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...For the Inaugural Food Tales Tour!

Sunday 8 May - Goondiwindi Community Centre - 2pm to 5pm - No Charge -  
Afternoon tea provided. A great way to celebrate Mother's Day!!

For further information, contact June Horn at the Goondiwindi Library on 4671  
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Bigh announces ship tracking station for Gladstone



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### 17 Jan 2011, 3pm: Massive Damage Unfolds Following Dumaresq Flooding

Goondiwindi Council Mayor Graeme Scheu has been able to get out of Goondiwindi to inspect first hand some of the damage that was caused upstream during the recent floods.

"The sheer velocity of the water must have been unbelievable as it rose so quickly," Mayor Scheu said while visiting the Glenarbon, Beebo & Keelah area late yesterday afternoon.

"There have been major stock and crop losses all along the Dumaresq River however thankfully, no loss of life has occurred. That's always number one. How everyone survived this mammoth flood is incredible as there was limited warning time available to those on this section of the river".

Further up in Texas on the river flats, hundreds of round bales of hay are strewn over the flat, some resting up against houses. While stock losses in and around the Texas Township appear minimal, the loss of crops has been extraordinary. The major part of the Texas Township remained high and dry however the flats and old Texas town stood little chance against the torrent.

The Texas Racecourse that lies in the middle of the flat has encountered major problems losing nearly the entire new running rail recently completed. Buildings have been uplited and placed in the middle of the track. Mayor Scheu has spoken with Queensland Racing explaining the sheer devastation that has occurred at this complex and Council will assist when the massive working bee takes place.

The majority of residents on the flat moved to higher ground in Texas and face the daunting job of moving back to their houses. A massive clean up took place on Friday and Saturday with workers from the Silver Mine being redeployed to assist the local residents in trouble.

Council will be placing skip bins in areas along the Texas River flats while rural residents are asked to place their waste in piles along the road side and notify Council when doing so.

Further upstream the Riverton Road area was not spared either. Twisted irrigation infrastructure lay strewn all over the river flats as the clean up begins. The major concern is the road as farmers along this stretch of the river require a suitable road system to deliver produce to markets while local school bus runs are also an essential part of life in this area and with school recommencing in a few days, there is major concern for these services.

Council will have engineers in both the Riverton and Beebo areas as soon as possible as Council begin the arduous task of rebuilding the infrastructure.

Further inspections of damage in the Yelarbon to Goondiwindi area will take place later today.

The immediate concern however is the peak of the flood water which is now west of Goondiwindi and threatening properties in the Toobeah, Bungunya and Talwood flood areas.

Council is carefully monitoring the situation and raising closely with residents and property owners towards these areas as the massive volume of water continues to move downstream.

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Email: [mayor@grc.qld.gov.au](mailto:mayor@grc.qld.gov.au)

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### 17 Jan 2011 11.40am - Update on Kaloma and Goondiwindi Hospital

Latest advice from the Disaster Management Committee is that Kaloma residents will be returning to Goondiwindi later today and hospital patients will be returning to Goondiwindi on Tuesday.

The Emergency Department at the Goondiwindi Hospital will be reopening Wednesday morning.

Please remember a temporary facility is still in operation at the Goondiwindi airport.

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### Centrelink - Disaster Recovery Payment

The Australian Government Disaster Recovery Payment (AGDRP) has been activated to assist people who have been adversely affected by the flooding that began in November affecting Queensland.

If you or someone you know has been affected by this disaster you should speak to Centrelink as soon as possible to arrange assistance.

- [Factsheet](#)
- [Disaster Recovery Payment Form](#)

For further information, please visit the [Centrelink website](#).

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Goondiwindi: Cunningham Highway is now open to outbound traffic only.

It is hoped that it will be open to inbound traffic on Monday morning - updates will be posted when confirmation is received.

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### 16 Jan 2011, 10.00 am Latest updates

The latest news from the GRC region.

#### Texas

12 customers still without power in the area - hope all back on tomorrow afternoon at the very latest.

#### Roads

3 patching trucks are working to repair roads as quickly as possible as water recedes

Glenoak road has access to town but doubtful any more of the Cunningham will be open until tomorrow - police escort bringing Biko truck and milk truck this afternoon

#### Latest updates from the Committee

Road to NSW not open any time soon - serious damage, Barwon 0.8metres 20k out (oonavale), Leichhardt deeper than 0.5 (estimated 0.6+ at the floodway just out of town, Cunningham receding.

7am river height 9.75.

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#### 11am - Creeks advice



15 Jan 2011, 11:00am - Media Release 11 - Creeks advice

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#### 10.00am - WE'VE PEAKED



Media Release 10 - 10am, 15 January 2011 - WE'VE PEAKED !!!

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#### 7:56pm Latest BOM Report



14 January 2011, 7:56pm Latest BOM Report for the Weir & Macintyre Rivers. Issued by the Bureau of Meteorology, Brisbane

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#### 3.45pm - RIVER STILL STEADY



14 Jan 2011, 3:45pm - Media Release 9 - Goondiwindi Flood Update

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**4.00pm - Goondiwindi Flood Information**



14 Jan 2011, 4.00pm - Details of road closure & river height.

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**12.18pm - Warning - BOM Website**



14 January 2011, 12.18pm - Flood Warning for the Welr & Macintyre Rivers. Issued by the Bureau of Meteorology, Brisbane

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**8.30am - Goondiwindi Update**



14 Jan 2011, 8.30am: Expected peak of water at Goondiwindi.

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**7.28am - Warning - BOM Website**



14 January 2011, 7.28am - Flood Warning for the Welr & Macintyre Rivers. Issued by the Bureau of Meteorology, Brisbane

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**6.00am - Flood Information Update**



14 January 2011, 6.00am: Bridge Reading Update

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### Temporary Traffic Disruptions

Construction works in Marshall Street, Goondiwindi between Frideswide & Pratten Streets are continuing. There may be some disruptions to parking.  
Council thanks you for your cooperation & patience during the construction period.

A look at tin Laden's compound

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#### 16 January 2011, 10:00am - BOM Update

Source: <http://www.bom.gov.au/qld/>

#### FLOOD WARNING FOR THE LOWER WEIR AND MACINTYRE RIVERS

Issued at 9:57 AM on Sunday the 16th of January 2011  
by the Bureau of Meteorology, Brisbane.

