

Media Release

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Summer reminder to register for RegionWatch warnings and stay up to date

The Gladstone Region has already experienced bushfires this year and with summer just around the corner, residents are being reminded about the handy features offered via RegionWatch.

The upcoming summer months, combined with an El Nino declaration that is likely to remain until autumn 2024, mean there will be an increased risk of natural disasters during this time.

To stay informed during summer, residents are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the RegionWatch dashboard and the features it offers.

Information available on RegionWatch includes:

- Road Conditions
- Weather Warnings
- Power Outages
- Water and Sewer Interruptions
- Emergency News
- Mapping Information:
 - Road Status
 - Flood Cameras
 - Evacuation Zones/Flooding Levels
- Links to nearby Council's dashboards, including:
 - Rockhampton Regional Council
 - Bundaberg Regional Council
 - Livingstone Shire Council
 - Central Highlands Regional Council
 - North Burnett Regional Council
 - Banana Shire Council.
- Links to important sites and information.

Gladstone Region Deputy Mayor Kahn Goodluck said RegionWatch users can also register for warnings to be better prepared and protected for emergencies and disasters.

“Residents who use RegionWatch can opt to receive warnings via email, SMS or both. This is a free service with warning SMS and emails delivered by Gladstone Regional Council,” Cr Goodluck said.

Visit <https://regionwatch.gladstone.qld.gov.au> to access the RegionWatch dashboard and to register for warnings.

Residents are also encouraged to familiarise themselves with the new Australian Warning System (AWS) for bushfires that came into effect from 1 November 2023.

The new AWS means that bushfire warnings will be consistent across the country, across hazards, and easier to follow and understand. Visit www.qfes.qld.gov.au/aws for more information.

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