



# Media Release

## Weather Event Update

5.00pm 30 November 2017

During a Flood event the State Emergency Service (SES) is the control agency and for information visit: <https://www.ses.vic.gov.au/>

Buloke Shire Council has a Municipal Flood Emergency Plan (available at: [www.buloke.vic.gov.au/buloke-flood-emergency-plan](http://www.buloke.vic.gov.au/buloke-flood-emergency-plan) ) to guide its actions in an emergency, in response and recovery.

Where a Flood Watch is issued, Council disseminates the information from the control agency (SES) to the community via Council's website [www.buloke.vic.gov.au](http://www.buloke.vic.gov.au) , social media(Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Buloke-Shire-Council> Twitter: <https://twitter.com/BulokeShire> ) and over the phone through our customer service team (1300 520 520).

Some preparatory activities undertaken by Buloke Shire Council today include:

- Removed the boards from the Charlton Weir
- Currently stockpiling soil at Camp Street in Donald to manage the gaps in the Donald levee
- Some drainage works around Jubilee Street in Wycheproof
- Council has moved machinery, organised signs, sought the availability of earthmoving contractors and is scheduling staff over the weekend
- A generator is ready to be set up at the Charlton Hall tomorrow, which is where a recovery centre would be activated if needed
- Sandbag machine has been tested in Charlton today.
- Sand loads delivered to depot sites.

Council will endeavour to maintain services as normal during these times but history tells us to expect disruptions to services and road access. Monitor Council's social media for updates.

Never walk, ride or drive through floodwater, Never allow children to play in floodwater, Stay away from waterways and stormwater drains during and after heavy rain, Keep well clear of fallen power lines Be aware that in fire affected areas, rainfall run-off into waterways may contain debris such as ash, soil, trees and rocks, and heavy rainfall increases the potential for landslides and debris across roads.

Current Emergency Information is available at <http://emergency.vic.gov.au> For emergency assistance contact the SES on 132 500.

Current Road and Traffic Information is available at the VicRoads website: <http://traffic.vicroads.vic.gov.au/>

For the latest weather forecast see <http://www.bom.gov.au/vic/forecasts/>

River Height and Rainfall information are available on the Bureau of Meteorology web site at <http://www.bom.gov.au/vic/flood/>

Emergency Broadcaster: ABC Western Victoria 594 AM.

Twitter feeds:

BOM [https://twitter.com/BOM\\_Vic](https://twitter.com/BOM_Vic)

Emergency Victoria: <https://twitter.com/vicemergency>

SES: <https://twitter.com/vicesesnews>

ABC Western Victoria: <https://twitter.com/abcwesternvic>

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