Major flooding continues along the lower Macintyre River between Goondiwindi and Terrewah, where river levels at Goondiwindi continue to ease

#### Predicted River Heights/Flows:

Macintyre River at: Goondiwindi Fall slowly through the weekend. Weir River at: Talwood Rises to 3.75 metres (moderate) later this week.

#### Weather Forecast:

Isolated showers and isolated afternoon thunderstorms.

#### Next Issue:

The next warning will be issued by 10am Monday.

#### Latest River Heights:

Macintyre R at Holdfast 1.87m steady 09:00 AM SUN 16/01/11 Dumaresq R at Farnbro \* 1.91m falling 08:00 AM SUN 16/01/11 Beardy R at Haystack 0.

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### 11am - Creeks advice

14 January 2011

11.00am

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#### STAY OUT OF FLOODED CREEKS AND WATCH FOR SNAKES AND OTHER NASTIES !

Goondiwindi Regional Council is reminding residents how vitally important it is to stay out of flooded creeks.

Council's Mayor, Cr Graeme Scheu says In addition to submerged objects and fast flowing rivers snakes are heading out of flooded areas and are not happy.

"We are getting plenty of reports of snakes and other nasty little bighlers, particularly in the Brigalow area," Cr Scheu says.

Children especially should be wearing closed in shoes at all times.

In addition, flood waters harbour many health risks.

"We've all seen the health concerns being expressed with the Brisbane flooding – these risks apply to all floodwaters, not just those in the cities," Cr Scheu says.

"Wading or playing in flood waters is hazardous due to the risk of drowning and getting skin infections from open cuts and viral infections so just make sure you don't go in," he says.

Cr Scheu emphasised that the town water supply is perfectly safe and that health risks are posed only by flood waters.

"There are absolutely no concerns for the quality of our town water supply.

For up to date river information visit [www.bom.gov.au](http://www.bom.gov.au)

#### Emergency contacts:

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**10.00am - WE'VE PEAKED**

15 January 2011  
10.00 am  
Release 10

**WE'VE PEAKED !!!**

Record major flood levels at Goondiwindi have peaked at 10.64 metres overnight.

At 7am Saturday, the flood level at Goondiwindi was 10.55 and continuing to fall slowly.

Flood levels are expected to remain above 9.5 metres until overnight Sunday.

Goondiwindi Regional Council Mayor, Cr Graeme Scheu says that areas of the Glenoak Estate have experienced some overnight flooding however there are no reports of inundation to houses at this stage.

Please be very aware of snakes which are moving into residential areas as they have all been flooded out and moving to higher areas – especially in that Brigalow Creek area.

Cr Scheu stressed to residents in the area to be extremely careful as there are many snakes moving around.

In other matters, nine residents took up the option of staying at the Evacuation Centre last night and there was only one report of a non serious flood related incident.

"Please remember all roads in and out of Goondiwindi are currently closed however we don't think the Cunningham Highway will be cut for a significant length of time," he says.

Council staff will continue to monitor the levee bank around the clock to ensure any issues are addressed immediately.

"A few minor leaks have been expected and these are addressed very quickly and effectively," Cr Scheu says.

"We have no concern about the levee structurally," he says.

The focus of concern is now moving to those residents on rural properties west of Goondiwindi and we are liaising closely with property owners to ensure everyone is ok."

While there are currently no patrons at the Evacuation Centre the facility is still available and anyone wishing to evacuate should simply call Council's 24 hour customer service line 07 4671 7400.

It is anticipated that the Goondiwindi Hospital will reopen on Monday when the river level is expected to be below the 9.5 metre mark.

A temporary hospital field unit has been established at the Goondiwindi Airport.

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### 7:56pm Latest BOM Report

#### **FLOOD WARNING FOR THE WEIR AND MACINTYRE RIVERS Issued at 7:56 PM on Friday the 14th of January 2011 by the Bureau of Meteorology, Brisbane.**

Record major flood levels at Goondiwindi have remained steady at a record level of 10.64 metres with further small rises possible during Friday evening. This is above the 1996 flood peak level of 10.6 metres.

#### **MACINTYRE RIVER:**

Record major flood levels of 10.64 metres have remained steady from 7am through to 7pm Friday at Goondiwindi.

A major flood warning is current for the Macintyre River in NSW including information for Boggabilla and Mungindi:  
<http://www.bom.gov.au/nsw/index.shtml>

#### **WEIR RIVER:**

River level rises causing major flooding are likely downstream from Gunn Bridge during the next few days. Major flood levels are forecast to peak around 7.5 metres during Saturday.

Predicted River Heights/Flows:  
Macintyre River at:

Goondiwindi: Steady at record flood level of 10.64 metres with further rises possible this evening.

#### **Next Issue:**

The next warning will be issued by 8am Saturday.

#### **Latest River Heights:**

Macintyre R at Holdfast 3.28m falling 07:00 PM FRI 14/01/11  
Dumaresq R at Glenarvon Weir \* 4.56m falling 06:15 PM FRI 14/01/11  
Macintyre Bk at Inglewood Br \* 3.33m falling 05:48 PM FRI 14/01/11  
Dumaresq R at Bengalla \* 9.56m falling 05:50 PM FRI 14/01/11  
Macintyre R at New Kidonnan \* 12.55m falling 05:50 PM FRI 14/01/11  
Macintyre R at Boggabilla 12.47m falling 06:15 PM FRI 14/01/11  
Macintyre R at Goondiwindi 10.64m steady 05:40 PM FRI 14/01/11  
Callandoon Ck at Carana Weir \* 6.24m steady 05:00 PM FRI 14/01/11  
Callandoon Ck at Oonavale\* 6.60m steady 05:00 PM FRI 14/01/11  
Macintyre R at Terrewah 7.09m rising 06:45 PM FRI 14/01/11

Weir R at O'Connor \* 2.62m falling 05:20 PM FRI 14/01/11  
Weir R at Retreat Br \* 4.64m falling 06:00 PM FRI 14/01/11  
Weir R at Ballymena \* 9.47m falling 05:40 PM FRI 14/01/11  
Weir R at Gunn Br \* 7.29m rising 05:40 PM FRI 14/01/11  
Yarrill Ck at Medpark Br \* 3.72m falling 05:40 PM FRI 14/01/11  
Weir R at Hartmann Br \* 3.94m steady 05:00 PM FRI 14/01/11  
Weir R at Surrey \* 3.9m steady 06:00 PM FRI 14/01/11  
Weir R at Talwood 2.85m falling 09:00 AM FRI 14/01/11  
Weir R at Talwood \* 3.50m steady 04:00 PM FRI 14/01/11  
Weir R at Jericho \* 3.01m steady 05:00 PM FRI 14/01/11

\* from automatic station

Warnings and River Height Bulletins are available at  
<http://www.bom.gov.au/qld/flood/> . Flood Warnings are also available on  
telephone 1300 659 219 at a low call cost of 27.5 cents, more from mobile,  
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### 3.45pm - RIVER STILL STEADY

**14 January 2011**  
**3.45pm**

The McIntyre River at Goondiwindi at 3.00PM is at 10.64m and has been steady at this level since 7am this morning.

