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## COMMUNITY UPDATE – FLOOD PREPAREDNESS

Diamantina Shire has moved to **Stand Up** under disaster management arrangements as part of proactive flood preparations.

We understand many residents are seeing reports of significant rainfall in the upstream catchment area and may be feeling concerned. Council is actively monitoring the situation and preparing early.

Updates will be provided via Council's Facebook page, website and Disaster Dashboard.

### Current Situation

- All roads in the Shire remain closed
- Long-term flooding is expected
- Significant rainfall has occurred upstream, with some reports suggesting levels may exceed 1974 in parts of the catchment area
- It may take a few weeks for upstream waters to reach us
- Peak forecasts will only become clear once upstream peaks are observed

The catchment is saturated and rivers and creeks are flowing. Well-grassed floodplains may help slow the movement of water as it travels downstream.

## Resupply of Essential Items

During periods of isolation, Queensland Government guidelines allow resupply of **essential items only**.

Essential items include:

- Fresh fruit and vegetables
- Meat and bread
- Basic grocery staples
- Pet food
- Medical supplies

Non-essential items such as soft drink, cigarettes, snack foods and bottled water cannot be transported. Aircraft space is limited and freight is costly, so only essential goods are permitted.

Coles Online or Click and Collect services are not available, as government guidelines allow supply to local businesses rather than individuals.

Food and essential items can be ordered directly through:

Birdsville Roadhouse – P: 07 4656 3226 E: [info@birdsvilleroadhouse.com.au](mailto:info@birdsvilleroadhouse.com.au)

Bedourie Roadhouse – please send your order request by Sunday evening to:  
E: [admin@simpsondesertoasis.com.au](mailto:admin@simpsondesertoasis.com.au) or call Robbie Dare on 0427 461 291.

## Medication Resupply

For e-scripts, you can get your script filled by:

Bedourie: Contacting a supplier in Mount Isa and then we can arrange for the medication to be brought down on REX plane. Please contact Julianne Meier, CEO Diamantina Shire Council on 0428 461 202 or email [ceo@diamantina.qld.gov.au](mailto:ceo@diamantina.qld.gov.au) to help you arrange this.

Birdsville: Contacting supplier in Charleville, following the normal process for delivery via REX.

When ordering medications online (e.g. Chemist Warehouse), **ensure the Dangerous Goods section is completed**, otherwise items will not be permitted on the aircraft.

## Bedourie Levee Update

Bedourie is protected by a levee bank, which is structurally sound.

Council crews are currently raising and reinforcing identified low areas as a precautionary measure. These works are being undertaken now to ensure the highest level of protection possible.

While a breach of the Bedourie levee bank is considered unlikely, clear contingency plans are in place.

If evacuation does become necessary, residents will be clearly notified, and the designated evacuation point will be Bedourie Airport.

## What You Can Do Now

- Stay informed via [Council's Facebook page](#), [website](#) and [Disaster Dashboard](#)
- Do not attempt to travel — all roads are closed
- Avoid floodwaters
- Prepare for extended isolation
- Secure important documents (passports, driver licences, birth certificates) in waterproof containers
- Ensure medications and medical supplies are organised and accessible

Preparedness is about being ready, not alarmed.

## Looking After Your Wellbeing

Periods of uncertainty and isolation can be stressful. It is important to reach out for support if you are feeling worried or overwhelmed.

Medicare Mental Health can connect you with free support services.

Call 1800 595 212 (weekdays 8:30am–5:00pm).

A list of available mental health services can also be downloaded from Council's website: [www.diamantina.qld.gov.au/Community/Health-Services](http://www.diamantina.qld.gov.au/Community/Health-Services)

You are not alone.

## Need Assistance?

For non-urgent enquiries during business hours, contact Diamantina Shire Council Office on **07 4746 1600**.

For emergency assistance, contact SES on 132 500.

In a life-threatening emergency, call 000.

## Stay informed at:

Council Facebook page: [facebook.com/DiamantinaShireCouncil](https://www.facebook.com/DiamantinaShireCouncil)

Council website: [diamantina.qld.gov.au](https://diamantina.qld.gov.au)

Disaster Dashboard: [disaster.diamantina.qld.gov.au](https://disaster.diamantina.qld.gov.au)

Stay safe and look out for one another.