

Maribyrnong Catchment Flood Information Update

As Melbourne's urban landscape and weather continue to change, Melbourne Water is strengthening flood awareness through updated flood maps and coordinated programs across the region.

We are working closely with communities, local councils and key stakeholders to continually improve flood services and ensure people have access to accurate, up-to-date information to help them stay informed and safe.

Have your say on Maribyrnong River catchment flood mitigation options



Melbourne Water is doing a study with the community to explore options to help reduce flood risk in the lower Maribyrnong River area.

Phase 3 of the study launches on **17 June**, where we are seeking your feedback on the combinations of flood mitigation options.

From 17 June you can use the online **Flood Mitigation Explorer** to learn more about the options and share your feedback.

To learn more about the Maribyrnong River catchment flood mitigation study visit:

letstalk.melbournewater.com.au/maribyrnong-mitigation or join us at one of our community events.

Community events

Come to our community events to speak directly with Melbourne Water and Jacobs experts and have your say on flood mitigation options.

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Scan the QR code or visit our Let's Talk website
letstalk.melbournewater.com.au/mitigation-events

Darraweit Guim

Date: Thursday 18 June 2026

Time: 5pm to 8pm

Location: Darraweit Guim Town Hall,
1481 Bolinda-Darraweit Road

Flemington

Date: Sunday 21 June 2026

Time: 8am to 12:30pm

Location: Flemington Farmers Market,
Moonee Street, Ascot Vale Primary School

Footscray

Date: Saturday 4 July 2026

Time: 10 am to 1pm

Location: Footscray Park,
40 Maribyrnong Boulevard, Footscray



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Lower Maribyrnong River online flood map

A new digital flood map for the lower Maribyrnong River floodplain will be launched on **17 June** to make it easier for residents in areas, including **Kensington Banks, West Melbourne, Maribyrnong** and **Avondale Heights**, to access property specific waterway flood information.

Visit <https://www.melbournewater.com.au/MRF> or scan the QR code from **17 June** to:

- view the online flood map and find property-specific information
- access flood hazard information, including hazard categories that indicate the potential level of risk to people and property
- read additional information about **insurance, planning scheme changes** and **local flood guides**.



Online flood maps are being developed for all 38 local government areas across Greater Melbourne. The lower Maribyrnong River catchment has been prioritised following the October 2022 floods.

In response to the **2025 Victorian Ombudsman investigation into Kensington Banks**, additional information is being provided to the local community. This includes clear guidance on flood risk, insurance considerations, planning scheme changes, and updated local flood guides.

In 2024, flood mapping for the Maribyrnong River was made available online. On 17 June, the new online map, featuring updated information and a better user experience, will be available.



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Stormwater vs waterway flooding

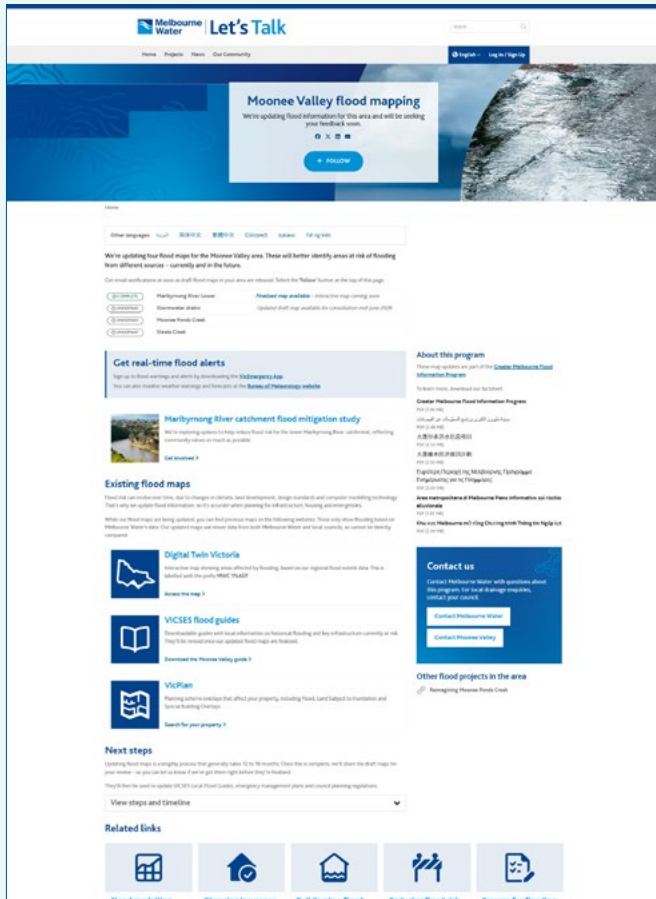
Stormwater flooding – When heavy rain exceeds the capacity of the drainage system, water can spill onto the streets. Stormwater flooding is common in built-up areas, and can happen quickly without much notice.