Goondiwindi Regional Council Mayor, Cr Graeme Scheu says that while he is confident the peak of 10.85 metres currently estimated by the Bureau of Meteorology will not be reached, it is the experts who must make the call although he is confident that we may be reaching a peak.

"I understand many local residents are becoming a little frustrated with the wait and see situation however I do urge patience as we must remember we are in unexplored territory," Cr Scheu says.

The Bureau expects the river to remain above the 10 metre mark at Goondiwindi well into Saturday so our staff will continue their terrific work patrolling the levee 24/7 until the river returns to its banks at 9.5metres."

"Stage 1 (voluntary evacuation low lying areas) advice still remains in place," he says. As the rapidly rising Brigalow Creek is beginning to impact on the Glenoak Estate area north of the airport and all highways out and into town are now closed.

While there are currently no patrons at the Evacuation Centre the facility is still available and anyone wishing to evacuate should simply call Council's 24 hour customer service line 07 4671 4671.

"We have contacted rural properties to the west of town as they will now start to see the waters impact upon their properties." "We really feel for these people as the water will have a terrible impact upon their livestock, equipment and crops."

It is anticipated that the Goondiwindi Hospital may reopen on Monday when the river level is expected to be below the 9.5 metre mark.

A temporary hospital field unit has been established at the Goondiwindi Airport.

Please listen to ABC Radio for regular updates throughout the day. In addition visit Council's website [www.grc.qld.gov.au](http://www.grc.qld.gov.au) and the Goondiwindi Regional Council facebook page for relevant updates.

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#### 4.00pm - Goondiwindi Flood Information

Cunningham and Leichhardt Highways have recently been CLOSED on the outskirts of Goondiwindi at the Brigalow Creek crossings. It is not known at this stage exactly when they will reopen.

As at 3pm (14 January 2011) the river height remains at 10.64 metres and is steady, since 7am.

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### 12.18pm - Warning - BOM Website

#### **PRIORITY - FOR IMMEDIATE BROADCAST FLOOD WARNING FOR THE WEIR AND MACINTYRE RIVERS Issued at 12:18 PM on Friday the 14th of January 2011 by the Bureau of Meteorology, Brisbane.**

Major flooding is continuing along the lower Macintyre River. Flood levels at Goondiwindi are now above the 1996 flood peak level of 10.6 metres. Based on rises observed at Kildonan overnight, a record flood level of 10.85 metres or possibly higher is likely during Friday afternoon at Goondiwindi.

##### **WEIR RIVER:**

Major flooding peaked at Ballymena at 9.97 metres Friday morning and continues to fall. Rises with major flooding are expected downstream over the next several days. River levels along the Weir River at Gunn Bridge are expected to rise to around 7.5 metres by Saturday.

##### **MACINTYRE RIVER CATCHMENT:**

**Macintyre Brook:** Minor flood levels continue to fall on the Macintyre Brook at Booba Sands.

**Macintyre River:** Major flood levels will continue this afternoon with record flood levels.

The flood level at Kildonan was 12.83 metres and falling at 11:40am. A flood peak of 13.05 metres was recorded overnight. This was 0.53 metres over the previous record.

Based on rises observed at Kildonan overnight, a record flood level of 10.85 metres or possibly higher is likely during Friday at Goondiwindi.

A major flood warning is current for the upper Macintyre in NSW including information for Boggabilla and Mungindi: <http://www.bom.gov.au/nsw/index.shtml>

##### **Predicted River Heights/Flows:**

**Macintyre River at:**

**Kildonan:** Gradually fall through Friday.

**Goondiwindi:** Rises continuing this afternoon. Record flood peak today of 10.85 metres, possibly higher.

**Next Issue:** The next warning will be issued by 4pm Friday.

##### **Latest River Heights:**

Severn R at Ashford 2.22m steady 09:30 AM FRI 14/01/11  
 Macintyre R at Holdfast 4.11m falling 11:00 AM FRI 14/01/11  
 Pike Ck at Glenlyon Dam TW \* 2.18m steady 08:00 AM FRI 14/01/11  
 Dumaresq R at Beardy Junction 4.6m falling 09:00 AM FRI 14/01/11  
 Dumaresq R at Bonshaw 4.94m steady 09:30 AM FRI 14/01/11  
 Dumaresq R at Texas \* 5.71m steady 08:20 AM FRI 14/01/11  
 Dumaresq R at Glenarvon Weir \* 4.97m falling 09:15 AM FRI 14/01/11  
 Macintyre Bk at Coolmunda Dam TW \* 0.87m rising 08:14 AM FRI 14/01/11  
 Macintyre Bk at Inglewood Br \* 2.41m falling 08:29 AM FRI 14/01/11  
 Dumaresq R at Bengalla \* 10.04m falling 08:30 AM FRI 14/01/11  
 Macintyre R at New Kildonan \* 12.83m falling 11:40 AM FRI 14/01/11  
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### 8.30am - Goondiwindi Update

**14 January 2011**  
**8.30am**

The McIntyre River at Goondiwindi at 8.00am is at 10.64m equating to an average increase of 1centimetre per hour for the last 5 hours.

Goondiwindi Regional Council Mayor, Cr Graeme Scheu says that due to the huge volume of water it is incredibly difficult for the Bureau of Meteorology to predict the peak.

The Bureau has confirmed it has peaked at Boggabilla at 5.00am with a flow time to Goondiwindi of 5 to 6 hours.

The expected peak at Goondiwindi is anticipated to arrive around midday.

"We are not yet at the peak of the river, we cannot say it is over," Cr Scheu says.

The Bureau expects the river to remain above the 10 metre mark at Goondiwindi well into Saturday.

"We will continue to maintain 24 hour monitoring of the levee bank until the river recedes to around the 9.5 mark when we will review assessment of current arrangements," Cr Scheu says.

"Please remember the river is still rising and the Stage 1 (voluntary evacuation low lying areas) advice still remains in place," he says.

The Evacuation Centre at the showgrounds will remain open for this morning at least.

