

# Community Recovery Newsletter

April 2025

## Join agencies and emergency services to develop a community flood plan for Maribyrnong

The Maribyrnong Community are invited to join agencies and emergency services in a workshop to design a community plan for future flood events.

The plan will be community-led and based on local context, community knowledge, and learnings from the October 2022 flood.

Date: Saturday 10 May

Time: 10am-3.15pm

Location: Avondale Heights Library and Learning Centre

Registrations are required. To register, visit <https://www.maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/Flood>.

## Maribyrnong Neighbourhood Flood Network Training

Are you well-connected with your neighbours or other groups within the community? Are you interested in community emergency preparedness?

Register to join the Maribyrnong Neighbourhood Flood Network, a group of community leaders in flood risk and preparedness. The network training day details are below.

Date: Sunday 4 May

Time: 10am-3pm

Location: Raleigh Road Activity Centre

Register for the network here:  
<https://www.maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/OpenForms/EOI-Maribyrnong-Flood-Network>.

## Flood Preparedness program

Council is partnering with Moonee Valley City Council, the Victorian State Emergency Service (VICSES) and the Australian Red Cross to deliver a range of preparedness programs:

- Red Cross Emergency REDI workshop – 6 May
- Household preparedness plan drop-in sessions –

For flood related enquiries, email [floodrecovery@maribyrnong.vic.gov.au](mailto:floodrecovery@maribyrnong.vic.gov.au)

This email address is monitored between 9am-5pm weekdays.

27 May, 19 June, 24 June and 29 July

- Community Preparedness Day – 22 June

For more information and to register visit <http://Maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/flood>

## Know your flood risk: Property flood risk cards return

In order to be prepared, it is critical to understand your flood risk. In recognition of this and based on tireless community advocacy for this initiative, Council is working with VICSES and Melbourne Water to develop property flood risk cards.

The information provided in the cards indicates the forecast river flood height that flood waters are expected to reach resident properties.

Residents in high riverine flood risk areas in the Maribyrnong township will receive a card.

The cards are in development and it is anticipated they will be delivered via a door knock in August.

For more information, visit <https://www.maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/Flood>.

## Free MAC membership program extension

Due to its popularity and positive feedback from the community, the free MAC membership program has been extended until 31 December 2025 excluding Learn to Swim.

Existing members will be automatically extended.

Registrations will reopen for those who have not opted into this program. To apply, please send an email including your name, phone number and address to [floodrecovery@maribyrnong.vic.gov.au](mailto:floodrecovery@maribyrnong.vic.gov.au). A member of the team will be in touch to discuss the registration process.

Please note this program is for people impacted by the 2022 flood event. All free memberships will conclude at the end of December 2025.

Learn to Swim users will be contacted directly.

## Public art commemorating the October 2022 flood

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One of the top projects proposed at the Maribyrnong Community Strengths and Opportunities Workshop in August 2024 was to deliver a public artwork to commemorate the October 2022 flood event.

With input from the Community Recovery Committee, a draft public artwork concept has been selected. Consultation opportunities will be available for the community to be involved to enable the art piece to reflect the Maribyrnong community.

For more information, visit  
<http://Maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/flood>.

## Reminder: Last week of free hard-waste collections

Additional hard waste collection are now available for households impacted by the October 2022 flood.

The last collection will take place on 5 May.

Bookings are open and must be made by phoning Council on 9688 0200 and requesting a **flood recovery collection**.

For information on collection guidelines, visit  
<http://Maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/flood>.

## Maribyrnong Community Recovery Committee highlight

Community came together last month to launch the Flood Insurance Guide, a resource created with support from the Maribyrnong community and insurance, financial and recovery experts.

**“This is the guide I wish I had when I first started negotiating with insurance. This guide includes lessons from the community of Maribyrnong”** said CRC member Andrew Monteiro.

**“It was a privilege to be involved in this project from the idea phase to delivery.”**

The goal of the project, delivered in partnership with GenWest was to make complex insurance information accessible to all.

Additional options to learn about the information within the guide will be available, including webinars.

To access the Flood Insurance Guide, please visit,

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<https://www.maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/Residents/Emergency-Management/Maribyrnong-Flood-Recovery/Maribyrnong-Insurance-Project>.



## Floral arrangement workshops

Registrations have opened for the Mother's Day floral workshop. These workshops have returned due to positive feedback including the wellbeing benefits of the relaxing environment, connecting with other participants and learning new skills.

**Date:** Thursday 8 May

**Time:** 3-5pm

**Location:** Maribyrnong Community Centre, 9 Randall Street, Maribyrnong.

Spaces are limited. To register visit,  
<http://Maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/flood>.



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## Recent projects update:

### Children's story building project



A series of children's story building workshops took place during the school holidays. There was excitement and plenty of energy as the young authors exchanged stories and worked together to develop a plot, characters and ending based on their stories from the 2022 flood.

Their story is being converted into a children's book and copies will be made available within the community.

Thank you to the young authors who participated, and their families for dedicating their time to this project. This project was delivered in partnership with 100 Story Building and Cohealth.

More information on the book launch to come.

## Other events and programs

For more information on these activities, visit <http://Maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/flood>.

## Reminders:

### Planning and building assistance rebate scheme applications close this month

This is a reminder that the applications for the PBARS scheme provided by the Department of Transport and Planning and facilitated through Windermere close on 31 May.

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The scheme provides residents who meet the criteria with a rebate of up to \$3000.

If you require support navigating the process, your Cohealth Case Support Worker can assist even if you are no longer regularly meeting with them.

Statutory declarations can be utilised as evidence if you do not have copies of receipts. For information on who can sign a statutory declaration, visit <https://www.justice.vic.gov.au/statdecs>.

Windermere can be contacted directly about the scheme at [RecoverySupport@windermere.org.au](mailto:RecoverySupport@windermere.org.au) or via phone on 03 8781 9988. Interpreters can be arranged if needed.

For more information, visit

<https://www.planning.vic.gov.au/guides-and-resources/guides/all-guides/planning-and-building-assistance-rebate-scheme-for-flood-recovery>.

## Recovery support

Recovery support is still available to community members impacted by the October 2022 flood event.

If you are interested in accessing second-hand furniture, vouchers, or information on recovery support services available, please email [floodrecovery@maribyrnong.vic.gov.au](mailto:floodrecovery@maribyrnong.vic.gov.au) or visit the Maribyrnong Community Centre on a Thursday during operating hours to speak to the Recovery team.

## Get involved

To view the full range of activities currently planned, visit: <http://Maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/flood>.

Get involved in shaping these programs or provide input by emailing [floodrecovery@maribyrnong.vic.gov.au](mailto:floodrecovery@maribyrnong.vic.gov.au).

## Stay connected

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[www.facebook.com/groups/maribyrnongrecovery](http://www.facebook.com/groups/maribyrnongrecovery).