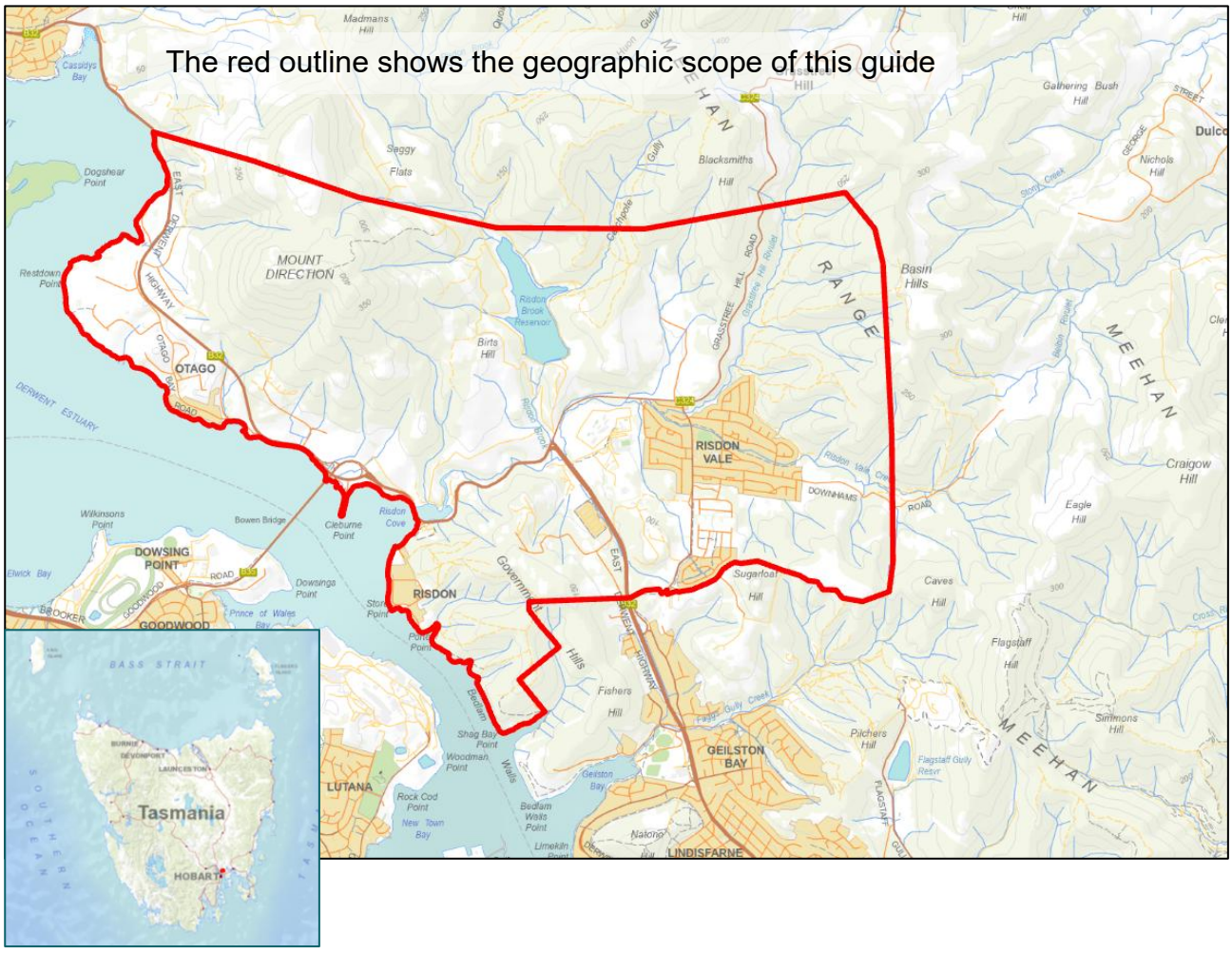
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Flood Guide

Risdon Vale, Risdon and Otago

Riverine and direct rainfall flooding information for Risdon Vale and nearby communities

