

## HOW TO PREPARE FOR A TIME OF DISASTER

While it is not possible to predict what disasters might befall our district, the primary threats are bushfires and storm/cyclone events. There are many things locals can do to lessen the impacts of such events. Here is a short checklist to start you thinking.

- \* Are your insurance policies up to date?
- \* Do you have a family evacuation plan?
- \* What will you take if you evacuate and where will you go?
- \* Do you keep all vegetation around your property trimmed to lessen potential storm damage or fire risk?
- \* Can you access water during an emergency?
- \* Have you access to a battery powered radio with fresh batteries?
- \* Can you find ABC Coast FM 90.3 on your radio?

The following 3 websites have excellent resources that you should check out

\* *SUNSHINE COAST COUNCIL DISASTER HUB*

<https://disaster.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/#Dashboard>

\* *GET READY QUEENSLAND* <https://www.getready.qld.gov.au>

\* *QUEENSLAND FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES* <https://www.qfes.qld.gov.au>

\* If you need help locally and can't get what you want from the above resources reach out to the Mapleton and District Community via the Facebook page.

\* [https://www.facebook.com/groups/mapletonqueensland/?multi\\_permalink=1320962285069162](https://www.facebook.com/groups/mapletonqueensland/?multi_permalink=1320962285069162)

The Mapleton/ Flaxton Disaster Management Group was formed as a sub-committee of the Mapleton and District Community Assoc. The group aims to provide local input through 'eyes and ears in the area' to the Sunshine Coast Disaster Management Team.