Waterway flooding – Heavy or prolonged rain can cause rivers and creeks to overflow into neighbouring areas. Floodwaters can rise slowly and last for days, cutting off roads and communities.



Draft stormwater flood maps for Moonee Valley and Brimbank coming soon



Melbourne Water is releasing draft flood maps across Greater Melbourne. Melbourne Water has worked closely with local councils to update the maps. These draft maps show areas that may be affected by flooding now and into the future, supporting better planning and decision-making as our city grows and the climate changes over time.

Draft stormwater flood maps for Moonee Valley, Brimbank, Banyule and Hobsons Bay are being released for consultation soon. Work is also underway with all metropolitan councils, including Melbourne and Maribyrnong, to update stormwater maps.

You can view:

- Moonee Valley and Banyule draft stormwater maps from 17 June
- Brimbank and Hobsons Bay draft stormwater maps from 8 July

at letstalk.melbournewater.com.au/flood-information

June 2026

Flood information for your property

Moonee Valley

Please review the updated draft stormwater flood map

At Melbourne Water, we understand that flooding can be a concerning topic. Providing clear, accurate and up-to-date information helps you understand your flood risk and how to prepare.

We are writing to you as a resident or property owner in **Moonee Valley** to let you know about updated draft stormwater flood mapping in your area. We also invite you to share any local knowledge and information that may help improve the map before it is finalised. This work is part of a broader program to improve flood information across Greater Melbourne.

We recognise this may be the first time you have heard that your property or neighbourhood could be affected by stormwater flooding. This information can come as a surprise and we understand it may be worrying. Our aim is to keep communities informed, supported and safe by sharing the best available flood information.

GET INVOLVED

Visit letstalk.melbournewater.com.au/flood-information/moonee-valley or scan the QR code to:

- find specific information on your property/s using the updated draft stormwater flood map
- share your real-life experiences of flooding and information about your property/s that may affect how water pools or flows
- view resources or find out about upcoming events to help understand information about flood risks
- **Provide your feedback by 12 August 2026**

Contact information

We're here to support you and answer your questions

Visit letstalk.melbournewater.com.au/flood-information to answer common questions about flooding, drainage, planning, insurance and property values.

Call Melbourne Water **131 722** (8.30am–5.00pm Monday to Friday)

Email us directly at enquiry@melbournewater.com.au

Residents and property owners identified as being at risk of flooding will receive a letter in the mail.

For more information, visit letstalk.melbournewater.com.au/flood-information to view Frequently Asked Questions on the flood maps.



On track: transfer of flood forecasts and warnings

From **July 2026**, the Bureau of Meteorology will become responsible for waterway (riverine) flood forecasts and warnings across Greater Melbourne.

Currently, Melbourne Water develops the forecasts with the Bureau issuing warnings on our behalf.

Under the new arrangement, the Bureau will manage forecasting directly, using the necessary models, tools and data.

This means the Bureau can issue timely flood warnings for the community.

The Victoria State Emergency Service (VICSES) will continue to publish flood warnings on the VicEmergency website, app and social media channels.



New state flood planning provisions

The Victorian Government is leading state-wide planning policy reform to strengthen and streamline how flood risk is considered in land use planning. The Department of Transport and Planning and the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action are working with Melbourne Water and Catchment Management Authorities across the state to develop proposed new risk based planning provisions to help build safer, more climate resilient communities.

The updated flood maps, being released by Melbourne Water across Greater Melbourne over the coming years, will provide clearer, up-to-date information about where flooding is likely to occur. If adopted the proposed changes would enable this information to be incorporated into planning schemes through a new, streamlined state-led process, making it easier to assess new homes and renovations against current flood risks.

New risk based planning and building controls will clearly identify areas where development should be avoided, carefully assessed, or designed with specific flood resilient measures. Together, these changes aim to protect households, reduce future flood damage, and support faster, safer housing in the right locations as our climate continues to change.



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