

## Brace yourself... The wet season is coming...

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Far North Queensland... Sunshine one day, flooding the next!

As North Queenslanders, we are very accustomed to the regular deluge that comes with our summer months however, we must never become complacent.

This week, we have seen a dramatic increase in wet weather around the Far North with Cyclone Imogen delivering us plenty of rain.



FNQ: When it rains it pours



Pascoe River – Lockhart River



Don't go chasing waterfalls

Already this year, Far North Queensland (FNQ) has seen some extreme localised flooding which has provided significant hazards for local road users.

Now more than ever is a great time to remind motorists to take it easy on our wet roads and avoid flood water at all costs.

Flood water is unpredictable, powerful and full of unknowns. As always, [back it up!](#)



During significant rain events, it is always important to avoid travel where possible and regularly check for updates with the Bureau of Meteorology and Department of Transport and Main Roads at:

- <http://www.bom.gov.au>
- <https://www.tmr.qld.gov.au>

We also encourage you to make sure you have your emergency kit ready. Your emergency kit should contain:

- A portable battery radio, torch and spare batteries
- Water containers, dried or canned food and a can opener to last up to seven days
- Matches, fuel, lamps, portable stove, cooking gear, eating utensils
- First aid kit and manual, masking tape for windows and waterproof bags
- A list of emergency phone numbers, such as:
  - Triple Zero (000)
  - [TTY Emergency calls](#): 106
  - [State Emergency Service \(SES\)](#): 132 500 (storm damage, rising flood water, fallen trees on buildings and damage to your roof)
  - [13 HEALTH](#): 13 43 25 84
  - [Emergency housing assistance](#): 13 QGOV (13 74 68).

For more information on preparing for disaster season, visit <https://mypolice.page.link/369q>.

**If you have information for police, contact [Policelink](#) by providing information using the [online suspicious activity form](#) 24hrs per day at [www.police.qld.gov.au/reporting](http://www.police.qld.gov.au/reporting) or call [131 444](#).**

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