The 'Glenoak Estate' north of the area is still under threat.

"The Bigalow Creek is, and will continue to push through the Glenoak Estate area for some time while the river level remains high," Cr Scheu says.

It is anticipated that the Goondiwindi Hospital may reopen on Monday when the river level is expected to be below the 9.5 metre mark.

A temporary hospital field unit has been established at the Goondiwindi Airport.

Please listen to ABC Radio for regular updates throughout the day. In addition visit Council's website [www.grc.qld.gov.au](http://www.grc.qld.gov.au) and the Goondiwindi Regional Council facebook page for relevant updates.

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### 7.28am - Warning - BOM Website

#### **FLOOD WARNING FOR THE WEIR AND MACINTYRE RIVERS Issued at 7:28 AM on Friday the 14th of January 2011 by the Bureau of Meteorology, Brisbane.**

Major flooding is continuing along the lower Macintyre River. Flood levels at Goondiwindi are now above the 1996 flood peak level of 10.6 metres. Based on rises observed at Kildonan overnight, a record flood level of 10.85 metres or possibly higher is likely during Friday at Goondiwindi.

##### **WEIR RIVER:**

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##### **MACINTYRE RIVER CATCHMENT:**

**Macintyre Brook:** Minor flood levels continue to fall on the Macintyre Brook at Booba Sands.

**Macintyre River:** Major flood levels will continue this morning with record flood levels.

The flood level at Kildonan was 12.97 metres and falling at 7:00am. A flood peak of 13.05 metres was recorded overnight. This was 0.53 metres over the previous record.

Based on rises observed at Kildonan overnight, a record flood level of 10.85 metres or possibly higher is likely during Friday at Goondiwindi.

A major flood warning is current for the upper Macintyre in NSW including information for Boggabilla and Mungindi: <http://www.bom.gov.au/nsw/index.shtml>

##### **Predicted River Heights/Flows:**

**Macintyre River at:**

**Kildonan:** Gradually fall through Friday.

**Goondiwindi:** Rises continuing this morning. Record flood peak today of 10.85 metres, possibly higher.

**Next Issue:** The next warning will be issued by noon Friday.

##### **Latest River Heights:**

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 Macintyre R at Holdfast 4.77m falling 06:45 AM FRI 14/01/11  
 Dumaresq R at Beardy Junction 4.6m falling 06:00 AM FRI 14/01/11  
 Dumaresq R at Bonshaw 5.04m steady 06:30 AM FRI 14/01/11  
 Dumaresq R at Texas \* 5.96m steady 05:39 AM FRI 14/01/11  
 Dumaresq R at Glenarvon Weir \* 5.1m falling 06:15 AM FRI 14/01/11  
 Macintyre Bk at Coolmunda Dam TW \* 0.01m steady 05:34 AM FRI 14/01/11  
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#### 6.00am - Flood Information Update

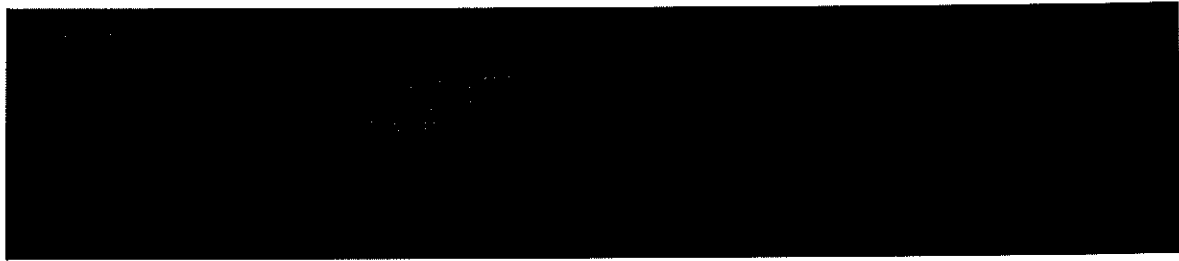
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The official reading of the water level at the Goondiwindi Bridge (at 6.00am this morning, 14 January 2011) is 10.62 metres.

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#### 2.11am - Flood Information Update

14 Jan 2011, 2.11am - Bridge reading update.

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#### 12.09am - Warning - BOM Website

14 January 2011, 12.09am - Flood Warning for the Weir & Macintyre Rivers. Issued by the Bureau of Meteorology, Brisbane

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#### 8.14pm - Warning - BOM Website

13 January 2011, 8.14pm - Flood Warning for the Weir & Macintyre Rivers. Issued by the Bureau of Meteorology, Brisbane

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#### 7.15pm - URGENT FLOOD INFORMATION UPDATE

13 Jan 2011, 7.15pm: Information regarding river level and evacuation procedures

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#### 7.55pm - Flood Information Update - Electricity

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### 6.00pm - Flood Information Update



13 Jan 2011, 6.00pm: Established evacuation centre & Correct River Height

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### 5.37pm - Flood Information Update



13 Jan 2011, 5.37pm: Evacuation of patients from the Goondiwindi Hospital & Kaloma Home for the Aged.

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### 5.00pm - Goondiwindi Flood Update



13 Jan 2011, 5.00pm: NO EVACUATION AT THIS POINT IN TIME.

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### 4.00pm Flood Information Update

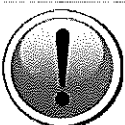


13 Jan 2011, 4.00pm: BOM predicts river level to reach 10.85 metres with possible further rises.

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13 Jan 2011 2.00pm: River level at Goondiwindi is expected to reach 10.85metres with possible further rises.

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#### 2.11am - Flood Information Update

The official reading at the Goondiwindi Bridge is 10.59m. The water is still rising gradually, however most waters appear to be spilling predominantly to New South Wales.

The water is expected to peak between 4 and 6am this morning (14 January, 2011).

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Major flooding is rising in the lower Macintyre River. Flood levels at Goondiwindi will rise above the record 1998 flood peak level of 10.6 metres this evening. Based on rises observed at New Kildonan in the past few hours, a record flood level higher than 10.85 metres is likely overnight at Goondiwindi. At midnight Thursday, the height at Goondiwindi was 10.53 metres and rising slowly.

A peak exceeding the 1976 flood level has been recorded in the Dumaresq River at Bengalla this morning.

#### **WEIR RIVER:**

Major flooding peaked at O'Connor on Wednesday morning and is now falling. Rises with some moderate to major flooding are expected downstream over the next several days. River levels along the Weir River at Gunn Bridge are expected to rise to around 7.5 metres by Saturday.

