

Avenel: Local Emergency Action Plan (LEAP)



Avenel's local risks are:

Fire, Flood, Storm, Heatwave & Transport Accidents

The aim of this plan is to build the community's preparedness for the impacts of these emergency events.

Existing Statewide emergency management agencies (eg Police, CFA, SES) will take the lead role in responding to any major emergency impacting the Avenel Community.

Strathbogie Shire Council acknowledges the Taungurung peoples as Traditional Custodians of the Avenel township area. We recognise and respect the enduring relationship they have with their lands and waters, and we pay respects to the Elders past, present and emerging.



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Emergency preparedness

Preparation is key

For more information scan the QR code below or visit www.strathbogie.vic.gov.au/services/emergency-preparedness

In an extreme weather event power, water, telecommunications, and transport networks may be impacted, causing disruptions and isolation to households and communities.

Emergency Services will have high demand in an emergency event. As a part of your emergency plan, households should be prepared for up to 72 hours of isolation.

Prepare a household emergency kit. Download the VicEmergency App and have a battery powered radio ready to receive warnings and updates. Monitor warnings and be prepared to act.

Preparation is key to reducing impacts and to supporting emergency services.



Check the risk in your location:

Fire: CFA – www.cfa.vic.gov.au
Add 'Avenel' to location on the banner then 'view my local information'

Information for people with a disability for emergency preparedness planning:

Collaborating 4 Inclusion: www.collaborating4inclusion.org/home/pcep/

Prepare your household emergency plan:

All hazards: RediPlan – www.redcross.org.au/prepare
Bushfire: www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare
Flood and Storm: www.ses.vic.gov.au/plan-and-stay-safe

Medical advice

Nurse On Call: ☎ 1300 60 60 24
Speak with a registered Nurse for health advice, 24/7

Victorian Virtual Emergency Department: Register at: www.vved.org.au
For non-life-threatening emergencies via video consultation

AED locations See map on pages 6-7

Non urgent Police assistance

Non Urgent Police Assistance Line & Online Reporting: ☎ 131 444
www.onlinereporting.police.vic.gov.au
Report non-urgent crimes or events, 24/7

In an emergency

Life threatening emergency: Fire, Ambulance, Police: ☎ 000

Non-life threatening emergency: Floods and Storms (SES): ☎ 132 500

Warnings and updates:

Download the VicEmergency App on Apple App Store or Google Play



VicEmergency: ☎ 1800 226 226
www.emergency.vic.gov.au

BoM Hughes Cr levels: www.bom.gov.au/fwo/IDV67208/IDV67208.588128.plt.shtml

Radio: ABC Local 97.7 FM

Bushfire Place Of Last Resort:

Avenel Recreation Reserve: Pavilion
Bounded by Swamp Rd, Anderson St and Watson St

Mangalore Aerodrome
331 Aerodrome Road Mangalore

A Bushfire Place of Last Resort does not guarantee your safety. It is not an Emergency Relief Centre and will not be staffed or 'activated'. It is only used if all other bushfire plans have failed.

Emergency Relief Centre:

Subject to approval of Incident Controller

Avenel Memorial Hall
15 Queen Street, Avenel

In the event of an emergency that significantly impacts the community, relief centres will be set up to assist people who have been displaced or need assistance. These are known as "Emergency Relief Centres", or ERCs. The decision to activate an ERC is made by the Incident Control Centre (ICC). Once informed of this decision, Council open and operate the ERC. ERCs need to be in a safe place, and therefore the location of the ERC can change depending on the event. Any relief centre location will be shared on the Strathbogie Shire Council Facebook page, and with the media.

If activated as an ERC, the Hall will have additional back up power in the form of a generator organised by the Council.

Community Volunteering:

It is accepted that community members may spontaneously take action to assist impacted members of their community. Everyone's safety is paramount and volunteers should assess the risks prior to undertaking works to ensure their safety.

Stock or trees on roads:

Strathbogie Shire Council ☎ 1800 065 993 (24 hrs)

LEAP Background

This LEAP has been developed as part of the LEAPing into Resilience Project, a joint initiative between Mansfield, Strathbogie and Murrindindi Shire Councils.

This project received grant funding from the Australian Government. It is the outcome of joint community, agency and Council collaboration and actions are shared between parties.

In December 2022, an Avenel Steering Group was formed to help guide the LEAP process in the community. In February 2023, community members came together to identify the ways in which Avenel can build on their existing emergency preparedness, and these ideas formed the LEAP actions. The Avenel Steering Group has been active in the roll out of community preparedness initiatives since this meeting.

The LEAP project team thanks the Avenel community and participating agencies for their contributions to the development of this plan.

