

Get Ready

South West Rocks



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 South West Rocks 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 South West Rocks

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

Bushfire, impacts of storms and flash flooding, and tsunamis 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

Bushfire

Storm & flash flood

Commercial or residential fire

HIGH RISK

Heatwave

Tsunami

Transport emergency - land or sea





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**

**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**



3. Get yourself and your home ready

Pack an essential emergency kit for home

Being prepared and having an emergency kit ready is important in case you need to remain at home for a few days without access to shops.

Your essential emergency kit should be stored in a sturdy waterproof container somewhere safe yet easily accessible. Make sure everyone in your family knows where it is stored.



4. Be Aware Stay informed as situations can change quickly

In a disaster, staying informed could save your life.

- **The ABC** is the official Emergency Broadcaster: ABC Mid North Coast: 684 KHZ AM
- **Council's website** and social media pages will feature emergency information
- **Emergency Service** apps have up-to-date information, and some will push emergency notifications to you.



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Emergency +



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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.

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

Storms, flood and tsunami	State Emergency Service (SES)
Bushfire	Rural Fire Service (RFS)
Fire, rescue and hazmat	Fire and Rescue
Water-based incidents	Marine Rescue
Water safety and rescue	Surf Life Saving Australia
Livestock Welfare	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
 South West Rocks Police Station, 17 Memorial Ave, 02 6690 1220
 Kempsey Police Station, 5 Elbow Street West Kempsey, 02 6561 6199 (24 hours)

SOUTH WEST ROCKS DIRECTORY

Fire & Rescue	49 Lindsay Noonan Dr	02 6541 9949
Ambulance Station	71-73 Mitchell St	02 6567 0021
Surf Life Saving Club	1 Livingston St	02 6566 6590
SES	91 Gordon Young Dr	132 500
Public Library	22 Landsborough St	02 6566 5044
School of Arts Hall	1 Gregory St	02 6566 6058
CWA Hall	47 Landsborough St	0436 405 094
Boatman's Cottage Maritime Museum	1 Ocean Ave	02 6566 7099
Primary School	62 Gregory St	02 6566 6208
Shell Petrol Station	158 Gregory St	02 6566 5539
United Petrol Station	102 Gregory St	02 6566 7610
Post Office	6 Prince of Wales Ave	02 6515 7734
Mid North Coast High Performance Centre	2 Sportsmans Way	02 6566 6252
Neighbourhood Safer Place	South West Rocks Country Club, 2 Sportsmans Way	02 6566 6252

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

ANIMAL AGISTMENT

There are no assigned Travelling Stock Routes in South West Rocks.

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

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



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