

## Community Newsletter for Communities of Nathalia and Numurkah

### Goulburn-Broken Flood Event – Shepparton Incident Control Centre

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> of October 2022**

#### Current Warnings

**Broken Creek – Minor Flooding**

#### Key Information

Currently predicting that the Broken Creek at Nathalia will reach 1.5m, slightly above the minor flood level.

Flood barriers are being raised in the township of Nathalia as a precautionary measure.

Loch Garry is currently open, releasing water into Deep Creek. This is not expected to raise water levels on the Broken Creek at Nathalia.

Refer to the SES website for information on flood preparedness <https://www.ses.vic.gov.au/>

Monitor VicEmergency and VicTraffic for warnings.

If English is not your first language or you are part of a multicultural community, stay well connected to your community leaders.

#### **Nathalia:**

Will remain under the minor flood level Flood barriers being erected as a precautionary measure only modelling and current observations do not indicate flood levels over the minor level. This is a riverine flood, not to be compared to the 2012 event which was influenced by heavy, localised rainfall resulting in overland flooding. There is no need to be concerned as any information concerning increases will be communicated as soon as it is known.

#### **Numurkah:**

The Broken Creek is up and down with influences generated by waters coming in from tributaries and drains further upstream All current modelling and information does not indicate any risk This event is riverine flooding compared to that of 2012 which was over land flooding as a result of heavy localised rainfall There is no need to be concerned as any information concerning increases will be communicated as soon as it is known



Photo: Luke Comisso Location: Mooroopna

#### Key concerns

Flooding in Seymour, Murchison, Shepparton, Mooroopna are currently of key concern

#### Safety

**DO NOT DRIVE OR WALK THROUGH FLOOD WATER**

**DO NOT SWIM OR PLAY IN FLOOD WATERS**

It can take just 15cm of flowing water to float a car. Find alternate routes and be aware of other hazards such as debris, damaged trees and mud.

Tune in to emergency broadcasters such as ABC local radio and designated commercial radio stations to monitor the situation.

If evacuating, remember to take pets, mobile phones, charger, spare clothes and medications.

#### Family Violence

There is an increased risk of family violence after an emergency. Help is available.

Visit [www.vic.gov.au/familyviolence](http://www.vic.gov.au/familyviolence) or call 1800 737 732 (1800RESPECT).



## Health

- Avoid contact with floodwaters to prevent illness. Floodwaters may contain sewage and other contaminants.
- Stay out of the water - skin contact with floodwater or mud can cause illness and skin infections. Cover cuts and if you are injured during your clean up; clean the wound and contact your doctor immediately.
- People's private water supplies may also be contaminated from floodwater, debris and chemicals. If your water supply tastes, looks or smells unusual, do not use it for drinking, preparing food, and do not give it to animals.
- Medicines, stored at home and affected by flood water may now be unsafe and extreme caution should be taken in trying to salvage any medicines. · Mosquitoes can also breed rapidly in stagnant waters. Drain any water from containers such as plant pots, tyres, buckets, and roof gutters to control mosquitos around your home.
- Flooding can also cause excessive mould growth which must be cleaned up before moving back to your home as it can make you sick.
- Flooding can cause sewage to overflow inside your home. Contact with sewage can make people sick, so contaminated areas must be cleaned and disinfected. · Any damaged gas or electricity supplies need to be declared safe by a qualified electrician or plumber. Do not use a portable generator indoors, they can produce carbon monoxide gas which could build up in a confined space and make you sick or be fatal.
- Food safety should also be considered and ALL food that has been flood damaged should be thrown away – including canned and packaged foods.
- It is important to look after your mental health and that of friends, family and neighbours.

Nurse-on-Call on 1300 60 60 24 (this is a phone service that allows you to discuss any health related issue with a registered nurse, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for the cost of a local call from anywhere in Victoria).

## Mental health

It is normal to have strong emotional or physical reactions following a distressing event. If at any time you are worried about your mental health or the mental health of a loved one, call

### **Your doctor**

#### **Local mental health professionals**

**Lifeline - 131 114**

**Beyond Blue - 1300 224 636**

**MensLine - 1300 789 978** **Kid's Help Line - 1800 55 1800**

**Parent Line - 13 22 89**



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## Useful information

For urgent animal welfare and needs for pets, horses and livestock including food and water contact 1800 226 226 or visit: <http://agriculture.vic.gov.au> for more information. Wildlife General Enquiries and wildlife emergencies: 136 186

More information is provided on your local council's website and social media channels  
<https://knowyourcouncil.vic.gov.au/>.

## Road closures

Information on updated road closures is available via 13 11 70 or the VicTraffic website [traffic.vicroads.vic.gov.au](http://traffic.vicroads.vic.gov.au)

For the local region see  
<https://traffic.vicroads.vic.gov.au/hume>

## Stay informed

- [www.emergency.vic.gov.au](http://www.emergency.vic.gov.au).
- VicEmergency Hotline - freecall 1800 226 226.
- VicEmergency app.
- Facebook or Twitter (**#vicHAZARD**).
- Local radio

To access this information in other languages call the Translating and Interpreting Service on 131 450 (freecall) and ask them to call VicEmergency Hotline.

If you are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech/communication impairment contact National Relay Service on 1800 555 677 and ask them to call the VicEmergency Hotline.



Nathalia Captain Wayne Geisler with the community information team outside Nathalia IGA store distributing information.

**Next community newsletter will be published as or when the situation changes.**