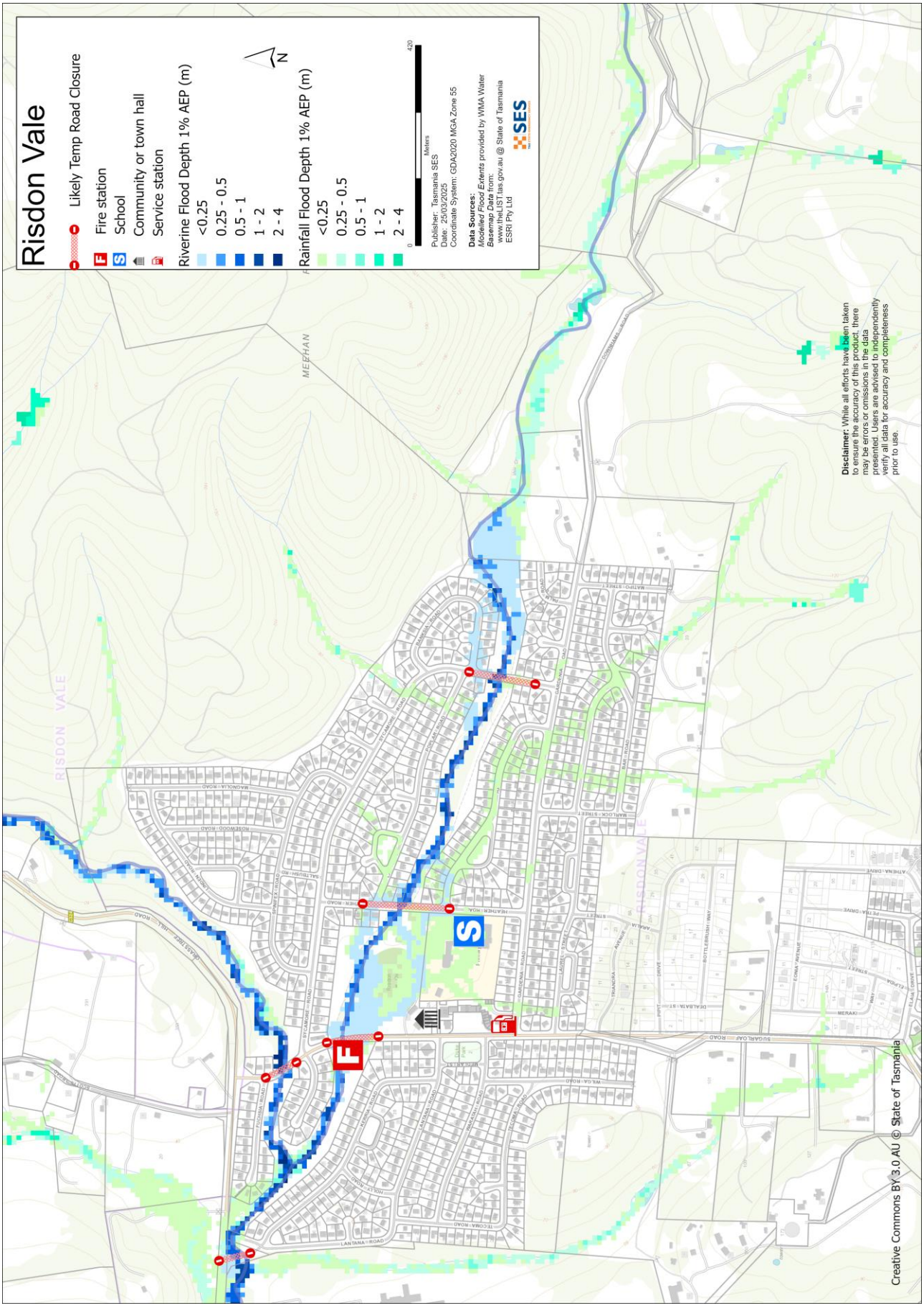
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To see the maps in more detail, [see the Tasmanian Strategic Flood Maps](#).

Understand your flood risk and get ready

In a major flood in this area, Risdon Vale Creek and Grasstree Hill Rivulet may flood roads and some properties. In Risdon Cove, Risdon Creek may flood

- the East Derwent Highway, and
- the Aboriginal Children's Centre, part of Piyura Kitina.

Risdon and Otago have low risk of flooding from rivers. There may be some coastal erosion at Otago.

The maps in this guide show the level of flooding that has a 1% chance of happening any year from both rivers and direct rainfall flooding (heavy intense rain). You are likely to experience flooding such as that shown in the maps in your lifetime.

Even if your home is not inundated, you should prepare for

- isolation plus potential power, and
- telecommunications outages.

