



Reservoir

Local Flood Guide

Flash flood information for Edgars Creek at Reservoir



For flood emergency assistance call
VICSES on **132 500**





The Reservoir Local Area

The suburb of Reservoir is located in the City of Darebin and located 12 kilometres north of Melbourne’s Central Business District. Reservoir is the largest suburb in Melbourne by land area. It is an established suburb with standard brick homes, weatherboard homes and an increasing number of new developments.

Reservoir is bounded by Merri Creek to its west and Darebin Creek to its east, both of which flow in a southerly direction. Edgars Creek flows through Reservoir also in a southerly direction, joining up with Merri Creek downstream in Coburg North.

The map below shows the impact of a 1% flood in the Reservoir area. A 1% flood means there is a 1% chance a flood this size happening in any given year. This map is provided as a guide to possible flooding in the area.



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Are you at risk of flood?



Edgars Creek is the main waterway that runs through Reservoir. It flows along a 17 kilometre course from its headwaters in the suburb the City of Whittlesea at Wollert through the highly urbanised suburbs of Epping, Thomastown and Reservoir, finally joining the Merri Creek in North Coburg. It is a seasonal creek, prone to drying out during the summer season and flooding during periods of high rainfall. Parts of the storm water management systems in the Cities of Whittlesea and Darebin drain directly into the Creek.

High intensity, short duration rainfall events can cause flash flooding in and around Reservoir, while prolonged rainfall events may cause the Merri, Darebin or Edgars Creeks to flood.

Streets at risk of flooding in Reservoir should be avoided if flooding occurs. These include:

Ameily Crescent	Elinda Place	Locher Avenue
Anne Street	Elizabeth Court	Lucille Avenue
Barry Street	Elliot Street	Market Court
Botha Avenue	Elsey Road	McCrae Street
Bolderwood Parade	Fyfe Street	McFadzean Avenue
Broadhurst Avenue	Glasgow Avenue	O'Connor Street
Broadway	Griffiths Street	Pickett Street
Burbank Drive	Harmer Street	San Leandro Drive
Chauvel Street	Hickford Street	St Johns Court
Cheddar Road	Kia Ora Road	Tunaley Parade
Daleglen Stree	Lawley Street	Wilson Boulevard
Dole Avenue	Leamington Street	



Did you know?

Significant and frequent flooding has occurred in this area over a long period of time. Recently, large flood events were experienced in:

- February and December 2011, June 2013, December 2016 and December 2017, which resulted in wide-spread flooding of properties
- On 30 December 2016, Edgars Creek at Edwards Lake reached 0.26 metres



No two floods are the same, floods like this or worse could occur again.

If you live in a low-lying area you may be at risk of flooding or need to detour around flooded areas.

Knowing what to do can save your life and help protect your property

If you require assistance during a flood or storm, contact SES on 132 500. Your local SES Norhcote Unit will be able to assist you.

Staying Informed and Further Information

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| ▪ Current warnings (VicEmergency) | emergency.vic.gov.au | 1800 226 226 |
| ▪ Bureau of Meteorology (BoM) | bom.gov.au/vic/warnings | 1300 659 217 |
| ▪ VicRoads Traffic | traffic.vicroads.vic.gov.au | |
| ▪ Emergency Broadcasters | ABC 774 AM
SKY NEWS Television
3AW 693 AM | |
| ▪ VICSES Social Media | facebook.com/vicses
twitter.com/vicsesnews | |
| ▪ Preparing for Flood Emergencies | ses.vic.gov.au/get-ready | |
| ▪ Creating an Emergency Plan | redcross.org.au/prepare | |
| ▪ Catchment Management Authority | melbournewater.com.au/ | 131 722 |
| ▪ City of Darebin | darebin.vic.gov.au | 03 8470 8888 |
| ▪ National Relay Service (NRS) | relayservice.gov.au | |

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Flood warnings and emergency checklist

Bureau of Meteorology Warnings

Warnings are issued by the Bureau of Meteorology (BoM) to tell people about possible flooding.

A **Flood Watch** means there is a developing weather pattern that might cause floods in one or two days. This service covers the whole state.

A **Flood Warning** means flooding is about to happen or is already happening. There are minor, moderate and major flood warnings. This service is only available where flood warning systems are in place.

 A Minor Flood Warning means floodwater can:	 A Moderate Flood Warning means floodwater can:	 A Major Flood Warning means floodwater can:
Spill over river banks and cover nearby low lying areas.	Spill over river banks and cover larger areas of land.	Cause widespread flooding.
Come up through drains in nearby streets.	Reach above floor levels in some houses and buildings.	Many houses and businesses are inundated above floor level.
Require the removal of stock in some cases.	Require evacuation in some areas.	Cause properties and whole areas to be isolated by water.
Cover riverside camping areas and affect some low-lying caravan parks.	Affect traffic routes.	Closes major roads and rail routes.
Cover minor roads paths, tracks and low level bridges.	Require the removal of stock in rural areas.	Require many evacuations.

