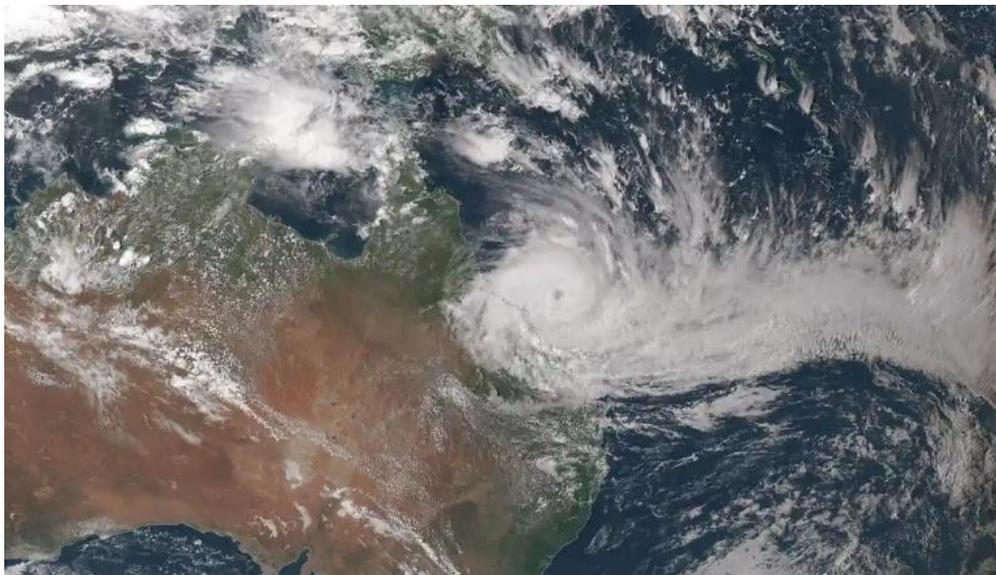




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WARNING! WARNING! WARNING! Cyclone Season 2022/2023



The Bureau of Meteorology is warning residents in northern Australia to be on alert for a greater possibility of cyclones developing and potential flooding in coming months, as the region enters its third La Niña wet season in a row.

Cyclones are nothing new to residents in northern Australia or the Endeavour Foundation Group. However, we need to ensure that there is no complacency and for new residence who have recently relocated, and they they fully understand the risks associated and are well prepared.

Site Managers **must** review their **Emergency Management Plan (QF 4200.01)**, **Cyclone Management Plan (QF 4200.03)**, **Flood or Storm Damage Management plan (QF 4200.04)**, **Evacuation Impairment Checklist (QF 4200.06)** and **Emergency Kit Checklist (QF 4200.29)**

These can be located as a hard copy, generally in the site managers office or as a soft copy in the WHS one stop shop folders in N:\WHS folders under Work, Home and Community in the EMP folders.



Endeavour Foundation's first priority is our people. We need to ensure our workers are safe and we have **updated our contact details**. We **must** consult with people we support, supported employees and other people with a disability (community) to ensure they feel safe, and the appropriate actions have been taken during a cyclone or other natural disaster.

What should I do?

1. Prepare an **Emergency Plan**
2. Prepare for an **evacuation**
3. Prepare an **Emergency Kit**
4. Prepare your **workplace** and **home**
5. Tune into warnings!

Weather warnings

Warnings and alerts can be accessed at a number of locations, depending on the type of weather event or emergency.

Queensland's primary warning and alert sources are:

- [Current Warnings and Emergency Alerts](#)
- [Bureau of Meteorology — weather warnings](#)

Tune in to warnings and alerts

The [ABC Radio website \(Opens in new window\)](#) will assist you to find your local ABC radio station or use the [ABC Radio National frequency \(Opens in new window\)](#) finder to find all available local stations.

Tune into warnings!

When warnings are issued for major emergencies, relevant authorities may use the Standard Emergency Warning Signal (SEWS) prior to providing information on the emergency.

SEWS is a wailing siren sound used throughout Australia for serious emergency events such as severe cyclone, bushfire, flood and storm.

https://www.emergencyalert.gov.au/images/stories/public_msg_w_tone.mp3

When you hear the signal on radio, television or over the phone via Emergency Alert messages, pay careful attention to the information that follows and act immediately on the advice given.

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The five best emergency apps that you should download on your phone so you can stay connected and informed during a natural disaster.

1. Emergency+
2. Bureau of Meteorology
3. SES Assistance QLD
4. Red Cross First Aid
5. ABC Radio



Ensure your worksite is cyclone and storm prepared.

Complete an inspection of the worksite, if required:

- Arrange to trim trees, remove leaves and branches that are too close to the building
- Arrange for roof and gutters to be cleared
- Arrange for drains to be cleared
- Arrange to clear any excess rubbish from around the worksite
- Ensure windows can be sealed to stop water from coming in

Put in a MEX to have this work completed. For non-life-threatening property emergencies, call **(07) 3900 5460** and **select option 4**. You will be directly connected to the 24x7 emergency call centre.

Or alternatively contact your Regional Asset Manager (RAM)

For additional information

The following website provides information about storms, warning services and preparation advice - <https://www.getready.qld.gov.au/alerts-and-warnings>

Alternatively contact your WHS Business Partner for further advice on Cyclone preparation required.

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Sign off Sheet

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