#### **MACINTYRE RIVER CATCHMENT:**

##### **Macintyre Brook:**

Minor flood levels continue to fall on the Macintyre Brook at Booba Sands.

##### **Dumaresq River:**

The Dumaresq River at Bonshaw Weir peaked at 8.12 metres Wednesday morning. This is a new record and exceeded the 1976 flood level by 0.25 metres. River levels peaked at Bengalla Thursday morning at 10.95 metres which is above the 1976 flood peak.

##### **Upper Macintyre (NSW):**

A major flood warning is current for the upper Macintyre in NSW including information for Boggabilla and Mungindi: <http://www.bom.gov.au/nsw/index.shtml>

##### **Lower Macintyre River:**

Major flood levels will continue rising along the lower Macintyre River from Kildonan to Goondiwindi with record flood peaks forecast overnight Thursday.

The flood level at Kildonan was 13.01 metres and steady at 11.55pm. This is 0.5 metres above the 1996 record flood of 12.51 metres.

Based on rises observed at Kildonan in the past few hours, a record flood level higher than 10.85 metres is likely overnight at Goondiwindi.

#### **Predicted River Heights/Flows:**

##### **Macintyre River at:**

**Kildonan:** The flood level at Kildonan was 13.01 metres and steady at 11:15pm Thursday. This is 0.5 metres above the 1996 record flood of 12.51 metres. A peak is expected overnight.

**Goondiwindi:** Reach above the 1998 flood level of 10.6 metres early Friday morning. A record flood level of higher than 10.85 metres is likely.

#### **Next Issue:**

The next warning will be issued by 4am Friday.

**Latest River Heights:**

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Macintyre R at Holdfast 6.36m falling 10:45 PM THU 13/01/11  
Pike Ck at Glenyon Dam TW \* 2.41m falling 08:00 PM THU 13/01/11  
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### 8.14pm - Warning - BOM Website

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#### **PRIORITY - FOR IMMEDIATE BROADCAST FLOOD WARNING FOR THE WEIR AND MACINTYRE RIVERS**

**Issued at 8:14 PM on Thursday the 13th of January 2011  
by the Bureau of Meteorology, Brisbane.**

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Major flooding is rising in the Macintyre River. Flood levels at Goondiwindi will rise above the record 1996 flood peak level of 10.6 metres this evening. Based on rises observed at Kildonan in the past few hours, a record flood level higher than 10.85 metres is likely overnight at Goondiwindi. At 6pm Thursday, the height at Goondiwindi was 10.1 metres and rising fast.

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**Predicted River Heights/Flows:**

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**Next Issue:**

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### 7.15pm - URGENT FLOOD INFORMATION UPDATE

**13 January 2011**  
**7.15pm**

The Bureau of Meteorology advises that the river level at Goondiwindi is expected to reach 10.85 metres with possible further rises which only leaves a margin of 0.15 metres (15cm) to the top of the levee.

The river has not yet peaked at Kidonan and as such the expected peak at Goondiwindi is now not expected until between the approximate hours of midnight and daybreak Friday (tomorrow).

#### STAGE ONE

With this in mind Council has immediately activated the Evacuation Centre at the Goondiwindi Showgrounds and we encourage residents in the following low lying areas to make their way there as soon as possible:

- Brennans Road area west of Ulawanna Road and Glenoak Estate area north of the airport

Please take any bedding (swags, blankets etc.), toiletries, medications and baby food (if applicable). You will also need to take your own food for immediate consumption. There will be food available from tomorrow.

In order to alert residents in these areas QFRS and Police with PA systems will patrol with sirens sounding. Further SMS alerts will again be issued

#### STAGE TWO

Stage Two will be activated should the river reach a level of 10.95 metres when the current voluntary evacuation for the above areas will become mandatory.

Police have the legislative power to enforce evacuations.

#### STAGE THREE

Should the river level exceed 11.0 metres the whole town will be asked to relocate to the evacuation centre at the Goondiwindi Showgrounds on Boundary Road.

Residents will be alerted by the continual sounding of the town siren together with QFRS and Police via PA systems.

Should anyone require emergency medical assistance please dial 000 in the first instance as the Goondiwindi Hospital has been evacuated and closed. An Emergency Field Unit is available at the Goondiwindi Airport for serious non life threatening incidences

Council will be patrolling the levee banks during the entire course of the evening

Please listen to ABC Radio and FM 88.0 for regular updates throughout the evening. In addition visit Council's website [www.grc.qld.gov.au](http://www.grc.qld.gov.au) and the Goondiwindi Regional Council facebook page for relevant updates.

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#### 7.55pm - Flood Information Update - Electricity

Residents are advised that the electricity in parts of Goondiwindi has gone out as a result of a bird hitting a power line and damaging it. Country Energy is fixing the problem as fast as they can.

We thank you for your patience.

8.48pm: Power has now been restored.

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### Coolmunda Dam At Easter

Council advises that no extra facilities will be provided at Coolmunda Dam this Easter. No camping fees will be charged.

Campers & visitors are reminded to remove all rubbish from the site on departure & to place it in the skip bins provided.

Cowboys escape in thriller



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#### 6.00pm - Flood Information Update

- Council have just been advised that as a precautionary measure an evacuation centre is currently being established at the Goondiwindi Showgrounds. Any residents that do not feel comfortable in their homes may go there. Please take swag / bedding, toiletries and essential medications. Residents **MUST** register when they arrive. This is not mandatory.
- **CORRECT RIVER HEIGHT AS OF 6PM - 10.15M**  
Please disregard comments made on NowFM about the river height. It is incorrect. Council has received no advice that it will reach 11m at this time.

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#### 5.37pm - Flood Information Update

Helicopters will be arriving in Goondiwindi shortly. Residents are not to worry as they are to evacuate patients from the Kaloma Home for the Aged and the Hospital who require stretchers.