Travel in the area is likely to be difficult or impossible until roads are clear. If you are safe at home or elsewhere, it is usually best you stay where you are until the flooding subsides. If you need to evacuate, you should leave early, before flood waters rise.

- The East Derwent Highway may be closed near the Risdon Vale roundabout.
- Grasstree Hill Road may be flooded by Risdon Vale Creek, and
- streets in Risdon Vale may also flood depending on where heavy rain falls.

Listen to ABC local radio 936AM for warnings and advice or check TasALERT.com.

Are you at risk of flood?

This area has not flooded for a long time, but it can happen. Tasmanians need to prepare for flood events that may not happen often, as well as the minor flooding they may have experienced.

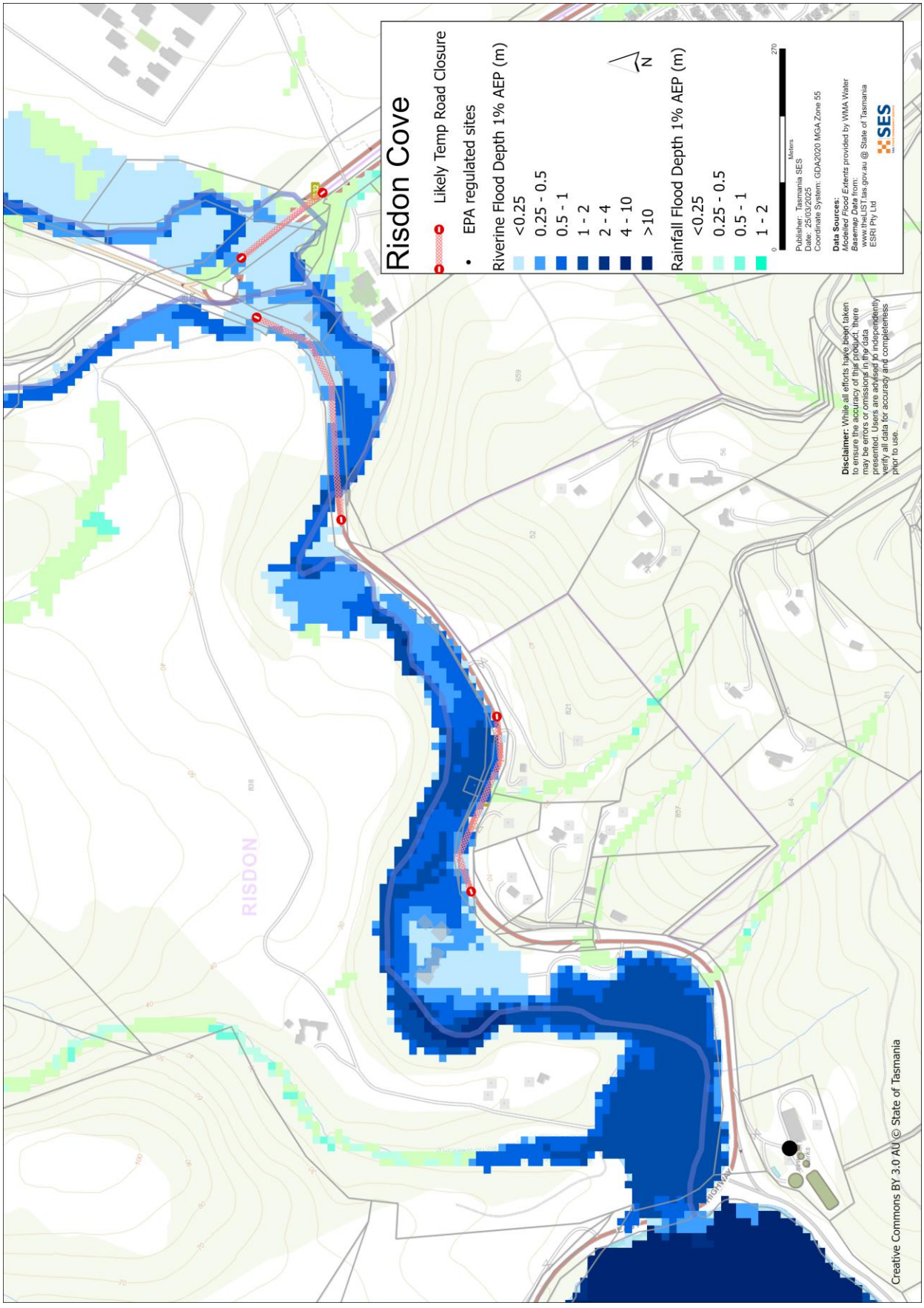
What should I do?

