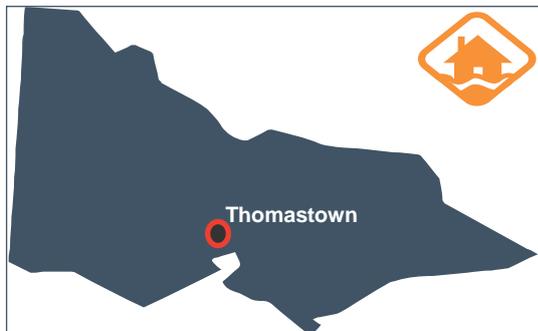




Thomastown & Lalor Local Flood Guide

Flash flood information for Darebin, Edgars and Central Creeks



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



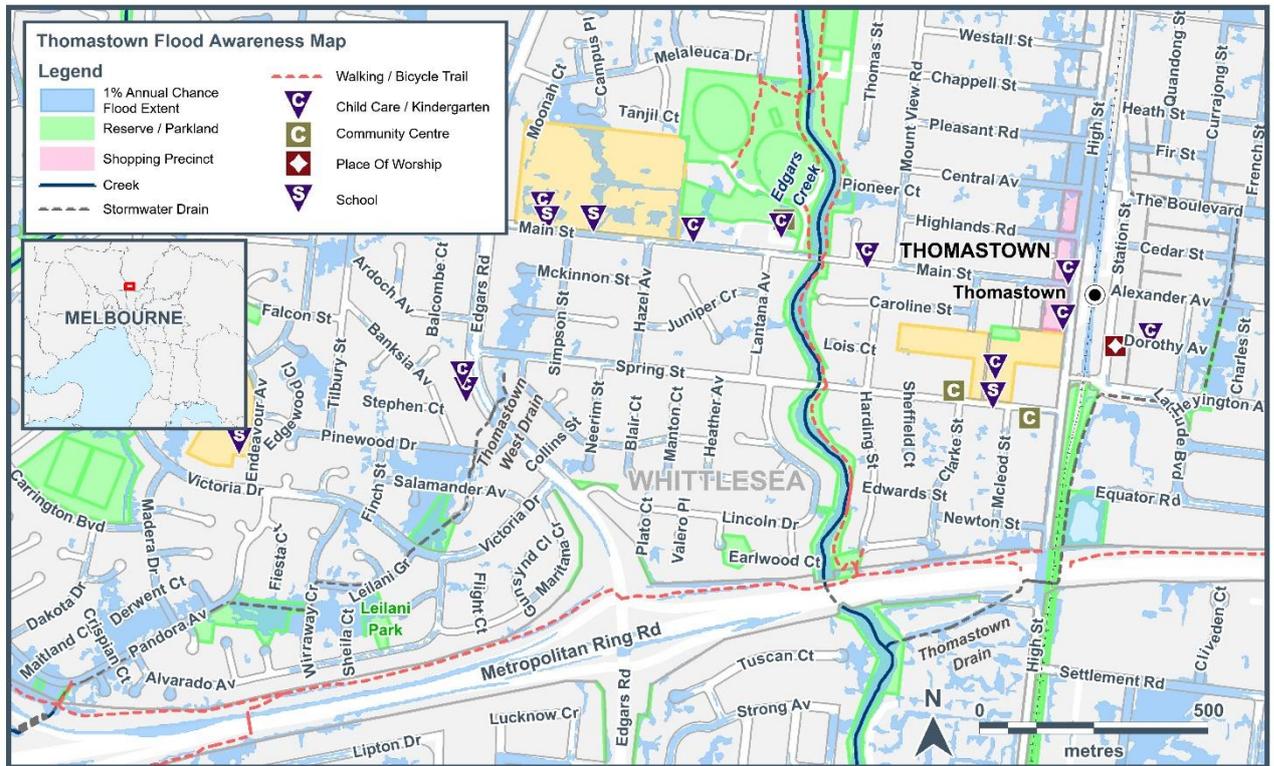


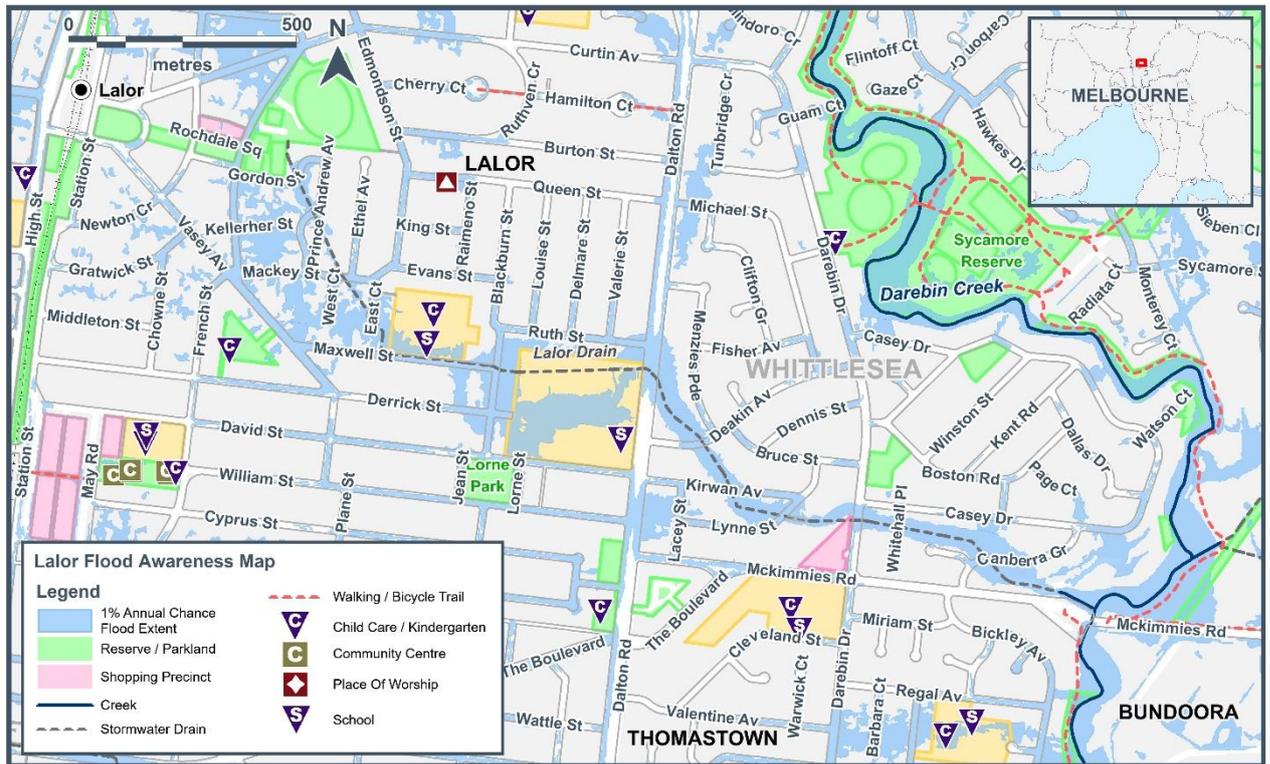
Thomastown and Lalor local area

Thomastown and Lalor are located in the City of Whittlesea, approximately 20 kilometres north of Melbourne. The region is prone to flooding during heavy rainfall events that can result in road closures and effect private and commercial properties.

Darebin, Edgars and Central Creeks are the predominant waterways in the area, fed by a series of main drains managed by Melbourne Water. Many properties close to these creeks and drains are at risk of either riverine or flash flooding.

The maps on page 2 and 3 show the impact of a 1% flood in the Lalor and Thomastown area. A 1% flood means there is a 1% chance of a flood this size happening in any given year. These maps act as a guide to possible flooding within the area.





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Are you at risk of flood?

Within the City of Whittlesea, stormwater is generally collected by an underground drainage system in urban areas and by overland flows in rural areas. Stormwater is then diverted to tributaries and creeks. Blocked stormwater drains can also lead to overland flows and associated flooding as drains surcharge and excess water flows above ground.

High amounts of rain in a short period of time can cause flash flooding in and around Lalor and Thomastown, while prolonged rainfall may see Darebin Creek and its tributaries flood. Darebin Creek is the prominent watercourse in the Lalor area, with the Lalor Drain flowing into it. Properties in close proximity to both the drain and creek are at risk of flooding in Lalor.

Properties in Thomastown near the Thomastown West Drain (that flows into Central Creek just north of the Metropolitan Ring Road) are at risk of flash flooding. There is also an area near the Thomastown Drain along both sides of High Street (between Westall Street and Highlands Road) that is prone to flash flooding, extending down the length of the drain in the vicinity of The Boulevard and Beech Street.

