



# Media Release

Victoria State Emergency Service

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## Campers, travellers urged to ‘Get Flood Ready’ ahead of weekend rain

With many Victorians heading to the bush this long weekend, VICSES are urging north east locals to check the [Vic Emergency app](#) and [local forecasts](#) for any hazards.

It follows numerous recent rainfall events in the North East that resulted in minor to moderate flood levels at a number of nearby rivers and creeks. With more rain forecast to fall this weekend over already wet catchments, riverine flooding could develop quickly in popular camping and day trip locations.

North east residents are asked to keep abreast of warnings during Grand Final Weekend, and develop a plan to pack up camp and head to higher ground if necessary.

If you are on the banks of the river this weekend, you should:

- Set a watch zone to include your camp location on the VicEmergency app so you receive warnings.
- If a flood warning is issued over your riverside campsite – leave *before* the water starts to rise.
- Go to <https://www.ses.vic.gov.au/get-ready> for more info on how to Get Ready.
- Call 132 500 if you need VICSES assistance, or triple zero (000) in a life-threatening emergency.

### Quotes attributable to SES Acting Assistant Chief Officer North East Region Neil Payn.

*“With La Niña patterns continuing into summer months, repeated rain and flood events are likely. We know floods are the last thing we need, so we are asking everyone to prepare and make good decisions.”*

*“We don’t want to see avoidable damage or find people caught in rising floodwater when they’re simply trying to enjoy being able to visit and camp in our beautiful region.”*

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