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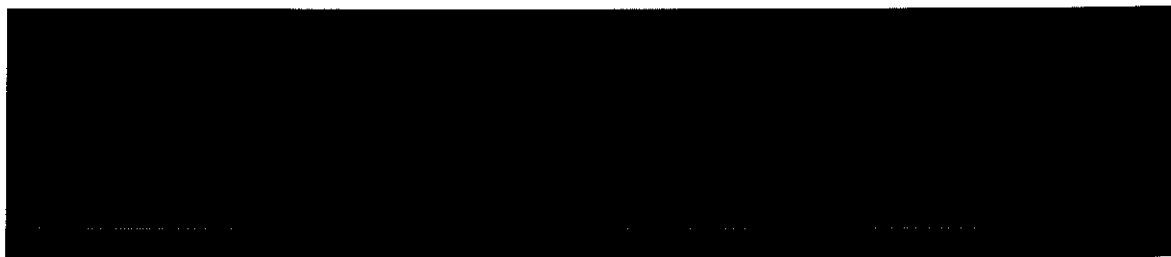
#### 5.00pm - Goondiwindi Flood Update

**WE ARE NOT EVACUATING AT THIS POINT IN TIME. WE HAVE BEEN RECEIVING QUERIES THAT THE TOWN WILL BE EVACUATED IN THE NEXT 6 HOURS. THIS IS NOT TRUE.**

**Peter Stewart  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

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Tackle machine Johnson still rusty



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### 4.00pm Flood Information Update

**13 January, 2011**  
**4.00pm**

The Bureau of Meteorology advises that the river level at Goondiwindi is expected to reach 10.85 metres with possible further rises. The next advice is expected at around 6.00pm.

The Local Disaster Management Committee has just met to discuss precautionary measures.

At this point in time and based on current expectations Country Energy does not envisage any loss of power to urban residents.

A total of 63 patients from Kaloma Home for the Aged and the Goondiwindi Hospital are currently being evacuated as a precautionary measure only.

The Committee does not envisage that any other evacuations will be required however arrangements for potential evacuation arrangements are being finalised should the unforeseen need arise.

Residents are advised to NOT attempt to leave town as many roads are flooded and these floodwaters will increase during the afternoon and evening.

Should evacuations be required individual residents will be advised.

Another release will be issued as soon as information becomes available. The Committee will be reconvening at 7.00pm.

Please listen to ABC Radio and FM 88.0 for regular updates throughout the evening. In addition visit Council's website [www.grc.qld.gov.au](http://www.grc.qld.gov.au) and the Goondiwindi Regional Council facebook page for relevant updates.

For up to date river information visit [www.bom.gov.au](http://www.bom.gov.au).

Emergency Contacts:

SES All Areas - 132 500

Goondiwindi Customer Service Centre - (07) 4671 7400

After Hours Urgent Council Matters (Goondiwindi) - (07) 4671 4671

In life threatening situations call 000

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## Pest Control

Pest Control Contractors will be undertaking pest treatment of sewer manholes with the GRC area from the 18th April to 31st May 2011. Owners/occupiers are requested to assist & allow entry to facilitate treatment.

Enquiries should be directed to the Dept. of Environmental Health on (07) 4671 7400.

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### Important Flood Information Update

**13 January 2011  
2.00pm**

The Bureau of Meteorology has just advised the Local Disaster Management Committee that the river level at Goondiwindi is expected to reach 10.85 metres with possible further rises.

Council Mayor, Graeme Scheu says the hydrologists advise that due to the record volume of water in the Upper Macintyre and Dumaresq Rivers, Goondiwindi is likely to experience a record flow in the river.

"We are now heading into unknown territory as the current modelling cannot be based on historical events," Cr Scheu says.

All residents outside the town levee area (including rural properties) should take all appropriate steps to ensure protection to property and people.

As a precautionary measure it is strongly recommended that businesses and residents within the town levee should take measures to ensure valuable items are stored in a dry area.

As a further precaution, the Local Disaster Management Group and Queensland Health are currently meeting to consider relocating patients and residents of aged care and health facilities.

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### Coolmunda Dam At Easter

Council advises that no extra facilities will be provided at Coolmunda Dam this Easter. No camping fees will be charged.

Campers & visitors are reminded to remove all rubbish from the site on departure & to place it in the skip bins provided.

Meeting hears mine rail line flood fears



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#### Resupply of Essential Goods

12 Jan 2011, 5.23pm: Status of essential goods in all towns and villages in the GRC region.

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12 Jan 2011, 10.35am: Information regarding low lying areas

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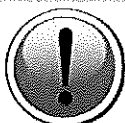


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12 Jan 2011, 2.30pm: Current situation of the Council region

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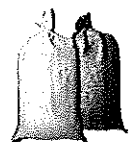


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#### Goondiwindi Sandbags

12 Jan 2011, 11.50am: Distribution of sandbags in Goondiwindi

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**Flood Alert for Goondiwindi**



12 Jan 2011, 10.00am: Goondiwindi Levee Banks

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**Flood Update for Goondiwindi Town Area**



12 Jan 2011, 6.00am: Residents are advised that a major flood of up to 10.7 metres at the Goondiwindi Bridge is expected overnight Thursday night and early Friday morning.

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**Flood Alert for Goondiwindi Town Area**



11 Jan 2011, 2.00pm: Residents are advised that a flood warning is current for the Goondiwindi area.

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**Reminder to Residents**



Dog and Cat Registrations / Renewals are now due for 2011

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**Assistance for Flood Affected Properties**



Goondiwindi Regional Council residents and business owners directly affected by recent flood events may be eligible for government assistance.

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**Precautionary Flood Preparations - UPDATE**



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - Precautionary Flood preparations - Connecting hoses to the flood pumps currently located along the river areas of Goondiwindi today

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#### Assistance for Flood Affected Properties

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Primary producers and small businesses affected by floods in Goondiwindi Regional Council area are eligible to apply for low interest loans under the Natural Disaster Scheme.

Loans of up to \$250,000 for replanting, restocking, sustenance, payment of rates, replacing buildings and operating costs can be applied for with a current interest rate of 4% and a repayment term of up to 7 years with no fees or charges.

Council's Deputy Mayor and Chair of the Disaster Management Committee, Cr Rick Kearney says Council is liaising closely with the State Government in an effort to have some parts of the Regional Council area recognised under the Natural Disaster Relief Arrangements.

"If we can secure that recognition additional grant assistance of up to \$25,000 may be available to some property owners," Cr Kearney says.

"We are hoping to receive advice in that regard by the end of this week," he says.

For information and assistance the Queensland Rural Adjustment Authority can be contacted on 1800 623 946 or via their website [www.qraa.qld.gov.au](http://www.qraa.qld.gov.au).

Freight subsidies, fodder supply and other assistance is also available and details of this assistance can be found on the authority website or by phoning 13 25 23.

For information on assistance by ATO with deferment of payments, lodgement of returns and activity statements the toll free number is 1800 806 218.

