

What's your plan?

Storms and bushfires are on the radar of Emergency Management Coordinator, Des Neijens (pictured far left) as Noosa heads into summer.

“Noosa’s population has changed significantly in recent years, and new residents may not be aware of the risks we face from disasters. All of us need to guard against complacency when it comes to planning for severe weather,” Des said.

Get Ready Queensland Week takes place from 6-12 October with activities extending right into December in Noosa.

Getting ready for severe weather involves three easy, but very important, steps.

“Know your risk, make a Get Ready household evacuation plan, and pack emergency supplies for at least three to five days. Doing this is key to keeping your family safe as we enter the warmer months,” he shared.

“We’re actively preparing, ensuring systems are in place and continue to work with our Local Disaster Management Group (LDMG) and emergency services agencies to be ready. “A cyclone and an earthquake in recent months are reminders for all of us to continue building our resilience,” Des said.



Noosa Mayor and emergency services leaders launch Get Ready Week as, (inset) SES assemble emergency information packs.

Take the heat out of storm and bushfire season

Add Noosa's Disaster Dashboard to your web browser favourites, and, while you're there, make sure you sign up to Noosa Alert!

It's October, and things are starting to heat up.

That means taking a few minutes to prepare your household for whatever weather may come our way.

Council's Disaster Management Officer, Sue Lowrie, said choosing to make Noosa's very own Disaster Dashboard

your number one source for information is vital as the warmer weather starts to arrive.

“On the Dashboard you'll find a map of Noosa and the latest information about road conditions, power outages, emergency weather warnings and the BoM weather radar,” she said.

“It also lists the prescribed burns

planned for the shire and has access to the flood cameras to keep you up-to-date.

“There's also a digital version of the Noosa Emergency Action Guide, which is available in hard copy at many Council venues and from Council's customer service team at Tewantin,” she said.

The Disaster Dashboard also

gives you the opportunity to sign up for Noosa Alert.

There you can select which alerts you would like to receive via text message as severe weather events approach us.

To stay informed this storm and bushfire season, go to Noosa's Disaster Dashboard at disaster.noosa.qld.gov.au

Safety, sausages and sandbags



Council's Ian Williams and Jody Blimka from Bunnings prepare for the Get Ready Noosa event on 11 Oct.

It's going to be a super Saturday on 11 October at Bunnings Noosaville.

Complete with a sausage sizzle supporting Noosa SES, local emergency services will join Council with their specialist vehicles from 8.00am - 2.00pm to provide personalised local advice about how to prepare your family and property for the storm and

bushfire season ahead.

There will even be demonstrations on how to pack an evacuation kit and fill sandbags properly.

Whether you're a long-time local or new to Noosa, experts will be on hand to talk about severe thunderstorm readiness to bushfire and heatwave preparedness.

Our free Get Ready Noosa

emergency information packs will also be available. Disaster Resilience Officer, Ian Williams said the event has been designed to connect with residents but also to highlight the work of our local emergency services.

“During disaster events, the work of each emergency service can be focused on one incident or response, and rightly so. However, when it comes to community engagement, we all work closely together to meet with our community at gatherings just like this. It's an extension of the Get Ready Schools and aged care programs already in place,” Ian said.

“Severe weather is just part of life in Noosa. Accordingly, representatives from Council's Disaster and Fire Management teams will join Qld Police, Qld Fire Department (Rural Fire and Fire and Rescue), Noosa SES, Qld Parks and Wildlife and Qld Ambulance Service members will be there to discuss how you can be more disaster resilient,” he said.

So, make your way to Bunnings Noosaville on 11 October for your own free Get Ready Noosa pack and a chat.

Program reaches 2500 students

Term 4 program helps Year 5 kids be disaster-ready

Starting as a pilot program at two local schools in 2022, the Get Ready Noosa School Program now engages with more than 2500 students each year.

By meeting with school principals in Term 3, and then forwarding links to disaster preparedness information, students are ready to apply their knowledge when presenters arrive at their school in Term 4.

The presentation to Year 5 students has a Minecraft theme and is highly interactive.

It's delivered by Council's Disaster Resilience team in

collaboration with Noosa Police, Rural Fire Service and SES, with each student then taking home a Get Ready Noosa emergency information pack.

Noosa SES Local Controller Warren Kuskopf said that items inside the packs connect to Noosa's Disaster Dashboard via a QR code.

“No visit is complete without a tour of the response vehicles by the students, showing how emergency services communicate with each other when responding to a disaster,” Warren said.

To find out if the Get Ready team

is visiting the Year 5 students at your school, contact your school administration. If not, contact disaster@noosa.qld.gov.au, so we can help make that happen.



In Brief



Join our heroes in yellow and orange

Seeing community spirit in action is at the heart of our Noosa SES units and Rural Fire Service brigades.

In times of trouble these volunteers are ready to roll up their sleeves and give their time and energy to help our community. Both organisations are always looking for more volunteers to share the load, so reach out to your local SES or RFS volunteer to find out more.

Building aged care resilience

Disaster resilience workshops involving Noosa's Simtable continue at local aged care facilities.

The Simtable uses 3D hazard mapping technology and accompanies Council's Disaster and Fire Management teams and Rural Fire Service in briefing residents at each facility. It simulates how disasters like bushfires could impact them and how to prepare.

Council will continue to work with the sector to enhance disaster resilience. To find out more about the Simtable or to register your interest, email disaster@noosa.qld.gov.au