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Residents urged to notify Council of flooded roads

Residents can do their bit to help the region keep informed of the latest road conditions and flooding this wet season.

With rainfall falling in the past week and more forecast, Gladstone Regional Council is urging residents to phone 4979 1134 to report any flooding they come across during their travels through the region.

Mayor Gail Sellers said Council provided regular updates on flooded roads and hazards on its website during the wet season, thanks to the input from residents travelling the region.

“Please call us with information but ensure you do not cross flooded roads and put yourself in danger in the process,” she said.

Cr Sellers said flood indicators provided information on the depth of the water at crossings and low-lying areas but they did not show the strength of the current, which is often underestimated by drivers.

“Floodways in the Miriam Vale area, in particular, are unusually strong for the depth of water so I urge people to take care. There’s been quite a few vehicles washed off these floodways over the years due to drivers underestimating the force of the water flow.”

"It astounds me when I read newspaper reports each wet season about people who chance their lives by trying to cross flooded roads."

As of today, many roads were cut in the southern section of the region due to heavy rain overnight and during the past week.

For latest flood reports, visit Council's website at www.gladstone.qld.gov.au and click on the Road Condition Reports link on the left side of the home page.

Residents are advised that the information is provided from community feedback and may contain omissions or errors, especially as flood levels and conditions change rapidly during extreme weather events.

MEDIA INFORMATION: For further information contact Council’s Community Relations Section on 4976 6911.