

# Get Ready

# Smithtown, Gladstone & Belmore River

## Preparedness is everyone's responsibility

The Macleay Valley has experienced more than 20 natural disasters over the past decade.

Drought, bushfire, severe weather, flooding, landslips, and more recently a pandemic have changed the way we go about our daily activities.

Help our community respond to a natural disaster and recover more quickly by:

- Understanding geographic and environmental risks
- Knowing practical steps to prepare your home, business and family

## Get Ready for Disasters

Five simple steps to prepare for disasters



**1. Know your risk**



**2. Plan now for what you will do**



**3. Get your home ready**



**4. Be aware**



**5. Look out for each other**



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## We lead and work with our community to build an inspired, connected Macleay Valley.

Kempsey Shire Council acknowledges the land of the Thunggutti/Dunghutti Nation. We pay respect to Elders past and present. We acknowledge the role of emerging leaders to continue to guide us in the future. We acknowledge the Stolen Generations and the need to change practices to be inclusive. This land always was and always will be Thunggutti/Dunghutti land.

# A LOCAL PLAN FOR LOCALS

This Local Preparedness Plan contains information specifically for the footprint of Smithtown, Gladstone & Belmore River on:

- potential natural disaster risks
- safety information, and
- community capacity

This Plan is informed by locals for locals. It was created by drawing upon the expertise of local emergency services, the valuable lived experience of local community members and the resources of Kempsey Shire Council.

## A plan for Smithtown, Gladstone & Belmore River

This plan acknowledges the shared risks and impacts of natural disaster, and the shared capacity and resources available to support each other as neighbours.



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Having a plan is the first step in safeguarding properties and livelihoods against the impacts of natural disasters and keeping our community safe. By following these five simple steps, based on the Get Ready model, you can increase your safety before a disaster strikes and potentially save lives.



## 1. Know your risk

**Common hazards in your area**

Riverine flooding and the impacts of storms and flash flooding are key risks for this area.

As our climate and weather systems continue to change, it feeds the risk of other emergencies and natural disasters.

These are the most likely events to impact this area, however other events may occur.