LEAP Priority Actions

Action 1: Form an Emergency Preparedness Community Team

Description	Lead	Timeframe
To coordinate and activate:	Community, LEAP Committee	April/November annually
1.1 Review and update of the LEAP (supported by Council)		
1.2 Local volunteer database (including drivers)		
1.3 Local goods database (incl. generators, chargers, chainsaws, register of solar batteries etc)		
1.4 Vulnerable persons list, including what support is needed and how to link with neighbours		
1.5 Skills Audit		
1.6 Phone tree		
1.7 Street coordinators		

Action 2: Deliver Emergency Preparedness Workshops

Description	Lead	Timeframe
2.1 Vic Emergency App: Information Sessions (via planned sessions and community outreach)	Avenel CFA	Sept (annually)
2.2 Defibrillator Awareness (see complimentary 'Action 8: Defibrillators')	Ambulance Victoria	Oct (annually)
2.3 Rediplan Community session	Red Cross	Oct (annually)
2.3 Communicating in an Emergency (NBN)	NBN	Review in 2024
2.4 Conduct of annual certificate course in First Aid	St Johns (TBC) Ambulance	Sept (annually) (TBC)

Action 3: Hall

Description	Lead	Timeframe
Hall Committee:	Hall Committee of Management	Pre summer (October) 2023?
3.1 Organise list of volunteers to open the Hall as a cooler place in times of a heatwave		
3.2 Undertake simple induction to volunteers		

LEAP Priority Actions

Action 4: Increase Awareness of Flood events

Description	Lead	Timeframe
4.1 Awareness for new residents – reference to Flood Plan information on Council's website and include flood extent on LEAP	Community	Ongoing
4.2 Permanent flood marker post (Hughes Creek)	Council	June 2024

Action 5: Maintenance

Description	Lead	Timeframe
5.1 Railway reserve	ARTC/VicTrack/ Council	Ongoing
5.2 Hume Freeway	DTP (RRV)/Council	Ongoing
5.3 Council reserves	Council	Ongoing
5.4 Trees on municipal roads and reserves	Council	Ongoing
5.6 Private property (fire hazards) supported by Council's fire prevention program	Private property owner/ Council	Ongoing

Action 6: Continue to develop Alternative Power Sources

Description	Lead	Timeframe
Renewable Avenel Energy Group currently exploring options for:	Renewable Avenel Energy Group	Ongoing
6.1 Micro grid		
6.2 Community battery		

Action 7: Fire awareness and preparedness

Description	Lead	Timeframe
7.1 Information to local community at Avenel Primary School Fete	Avenel CFA	Nov (annually)
7.2 Information to local community at Avenel Market	Avenel CFA	Sept/Oct (annually)
7.3 Awareness sessions at Avenel Primary School	Avenel CFA	Feb/Mar & Aug/Sept annually)

Action 8: Defibrillator map and register

Description	Lead	Timeframe
8.1 Map current and available defibs, and work with owners to ensure they are registered with Ambulance Victoria	Community / Council	Initial LEAP issue






Avenel

Legend:


Main Infrastructure:

-  Avenel Primary School
-  Community House
-  Early Childhood Centre
-  Public Hall
-  Public Toilets
-  Swimming Pool
-  Train Station

Emergency Infrastructure:

-  AED - 24 Hour Access
-  AED - Operational Hours Access
-  Bushfire Place of Last Resort
-  Emergency Relief Centre
-  Fire Station

Estimated 1 in 100 year Flood Mapping:

-  1 in 100 AEP with Climate Change

Roads/Waterways:

-  Freeway (VicRoads)
-  Arterial (VicRoads)
-  Local Road
-  Minor Road
-  Proposed Road
-  Creek



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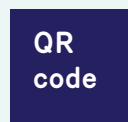
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Connected communities are resilient communities

Avenel's community strength

For more information on any of the groups or businesses listed below please scan the QR code or visit www.strathbogie.vic.gov.au/services/business-support/directory/?_directory_town=avenel



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Avenel community is friendly, kind, sharing, understanding and is dependent upon its community's connectedness

Avenel's residents are self-reliant and are connected and inclusive of all ages, cultures, backgrounds, and abilities.

It is a growing community and therefore it will endeavour to develop connections with new residents of Avenel. There are many active community and sporting groups in Avenel which are committed to supporting the broader Avenel community.

CFA and Red Cross:

Volunteers welcome!

Further information:

www.cfa.vic.gov.au

www.redcross.org.au/volunteer

Avenel CFA email: d22.strathbogiecatchment@cfa.vic.gov.au

The Red Cross and your local CFA consist largely of volunteers, and are always on the lookout for new members. There are a variety of roles available in these organisations, and the benefits are mutual!

Learn new skills, and grow your networks.

Community Organisations:

Volunteers welcome!

Avenel Active Inc | email: avenelactiveinc@gmail.com

Avenel Market Committee | www.avenelmarket.com

Avenel Memorial Hall Committee of Management

Sporting / Wellbeing Groups:

Participants welcome!

Further information:

QR code and URL listed above

Yoga Club

Avenel Bowling Club | telephone: 03 5796 2351

Avenel Football/Netball Club | email: secretary@avenelfnc.com.au

Avenel Cricket Club

Avenel Golf Club

Avenel Swimming Pool

Avenel Tennis Club

Special Interest Groups:

Participants welcome!

Further information:

QR code and URL listed above

Avenel Nature Conservation Interest Group (ANCG)

Lost Avenel – Historical Group

Avenel Stationeers (*Railway Station precinct*)

Craft Group

Nagambie Bridge Club

Churches:

Further information:

QR code and URL listed above

St Mary's Catholic

St Pauls Anglican

Uniting Church

Community Spaces:

Further information:

QR code and URL listed above

Jubilee Park Committee of Management incorporates Avenel

Courthouse, Community Hub and Library

Avenel Neighbourhood House operating

Communications:

Avenel Community Facebook page