- Check the map to see whether your home or business could flood.
- Assess your home or business and prepare it to minimise possible flood damage.
- Check if you can safely get to your home, work, or school during a flood.
- Prepare a Home Emergency Plan. See Get Ready for Emergencies – A guide for individuals and households to prepare for emergencies on the SES website.
- If you may be isolated and you must have access to services, you may need to evacuate early.

Floods like the one shown in the map, or worse, will occur again. No two floods are the same.

If you live in a low-lying area or near a watercourse, your house may flood. Even if your home is safe, you may need to detour around flooded areas or your road access may be cut. Never drive into or enter flood waters. Roads and bridges may be washed out or unsafe. Avoid travel during floods.

Knowing what to do can save your life and help protect your property. Having a Home Emergency Plan is one of the best ways to prepare. Decide on weather and rainfall triggers for when to act.



Bureau of Meteorology Forecasts, Warnings, and Observations

The Bureau issues **a Flood Warning, Severe Weather Warning and/or Thunderstorm Warning for heavy rainfall that may lead to flash flooding** whenever **heavy rain** is expected in an area. The time between the warning and heavy rain occurring can vary from an hour to 24 hours or more.

There are no river gauges for the waterways in this area.

Rainfall Observations at Hobart airport, Hobart (Ellerslie Rd) and other nearby rain gauges can indicate possible flood risks. Given the very short warning times, it is best to act on the predictive BoM warnings rather than wait for any flood alerts during rainfall.

The Mt Koonya Radar is useful to be aware in real-time where heavy rainfall is falling. Radar Rainfall estimates can also fill in gaps in areas where there are no rainfall stations.

Understand the warnings and key information

Keep aware of what is happening around you. Check forecasts, observations and warnings regularly.

- TasALERT.com
- your local ABC radio station or
- the Bureau of Meteorology's website.



Advice (Yellow): an incident has started. There is no immediate danger. Stay up to date in case the situation changes.



Watch and Act (Orange): There is a heightened level of threat. Conditions are changing and you need to start taking action now to protect you and your family



Emergency Warning (Red): An Emergency Warning is the highest level warning. You may be in danger and need to take action immediately. Any delay now puts your life at risk.



Community update (Blue): Specific information and updates for affected communities regarding a particular event or incident.



Incident (White): an incident is the initial occurrence of an event before it becomes an emergency warning. As soon as an incident is reported, TasALERT publishes information including the type and location of incident.

For more information see www.ses.tas.gov.au/warnings/ .

Please Note

The maps in this plan show data from the Tasmanian Strategic Flood Mapping (TSFM) project. See www.ses.tas.gov.au/floodmaps .

Clarence City Council has detailed flood studies for these areas, see www.ccc.tas.gov.au/living/your neighbourhood/flooding/. CCC data includes climate change projections, shows flooding at more shallow depths and therefore the flood extents are considerably different and generally larger, than the TSFM extents shown in the maps below. This data is based on rainfall averages from the past.

Flood levels

While no two floods are the same, the following describes what you can expect at different flood levels around the area. Even if your property is not flooded, you need to think about access. Different levels of rainfall can cause flooding depending on its intensity, duration and how wet the ground is beforehand and where the rain falls.

Minor flooding

A minor flood can inundate low lying parkland, gardens, orchards and paddocks. Stock and equipment should be moved. There may also be flooding across some minor roads.

- The Risdon Vale Oval will start to flood.
- Some properties on Banksia Rd may have flooding in their yards.
- The land around the Risdon Vale roundabout may begin to flood.

Moderate flooding

There is more extensive flooding of parks and streets and some buildings may flood to above floor height. Some properties may be isolated for a few hours as minor roads become flooded. There may be floodwater over parts of the East Derwent Highway.