### EXTREME RISK

Riverine flooding

Industrial fire

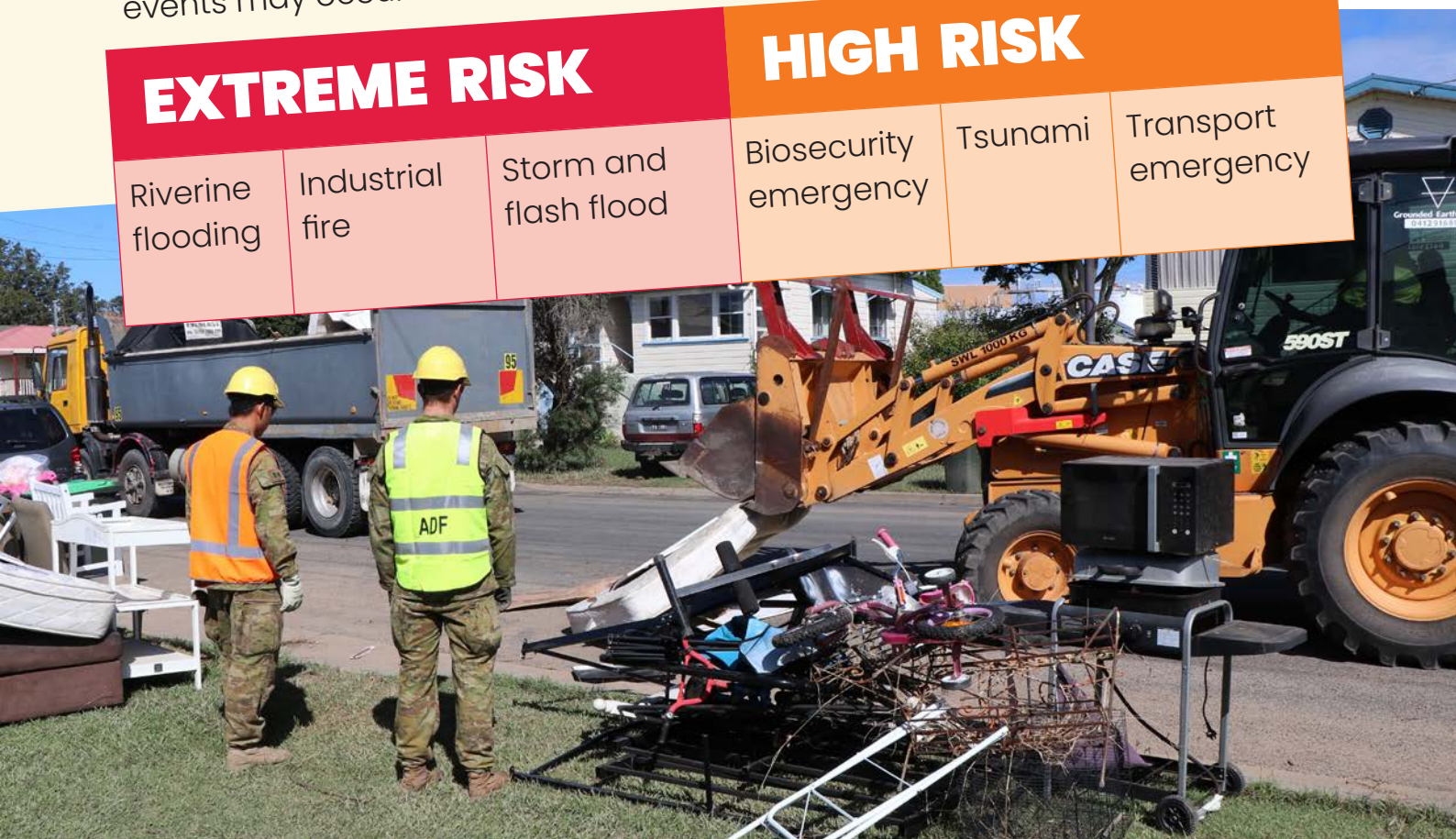
Storm and flash flood

### HIGH RISK

Biosecurity emergency

Tsunami

Transport emergency







## 2. Plan for what you will do

**Disaster can strike at any time - you need to be prepared**

Sit down and talk with your family and friends and plan for what you will do if a disaster affects your area. Having a plan will help you respond to disaster quicker, more calmly, and will help each member of your household know what to do.

Your plan should include the people who live in your home, pets and livestock, personal belongings, and details of where you might go if you need to evacuate.

Emergency Services have templates to help you create a plan. Visit Council's website to download a copy **[ksc.pub/getready](http://ksc.pub/getready)**

**SES Home  
Emergency Plan**

**RFS Bushfire  
Survival Plan**

**Red Cross Redi Plan,  
all hazard response  
to disaster planning**

**Get Ready Plan for  
domestic animals**

**Local Land Services  
Farm Flood  
Readiness Kit**





## 5. Look out for each other

### Family, friends and neighbours

Talk about your emergency plan with your family, friends, neighbours and colleagues. Discussing your plan is a great way to raise awareness of the importance of being prepared while helping to cement your plan in your mind.

People often get separated in an emergency. By having a plan and

telling people where you will go if a disaster strikes it helps to keep you safe and minimises added stress.

In an emergency, acting on incorrect information can be deadly. Only share trusted information, not rumours.

Use the emergency broadcaster, Council's updates and emergency service apps.

## YOU'RE NOT ALONE

To support everyone living, working or visiting our shire, there are plans in place to prepare for, respond to and recover from natural disaster.

<b>Kempsey Shire Local Emergency Management Plan</b>	<i>Endorsed by the Local Emergency Management Committee with operational information for local emergency services.</i>
<b>NSW Agriculture and Animal Services Supporting Plan</b>	<i>Detailing control and coordination of agriculture resources in disaster.</i>
<b>NSW SES Kempsey Shire Local Flood Plan</b>	<i>Details operational response to all levels of flooding.</i>
<b>Lower North Coast Bush Fire Risk Management Plan (NSW RFS)</b>	<i>Plan to minimise the risk of adverse impacts of bushfire.</i>
<b>Kempsey Shire Pre-Event Recovery Plan</b>	<i>Achieved in partnership between Kempsey Shire Council and the NSW Reconstruction Authority.</i>





## WHO IS RESPONSIBLE?

Emergency Management arrangements in NSW are enabled under the State Emergency and Rescue Act 1989. This determines which Emergency Service is responsible for leading the response to specific disasters.

<b>Storms, flood and tsunami</b>	State Emergency Service (SES)
<b>Bushfire</b>	Rural Fire Service (RFS)
<b>Fire, rescue and hazmat</b>	Fire and Rescue
<b>Water-based incidents</b>	Marine Rescue
<b>Water safety and rescue</b>	Surf Life Saving Australia
<b>Livestock Welfare</b>	Department of Primary Industries

**Triple zero (000) is the number to call for ambulance, police or fire services in an emergency.**

**Only call triple zero (000) if the situation is serious and urgent.**

*For non-urgent Police matters, contact your local station*

*Gladstone Police Station, 2 Kinchela Street, 02 6563 5150 (not open 24 hours)*

*Kempsey Police Station, 5 Elbow Street West Kempsey, 02 6561 6199 (24 hours)*

# SMITHTOWN, GLADSTONE & BELMORE RIVER DIRECTORY

<b>Smithtown Primary School</b>	30-38 Cannane St	02 6567 4529
<b>Smithtown Lower Macleay Preschool</b>	51 Belmore St	02 6567 4743
<b>Smithtown sandbag point</b>	Fitzgerald Av Reserve carpark	132 500
<b>Smithtown Post Office</b>	11 Main St	02 6567 4115
<b>Smithtown Oval</b>	Rawson St	
<b>Gladstone Police Station</b>	2 Kinchela St	02 6563 5150
<b>Gladstone sandbag point</b>	SES carpark, Darkwater St	0436 405 094
<b>Gladstone Primary School</b>	13 Kinchela St	02 6567 4253
<b>Gladstone Petrol Station</b>	52 Barnard St	02 6567 4968
<b>Gladstone Post Office</b>	52 Barnard St	02 6567 4340
<b>Gladstone Pharmacy</b>	4 Ashton St	02 6567 5111
<b>Gladstone Oval</b>	Cnr Barnard St & Memorial Ave	
<b>Gladstone Hall</b>	5 Kinchela St	02 6567 4619
<b>Belmore River Hall</b>	Rightbank Rd	02 6567 4619
<b>Neighbourhood Safer Place</b>	Gladstone Oval, Barnard St	

*\*Neighbourhood Safer Places are a place of last resort during bush fire emergencies*

## ANIMAL AGISTMENT

Contact Local Land Services or the Department of Primary and Industries to learn about emergency agistment arrangements available to you.

<b>Local Land Services</b>	83 Belgrave St Kempsey	1300 795 299
<b>Department of Primary Industries</b>	Rural Recovery Support Service	1800 814 647



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