**Did you know?**

- The City of Whittlesea has a history of flooding with 14 floods recorded since 1946, with the most recent ones occurring in 2011 and 2016.
- In February 2011 flash flooding caused streets to be cut off and shops on Church Street bordering on Laurel Street had to sweep water away as the drains could no longer cope with the huge amount of water from the deluge.
- In November 2010, flooding occurred which impacted on the Whittlesea Showgrounds and well as flooding Showgrounds Road, Yea Road and Cades road in Whittlesea.



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.

The following roads are subject to closure during flooding around Darebin Creek in Thomastown and Lalor.

Lalor		
Anderson Street	East Court	Monash Street
Blackburn Street	Kellerher Street	Partridge Street
Canberra Grove	Kirwan Avenue	Sydney Crescent
Casey Drive	Luzon Court	Torruk Court
Curtin Avenue	Lynne Street	West Court
Deakin Avenue	Manus Court	Whitehill Place

Thomastown		
Barbara Court	Darebin Drive	Stella Drive
Cumberland Crescent	Rochester Drive	

The following roads are subject to closure during flooding around Edgars and Central Creeks.

Lalor			
Alchester Court	Duncan Road	Karingal Way	Patronia Street
Alexander Avenue	Dunstans Court	Kingsway Drive	Pinetree Crescent
Badger Court	Emma Court	Kosciusko Court	Pinnacle Court
Barden Place	Equator Road	Leilani Grove	Robert Street
Beech Street	Festival Grove	Lascelles Drive	Rosemary Drive
Begonia Court	Fir Street	Lawson Crescent	Sarissa Street
Buller Parade	Gladstone Street	Madera Drive	Tripani Avenue
Burwood Court	Gillwell Road	Moffat Drive	Wellington Crescent
Cambala Avenue	Heyington Avenue	Mount View Road	
Central Avenue	Hotham Court	Pandora Avenue	
Derwent Court	Howe Court	Parfrey Avenue	

Thomastown			
Pleasant Road	Sheila Court	The Boulevard	Wolseley Place
Queenscliff Road	Spring Street	Wirraway Crescent	
Salamander Avenue	Temple Drive	Wodonga Crescent	



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

Staying Informed and Further Information

■ 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	13 11 70
■ Emergency Broadcasters	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ SKY NEWS Television■ 3AW 693 AM■ ABC 774 AM■ Plenty Valley FM 88.6	Life-threatening Emergency Call 000
■ VICSES Social Media	facebook.com/vicses twitter.com/vicsesnews	
■ Preparing for Flood Emergencies	ses.vic.gov.au/get-ready	132 500
■ Creating an Emergency Plan	redcross.org.au/prepare	1800 733 276
■ Melbourne Water	www.melbournewater.com.au/	131 722
■ City of Whittlesea	www.whittlesea.vic.gov.au/	9217 2170
■ National Relay Service (NRS)		1300 555 727 (24 hrs)



Flood warnings and emergency checklist

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.
Affect backyards and buildings below floor level.		Affect utility services (power, water, sewage etc).

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. Communities can also access this information through VICSES 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 that the emergency could impact on the community.

WARNING LEVELS	
	<p>EMERGENCY WARNING</p> <p>You are in imminent danger and need to take action now. You will be impacted. A Major flood warning usually fits into this category.</p>
	<p>WATCH AND ACT</p> <p>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.</p>
	<p>ADVICE</p> <p>An incident is occurring or has occurred in the area. Access information and monitor conditions. A Minor flood warning or Flood Watch usually fits into this category.</p>

EVACUATION	
If an evacuation is recommended, you will be guided to do so in the action statement in the warning.	
	<p>PREPARE TO EVACUATE/ EVACUATE IMMEDIATELY</p> <p>An evacuation is recommended or procedures are in place to evacuate.</p>

ADDITIONAL MESSAGES	
	<p>COMMUNITY INFORMATION</p> <p>Can be used as a notification that an incident has occurred but there is no threat to community; or to issue a newsletter containing updates for communities affected by an emergency.</p>
	<p>EMERGENCY ALERT</p> <p>During some emergencies, we may alert communities by sounding a local siren, or by sending an SMS to mobile phones or a voice message to landlines.</p>

Your emergency plan

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

Taking the time to think about emergencies and make your own plan helps you think clearly,, have more control and 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 supplies for 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 and people with a disability)	
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 <https://www.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 the <http://www.bom.gov.au> and warnings through www.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.

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.
- If you are staying in a caravan, move to higher ground before flooding begins.
- 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. Never enter floodwater. 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 until authorities advise it is safe to do so.
- 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 and wash your hands and clothes regularly.

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