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### Disaster Dashboard alerts residents of emergencies

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Bland Shire Council has launched a new online portal to help residents stay safe and receive live updates on emergency management – from local COVID-19 outbreaks to power outages and state road closures.

The Disaster Dashboard combines real-time information from a range of emergency services all in one place. It makes it easier than ever for residents to prepare for and respond to emergencies.

A string of recent disasters – drought and severe bushfires followed by a pandemic and heavy flooding – has put many communities across Australia on high alert and underpinned the need for quick and reliable information.

The Disaster Dashboard provides a one-stop-site for accurate, up-to-date information about hazards in the Bland Shire.

On the new dashboard, residents can track data on -

- COVID-19 cases, local restrictions and vaccination clinics
- Fires and floods
- Road and bridge conditions
- Water, power, gas and mobile network outages
- Air and water quality
- Storms and weather warnings

The dashboard also includes guidance on how to prepare for emergencies and where to find support after disaster has struck.

Disaster Dashboards have been made available to local Councils through the Regional Disaster Preparedness Pilot project, undertaken by Resilience NSW, to ensure local communities are better equipped to manage critical incidents

Residents can visit their local Disaster Dashboard and bookmark the page at <https://bland.disasterdashboards.com/>

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