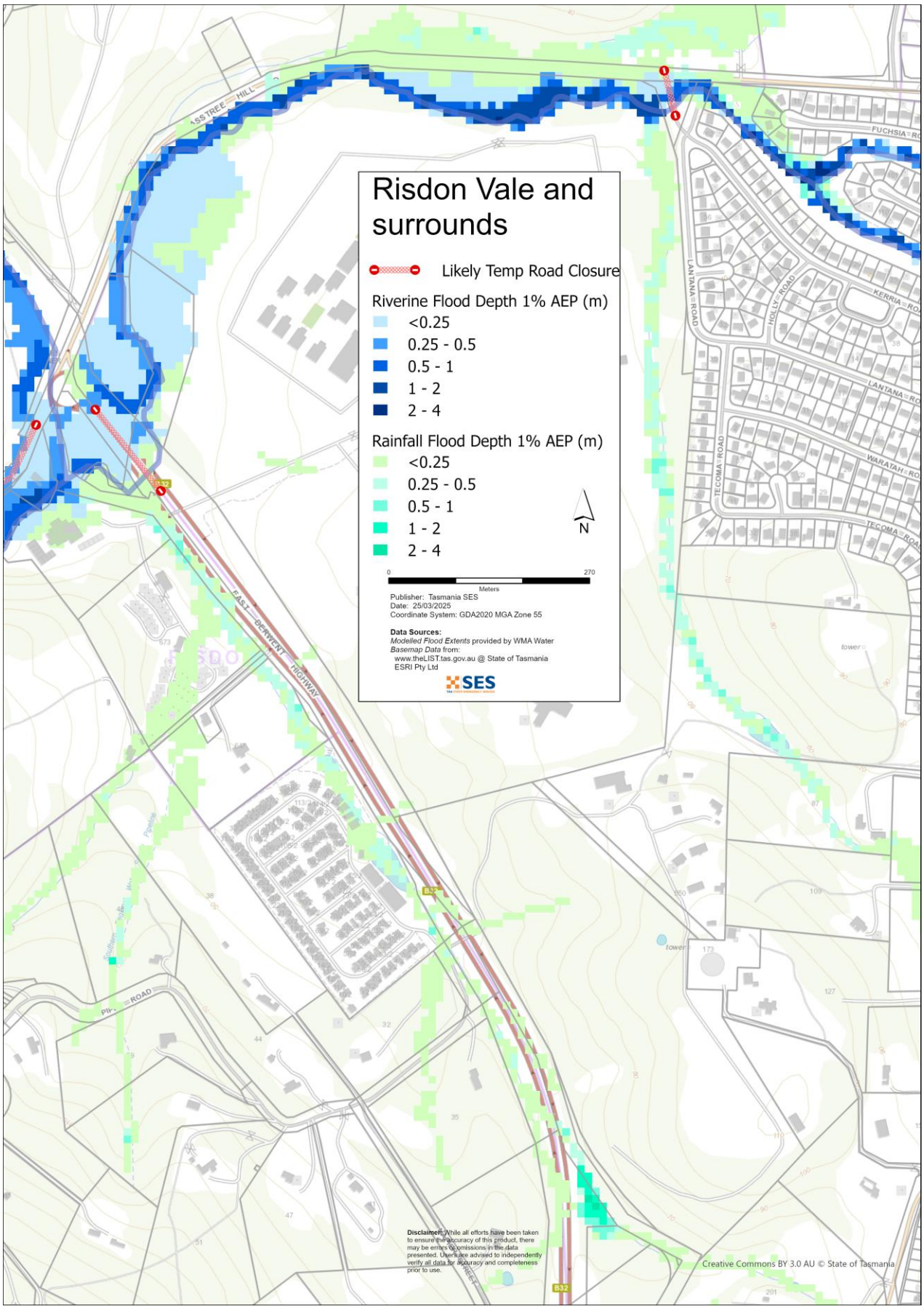
Major flooding

Major flooding could be a result of for example

- 30mm of rain in an hour
- 120mm of rain in 24 hours, or
- 150mm of rain in 48 hours.

Major flooding will affect widespread areas and may close major transport routes.

- In a major flood in Risdon Vale, houses may be flooded above floor height on
    - Hawthorn Road
    - Fuschia Road
    - Heather Road
    - Banksia Road, and
    - Sycamore Road.
- Sugarloaf Road could be impassable.
- The Risdon Vale Oval would be flooded.
- The Aboriginal Cultural Centre in Risdon Cove, piyura kitina, would be isolated and the Aboriginal Children's Centre may be flooded.
- Depending on where heavy rain falls, this area may also have direct flooding from rainfall, known as flash flooding. This kind of flooding
    - is difficult to predict,
    - is often of short duration (a few hours at most), and
    - will depend on the stormwater system.
- In a major rainfall event, the holiday park and retirement village in Risdon may experience flash flooding, along with many other parts of the area.


