

# Maribyrnong River Flood Review

Community Bulletin – April 2024



## A new Maribyrnong River Flood Model is now available

This new model has the most up-to-date data about the Maribyrnong River, including the flood plain and changes in the surrounding urban environment. It is also calibrated to the most recent flood event that took place in October 2022.

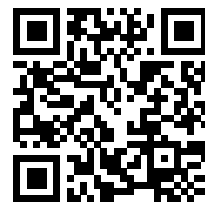
This model includes 2100 climate change projections. It is one of the first models in Melbourne Water's commitment to re-map every catchment in Melbourne by 2026.

This new model will be used to inform emergency planning, land use planning decisions, flood mitigation where feasible, and other options to manage flood risk.

## Community webinar

You are invited to come along to a webinar on **21 May 2024 (6.30pm to 7.30pm)** to hear from experts about the Maribyrnong River Flood Model and have your questions answered.

To register to attend the webinar and for more information visit the Let's Talk page here:



<https://letstalk.melbournewater.com.au/maribyrnong-river-flood-model>

## Key Dates

- **30 April 2024**  
New Maribyrnong River Flood Model released.
- **21 May 2024**  
Community information webinar to understand the new Maribyrnong River flood model, its impacts and next steps.
- **Second half of 2024**  
Initiating implementation of new model into emergency planning, land use planning, and flood mitigation.

## Are you flood ready?

In partnership with VICSES and councils, we are running a flood education program to help people understand their flood risk and the actions they can take before, during and after a flood event to stay safe. Come along to an event near you and learn how to be flood ready.



<https://www.melbournewater.com.au/flood>

## Recommendations of the Independent Review of the October 2022 flood event - six month update

### What's happened so far?

The report of the Independent Panel review into the causes of the October 2022 Maribyrnong River flood event was released in October 2023.

Melbourne Water accepted all 15 of the Panel's recommendations and has made significant progress in implementing the recommendations.

### Progress update

- ✓ Three Panel recommendations related to Melbourne Water's flood modelling program are embedded as standard practice – these are related to the timeliness of how we review and update our flood models, calibrate to the most recent flood events, and factor in best practice climate change assumptions.
- ✓ Four Panel recommendations relevant to the transition of flood forecasting services from Melbourne Water to the Bureau of Meteorology, are progressing and we are continuing to work closely with the Bureau on the transition.
- ✓ Eight Panel recommendations are on track for completion.

For a detailed progress update against each of the Panel's 15 recommendations refer to *Response to Panel recommendations - 6 month progress update April 2024* here:

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### What's happening next?

The completion of the new flood model enables Melbourne Water to progress detailed assessment of potential long term sustainable flood mitigation options for the Maribyrnong River. The scope of this work will be developed in the coming months. We look forward to working with the community and stakeholders through development and assessment of options.

We will initiate a process to transfer the new model into land use planning with State Government, Councils and the community. The planning scheme amendment process ensures there is an opportunity for community feedback via a public exhibition process. We're anticipating the process commences in the second half of the year.

### Find out more

For more information and to keep track of review progress, sign up to follow the Let's Talk page here:



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