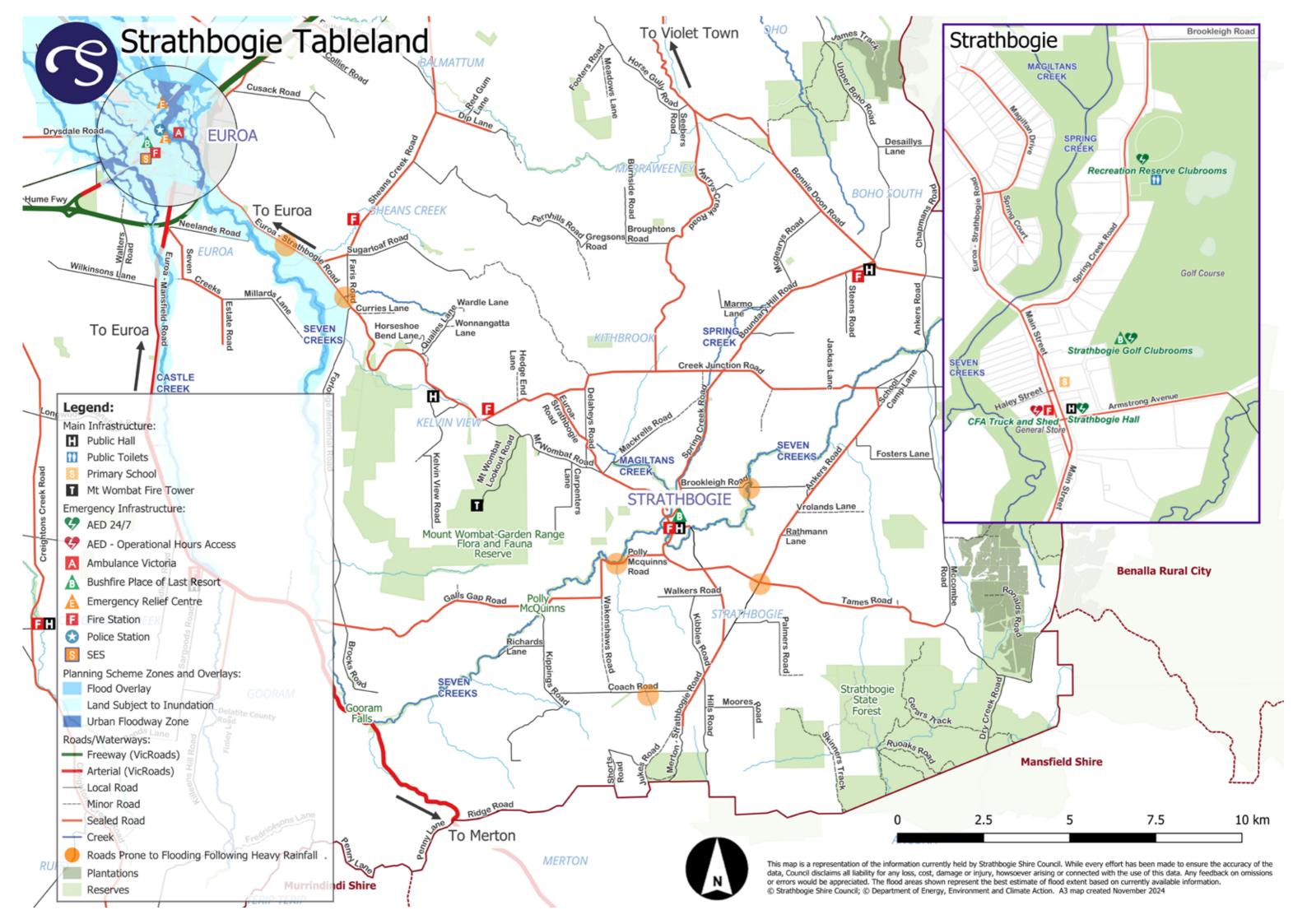
#### 4. Infrastructure Resilience

Description	Lead	Timeframe	
4.1 Advocacy for reliable power	Council	Ongoing	
4.2 Advocacy for reliable communications	Council	Ongoing	
4.3 Implement annual roadside spraying program	Council	Ongoing	

### 5. Recovery

Description	Lead	Timeframe
5.1 Locally based one-stop shop Community Recovery Hub (Strathbogie Memorial Hall)	Strathbogie Emergency and Hall Committees	Ongoing
5.2 Backup power (generator) for the Strathbogie Memorial Hall to enable Community Recovery Hub operation	Strathbogie Emergency and Hall Committees	Before the Fire Season

#### Notes:



### Connected communities are resilient communities

# Strathbogie Tableland's community strength

The people living on the Strathbogie Tableland are dispersed over a considerable area. They have worked hard over many years to achieve community resilience and connection. These efforts are ongoing.

Numerous activities contribute to this, including a monthly local newsletter (Tableland Talk), a local email network (Strathbogie Tree), a Communications Committee, a Tableland website (with information on how to connect and communicate, a community directory, emergency preparation, etc.), the Strathbogie Tableland Action Group, an Emergency Committee, CFA District Training, a locally run annual Bushfire Sunday training day for the community, and several Community Fireguard Groups.

## Community groups and organisations



There are many community groups including special interest groups on the Strathbogie Tableland.

An extensive listing can be found on the Strathbogie Tableland website. Scan the QR code or visit: www.strathbogie.org

## Individual important information

Key personal contacts, your family's meeting place if you become separated, the best evacuation routes from your house, medications to take with you, etc