Risdon Vale and surrounds
Likely Temp Road Closure
Riverine Flood Depth 1% AEP (m)
<0.25
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Rainfall Flood Depth 1% AEP (m)
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Meters
Publisher: Tasmania SES
Date: 25/03/2025
Coordinate System: GDA2020 MGA Zone 55
Data Sources:
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Know your risk, prepare, reduce risk where you can, connect with others, keep up to date and act safe.

BEFORE

1. Know your risk

Flooding can cause widespread and significant damage. In the past 200 years there have been 78 flood related deaths in Tasmania. This guide is to help you understand flood risk in your area.

2. Prepare your household

Have an emergency plan that covers storms and floods

Create a plan, which covers what you would do in a storm or flood. Make sure everyone in your household understands the plan. There are checklists to help you create your plan – see the SES website or Red Cross Rediplan.

Check your plan regularly and test that everyone in the household understand what would need to happen in a flood.

Prepare an Emergency Kit

Ready to go	Pack when needed

• Your emergency plan
• Battery powered radio and torch, spare batteries – regularly tested
• Other Important information
• Rubber or strong leather gloves
• A list of emergency numbers
• First aid kit
• Food and water
	• Warm clothes, sturdy shoes or boots
	• Medicines, glasses and other essential items
	• Mobile phone and phone charger
	• Pet food and anything else your pets need
	• Photos and special keepsakes
	• Important documents, for example
	  ◦ insurance papers
	  ◦ passports
	  ◦ birth certificates
	• Money

3. Reduce your risk from flooding where you can do so safely

- Think about flooding and other hazards when buying, maintaining or developing property.
- Trim or remove trees and branches overhanging your home, business or near powerlines on your property.
- Keep your gutters and drains clear.

4. Connect with others

Get to know your neighbours and your community. A connected community can a be safer and more resilient in an emergency and can help everyone recover better afterwards. Check that family and neighbours are safe and aware of what's happening.

DURING

5. Stay alert

Keep aware of what is happening around you. Check forecasts, observations and warnings regularly.

- TasALERT.com
- your local ABC radio station or
- the Bureau of Meteorology's website.

6. Act safe

- Supervise children.
- Prepare for possible power, water or internet outages.
- Check your emergency kit is ready to go.
- Keep clear of flooded areas such as drains. **NEVER** walk, play, ride or drive in floodwater. You can't always see what is under the water or how deep or fast-moving the water is. It is easy to be swept away and drown in as little as 20cm of fast-moving water. Flood water can be dangerous. There may be pollution from sewerage or chemicals.

When your home may be flooded

- Put household items up high to minimise possible damage.
- Turn off the electricity and gas if it is safe to do so.
- A great way to stop sewerage flowing back into your home is to place sandbags inside plastic bags and use them to block toilets and cover drains and sinks.
- Leave while you can get out safely.

If you need to evacuate

- Follow the advice from SES / Tasmania Police.
- Take your emergency kit.
- Go to friends or family in a safer place or an evacuation centre, if open.
- Let others know where you have gone.

Look after your animals

You are responsible for your animals in an emergency. If you have pets and other animals it will take you longer to evacuate in a flood or other emergency. Move animals from flood prone areas well before flood waters may rise. For more information see RSPCA's guidance on preparing for animals in an emergency.

Avoid travelling during and after storms

- Never drive through flood waters. Most deaths and rescues in floods are from people driving through flood waters.
- Drive slowly and turn your headlights on roads not affected by flood waters.

- Watch out for hazards such as
    - water over roads
    - damaged powerlines
    - landslides
    - damaged roads
    - falling trees or roofing iron.
- Do not go sightseeing. Sightseers delay emergency services and cause accidents.

AFTER

- Keep checking TasALERT.com and/or listen for ABC Local Radio updates on road re-openings, community meetings, etc.
- If you left your home, do not return home until SES or Tasmania Police tell you it is safe.
- Be aware of road hazards, such as mud or debris on the road, damaged roads/bridges and crews working on clean-up and repairs.

