

Media Release



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Get ready for summer by being prepared

Mayor of Camden, Cr Theresa Fedeli, is encouraging residents to be safe this summer by being aware of, and prepared for, seasonal hazards.

“Aussie summers are iconic – delicious backyard barbeques with close family, visiting the local pool with friends and lots of ice-cream throughout the school holidays,” Cr Fedeli said.

“But they can also be very tragic. Each year, communities across the state experience bushfires, home fires, floods, storms, heatwaves, power outages and other emergencies. We’ve already seen bushfires cause so much devastation across NSW and many communities are bracing for extreme weather in the weeks to come.

“I really applaud our emergency service organisations for doing such an incredible job keeping us safe but being aware and prepared is everyone’s responsibility.

“The beginning of summer should also begin a conversation with your family and friends about being prepared for seasonal hazards, whether you’re at home or away on holidays.”

The NSW Office of Emergency Management is encouraging residents to get on board with their community preparedness program, Get Ready, by following five simple steps:

1. **Know your risk.** This involved thinking about where you are, whether it’s at home or on holidays, and understanding the types of disasters that could affect you;
2. **Plan now for what you will do.** Sit down and talk with your family, friends and loved ones and plan for what you will do if a disaster affects your area;
3. **Get your home ready.** Prepare your home by doing general home maintenance and checking your insurance coverage;
4. **Be aware.** Find out how to prepare, what to do if there is a disaster in your area and connect with NSW emergency services to stay informed;
5. **Look out for each other.** Share information with your family, friends, neighbours and those who may need assistance.

For more information on the Get Ready community preparedness program, visit emergency.nsw.gov.au/getready.

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