

Media Statement

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Council providing assistance to bushfire affected residents

Gladstone Regional Council has established a place of refuge at Miriam Vale Community Centre for residents affected by bushfire in Deepwater, Baffle Creek and Oyster Creek areas.

The Miriam Vale Community Centre is located at 41 Blomfield Street, Miriam Vale.

Residents should continue to follow the advice of Queensland Fire and Emergency Services (QFES) and be aware that multiple warnings are currently in place for the Deepwater area.

Council is encouraging affected residents to register via the Australian Red Cross *Register. Find. Reunite* website – this can be done by visiting <https://register.redcross.org.au> and clicking on 'Bushfire in Deepwater, Queensland'.

What affected residents should do:

- If you have a bushfire survival plan, follow it now
- Be ready to leave in case the situation changes:
 - Charge mobile phones and power banks if you still can
 - Be ready to take your pets, pet food, pet lead or crate/carrier
 - Pack a bag with mobile phone charger, enough clothes for five days, important documents (like ID, insurance papers, passports and photos), medicine, cash and keys.
 - Decide where you and the people you live with will go if conditions get worse. Plan how you will get there. Tell others where you are going
- Check road closures and traffic updates at the QLD Traffic website <https://qldtraffic.qld.gov.au/> or call 13 19 40.

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