

Flood 2022

SES flood boats undertaking flood reconnaissance and medical transfers

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Members of the public would have seen the SES flood boats on the river a number of times last week undertaking flood reconnaissance and medical transfers.

This is a part of the SES normal operations during flood events.

Hay SES was fortunate enough to receive the support of two highly experienced flood boat operators from Cairns for three days during the anticipated peak of the Murrumbidgee River at Hay.

The flood boat operators undertook reconnaissance of the river to give the

local SES unit information regarding the water flows directions of flow and the height of the river.

The boat operators also assisted in a number of medical transfers and welfare checks on the river whilst they were in Hay.

This allowed other members of HAY SES unit to undertake varying duties and to supervise the high school students in the sandbagging operation.

The two boat operators also assisted members of the Hay unit in general land reconnaissance and sandbagging as needed.



Above: Hay Scouts and Venturers were out in full force last week, assisting SES volunteers with filling sandbags.

Bella Maloney and Marley Sorensen pictured taking a brief break before preparing for their next bag while in the background, Uzair Shahzad holds his bag for Will Sandow who was on shovel duty.

At left above: Prince Patel and Uzair Shahzad hard at work filling their bags.

Right: And over at Moulamein, our correspondent, China Gibson had to cancel shearing while floodwaters lap outside his shed.

Left: The Cobb Highway, 50 kms south of Ivanhoe, as pictured on Sunday.



HAY SHIRE COUNCIL



Hay Shire Australia Day Awards Nominations Open

Applications are invited for the 2023 Hay Australia Day Awards.

Award Categories for nominations are:

- Citizen of the Year**
- Young Citizen of the Year**
- Special Achievement Award**
- Gavin Johnston Memorial Vocational Award**

Nominations must be made on the prescribed form which is available at Council's administration centre or accessed on Council's website www.hay.nsw.gov.au Nominations will be received at the Hay Shire Council office, 134 Lachlan Street, Hay, up until 5pm Friday 6th January 2023. For further information on Australia Day Awards please contact Council's Director of Corporate and Community, Mark Dowling on 02 6990 1100.



Update from Hay Shire Council:

Current river height (as on Monday afternoon): 8.40m and steady. Our focus has turned to assisting the local community in Maude.

Predicted River Peak: The BOM website indicates the river may fall below 8.0m this week, with renewed rises possible. We anticipate another peak in the next few weeks.

Flood Levee: Closed off 16 flood gates and have 27 pumps set up accordingly to remove any water from rainfall, with two pumps redeployed to Maude. Flood gates continued to be opened as the river level falls. We ask for patience as staff start pumps to remove water built up from any rainfall, especially if there is short sharp rainfall as was the case on Monday.

Council crews: Continuing to monitor the levees and

inspecting known hot spots, and have staff patrolling 24hrs a day.

Water levels in both Booligal and Maude are being monitored and assistance provided where required. The water is continuing to rise in Maude and crews are on hand from today. We are expecting large inflows from the lower Mirrool Creek over the coming days and weeks.

Road Closures: The following roads are closed due to water over road, however local residents can still access with caution - Old Thelangerin Road - Alma Road - Boxyards Road - Nap Nap Road - Hay Weir Road - Ti-Tree Road - Sidonia Road - Lara Road - Romani Road - Jerilderie Road. There is water over the Maude Road in places.