

Evacuation Strategy

Overview of the region's evacuation strategy



Shelter in place
If safe to do so

Evacuate to family or friends in safe places



Place of refuge or evacuation centre
If activated

Burnett Heads Evacuation

This information is provided to assist the citizens of Burnett Heads to prepare for evacuation due to significant weather events, bushfires, or other disasters. This locally-relevant information is provided to all households and businesses at Burnett Heads. Similar plans are available for other localities across the Bundaberg Region.

The Burnett Heads Evacuation Guide includes:

- The Bundaberg Region's overarching **evacuation strategy**;
- **Triggers** for action;
- **Things to consider** when evacuating;
- **Evacuation routes** out of Burnett Heads.



Evacuation Triggers When should I evacuate?

Act immediately if



you receive a voice or text message from the national “Emergency Alert” telephone warning system. However, you **should not** wait to receive a warning message before you act.

The following **triggers** provide a useful guide for when to get ready for possible impacts in the Burnett Heads community that may require you to evacuate.

- Localised rainfall in **excess of 150mm per hour** may cause localised flash flooding
- Widespread rainfall in **excess of 200mm in 48 hours**
- The Bureau of Meteorology (BoM) issues any of the following **warnings** for your location:
 - **Severe Weather Warning**
 - **Storm Tide Warning**
 - **Tsunami Watch**
 - **Tsunami Warning** (Marine or Land Inundation)
- BoM cyclone track map puts a **cyclone within 400km of Burnett Heads**
- **Fire warnings** and/or **fire weather warnings** from QFES or BoM
- Shallow **earthquake** detected above Magnitude 4 within close proximity to Burnett Heads (or “felt” earthquake experienced)
- A **disaster declaration** is made



Evacuation Options Where should I go?

A

Ideally you should 'shelter-in-place'.

Stay where you are, if it is safe to do so.

B

Evacuating to friends or family in safe locations should be the next part of your evacuation plan. You will be more comfortable; you can take your pets and more of your belongings; and you will be with people you know and trust.

C

A "Place of Refuge" may be activated in a safe place near your community. Places of Refuge provide basic shelter only until the danger has passed. Food, bedding and other assistance may not be available.

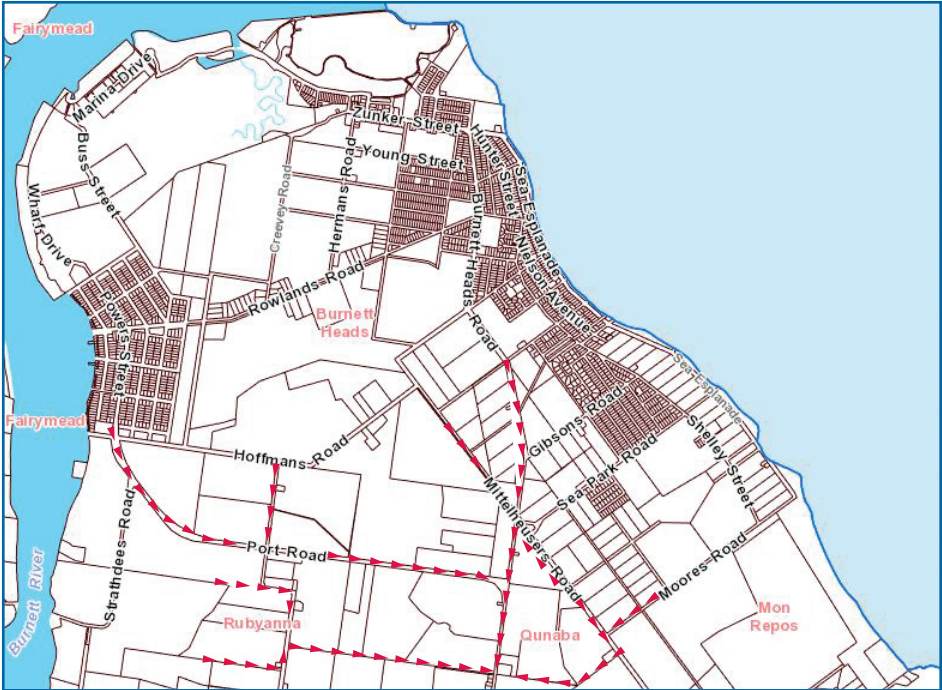
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Evacuation Centres are located outside of hazard zones and provide basic amenities. Keep in mind that the closest evacuation centre for Burnett Heads residents may be in Bundaberg.

Things to consider

- The **location of refuges and evacuation centres may be different for each event.** Follow advice from authorities about where to go.
- **Updates are available** on the Bundaberg Regional Council website, Facebook page and Disaster Dashboard, or tune into ABC radio (100.1 FM or 855 AM).
- You may need to **evacuate earlier if you have a health condition or mobility issues.** Don't hesitate to ask family and/or friends for help.
- **Prepare early and take your evacuation kit.** For tips on what to pack visit getready.qld.gov.au
- **Have an evacuation plan for your pets** - evacuation centres have limited ability to accommodate pets. All pets must be restrained.

Evacuation Routes relevant to Burnett Heads



remember

your route should be
the **safest, most direct**
route available

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