Severe Thunderstorm Warnings

Thunderstorms are classified as severe when there is potential to cause significant localised damage through wind gusts, large hail, tornadoes or flash flooding. Severe Thunderstorm Warnings are issued to the community by BoM.

Severe Weather Warnings

These warnings are issued to the community by BoM when severe weather is expected that is not directly related to severe thunderstorms or bushfires. Examples of severe weather include damaging winds and flash flooding.

Flash Flooding

- Flash Flooding can occur quickly due to heavy rainfall. You may not receive an official warning.
- Stay informed- monitor weather warnings, forecasts and river levels at the [BoM website](#) and warnings through [VicEmergency](#).



VICSES Warnings

VICSES utilises the VicEmergency app, website and hotline to distribute flood warnings and emergency information in Victoria. You can also access this information through our social media channels and emergency broadcasters.

VICSES warnings aim to provide you with information to help you make good decisions to protect yourself and your family.

The warning level is based on severity, conditions and the likelihood of community impact.

WARNING LEVELS

	EMERGENCY WARNING You are in imminent danger and need to take action immediately. You will be impacted. A Major flood warning usually fits into this category.
	WARNING (WATCH AND ACT) An emergency is developing nearby. You need to take action now to protect yourself and others. A Moderate flood warning usually fits into this category.
	ADVICE An incident is occurring or has occurred in the area. Access information and monitor conditions. Can also be used as a notification that activity in the area has subsided and is no longer a danger to you. A Minor flood warning or Flood Watch usually fits into this category.

ADDITIONAL MESSAGES

	PREPARE TO EVACUATE/ EVACUATE NOW An evacuation is recommended or procedures are in place to evacuate.
	COMMUNITY INFORMATION Updates for communities affected by an emergency. Can also be used as a notification that an incident has occurred but there is no threat to community.
	EMERGENCY ALERT During some emergencies, communities may be alerted by the sounding of a local siren, or by sending an SMS to mobile phones or a voice message to landlines.

Your emergency plan

Emergencies can happen at any time, with little warning. People who plan and prepare for emergencies reduce the impact and recover faster.

Taking the time to think about emergencies and make your own plan helps you think clearly and have more control to make better decisions when an emergency occurs.

Visit redcross.org.au/prepare start creating your plan.



- Remember, you may not receive any official warning.
- Emergency assistance may not be immediately available. Be aware of what is happening around you to stay safe.
- Never wait for a warning to act.



Emergency Kit

Visit [Emergency Toolkit](#) for more information



Every home and business should have a basic emergency kit with a supply of 3 days:



Check your kit often. Make sure things work. Replace out of date items.

When a warning is issued, have ready for use or pack into your kit:

I need to add:

Write your list here. Tick items as you pack them into your kit

- | Special needs (eg, babies, Elderly)
- | Photos
- | Family keepsakes
- | Valuables
- | Other



Emergency Checklist

- Check if your insurance policy covers flooding.
- Keep this list of emergency numbers in your mobile phone
- Download the Vic Emergency app on your mobile phone.
- Put together an emergency kit and prepare a home or business emergency plan, see redcross.org.au/prepare

Before Flooding

- Leaving early before flooding occurs is always the safest option. Evacuating through floodwater is very dangerous and you may be swept away.**
- Stay informed- monitor weather warnings, forecasts and river levels at bom.vic.gov.au and warnings through emergency.vic.gov.au.
- Secure objects likely to float and cause damage.
- Listen to the radio and check the VICSES website for information and advice.
- Go over your emergency plan. Pack clothing and other extra items into your emergency kit and take this with you if you evacuate.
- If you are staying in a caravan, move to higher ground before flooding begins.

During Flooding

- Make sure your family members and neighbours are aware of what is happening.
- Conditions change rapidly; roads and escape routes can be covered or blocked.
- Put household valuables and electrical items as high as possible.
- Turn off water, gas and electricity at the mains.
- Seek shelter indoors, away from floodwater.
- If floodwater comes inside, move to a higher point such as a kitchen bench or second storey.
- Stay away from trees, drains, low-lying areas, creeks, canals, culverts and floodwater.

Evacuating in Flooding

- Flood water is dangerous. Stay safe by never entering flood water. It can take just 15cm of water to float a car.**
- Find alternative travel routes if roads or underpasses are flooded.
- Be aware of driving hazards, such as mud, debris, damaged roads and fallen trees. If driving conditions are dangerous, safely pull over away from trees, drains and floodwater.

After Flooding

- For recovery information, contact your local council, go to the VicEmergency Relief and Recovery- emergency.vic.gov.au/Relief page or call the VicEmergency Hotline (1800 226 226).
- Have all electrical and gas equipment professionally tested before use.
- Stay away from damaged and flooded buildings, fallen trees and powerlines, and damaged roads. Drive slowly, obey all road signs and never drive through floodwater.
- When cleaning, protect your health and safety. Wear strong boots, gloves and protective clothing.

For VICSES emergency assistance, call 132 500, or Triple Zero (000) in life threatening emergencies.