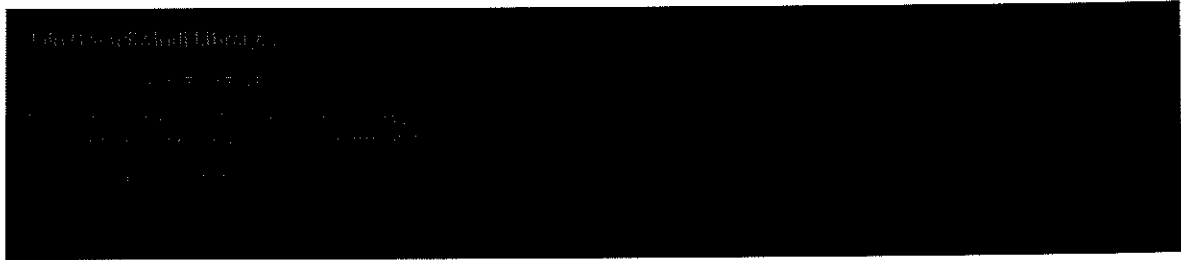
Crisis payments are available from Centrelink (contact your local office).

For further information please contact:

Mr David Hayward  
Economic / Community Development Officer  
Mobile: 0428 719 083  
Email: [dhayward@grc.qld.gov.au](mailto:dhayward@grc.qld.gov.au)

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Royal wedding boosts RFDS coffers



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### Resupply of Essential Goods

**12 January, 2011  
5.23pm**

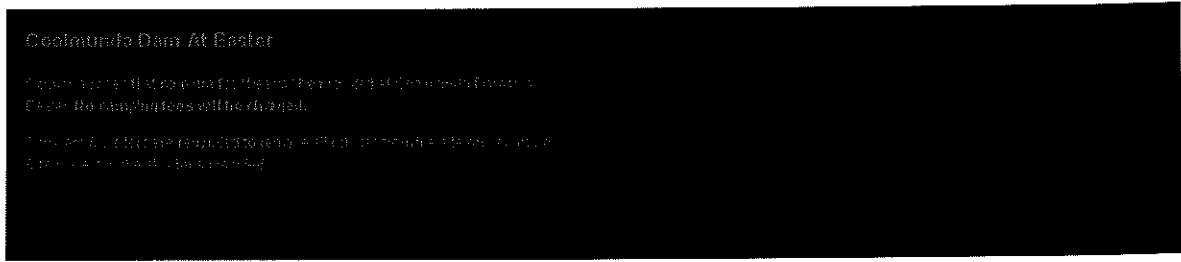
Council has conducted a status of essential goods in all the towns and villages in our region and we are adequately supplied for the foreseeable future.

If you run short of essential goods in the first instance all approaches should be directed to your local store or supermarket. If you are unable to attend shops yourself or arrange alternative method of delivery of goods due to flood waters, please contact Council to ascertain the options for alternative delivery.

**Peter Stewart  
DISASTER MANAGEMENT CO-ORDINATOR**

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Tackle machine Johnson still rusty



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#### Details of Low Lying Areas

**12 January, 2011  
10.35am**

At this stage the areas of concern are the Brigalow Creek / Glenoak Road precinct and the area west of West Street in Goondiwindi. Those likely to be impacted will have received a hand delivered notice this morning and will receive a further notice tomorrow.

Areas within the former Goondiwindi Town Council area are not expected to be impacted whilst the integrity of the levee is maintained. Those areas in the Goondiwindi town area that may have experienced local flooding in the past few years have been as a result of local rain events and not river rises like we are expecting now.

**Peter Stewart  
DISASTER MANAGEMENT CO-ORDINATOR**

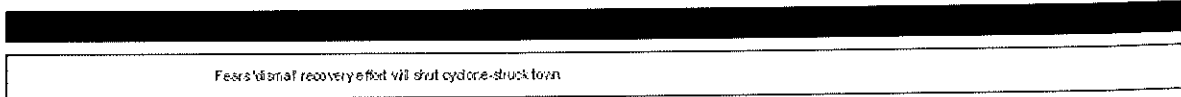
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**Flood Information Update**

**12 January 2011  
2.30pm**

At 2.30pm Wednesday 12 January the following flood information was current:

**Texas:** Has now peaked at 10.5 metres with significant water in some areas.

**Yelarbon:** Currently cut to the east but spared of any major flooding.

**Inglewood:** Peaked at 9.2 metres and spared of any major flooding.

**Talwood:** Will become isolated as the Barwon closes and further reports will come to hand in the coming days.

**Weir River:** Peaked today at Don O'Connor's at 11.8 metres but a sharp rise is expected in the Weir River.

No major changes have been made to the previous reports.

It is expected that the peak of 10.7 metres will hit Goondiwindi in the early hours of Friday morning or late Thursday night.

Once again, residents are requested to stay out of the water no matter how inviting it may look. It is one of the most dangerous hazards in a flood event.

**No Evacuations** are planned for Goondiwindi however some residents in low lying areas have been advised to move their gear to higher ground.

Evacuations have been ordered for Toomelah and Boggabilla to Moree however these primarily relate to some low lying areas and the possibility of interruptions to essential services. This evacuation does not bear any significance to flood heights in Goondiwindi.

Further, Goondiwindi residents should not get confused with flood heights announced for Boggabilla as the measuring station at Boggabilla is significantly different to that of the Goondiwindi Bridge.

Council will be monitoring the progress of the flood closely with staff employed during Thursday night's expected peak. Staff will be monitoring the rise during Thursday night and those residents on the levee bank are asked to have all dogs restrained during the night as staff complete their duties.

A further meeting will be held at 3pm tomorrow (Thursday) and an evening Press Release will be available on Council's website - [www.grc.qld.gov.au](http://www.grc.qld.gov.au), ABC Radio as well as the local Tourist Radio 88.0 FM at approximately 4.30pm.

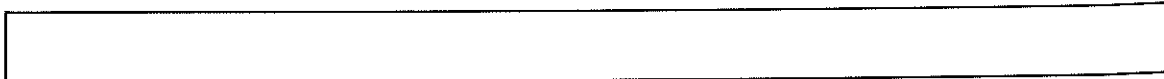
Council would like to thank the many volunteers that have assisted during this particularly trying time.

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- In life threatening situations call 000

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### Goondiwindi Sandbags

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**12 January 2011  
11.50am**

Council will be distributing up to 100 sandbags empty or 25 filled to residents who live in the lower lying areas of Goondiwindi.

To access these sandbags residents should contact Council's Store Officer, Greg Warden on 0428 714 033 or visit Council's Depot in West Street.