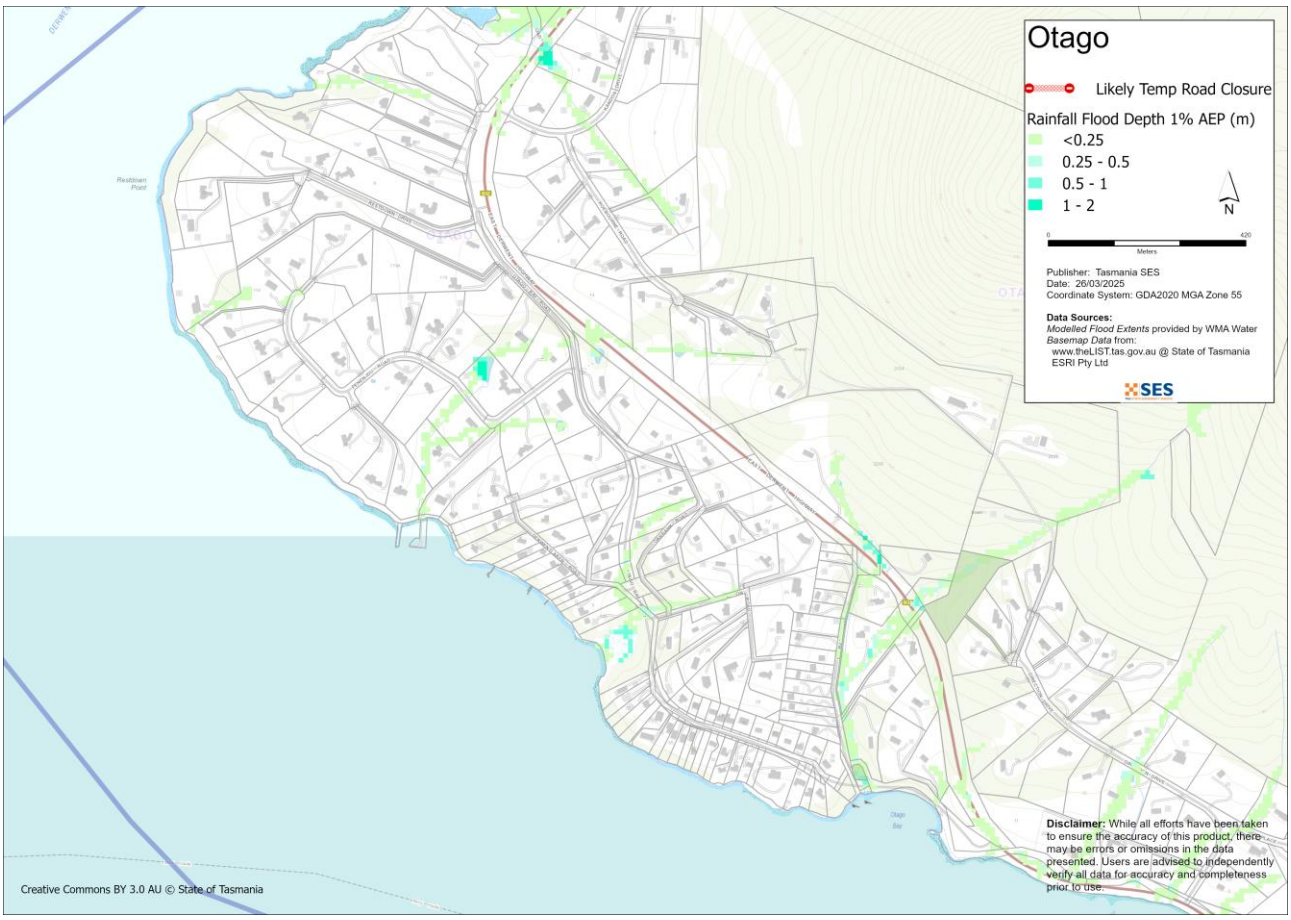
If your home has been damaged

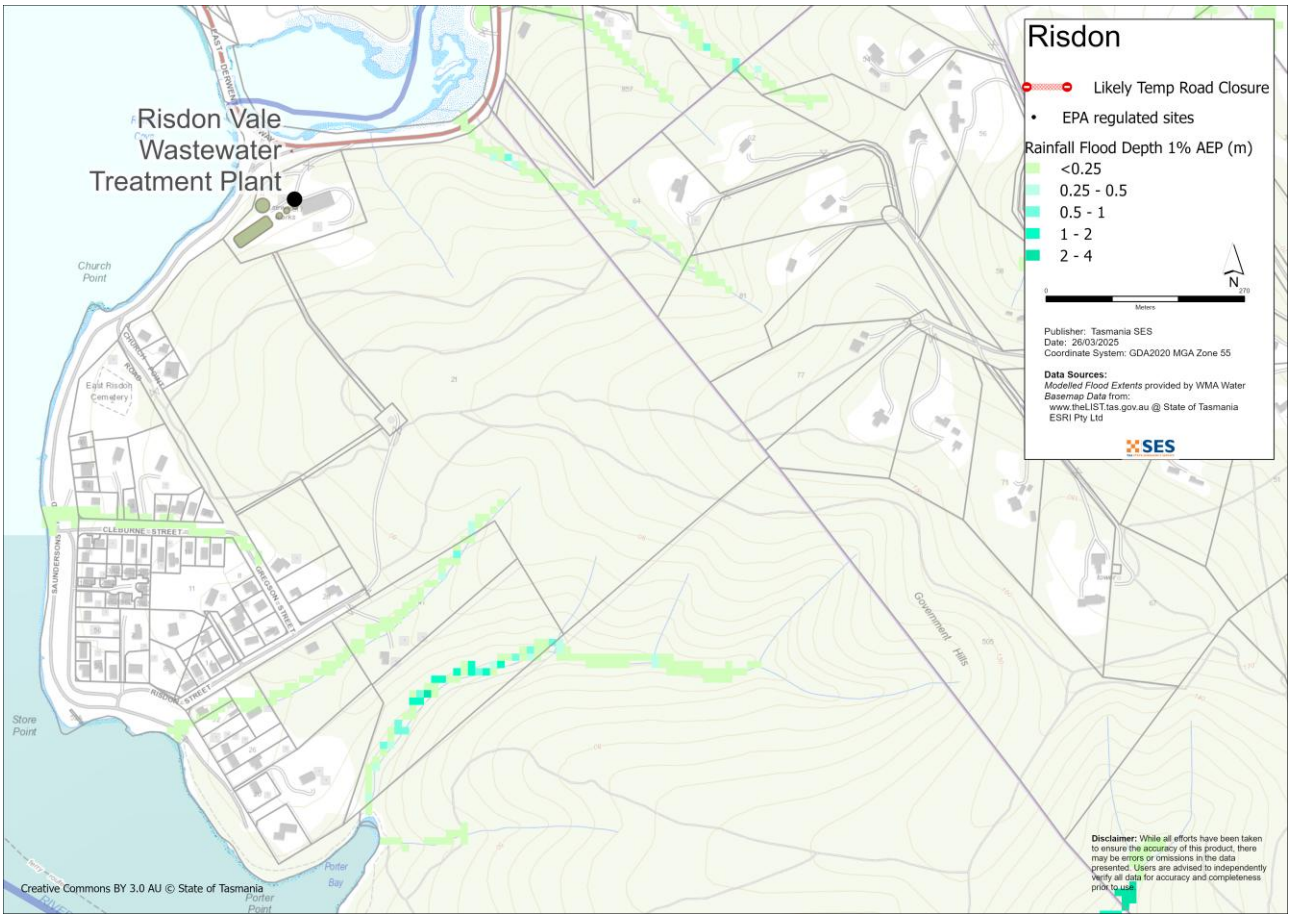
- Stay at ground level while checking for damage. Be careful of fallen trees, broken glass, loose roofing or other hazards.
- Wear strong boots, gloves and protective clothes.
- Supervise children.
- Use a torch, never use matches or candles inside flood affected buildings.
- Do not turn on electricity or gas until it is tested by a licensed electrician or gas fitter for safety.
- Boil all drinking water until you are told the tap water is safe again.
- If your home is damaged and you need to stay somewhere else, take your emergency kit and pets with you.
- Take photos of any damage if safe for you to do so and contact your insurance company.
- Check neighbours are okay.

For further information go to www.ses.tas.gov.au.

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Otago
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Bureau of Meteorology (BoM)	bom.gov.au
Emergency Broadcasters	ABC 936AM
TASSES Social Media	facebook.com/sestasmania
Preparing for Flood Emergencies	ses.tas.gov.au/ flood-plan/
Clarence City Council	ccc.tas.gov.au clarence@ccc.tas.gov.au 6217 9500
National Relay Service (NRS)	relayservice.gov.au

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