

Community resilience newsletter

April 2026

Recent flood advice messages

VicEmergency issued flood advice messages for Maribyrnong River in February and March. They are no longer active.

Thank you to community groups including the Neighbourhood Flood Network for sharing messages with your neighbours and connections.

Though no longer active, it is important to be aware of the three warning levels for the future:



Advice message: Yellow means an incident has started. There is no immediate danger. Stay up to date in case the situation changes.



Watch and act: Orange means there is a heightened level of threat. Conditions are changing and you need to start taking action now to protect you and your family.



Emergency warning: Red is the highest level of warning. Red means you may be in danger and need to take action immediately.

Take the following steps to prepare your household:

- Familiarise yourself with the three warning levels above.
- View your property flood risk card. Cards are available in other languages. You can request one from council or via a member of the Flood Network if you haven't already.
- View the Maribyrnong Local Flood Guide: <https://www.ses.vic.gov.au/plan-and-stay-safe/flood-guides/maribyrnong-city-council>.
- Download the VicEmergency app or tune into emergency broadcasters like the ABC for warnings.
- Create a plan and know your triggers to activate it. Helpful resources include:
 1. Red Cross Emergency Redi Plan: <https://www.redcross.org.au/emergencies/resources/>
 2. Person-Centred Emergency Preparedness (P-CEP) Plan: <https://collaborating4inclusion.org/pcep/>
- Connect with your neighbours and local Maribyrnong Neighbourhood Flood Network.

Always listen to the official advice from emergency services.

For flood related enquiries, email floodrecovery@maribyrnong.vic.gov.au
This email address is monitored between 9am-5pm weekdays.

Feedback wanted: Maribyrnong Community Flood Plan

The Neighbourhood Network is a group of locals who share clear, practical information about flood risk and preparedness with their neighbours.

This group have developed a community-owned plan for emergency management which includes steps for the community and recommendations for emergency services and council.

This plan is being presented to the committee responsible for emergency management planning in mid-2026. Before this happens, it is important that the broader community can provide feedback or suggestions.

To view the draft plan and provide feedback, talk to your local network leader or visit

www.yourcityyourvoice.com.au/mcfcf.



Maribyrnong Community Flood Plan scenario workshop

A scenario activity is being held to test the Maribyrnong Community Flood Plan before it is finalised.

This is an opportunity to:

- Test the functionality of the plan
- Identify any final additions to the plan
- Support with community preparedness.

Date: Saturday 2 May

Time: 1-3pm, arrive from 12.30 for refreshments

Location: Avondale Heights Library and Learning Centre

Registrations are required. Please email emergencymanagement@maribyrnong.vic.gov.au to register.

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For more information, please visit <https://www.maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/Residents/Emergency-Management/Flood-Recovery/Flood-resources>.

For information on your network leaders or their upcoming events, visit <https://www.maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/Residents/Emergency-Management/Flood-Recovery>.

If you are interested in joining the network, submit an expression of interest here: [maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/Online-Forms/EOI-Maribyrnong-Flood-Network](https://www.maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/Online-Forms/EOI-Maribyrnong-Flood-Network).

Maribyrnong Neighbourhood Network community event

Thank you to the Maribyrnong Neighbourhood Network members for hosting the Movie in the Park event at Coulson Gardens on Saturday 18 April.

Stay connected to your local network members for information on upcoming activities and events led by the network.



Property Flood Risk Card collection

Property Flood Risk Cards have been developed for each household in the at-risk area. These were developed as a result of community advocacy and contain property-specific risk information. These are available in other language upon request.

About 200 cards still need to be collected for those that were not home during the series of door knocks. If you have not collected your card, please contact your local neighbourhood network member or reach out to council at emergencymanagement@maribyrnong.vic.gov.au or call (03) 9688 0200 to arrange distribution.

Melbourne Water updates

Melbourne Water has now shared the Maribyrnong River catchment flood mitigation study Phase 2 summary reports.

Phase 3 will begin within the next 3 months and will involve sharing the shortlist of flood mitigation options for feedback and an updated version of the Evaluation Criteria.

For more information, visit letstalk.melbournewater.com.au/maribyrnong-mitigation.

Melbourne Water is also continuing a program of floor level surveys for the Maribyrnong River catchment flood mitigation study in March and April 2026.

As part of this program, Melbourne Water will be doing additional floor level surveys in the Maribyrnong township for the Maribyrnong property flood risk card project where residents may have undertaken works to raise their floor levels.

Melbourne Water has written to those residents directly to advise of the surveys.

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