**Peter Stewart  
DISASTER MANAGEMENT CO-ORDINATOR**

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**Join Goondiwindi Library...**

...For the Inaugural Food Tastes Tour!

Sunday 8 May - Goondiwindi Community Centre - 2pm to 5pm - No Charge -  
Afternoon tea provided. A great way to celebrate Mother's Day!!

For further information, contact June Horn at the Goondiwindi Library on 4671  
7470.

Subcontractors to get little back from failed builder



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**Flood Alert for Goondiwindi**

**12 January, 2011  
10.00am**

**ATTENTION ALL RESIDENTS**

Contrary to comments just made by the Premier, Hon Anna Bligh MP at her latest media release.

Council does not have any immediate concerns for the integrity of the Goondiwindi Levee Banks.

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### Flood Update for Goondiwindi Town Area

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**12 January, 2011**  
**6.00am**

Residents are advised that a major flood of up to 10.7 metres at the Goondiwindi Bridge is expected overnight Thursday night and early Friday morning. This height is somewhat similar to the flood experienced in Goondiwindi in 1996.

Most residents of the town are not expected to experience any significant issues.

Residents and businesses in the Glenoak Road precinct and the area west of West Street may expect some flooding of properties. At this stage it is uncertain whether houses and businesses in some lower parts of these areas may be impacted however residents are encouraged to move equipment to higher ground and raise furniture and tools particularly in sheds and known low lying areas. Those in these lower areas should consider making arrangements to move to friends or neighbours should the situation deteriorate over coming days.

It is possible that roads in these areas will be covered by surface water such that they will only be accessible to high clearance vehicles. Residents should prepare accordingly by storing appropriate provisions and making sure that they have sufficient supplies of medications etc.

Residents are encouraged to stay abreast of developments via Council's website [www.grc.qld.gov.au](http://www.grc.qld.gov.au). Council will make general announcements through the ABC and other media and websites. Those in the Glenoak Road precinct and west of West Street will be provided with a further update via flyer by midday Thursday when more definite information is likely to be available.

"Once again I would like to remind everyone of the potential danger of flooded rivers, please do not take any unnecessary risks such as swimming or boating in the rivers when there are rises," Cr Scheu says.

**STAY AWAY FROM THE RIVER!**

Meanwhile in other areas of the region there have been limited evacuations in the town of Texas where they are expecting a river peak of up to 10.5 metres while Inglewood is expected to remain relatively unaffected with only moderate flooding with the McIntyre Brook expected to peak at 9 metres. Yelarbon is not expected to see any impacts as a result of these events.

Rural areas and small towns west of Goondiwindi have been hard hit with many properties inundated.

"I remind people to contact the SES on 132 500 should they require assistance. If it is a life threatening emergency remember to utilise the 000 system".

For Council related enquiries during office hours contact your local customer service office.

**For Further Enquiries Contact:**

**Cr Graeme Scheu**

**Mayor**

**Mob: 0427 718 877**

**Email: [mayor@grc.qld.gov.au](mailto:mayor@grc.qld.gov.au)**

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### Tell Visitors About Inglewood!

Council is seeking volunteers to operate the new Inglewood Information Centre from 9am until 12noon on Saturdays and Sundays. If you are interested, please contact the Inglewood Customer Service Office on (07) 4652 0208.

Pedestrian dies after ute crash



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#### Flood Alert for Goondiwindi Town Area

**11 January 2011  
2.00pm**

Residents are advised that a flood warning is current for the Goondiwindi area.

At this point in time a major flood height of around 10.5 metres is expected on Thursday, just below the record 1996 event.

Council's Mayor, Cr Graeme Scheu says residents should be taking necessary precautions to protect property in the event of flooding.

"The current forecast indicates only a limited low lying area of the town is likely to be affected, however any significant rainfall over the catchment in the next 24 hours may impact significantly on the expected heights," Cr Scheu says.

The Local Disaster Management Group met at 1.00pm this afternoon to commence preliminary flood coordination activities.

Cr Scheu says while people should take reasonable steps to ensure they have adequate supplies in the event of road closures etc but **THERE IS NO NEED TO PANIC BUY** or take extreme action.

"For example get to the chemist and fill your prescriptions if you only have one or two days supply left," Cr Scheu suggests.

"We believe we will have a clearer picture of anticipated flood heights at 6.00pm this evening but at this stage the levee is not expected to be breached," he says.

"What I would like to remind everyone is the potential danger of flooded rivers, please do not take any unnecessary risks such as swimming or boating in the rivers when there are rises," Cr Scheu says. **STAY AWAY FROM THE RIVER!**

"We have spoken the Police who will take action against anyone taking unnecessary risks if required," Cr Scheu says.

Meanwhile in other areas of the region there have been limited evacuations in the town of Texas (9 metres) while Inglewood is expected to remain relatively unaffected with only minor flooding expected to peak at 8 metres.

It is not anticipated that Yetarbon will experience major difficulties.

Areas west of Goondiwindi have been hard hit with many properties inundated and the town of Talwood still remains isolated.

**For Further Enquiries Contact:**

**Cr Graeme Scheu**

**Mayor**

**Mob: 0427 718 877**

**Email: [mayor@grc.qld.gov.au](mailto:mayor@grc.qld.gov.au)**

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### Temporary Traffic Disruptions

Construction works in Marshall Street, Goondiwindi between Frideswide & Pratten Streets are continuing. There may be some disruptions to parking.

Council thanks you for your cooperation & patience during the construction period.

Task's machine did not work



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#### Precautionary Flood Preparations - UPDATE

07 January 2010  
9.00am

#### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

#### PRECAUTIONARY FLOOD PREPARATIONS

Residents are advised that Council officers will be connecting hoses to the flood pumps currently located along the river areas of Goondiwindi today.

Should significant rainfall be experienced over the coming days, the hoses will ensure that local water run off is able to be discharged back into the Macintyre river.

Council's Acting Mayor, Cr Rick Kearney says that although we will see a rise in the river there is no cause for concern.

"The flood pumps are designed to allow local drainage back into the river when the flood gates are closed due to the river level," Cr Kearney said.

"The activation of the pumps do not indicate in any way that the river level will rise above the levee," he said.

The installation of the hoses will result in temporary road closures where the pumps are located and residents are urged to take care when driving.

For further information please contact:

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Director Engineering and Planning  
Mobile: 0427 717 403  
Email: [dburges@grc.qld.gov.au](mailto:dburges@grc.qld.gov.au)

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