

# A Message from NSW State Emergency Service!






## Dear Parents and Carers

Christmas break is coming up fast and NSW SES is urging all Northern Rivers families to “Get Ready” and prepare for the possibility of unsettled weather in the coming months ahead.

The Bureau of Meteorology have advised that Australia is officially in a “La Nina” phase which means we will see an increase in the number of storms, a higher chance of cyclones, tropical low pressures systems and an increase in rainfall events that may lead to floods in the Northern Rivers area.

While we can’t stop mother nature, we can prepare our homes and families in case a severe weather event impacts our area. Please follow these 5 simple steps that will help your family to “Get Ready”.

## How to Prepare for Disasters

<p><b>1. Know your risk</b></p> 	<p><b>Connect with NSW Emergency services</b> Think about the area you live in and the types of disasters that could affect you</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ask your local emergency service or Council</li> <li>• Ask your neighbours</li> </ul>
<p><b>2. Plan now for what you'll do</b></p> 	<p><b>Have a Plan!!!</b> Sit down and talk with your family and plan for what you will do if a disaster affects your area. Talk about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When to leave</li> <li>• What to take</li> <li>• Where to meet up if you get separated</li> <li>• What to do with your animals</li> </ul> <p><b>Practise this plan</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A few times a year, set a date to practice packing up quickly as if to evacuate.</li> </ul>
<p><b>3. Get your home ready</b></p> 	<p><b>Prepare your home</b> By doing general home maintenance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trim trees and branches</li> <li>• Check gutters are clean, and roof is in good repair</li> <li>• Secure any outdoor items</li> <li>• Check your insurance</li> </ul>
<p><b>4. Be aware</b></p> 	<p><b>Keep informed</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Find out how to prepare and what to do if there is a disaster in your area.</li> <li>• Connect with emergency services and stay informed (e.g. via websites, apps and social media)</li> </ul>
<p><b>5. Look out for each other</b></p> 	<p><b>Share information</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• With your family, friends, neighbours and those who may need assistance</li> </ul>

Please take time to fill in the Emergency Contact information on the next page and place on your fridge for quick reference. Be safe this summer and stay informed!

For more information visit NSW SES website [www.ses.nsw.gov.au](http://www.ses.nsw.gov.au)



**IT HAS FLOODED BEFORE. IT WILL FLOOD AGAIN.**



## My Family's Emergency Contacts

<b>NSW SES</b> (Floods, Storms, Tsunami)	132 500	www.ses.nsw.gov.au
<b>NSW Rural Fire Service</b> <b>Bushfire Info Line</b>	Triple Zero (000) 1800 679 737	www.rfs.nsw.gov.au
<b>Fire and Rescue NSW</b> (Urban/House fires)	Triple Zero (000)	www.fire.nsw.gov.au
<b>Ambulance</b>	Triple Zero (000)	
<b>Police Attendance</b>	131 444	
<b>Crime Stoppers</b>	1800 333 000	
<b>Council</b>		

## My "Other Important" Phone Numbers

	Name	Contact #
<b>Insurance Provider</b>		
<b>Electricity</b>		
<b>Gas</b>		
<b>Phone Provider</b>		
<b>School</b>		
<b>Council</b>		
<b>Neighbours</b>		
<b>Friends/Family</b>		
<b>Other</b>		

## My Family's Emergency Meeting Point

If separated, we will meet up at: