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Banana Shire Local Disaster Management Group meets to prepare for possible flooding in Dawson River

The Banana Shire Local Disaster Management Group met this afternoon to further review the flooding in the Dawson River.

The Group has been monitoring the Dawson River over the past week prior to the Dawson River reaching flooding levels in Taroom.

The Bureau of Meteorology issued a flood warning at 10.27am today and advised that moderate flood levels continue to fall at Taroom. The flood peak is now in the Glebe area.

A major flood peak of 13 metres is possible at Theodore on Thursday or Friday. This level of flooding is not expected to cause residential inundation, however it may result in some road closures in the local area. This level is below the maximum level recorded during the March 2010 flood event. Residents are urged not to drive through flooded roadways and to observe traffic signage and road closures.

At Moura, moderate flood levels of up to 12 metres are forecast during the weekend.

Major flood levels will continue in the Baralaba area through this week and into next. A forecast for Baralaba will be made once upstream peaks have been observed.

Banana Shire Mayor John Hooper said people should check their emergency kits and listen to the local radio for flooding information during the event, but there were other things to consider if your property was threatened by flood.

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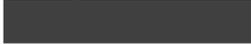
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More information about flood preparation and emergency kits can be found at www.disaster.qld.gov.au .

If there are concerns about flooding phone 132 500. In the case of emergency, phone 000.

A further update will be available after 10.00am Thursday 9 December 2010, following the next Local Disaster Management Group meeting.

Media Contact: Mayor John Hooper


9 December 2010

Banana Shire Local Disaster Management Group continues to prepare for possible flooding in areas around the Dawson River

The Banana Shire Local Disaster Management Group met this morning to further review the flooding in the Dawson River.

The Group has been monitoring the Dawson River over the past week prior to the Dawson River reaching flooding levels in Taroom.

The Bureau of Meteorology issued a flood warning at 9.41am Thursday 9 December 2010 and advised that moderate flood levels continue to fall at Taroom. The flood peak is now in the Gylanda area.

A major flood peak of 13.2 metres is possible at Theodore on Friday evening. This level of flooding is not expected to cause inundation of residences however flood waters may enter into properties. This level may result in some road closures in the local area. This level remains below the maximum level recorded during the March 2010 flood event. Essential supply vehicles are not expected to be effected in and out of the township of Theodore, however general through traffic could be affected.

Banana Shire has representatives located at Theodore working with emergency services coordinating the flood preparations for the Banana Shire Local Disaster Management Group. Councillor Vaughn Becker reported from Theodore this morning that preparations are proceeding to plan.

Residents are urged not to drive through flooded roadways and to observe traffic signage and road closures.

At Moura, moderate flood levels of approximately 12 metres are forecast during the weekend. This level is not expected to cause undue disruptions.

Major flood levels will continue in the Baralaba area through this weekend with a peak of around 12.2 metres expected early next week.

Banana Shire Mayor John Hooper said people should check their emergency kits and listen to the local radio for flooding information during the event, but there were other things to consider if your property was threatened by flood.

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The Banana Shire Local Disaster Management Group will continue preparations and residents are urged to listen to local radio for updates and to heed the advice of authorities.

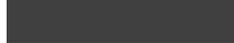
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Media Contact: Mayor John Hooper



10 December 2010

4.30pm

Banana Shire Local Disaster Management Group is responding flooding in areas around the Dawson River

The Banana Shire Local Disaster Management Group activated the Local Disaster Coordination Centre this morning and has been operating throughout the day.

The Bureau of Meteorology issued a flood warning at 10.06am Friday 10 December 2010 and advised that the flood peak is now approaching Theodore where a major flood peak of 13.2 metres is likely overnight Friday. Levels will stay high for much of the weekend at Theodore. This level of flooding is not expected to cause inundation of residences, however flood waters may enter into properties. This level may result in some road closures in the local area. This level remains below the maximum level recorded during the March 2010 flood event. Essential supply vehicles are not expected to be effected in and out of the township of Theodore.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads has issued advice that the Leichhardt Highway to the north of Theodore will be closed to all traffic from 6.00pm today, 10 December 2010 and is scheduled to be re-opened at 6.00am 11 December 2010, subject to inspection by Department of Transport & Main Roads. Once re-opened, the Highway will be open to all vehicles except heavy vehicles.

The Leichhardt Highway north of Taroom is now open to all vehicles except heavy vehicles requiring permits. The Theodore Eidsvold Road is closed to through traffic due to flooding near Boam creek.

Some local roads in the Theodore area have minor flooding and caution must be observed when travelling these roads.

Residents are urged not to drive through floodwaters unnecessarily and to observe traffic signage and road closures.

Banana Shire has representatives located at Theodore working with emergency services coordinating the flood response for the Banana Shire Local Disaster Management Group. Councillor Vaughn Becker reported from Theodore this afternoon that response is proceeding to plan.

At Moura, moderate flood levels of around 12 metres are forecast during Sunday.

Major flood levels will continue in the Baralaba area through this weekend with a peak of around 12.2 metres expected early next week.

Banana Shire Mayor John Hooper said people should check their emergency kits and listen to the local radio for flooding information during the event, but there were other things to consider if your property was threatened by flood.

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The Group has been monitoring the Dawson River over the past week prior to the Dawson River reaching major flooding levels in Taroom.

The Bureau of Meteorology issued a flood warning at 9.41am Thursday 9 December 2010 and advised that moderate flood levels continue to fall at Taroom. The flood has peaked at Gyranda and is now falling.

A major flood peak of 13.2 metres is still predicted by the Bureau of Meteorology for Theodore overnight Friday. This level of flooding is not expected to cause inundation of residences however flood waters may enter into properties. This level may result in some road closures in the local area. This level remains below the maximum level recorded during the March 2010 flood event. Essential supply vehicles are not expected to be effected in and out of the township of Theodore.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads has issued advice that the Leichhardt Highway to the north of Theodore is now restricted to local 4WD vehicles only. The Department will continue to monitor the depth of floodwaters over the highway and issue further advice during the day should the situation change. Currently it is planned that the Leichhardt Highway will be closed to all traffic during the night.

The Leichhardt Highway north of Taroom is now open to all vehicles except heavy vehicles requiring permits. The Theodore Eidsvold Road is closed to through traffic due to flooding near Boam creek.

Some local roads in the Theodore area have minor flooding and caution must be observed when travelling these roads.

Residents are urged not to drive through floodwaters unnecessarily and to observe traffic signage and road closures.

Banana Shire has representatives located at Theodore working with emergency services coordinating the flood response for the Banana Shire Local Disaster Management Group. Councillor Vaughn Becker reported from Theodore this morning that response is proceeding to plan.

At Moura, moderate flood levels of approximately 12 metres are forecast during the weekend. This level is not expected to cause undue disruptions.

Major flood levels will continue in the Baralaba area through this weekend with a peak of around 12.2 metres expected early next week.

Banana Shire Mayor John Hooper said people should check their emergency kits and listen to the local radio for flooding information during the event, but there were other things to consider if your property was threatened by flood.

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**11 December 2010
5.00pm**

Banana Shire Local Disaster Management Group updates the current situation on the flooding in the areas around the Dawson River

The Banana Shire Local Disaster Management Group Local Disaster Coordination Centre remains in operation in response to the Dawson River flooding.

The Dawson River at Theodore appears to have peaked at 13.0m overnight, at 5.00pm this afternoon the river height was 12.83m and falling.

There have been reports of moderate to heavy rainfall upstream of Taroom. This rainfall may impact on river levels in the coming days and there is further rainfall predicted for the upstream areas. The Banana Shire Local Disaster Management Group is continuing to monitor the situation in consultation with Bureau of Meteorology's hydrologists.

The Leichhardt Highway north of Theodore is open to all traffic except heavy vehicles requiring permits and will remain open overnight. Reduced speed limits have been implemented and traffic lights are in place allowing one way traffic only. The water level over the Highway is approximately 100mm.

The Leichhardt Highway north of Taroom is now open to all vehicles except heavy vehicles requiring permits. The Leichhardt Highway to the south of Taroom is closed to all traffic south of Juandah Creek. The Theodore Eidsvold Road is closed to through traffic due to flooding near Boam creek.

Some local roads in the Theodore area have minor flooding and caution must be observed when travelling these roads.

Residents are urged not to drive through floodwaters unnecessarily and to observe traffic signage and road closures.

Banana Shire has representatives located at Theodore working with emergency services coordinating the flood response for the Banana Shire Local Disaster Management Group. Councillor Vaughn Becker reported from Theodore this afternoon that response is proceeding to plan.

At Moura, the Dawson River level at 10.30am was 12.05m and rising slowly. This level is not expected to cause a disruption to the community and the

Dawson Highway to the west of Moura at the Dawson River Bridge remains open.

At Baralaba, the Dawson river level at 3.00pm was 11.60m and rising slowly. Major flood levels will continue in the Baralaba area through this weekend with a peak of around 12.2 metres expected early next week.

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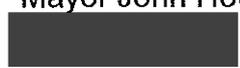
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The Banana Shire Local Disaster Management Group Local Disaster Coordination Centre remains in operation in response to the Dawson River flooding.

The Dawson River at Theodore appears to have peaked at 13.0m overnight, at 8.00am this morning the river height was 12.93m and falling.

The Leichhardt Highway north of Theodore is open to all traffic except heavy vehicles requiring permits. Reduced speed limits have been implemented and traffic lights are in place allowing one way traffic only. The water level over the Highway is approximately 110-120mm.

There have been reports of overnight rainfall of approximately 80mm in the Peak-a-doo and Eurombah areas. It is not expected that this rainfall will significantly impact on flood levels, however there is further rainfall predicted for the upstream areas and the Banana Shire Local Disaster Management Group are continuing to monitor the situation.

The Leichhardt Highway north of Taroom is now open to all vehicles except heavy vehicles requiring permits. The Theodore Eidsvold Road is closed to through traffic due to flooding near Boam creek.

Some local roads in the Theodore area have minor flooding and caution must be observed when travelling these roads.

Residents are urged not to drive through floodwaters unnecessarily and to observe traffic signage and road closures.

Banana Shire has representatives located at Theodore working with emergency services coordinating the flood response for the Banana Shire Local Disaster Management Group. Councillor Vaughn Becker reported from Theodore this morning that response is proceeding to plan.

At Moura, the Dawson River level at 6.00am was 12.05m and rising slowly. This level is not expected to cause a disruption to the community and the

Dawson Highway to the west of Moura at the Dawson River Bridge remains open.

At Baralaba, the Dawson river level at 6.00am was 11.50m and rising slowly. Major flood levels will continue in the Baralaba area through this weekend with a peak of around 12.2 metres expected early next week.

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Media Contact: Mayor John Hooper



**12 December 2010
5.30pm**

Banana Shire Local Disaster Management Group continuing to monitor flooding in the Dawson River

The Banana Shire Local Disaster Management Group Local Disaster Coordination Centre remains in operation in response to the Dawson River flooding.

Levels will fall and rise again next week with a second flood peak expected progressively along the river. Forecasts will be updated once the new peak has been observed at Taroom. The Banana Shire Local Disaster Management Group is continuing to monitor the situation in consultation with Bureau of Meteorology's hydrologists.

Renewed rises are occurring in catchments above Taroom. Major flood levels are occurring along Juandah Creek. A return to flood levels of around 7 metres could be expected at Taroom on Monday 13 December 2010.

Major flooding extends along the lower Dawson River between Isla-Delusion Crossing and the Beckers area.

Major flood levels at Theodore will continue to fall, before rising again with the predicted peak of less than 12m towards the end of the week.

At Moura, major flood levels peaked this morning at 12.10 metres and are beginning to fall, with a further rise expected later in the week.

Major flood levels will continue in the Baralaba area with a preliminary peak of around 12.2 metres expected early next week.

The Leichhardt Highway north of Theodore is open to traffic with a load limit of 10 tonnes. Reduced speed limits have been implemented and traffic lights are in place allowing one-way traffic only

The Leichhardt Highway north of Taroom is now open to all traffic with a load limit of 10 tonnes. The Leichhardt Highway to the south of Taroom is closed to all traffic south of Juandah Creek. The Theodore Eidsvold Road is closed to through traffic due to flooding near Boam creek.

Some local roads in the Theodore area have minor flooding and caution must be observed when travelling these roads.

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Banana Shire representatives located at Theodore are continuing to work with emergency services to coordinate the flood response for the Banana Shire Local Disaster Management Group. Councillor Vaughn Becker reported from Theodore this afternoon that response is proceeding to plan.

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Media Contact: Mayor John Hooper - [REDACTED]

**13 December 2010
5.00pm**

Banana Shire Local Disaster Management Group maintains watch on flooding in the Dawson River

The Banana Shire Local Disaster Management Group Local Disaster Coordination Centre remains in operation in response to the flooding along the Dawson River.

Levels will fall before rising again this week with a second flood peak expected progressively along the river. The Banana Shire Local Disaster Management Group is continuing to monitor the situation in consultation with Bureau of Meteorology's hydrologists and will provide advice to affected communities as it becomes available.

Renewed rises have occurred in catchments above Taroom. Major flood levels of 9.96 metres occurred in Juandah Creek and a peak flood level of 7.2 metres was observed at Taroom today.

Major flood levels at Theodore will continue to fall, before rising again with the predicted peak of less than 12m towards the end of the week.

At Moura, major flood levels peaked at 12.10 metres on Sunday 12 December 2010 and are falling. However, a further rise is expected later in the week but it is not expected to reach this level.

Major flood levels will continue in the Baralaba area with a preliminary peak of around 12.2 metres expected early this week.

The Leichhardt Highway north of Theodore is open to traffic. Reduced speed limits have been implemented and traffic lights are in place allowing one-way traffic only

The Leichhardt Highway north of Taroom is now closed to all traffic. The Leichhardt Highway between Taroom and Wandoan is open to all traffic. The Theodore Eidsvold Road is closed to through traffic due to flooding near Boam creek.

Some local roads in the Dawson Valley have minor flooding and caution must be observed when travelling these roads.

Residents are urged not to drive through floodwaters unnecessarily and to observe traffic signage and road closures.

Banana Shire representatives located at Theodore are continuing to work with emergency services to coordinate the flood response for the Banana Shire Local Disaster Management Group. Councillor Vaughn Becker reported from Theodore this afternoon that response continues to proceed to plan.

Banana Shire Mayor John Hooper said people should check their emergency kits and listen to the local radio for flooding information during the event, but there were other things to consider if your property was threatened by flood.

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Media Contact: Mayor John Hooper - [REDACTED]

**14 December 2010
5.00pm**

Banana Shire Local Disaster Management Group maintains watch on flooding in the Dawson River

The Banana Shire Disaster Coordination Centre has been de-activated and the Local Disaster Management Group will continue to monitor flooding along the Dawson River.

Levels continue to fall upstream of Taroom and flooding north of Taroom is moderate and falling.

Flood levels at Theodore will continue to fall, before rising again with the predicted peak of less than 12m towards the end of the week.

At Moura, flood levels have peaked and are falling. However, a further rise will occur later in the week but it is not expected to reach previous levels.

Major flood levels will continue in the Baralaba area with a preliminary peak of around 12.2 metres expected this week.

The Leichhardt Highway north of Theodore is open to traffic. Reduced speed limits have been implemented and traffic lights are in place allowing one-way traffic only

The Leichhardt Highway north of Taroom is now closed to all traffic. The Leichhardt Highway between Taroom and Wandoan is open to all traffic.

Some local roads in the Dawson Valley may experience minor flooding and caution must be observed when travelling these roads. Residents are urged not to drive through floodwaters unnecessarily and to observe traffic signage and road closures.

Banana Shire representatives located at Theodore and will continue to monitor the situation.

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Media Contact: Mayor John Hooper - [REDACTED]

131940 Web Site Road Closure Advice at 1715 hrs Friday 10/12/2010.

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the following elements:

- Address Bar:** <http://131940.qld.gov.au/>
- Navigation:** File, Edit, View, Favorites, Tools, Help
- Search:** Live Search
- Page Info:** 13... X, River..., 512 k..., 7 day..., Web Slice Gallery
- Page Content:** Home, About us, Traffic Cameras, Industry Information, Traffic Census, - Choose a Res
- Interactive Map:** A map showing Leichhardt Hwy, Cromwell St, and Taroom. A text box reads: "The Leichhardt Highway (Theodore - Taroom) is closed to all vehicles just north of Theodore. Last reviewed 10/12/10 @ 1700hrs. Next update 11/12/10."
- Live Traffic Camera:** Location: Camara - Gooding Dr & ... visit: 131940.qld.gov.au
- Status Bar:** Done, Internet, 100%

River Height data for Juandah Ck at Windamere - Windows Internet Explorer provided by Banana Shire Council

http://www.bom.gov.au/hydro/IDQ/65392/IDQ/65392_65391

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Web Slice Gallery

Queensland Warnings Summary

River Height data for Juandah Ck at Windamere

Latest River Heights for Juandah Ck at Windamere *

Issued at 4:41 pm EST Saturday 11 December 2010

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Station details: Station Number: 653913 Name: Juandah Ck at Windamere * Owner: DERW/130344

Flood levels: Minor: 5.00 Moderate: 7.00 Major: 9.00

Data from the previous 7 days.

Date	Water Level (m)
04/12	2.5
05/12	3.5
06/12	5.5
07/12	6.5
08/12	6.0
09/12	6.0
10/12	6.0
11/12	6.5
12/12	7.5

Done 70%



BANANA SHIRE COUNCIL

Media release

**23 December 2010
6.00pm**

Banana Shire Local Disaster Management Group is responding to flooding at Theodore

The Banana Shire Local Disaster Management Group activated the Local Disaster Coordination Centre this afternoon in response to the flooding in the Dawson River at Theodore.

The Bureau of Meteorology issued a flood warning at 5.48pm Thursday 23 December 2010 and advised that fast river rises are occurring between Gylanda Weir and Isla Delusion Crossing, with similar rises extending downstream to Theodore where a major flood peak of at least 13.5 metres is expected during Friday. Higher levels are possible. Further predictions will be made as more data become available.

This level will result in some road closures in the local area. This level is similar to the maximum level recorded during the March 2010 flood event. Some local roads in the Theodore area have minor flooding and caution must be observed when travelling these roads.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads has issued advice that the Leichhardt Highway to the north of Theodore is closed to all traffic. The Leichhardt Highway north of Taroom is closed to all traffic. The Eidsvold-Theodore Road is also closed to through traffic.

For information on all road closures, please call 131 940 or visit the Department of Transport & Main Roads' website www.131940.qld.gov.au.

Residents are urged not to drive through floodwaters unnecessarily and to observe traffic signage and road closures.

Banana Shire has representatives located at Theodore working with emergency services coordinating the flood response for the Banana Shire Local Disaster Management Group. Councillor Vaughn Becker reported from Theodore this afternoon that response is proceeding to plan.

Fast river level rises are also occurring downstream to Moura where a major flood peak to about 12.5 metres is expected during Saturday, with further rises possible.

Major flooding is rising at Baralaba, with fast rises expected during Friday as upstream floodwaters arrive. A major flood peak of at least 13 metres is expected over the weekend. Higher levels are possible. Further predictions will be made as upstream peaks are observed.

Banana Shire Mayor John Hooper said people should check their emergency kits and listen to the local radio for flooding information during the event, but there were other things to consider if your property was threatened by flood.

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Media Contact: Mayor John Hooper

**24 December 2010
4.00pm**

Banana Shire Local Disaster Management Group is responding to flooding at Theodore

The Banana Shire Local Disaster Management Group activated the Local Disaster Coordination Centre in response to the flooding in the Dawson River at Theodore.

The Bureau of Meteorology issued a flood warning at 9.59am Friday 24 December 2010 and advised that river levels are now falling in the Gyranada and Isla Delusion areas. Further advice from the BOM at 3.45pm indicated that the Dawson River had reached its peak at 13.35metres and is now not expected to reach the original predicted height of 13.5metres.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads has issued advice that the Leichhardt Highway to the north of Theodore is closed to all traffic. The Leichhardt Highway north of Taroom is open to local traffic only. The Eidsvold-Theodore Road is also closed to through traffic.

This level has resulted in some road closures in the local area. For information on all road closures, please call 131 940 or visit the Department of Transport & Main Roads' website www.131940.qld.gov.au.

Residents are urged not to drive through floodwaters unnecessarily and to observe traffic signage and road closures.

Banana Shire has representatives located at Theodore working with emergency services coordinating the flood response for the Banana Shire Local Disaster Management Group. Councillor Vaughn Becker reported from Theodore this morning and advised that response is proceeding to plan.

Fast river level rises are also occurring downstream to Moura where a major flood peak to about 12.5 metres is expected overnight Saturday.

Major flooding at Baralaba, with fast rises expected during Friday as upstream floodwaters arrive. A major flood peak of at least 13 metres is expected over the weekend. Higher levels are possible. Further predictions will be made as upstream peaks are observed.

Banana Shire Deputy Mayor Maureen Clancy said people should check their emergency kits and listen to the local radio for flooding information during the

event, but there were other things to consider if your property was threatened by flood waters.

“Any garbage, chemicals and poisons in the house, garage or shed need to be moved to higher ground so there is no chance of these agents entering the waterways”.

“Those people living in low lying areas should consider moving vehicles and machinery to higher ground”.

“We need people to understand that when you are isolated by a flood you may not be able to get to the shops for a number of days. People need to be ready”.

The Banana Shire Local Disaster Management Group will continue preparations and residents are urged to listen to local radio for updates and to heed the advice of authorities.

What you can do when you hear a flood warning

- Listen to your local radio station for severe storm advice and warnings
- Plan to move vehicles, outdoor equipment, garbage, chemicals and poisons to higher locations
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Media Contact: Deputy Mayor Maureen Clancy



**24 December 2010
11.00am**

Banana Shire Local Disaster Management Group is responding to flooding at Theodore

The Banana Shire Local Disaster Management Group activated the Local Disaster Coordination Centre in response to the flooding in the Dawson River at Theodore.

The Bureau of Meteorology issued a flood warning at 9.59am Friday 24 December 2010 and advised that river levels are now falling in the Gylanda and Isla Delusion areas with a peak now approaching Theodore. A major flood peak of at around 13.5 metres is expected at Theodore during today.

This level will result in some road closures in the local area. This level is similar to the maximum level recorded during the March 2010 flood event. Some local roads in the Theodore area have minor flooding and caution must be observed when travelling these roads.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads has issued advice that the Leichhardt Highway to the north of Theodore is closed to all traffic. The Leichhardt Highway north of Taroom is open to local traffic only. The Eidsvold-Theodore Road is also closed to through traffic.

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Fast river level rises are also occurring downstream to Moura where a major flood peak to about 12.5 metres is expected overnight Saturday.

Major flooding is rising at Baralaba, with fast rises expected during Friday as upstream floodwaters arrive. A major flood peak of at least 13 metres is expected over the weekend. Higher levels are possible. Further predictions will be made as upstream peaks are observed.

Banana Shire Deputy Mayor Maureen Clancy said people should check their emergency kits and listen to the local radio for flooding information during the event, but there were other things to consider if your property was threatened by flood.

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Media Contact: Deputy Mayor Maureen Clancy



**25 December 2010
1.30pm**

Banana Shire Local Disaster Management Group continues to respond to flooding of the Dawson River

The Banana Shire Local Disaster Management Group Local Disaster Coordination Centre is active and responding to the increase in flood water in the Dawson River at Theodore, which occurred overnight as a result of storm rains yesterday.

A warning advice from Bureau of Meteorology at 12.21pm Saturday 25 December 2010 advised that river levels at Theodore have increased overnight following heavy rainfall. Levels at Theodore are likely to drop very slightly but remain around the 13.4 metre mark for 48 hours. Heavy rainfall is forecast for the area over the next 48 hours however and unexpected fast rises are a possibility. For further information, please visit the Bureau of Meteorology website www.bom.gov.au.

Fast river level rises are also occurring downstream to Moura where a major flood peak to about 12.5 metres is expected in the next 24 hours. Levels will remain high into next week.

Major flooding is rising at Baralaba, with fast rises expected during Friday as upstream floodwaters arrive. A major flood peak of at least 14 metres is expected over the weekend. Higher levels to 14.5 metres are possible. Flood levels at Baralaba are already similar to the 1983 flood.

Community briefings were held at 7.00am and 10.00am this morning to advise Theodore residents of the situation and possible cause of actions to be undertaken. Police and SES personnel have been conducting door knocking to residents likely to be affected by rising water levels in preparation of any likely evacuations. The 1.00pm river level at Theodore is 13.55 metres and has been consistent over the past four hours. The situation is being closely monitored by SES staff on the ground at Theodore. Levels are constantly being monitored in liaison with the Bureau of Meteorology.

Local water supply is being monitored by Banana Shire Council staff and advice residents to use water sparingly. The sewerage treatment plant in Theodore is handling the immediate needs and the situation is being closely monitored by Council staff.

The revised water level has resulted in some road closures in the local area. The level has now exceeded that recorded during the March 2010 flood event. Some local roads in the Theodore area have minor flooding and caution must be observed when travelling these roads.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads has issued advice that the Leichhardt Highway to the north of Theodore is closed to all traffic. The Leichhardt Highway north of Taroom is closed to all traffic. The Eidsvold-Theodore Road is closed to through traffic. The Dawson Highway Bridge at Moura is also closed to all traffic.

For information on all road closures, please call 131 940 or visit the Department of Transport & Main Roads' website www.131940.qld.gov.au.

Residents are urged not to drive through floodwaters unnecessarily and to observe traffic signage and road closures.

Banana Shire has representatives located at Theodore working with emergency services coordinating the flood response for the Banana Shire Local Disaster Management Group. Councillor Vaughn Becker reported from Theodore this afternoon and advised that response is proceeding to plan.

Banana Shire Deputy Mayor Maureen Clancy said people should check their emergency kits and listen to the local radio for flooding information during the event, but there were other things to consider if your property was threatened by flood.

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"Those people living in low lying areas should consider moving vehicles and machinery to higher ground".

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The Banana Shire Local Disaster Management Group will continue preparations and residents are urged to listen to local radio for updates and to heed the advice of authorities.

What you can do when you hear a flood warning

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Media Contact: Deputy Mayor Maureen Clancy



**25 December 2010
8.00am**

Banana Shire Local Disaster Management Group is responding to flooding at Theodore

The Banana Shire Local Disaster Management Group re-activated the Local Disaster Coordination Centre at 6.30am this morning in response to the increase in flood water in the Dawson River at Theodore, which occurred overnight as a result of storm rains at 5.00pm yesterday.

A community briefing was held at 700am this morning to advise of the situation and possible cause of actions to be undertaken. Police and SES personnel have been conducting door knocking to residents likely to be affected by rising water levels in preparation of any likely evacuations. The 800am level is 13.53metres and rising and being closely monitored by SES staff on the ground at Theodore. Levels are constantly being monitored in liaison with the Bureau of Meteorology.

The revised water level has resulted in some road closures in the local area. The level has now exceeded that recorded during the March 2010 flood event. Some local roads in the Theodore area have minor flooding and caution must be observed when travelling these roads.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads has issued advice that the Leichhardt Highway to the north of Theodore is closed to all traffic. The Leichhardt Highway north of Taroom is open to local traffic only. The Eidsvold-Theodore Road is also closed to through traffic.

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Banana Shire has representatives located at Theodore working with emergency services coordinating the flood response for the Banana Shire Local Disaster Management Group. Councillor Vaughn Becker reported from Theodore this morning and advised that response is proceeding to plan.

Fast river level rises are also occurring downstream to Moura where a major flood peak to about 12.5 metres is expected overnight Saturday.

At 0600am this morning a water level of 13.25metres has been recorded at Baralaba. Higher levels are possible. Further predictions will be made as upstream peaks are observed.

Banana Shire Deputy Mayor Maureen Clancy said people should check their emergency kits and listen to the local radio for flooding information during the event, but there were other things to consider if your property was threatened by flood.

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BANANA SHIRE COUNCIL

Media release

**26 December 2010
2.00pm**

Banana Shire Local Disaster Management Group continues to respond to flooding of the Dawson River and monitoring of other Rivers in the Shire

The Banana Shire Local Disaster Management Group Local Disaster Coordination Centre is active and responding to the flood situation in the Dawson River at Theodore, Moura and Baralaba.

The Disaster Coordination Centre is also monitoring the Don River, the Dee River and Pocket Creek after recent rain in the area which lead to overnight flooding in Wowan.

A warning advice from Bureau of Meteorology at 8.43am Sunday 26 December 2010 advised that further moderate to heavy rainfall is forecast for the Dawson River catchments for the next 24 to 48 hours. Major flooding extends from the Glebe Weir to Knebworth including the towns of Theodore, Moura and Baralaba.

Major flood levels have remained steady in the Dawson River at Theodore overnight, but based on forecast rainfall further rises and higher levels are possible during the next few days. Major flood levels are now steady at Moura and continuing to rise at Baralaba. Flood levels at Baralaba are already similar to the 1983 flood with further rises and higher levels possible with further forecast rainfall.

Downstream of Baralaba, river levels above the 1983 peak are expected in the next few days. It is likely the Capricorn Highway Bridge at Duaringa will be flooded on Sunday or Monday.

Rises and major flooding is being recorded in the Dee River with moderate flooding expected in Don River at Rannes during Monday.

For further information, please visit the Bureau of Meteorology website www.bom.gov.au.

A community briefing was held at 12.00pm today at the Theodore RSL Hall to advise residents of the situation and possible cause of actions to be undertaken.

The 2.00pm river level at Theodore is 13.40 metres. The situation is being closely monitored by SES staff on the ground at Theodore. Levels are constantly being monitored in liaison with the Bureau of Meteorology.

Local water supply is being monitored by Banana Shire Council staff and advice residents to use water sparingly. The sewerage treatment plant in Theodore is handling the immediate needs and the situation is being closely monitored by Council staff.

The revised water level has resulted in some road closures in the local area. The level has now exceeded that recorded during the March 2010 flood event. Some local roads in the Theodore area have minor flooding and caution must be observed when travelling these roads.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads has issued advice that there have been closures on the Leichhardt, Burnett and Dawson Highways, as well as the Eidsvold-Theodore Road. For further information on all State road closures, please call 131 940 or visit the Department of Transport & Main Roads' website www.131940.qld.gov.au.

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Banana Shire has representatives located at Theodore working with emergency services coordinating the flood response for the Banana Shire Local Disaster Management Group. Councillor Vaughn Becker reported from Theodore this afternoon and advised that response is proceeding to plan.

Banana Shire Deputy Mayor Maureen Clancy said people should check their emergency kits and listen to the local radio for flooding information during the event, but there were other things to consider if your property was threatened by flood.

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Media Contact: Deputy Mayor Maureen Clancy



**26 December 2010
7.00am**

Banana Shire Local Disaster Management Group continues to respond to flooding of the Dawson River

The Banana Shire Local Disaster Management Group Local Disaster Coordination Centre is active and responding to the flood situation in the Dawson River at Theodore, which occurred as a result of recent rains.

A warning advice from Bureau of Meteorology at 12.21pm Saturday 25 December 2010 advised that river levels at Theodore have increased overnight following heavy rainfall. Levels at Theodore are likely to drop very slightly but remain around the 13.4 metre mark for 48 hours. Heavy rainfall is forecast for the area over the next 48 hours however and unexpected fast rises are a possibility. For further information, please visit the Bureau of Meteorology website www.bom.gov.au.

Fast river level rises are also occurring downstream to Moura where a major flood peak to about 12.5 metres is expected in the next 24 hours. Levels will remain high into next week.

Major flooding is rising at Baralaba, with fast rises expected during Friday as upstream floodwaters arrive. A major flood peak of at least 14 metres is expected over the weekend. Higher levels to 14.5 metres are possible. Flood levels at Baralaba are already similar to the 1983 flood.

A community briefing will be held at 12.00pm today at the Theodore RSL Hall to advise residents of the situation and possible cause of actions to be undertaken.

Police and SES personnel have conducted door knocks to residents likely to be affected by rising water levels in preparation of any likely evacuations.

The 6.00am river level at Theodore is 13.44 metres. The situation is being closely monitored by SES staff on the ground at Theodore. Levels are constantly being monitored in liaison with the Bureau of Meteorology.

Local water supply is being monitored by Banana Shire Council staff and advice residents to use water sparingly. The sewerage treatment plant in Theodore is handling the immediate needs and the situation is being closely monitored by Council staff.

The revised water level has resulted in some road closures in the local area. The level has now exceeded that recorded during the March 2010 flood event. Some local roads in the Theodore area have minor flooding and caution must be observed when travelling these roads.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads has issued advice that the following State Roads are closed to all traffic:

- Leichhardt Highway to the north of Theodore.
- The Leichhardt Highway north of Taroom.
- The Eidsvold-Theodore Road.
- The Dawson Highway Bridge at Moura.
- The Leichhardt Highway between Wowan & Rannes.
- The Burnett Highway between Jambin & Dululu.

For information on all road closures, please call 131 940 or visit the Department of Transport & Main Roads' website www.131940.qld.gov.au.

Residents are urged not to drive through floodwaters unnecessarily and to observe traffic signage and road closures.

Banana Shire has representatives located at Theodore working with emergency services coordinating the flood response for the Banana Shire Local Disaster Management Group. Councillor Vaughn Becker reported from Theodore this morning and advised that response is proceeding to plan.

Banana Shire Deputy Mayor Maureen Clancy said people should check their emergency kits and listen to the local radio for flooding information during the event, but there were other things to consider if your property was threatened by flood.

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Media Contact: Deputy Mayor Maureen Clancy



27 December 2010

9.30am

Banana Shire Local Disaster Management Group continues to respond to flooding of the Dawson River

The Banana Shire Local Disaster Management Group Local Disaster Coordination Centre is active and responding to the flood situation in the Dawson River at Theodore, which occurred as a result of recent rains.

The 9.30am river level at Theodore is 13.79 metres and rising slowly. The situation is being closely monitored by SES staff and Council personnel on the ground at Theodore. Relocation of residents in low lying areas has commenced, levels are constantly being monitored in liaison with the Bureau of Meteorology.

The last warning advice was issued by Bureau of Meteorology at 6.51am Monday 27 December 2010 and advised overnight heavy rainfall in the Upper Dawson River is expected to produce fast river level rises and a return to moderate to major flood levels at Taroom. Major flood levels have risen slightly overnight Sunday in the Dawson River at Theodore. At 5am the river level at Theodore was 13.68 metres and rising slowly. Floodwaters from the Taroom area are expected to prolong major flood levels at Theodore during this week. For further information, please visit the Bureau of Meteorology website www.bom.gov.au.

Fast river level rises are also occurring downstream to Moura where a major flood peak to about 12.5 metres is expected in the next 24 hours. Levels will remain high into next week.

Major flooding is rising at Baralaba, with fast rises expected during Monday as upstream floodwaters arrive. A level of 14.0 was recorded for Baralaba at 6.00am this morning. Higher levels to 14.5 metres are possible. Flood levels at Baralaba are already similar to the 1983 flood.

A community briefing will be held at 12.00pm today at the Theodore RSL Hall to advise residents of the situation and possible cause of actions to be undertaken.

Local water supplies were assessed by Banana Shire Council staff and advise residents to use water sparingly. The sewerage treatment plant in Theodore is handling the immediate needs.

The current water level has resulted in numerous road closures in the local area. The level has now exceeded that recorded during the March 2010 flood event. Some local roads in the Theodore area are inaccessible due to flooding and caution must be observed when travelling these roads. Travel only if absolutely necessary.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads has issued advice that there have been closures on the Leichhardt, Burnett and Dawson Highways, as well as the Eidsvold-Theodore Road. For further information on all State road closures, please call 131 940 or visit the Department of Transport & Main Roads' website www.131940.qld.gov.au.

Due to local rainfall in the Banana Shire area there has been numerous local roads affected by water inundation. Due care to be taken and caution must be observed when travelling these roads.

Residents are urged not to drive through floodwaters unnecessarily and to observe traffic signage and road closures.

Banana Shire has representatives located at Theodore working with emergency services coordinating the flood response for the Banana Shire Local Disaster Management Group. Councillor Vaughn Becker reported from Theodore this morning and advised that response is proceeding to plan.

Banana Shire Deputy Mayor Maureen Clancy said people should check their emergency kits and listen to the local radio for flooding information during the event, but there were other things to consider if your property was threatened by flood.

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Media Contact: Deputy Mayor Maureen Clancy



**28 December 2010
4.00pm**

Banana Shire Local Disaster Management Group continues to respond to flooding of the Dawson River

The Banana Shire Local Disaster Management Group Local Disaster Coordination Centre is active and responding to the flood situation in the Dawson River at Theodore, which occurred as a result of recent rains. The situation of other towns in the Shire is being monitored closely.

The 12.00pm Dawson River level at Theodore was 14.64 metres and rising slowly. The situation is being closely monitored by SES staff and Council personnel on the ground at Theodore.

Relocation of residents in low lying areas to the nominated evacuation centre has been undertaken, and voluntary evacuation of residents by air travel to Moura has commenced.

At 3.00 pm today 28/12/2010 Banana Shire Council Local District Management Group decided to initiate a mandatory evacuation of remaining residents and personnel in Theodore. This decision is based on increasing failure of services such as sewerage treatment and power and reduced availability of water supplies. Major flooding is expected to remain in the Theodore area for some days to come.

Banana Shire Local District Management Group is liaising with RSPCA personnel to arrange for emergency evacuation of domestic pets in the Theodore area.

River levels are no longer able to be monitored as SES personnel are no longer able to access facilities, however levels continue to rise.

The last warning advice was issued by Bureau of Meteorology at 7.06am Tuesday 28 December 2010 and advised overnight heavy rainfall in the Upper Dawson River is expected to produce fast river level rises and a return to major flood levels expected to peak at 8.3 metres at Taroom late Tuesday and into early Wednesday. Major flood levels have risen in the Dawson River at Theodore. At 5.15am the river level at Theodore was 14.46 metres and rising slowly. Floodwaters from the Taroom area are expected to prolong major flood levels at Theodore during this week. For further information, please visit the Bureau of Meteorology website www.bom.gov.au.

Fast river level rises are also occurring downstream to Moura where a major flood peak to about 12.5 metres is expected in the next 24 hours. Levels will remain high into next week.

Major flooding is rising at Baralaba, with fast rises expected as upstream floodwaters arrive. A level of 14.35 was recorded for Baralaba at 9.00am this morning. Higher levels to 14.5 metres are possible. Flood levels at Baralaba have exceeded the 1983 flood.

A community briefing will be held at 12.00pm today at the Theodore RSL Hall to advise residents of the situation and possible cause of actions to be undertaken.

The current water level has resulted in numerous road closures in the local area. River levels have now exceeded that recorded during the 1956 flood event. Numerous local roads in the Theodore area are inaccessible due to flooding and caution must be observed when travelling these roads. Travel only if absolutely necessary.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads has issued advice that there have been closures on the Leichhardt, Burnett and Dawson Highways, as well as the Eidsvold-Theodore Road. For further information on all State road closures, please call 131 940 or visit the Department of Transport & Main Roads' website www.131940.qld.gov.au.

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Banana Shire has representatives located at Theodore working with emergency services coordinating the flood response for the Banana Shire Local Disaster Management Group. Councillor Vaughn Becker reported from Theodore this morning and advised that response is proceeding to plan.

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Media Contact: Deputy Mayor Maureen Clancy



**29 December 2010
9.00am**

Banana Shire Local Disaster Management Group continues to respond to major flooding of the Banana Shire

The Banana Shire Local Disaster Management Group Local Disaster Coordination Centre is active and responding to the flood situation in the Dawson River at Theodore, which occurred as a result of recent rains. The situation of other towns in the Shire is being monitored closely.

Residents in Theodore are currently being evacuated to Moura by helicopter. Police and emergency services remain in town to assist with the operation.

At Theodore, river levels have receded slightly overnight and at 5.00am was 14.3 metres. However, the Dawson River at Taroom has continued to rise with the river level reaching 10.1m at 6.30am today. This water is expected to affect Theodore later in the week with major flood levels predicted to continue.

Major flood levels at Moura and Baralaba are still being closely monitored by the Local Disaster Coordination Centre.

Banana Shire Local District Management Group has made arrangements to evacuate pets from Theodore.

The last warning advice was issued by Bureau of Meteorology at 12.24am Wednesday 29 December 2010 and advised that major flooding extends from Taroom to Knebworth including the towns of Theodore, Moura and Baralaba.

Taroom continues to rise quickly and is expected to peak overnight, most likely around the 10 metre mark although rises beyond 10 metres cannot be ruled out. Major flood levels are continuing to rise very slowly in the Dawson River at Theodore. Upstream of Moura at Woodleigh, the river height at 10pm Tuesday was 18.26 metres and rising. Floodwaters from the Taroom area will prolong major flood levels at Theodore and downstream during this week and into next week.

Further rainfall and record flood levels in Mimosa creek will cause renewed rises in the Dawson River at Baralaba. Major flood levels are likely to reach 15 metres during Wednesday at Baralaba with further rises possible.

Major flood levels are nearing a peak at Rannes along the Don River. For further information, please visit the Bureau of Meteorology website www.bom.gov.au.

The current water level has resulted in numerous road closures in the local area. River levels have now exceeded that recorded during the 1956 flood event. Numerous local roads in the Theodore area are inaccessible due to flooding and caution must be observed when travelling these roads. Travel only if absolutely necessary.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads has issued advice that there have been closures on the Leichhardt, Burnett and Dawson Highways, as well as the Eidsvold-Theodore Road. For further information on all State road closures, please call 131 940 or visit the Department of Transport & Main Roads' website www.131940.qld.gov.au.

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Banana Shire has representatives located at Theodore working with emergency services coordinating the flood response for the Banana Shire Local Disaster Management Group. Councillor Vaughn Becker reported from Theodore this morning and advised that response is proceeding to plan.

The Banana Shire Local Disaster Management Group will continue preparations and residents are urged to listen to local radio for updates and to heed the advice of authorities

What you can do when you hear a flood warning

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- Plan to move vehicles, outdoor equipment, garbage, chemicals and poisons to higher locations
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If there are concerns about flooding phone 132 500. In the case of emergency, phone 000.

Media Contact: Deputy Mayor Maureen Clancy



BANANA SHIRE COUNCIL

Media release

**31 December 2010
4.00pm**

Banana Shire Local Disaster Management Group continues to respond to major flooding of the Banana Shire

The Banana Shire Local Disaster Management Group Local Disaster Coordination Centre is active and responding to the flood situation in the Dawson River at Theodore, which occurred as a result of recent rains. The situations of other towns in the Shire are being monitored closely.

Residents in Theodore have been evacuated to Moura by helicopter. Police and emergency services remain in town to assist with the operation.

At Theodore, river levels have risen slightly today and at 3:45pm was 14.55 metres. However, the Dawson River at Taroom has continued to drop with the river level at 8.2m at midday today.

Major flood levels at Moura and Baralaba are still being closely monitored by the Local Disaster Coordination Centre.

Banana Shire Local District Management Group has evacuated pets which are being cared for by Local Law Officers until reunited with their owners.

The last warning advice was issued by Bureau of Meteorology at 12.07pm Friday 31 December 2010 and advised that major flooding extends from Taroom to Knebworth including the towns of Theodore, Moura and Baralaba.

Major flood levels are continuing to rise very slowly in the Dawson River at Theodore. Upstream of Moura at Woodleigh, the river height at 3:00pm Friday was 18.02 metres and continuing to slowly fall. Floodwaters from the Taroom area will prolong major flood levels at Theodore and downstream during this week and into next week. Water has receded at Wowan and the township has commenced clean up activities.

Major flood levels have peaked at Rannes along the Don River. For further information, please visit the Bureau of Meteorology website www.bom.gov.au. The current water level has resulted in numerous road closures in the local area. River levels have now exceeded that recorded during the 1956 flood event. Numerous local roads in the Theodore area are inaccessible due to flooding and caution must be observed when travelling these roads. Travel only if absolutely necessary.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads has issued advice that there have been closures on the Leichhardt, Burnett and Dawson Highways, as well as the Eidsvold-Theodore Road. For further information on all State road closures, please call 131 940 or visit the Department of Transport & Main Roads' website www.131940.qld.gov.au.

Due to the local rainfall in the Banana Shire area there had been numerous local roads affected by water inundation. Due care to be taken and caution must be observed when travelling these roads.

Residents are urged not to drive through floodwaters unnecessarily and to observe traffic signage and road closures.

The Banana Shire Local Disaster Management Group will continue to operate the response room and preparations and in place to continue to supply food and medical supplies to those affected.

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Media Contact: Mayor John Hooper





BANANA SHIRE COUNCIL

Media release

**31 December 2010
9.00am**

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Residents in Theodore have been evacuated to Moura by helicopter. Police and emergency services remain in town to assist with the operation.

At Theodore, river levels have risen slightly overnight and at 8.00am was 14.4 metres. However, the Dawson River at Taroom has continued to drop with the river level at 8.99m at 8.00am today.

Major flood levels at Moura and Baralaba are still being closely monitored by the Local Disaster Coordination Centre.

Banana Shire Local District Management Group has evacuated as many pets as possible from Theodore with the Local Law Officers continuing to care and reunite animals with their owners.

The last warning advice was issued by Bureau of Meteorology at 07.34am Friday 31 December 2010 and advised that major flooding extends from Taroom to Knebworth including the towns of Theodore, Moura and Baralaba.

Taroom continues to fall and at present is at 8.99 metres. Major flood levels are continuing to rise very slowly in the Dawson River at Theodore. Upstream of Moura at Woodleigh, the river height at 10pm Tuesday was 18.26 metres and is now slowly falling. Floodwaters from the Taroom area will prolong major flood levels at Theodore and downstream during this week and into next week.

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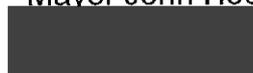
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Media Contact: Mayor John Hooper



**1 January 2011
3.30am**

Banana Shire Local Disaster Management Group continues to respond to major flooding of the Banana Shire

The Banana Shire Local Disaster Management Group Local Disaster Coordination Centre is active and responding to the flood situation in the Dawson River, which occurred as a result of recent rains. The situations of Theodore and other towns in the Shire are being monitored closely.

Residents in Theodore have been evacuated to Moura by helicopter. Police and emergency services remain in town to assist with the operation.

At Theodore, river levels have fallen slightly and at 3.00pm was 14.65 metres. The Dawson River at Taroom has continued to drop with the river level at 6.97 metres at 1.00pm today.

Major flood levels at Moura and Baralaba are still being closely monitored by the Local Disaster Coordination Centre.

Banana Shire Local District Management Group has evacuated as many pets as possible from Theodore with the Local Law Officers continuing to care and reunite animals with their owners.

The last warning advice was issued by Bureau of Meteorology at 12.17 am Saturday 1 January 2011 and advised that major flooding extends from Taroom to Knebworth including the towns of Theodore, Moura and Baralaba.

The main flood peak is now downstream of The Glebe area. River rises to levels above the 1956 flood levels will extend downstream to the Theodore area during this weekend and keep levels high at Baralaba for at least the next 5 days. River levels at Theodore will be higher than last weekend's record peak of 14.6 metres until early next week. At 11am Saturday the Dawson River at Theodore was 14.7 metres and rising.

Taroom continues to fall and at present is at 6.97 metres. Major flood levels are continuing to rise very slowly in the Dawson River at Theodore. Upstream of Moura at Woodleigh, the river height at 10pm Tuesday was 18.26 metres and is now slowly falling. Floodwaters from the Taroom area will prolong major flood levels at Theodore and downstream during this week and into next week.

Major flood levels have peaked at Rannes along the Don River. For further information, please visit the Bureau of Meteorology website www.bom.gov.au. The current water level has resulted in numerous road closures in the local area. River levels have now exceeded that recorded during the 1956 flood event. Numerous local roads in the Theodore area are inaccessible due to flooding and caution must be observed when travelling these roads. Travel only if absolutely necessary.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads has issued advice that there have been closures on the Leichhardt, Burnett and Dawson Highways, as well as the Eidsvold-Theodore Road. For further information on all State road closures, please call 131 940 or visit the Department of Transport & Main Roads' website www.131940.qld.gov.au.

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Banana Shire has representatives located at Theodore working with emergency services coordinating the flood response for the Banana Shire Local Disaster Management Group. Councillor Vaughn Becker reported from Theodore and advised that response is proceeding to plan.

The Banana Shire Local Disaster Management Group will continue to operate the response room and preparations and in place to continue to supply food and medical supplies to those affected.

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Media Contact: Mayor John Hooper





BANANA SHIRE COUNCIL

Media release

**1 January 2011
9.30am**

Banana Shire Local Disaster Management Group continues to respond to major flooding of the Banana Shire

The Banana Shire Local Disaster Management Group Local Disaster Coordination Centre is active and responding to the flood situation in the Dawson River at Theodore, which occurred as a result of recent rains. The situations of other towns in the Shire are being monitored closely.

Residents in Theodore have been evacuated to Moura by helicopter. Police and emergency services remain in town to assist with the operation.

At Theodore, river levels have risen slightly overnight and at 8.00am was 14.4 metres. However, the Dawson River at Taroom has continued to drop with the river level at 8.99m at 8.00am today.

Major flood levels at Moura and Baralaba are still being closely monitored by the Local Disaster Coordination Centre.

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Media Contact: Mayor John Hooper

2 January 2011

4.30 pm

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Major flooding extends from Taroom to Knebworth including the towns of Theodore, Moura and Baralaba. Residents in Theodore were evacuated to Moura by helicopter. Police and emergency services remain in town.

The main flood peak is now downstream of The Glebe area. River rises to levels above the 1956 flood levels will extend downstream to the Theodore area during this weekend and keep levels high at Baralaba for at least the next 5 days. River levels at Theodore are expected to be higher than last weekend's record peak of 14.6 metres until early next week. Theodore reading at 2.00 p.m. was at 14.58 metres.

The Dawson River at Taroom has continued to drop with the river level at 5.95am at 9.00am today.

Major flood levels at Moura and Baralaba are still being closely monitored by the Local Disaster Coordination Centre.

The last warning advice was issued by Bureau of Meteorology at 07.04am Sunday 2 January 2011 and advised that major flooding extends from Taroom to Knebworth including the towns of Theodore, Moura and Baralaba.

For further information, please visit the Bureau of Meteorology website www.bom.gov.au.

The current water level has resulted in numerous road closures in the local area. Numerous local roads in the Theodore area are inaccessible due to flooding and caution must be observed when travelling these roads. Travel only if absolutely necessary. Presently travel is possible between Moura, Biloela and Calliope with care.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads has issued advice that there have been closures on the Leichhardt, Burnett and Dawson Highways, as well as the Eidsvold-Theodore Road. For further information on all State road closures, please call 131 940 or visit the Department of Transport & Main Roads' website www.131940.qld.gov.au.

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Banana Shire has representatives located at Theodore working with emergency services coordinating the flood response for the Banana Shire Local Disaster Management Group. Councillor Vaughn Becker, Chair of the Disaster Recovery Committee advised that response planning is underway with the group meeting at the LDCC Centre on Monday 3 January.

Requests for fodder drops can now be made through DEEDI on 0419 658 412 or by phoning to local disaster coordination centre on 07 4992 3511.

The Banana Shire Local Disaster Management Group will continue to operate the response room and preparations and in place to continue to supply food and medical supplies to those affected.

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Media Contact: Mayor John Hooper

**2 January 2011
10.30am**

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The Dawson River at Taroom has continued to drop with the river level at 5.95m at 9.00am today.

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BANANA SHIRE COUNCIL

Media release

**4 January 2011
12.30am**

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The Dawson River at Taroom has continued to drop with the river level at 5.95am at 9.00am today.

Major flood levels at Moura and Baralaba are still being closely monitored by the Local Disaster Coordination Centre.

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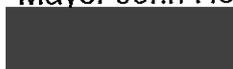
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Media Contact: Mayor John Hooper





BANANA SHIRE COUNCIL

Media release

**8 January 2011
4.00pm**

Theodore Clean Up and Recovery

The Banana Shire Local Recovery Group Coordination Centre is working with the Theodore Community towards the clean up and recovery.

Theodore residents returned today to begin the clean up of their homes. Banana Shire Council, QFRS, SES, business owners continued to clean up essential infrastructure of the town.

Mayor John Hooper advised residents who require assistance during the clean up can obtain a form from the Theodore Library.

Work still continues on the town's water supply with the Banana Shire Council the ADF working closely together to restore potable water to the town.

Theodore residents are requested not to bring children or animals into Theodore during the cleanup phase.

Mayor Hooper asks that only Theodore residents and people associated with the recovery enter the township of Theodore. "This will be a very busy period and I would ask that the people of Theodore and the recovery teams are not hindered by unnecessary people visiting the town."

The Leichhardt Highway has been opened to the north and south of Theodore, however speed limits are in place and motorists are advised to drive with caution through the flood affected sections.

Media Contact: Mayor John Hooper





BANANA SHIRE COUNCIL

Media release

8 January 2011

7:00am

Theodore Clean Up and Recovery Commences

The Banana Shire Local Recovery Group Coordination Centre is working with the Theodore Community towards the clean up and recovery.

Mayor John Hooper said that a clean up plan has been developed in conjunction with the Theodore Community representatives

Police will be controlling access to the township of Theodore and residents will be allowed to access the town during the hours of 8.30am to 4.00pm until such time as the essential infrastructure has been restored. Only Police and Army personnel will be permitted to stay in Theodore overnight.

Theodore residents are requested not to bring children or animals into Theodore during the cleanup phase.

Mayor Hooper asks that only Theodore residents and people associated with the recovery enter the township of Theodore. "This will be a very busy period and I would ask that the people of Theodore and the recovery teams are not hindered by unnecessary people visiting the town."

The Leichhardt Highway will be opened to the north and south of Theodore, however speed limits will be in place and motorists are advised to drive with caution through the flood affects sections.

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Work still continues on the town's water supply with the Banana Shire Council the ADF working closely together to restore potable water to the town.

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Media Contact: Mayor John Hooper



BANANA SHIRE COUNCIL

Media release

**9 January 2011
12.00pm**

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The Premier of QLD, Anna Bligh today visited the flood disaster area of Theodore and spent a lot of time talking to the residents who had been affected, the cotton farmers and the service personnel in town assisting with the clean up.

The local medical practitioner, Dr Bruce Chater, will operate his service from a temporary facility from tomorrow, Monday 10 January 2011.

The Leichhardt Highway has been opened to the north and south of Theodore, however speed limits are in place and motorists are advised to drive with caution through the flood affected sections.

Media Contact: Mayor John Hooper

