



Learn more about flood risks in your community
Local flood information

Alpine Shire Council

Flood information for the Alpine Shire Council, encompassing local flood guides for Myrtleford (in English and Italian) and the Alpine Shire Council Municipal Flood and Emergency Plan.

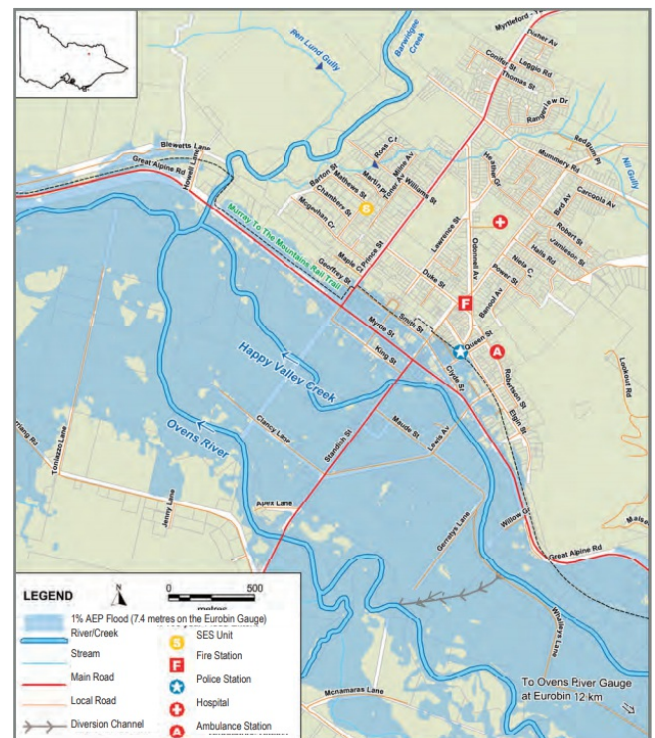
Alpine Shire Flood History

Alpine Shire Council has a history of flooding including a significant flood event in October 1993 which impacted the townships of Bright, Harrietville, Kiewa Valley, Myrtleford and vast rural areas, resulting in extensive damage to homes, infrastructure and the community. Significant flood events also occurred in 1998, 2010 and to a lesser extent, 2016.

Flooding usually occurs as a result of moderate to heavy rainfall across the municipality causing breaching of the Ovens and Kiewa Rivers. The onset of flooding is usually rapid due to the steep slopes of the surrounding ranges and often causes isolation due to closure of the Great Alpine Road.

The lead time to respond to a flood event in the Alpine Shire may be limited. All households and businesses at risk of flooding should beware of their specific flood risk and develop an emergency plan.

Households and business should refer to the Myrtleford Local Flood Guide (available in English and Italian) or Municipal Flood Emergency Plan for more information.



Alpine Shire Council flood guide map.



Alpine Shire Local Flood Guide

Are you at risk of flood?

In Myrtleford, flooding is usually riverine flooding, caused when the Ovens River overflows, and excess water is carried through town by a floodwater 'breakout' into Happy Valley Creek.

Flooding usually affects the town for 2-4 days but this can vary depending on how widespread and long-lasting the rainfall is and which direction the floodwater is coming from. The 1993 flood which measured 7.1 metres at the Ovens River (Eurobin) Gauge is the largest flood on record.

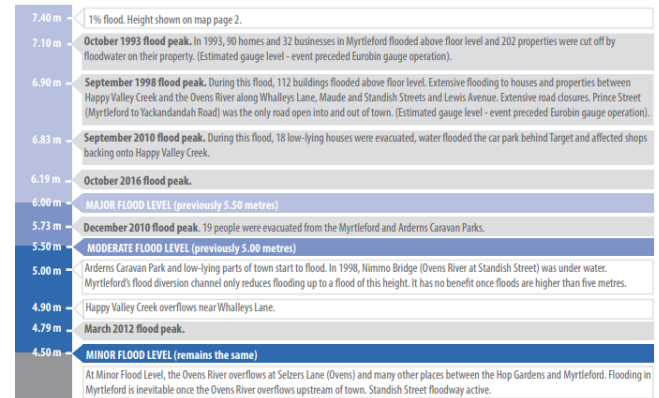
Since 1993, flood mitigation works have been undertaken including the construction of a diversion channel. This channel is designed to divert floodwater and reduce impact during an Ovens River breakaway.

Floodwater is diverted from Happy Valley Creek (at the Whalleys Lane culverts) back into the Ovens River near the end of Gerraty's Lane. This channel helped reduce the impact of the 2010 flood on the town, but did not completely save it from flooding.

With the changeable nature of flooding in Myrtleford, it is important to watch conditions around you. Check rainfall, snow melt and river conditions and stay updated by tuning into local radio.

[Myrtleford Local Flood Guide \(English\)](#)

[Myrtleford Local Flood Guide \(Italian\)](#)



Significant flood history in the Alpine Shire region.

About Flood Guides

Communities can use local flood guides to identify and better understand their local flood risk. They include information about: flood history, how to prepare & respond to floods and who to contact.

Contact Information



For more information, contact the [North East Regional Headquarters](#).



For information on flood warnings, see the [VicEmergency website](#).



Visit the [Alpine Shire Council website](#).



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Your local Catchment Mangement Authority: [North East](#).

Local VICSES Units

Bright VICSES Unit:

Churchill Avenue,
Bright, Victoria

Myrtleford VICSES Unit:

Jubilee Street
Myrtleford, Victoria

Municipal Flood Emergency Plan (MFEP)

Municipalities can use Municipal Flood Emergency Plans to prepare, respond and recover from flood and storm events.

[Alpine Shire Flood Emergency Plan](#) - Updated November, 2021

Quick Links

Plan and stay safe

Know your hazards - Flood



When to call VICSES