

Strathbogie Tableland: Local Emergency Action Plan (LEAP)



Strathbogie Tableland's local risks are:

Fire, Storms, Floods and Animals on roads

The aim of this action plan is to continue to build greater community resilience, during and after emergencies, by increasing the awareness of our local emergency risks and the steps that our community and individuals can take to prepare for, respond to and recover from these emergencies.

In particular, this action plan will provide avenues to achieve and enhance the plans already developed by our community and provide additional strategies to support people living on the Tableland.

Strathbogie Shire Council acknowledges the Taungurung peoples as Traditional Custodians of the Strathbogie Tableland area. We recognise and respect the enduring relationship they have with their lands and waters, and we pay respects to the Elders past, present and emerging.



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Emergency preparedness

Preparation is key

For more information scan the QR code below or visit www.strathbogie.vic.gov.au/services/emergency-preparedness



For Community Emergency Information for the Tableland visit www.strathbogie.org

In an extreme weather event power, water, telecommunications, and transport networks may be impacted, causing disruptions and isolation to households and communities.

Emergency Services will have high demand in an emergency event. As a part of your emergency plan, households should be prepared for up to 72 hours of isolation.

Prepare a household emergency kit. Download the VicEmergency App and have a battery powered radio ready to receive warnings and updates. Monitor warnings and be prepared to act.

Emergency management is a shared responsibility between individuals, communities, Council and agencies. Preparation is key to reducing impacts and to supporting emergency services.

Check the risk in your location:

Scan the QR codes or visit the listed web addresses. Internet Access is available at Euroa Library.



Fire:

CFA – www.cfa.vic.gov.au
Add 'Strathbogie' to location on the banner then 'view my local information'



Flood, Storms:

BOM – www.bom.gov.au/places/vic/strathbogie/



Road Closures:

VicTraffic – traffic.transport.vic.gov.au
Enter 'Strathbogie'

Prepare your household emergency plan:

All hazards:

RediPlan – www.redcross.org.au/prepare

Bushfire:

www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare
Attend '**Bushfire Sunday**' – a training day held annually, in Strathbogie, before the fire season

Flood and Storm:

www.ses.vic.gov.au/plan-and-stay-safe

Medical advice

Nurse On Call:

☎ 1300 60 60 24
Speak with a registered Nurse for health advice, 24/7

Victorian Virtual Emergency Department:

Register at: www.vved.org.au
For non-life-threatening emergencies via video consultation

Non urgent Police assistance

Non Urgent Police Assistance Line & Online Reporting:

☎ 131 444
www.onlinereporting.police.vic.gov.au
Report non-urgent crimes or events, 24/7

In an emergency

Life threatening emergency: Fire, Ambulance, Police: ☎ 000

Non-life threatening emergency: Floods and Storms (SES): ☎ 132 500

Warnings and updates:

Download the VicEmergency App on Apple App Store or Google Play. Set up a user profile and watch zones to ensure you receive official warnings alerts and emergency information for areas that interest you.

VicEmergency: ☎ 1800 226 226
www.emergency.vic.gov.au



Radio: ABC Local 97.7 FM

Bushfire Place Of Last Resort:

A Bushfire Place of Last Resort does not guarantee your safety and is only used if your bushfire plans have failed. Do not expect anyone to be there to assist you.

Strathbogie Golf Clubhouse
17 Armstrong Avenue, Strathbogie

Emergency Relief Centre:

Only open subject to approval of the Incident Controller. If there are road closures you may not be able to get to the Shire's Emergency Relief Centres.

Euroa Showgrounds – 16 Frost Street Euroa
Brian Hayes Memorial Football and Netball Pavillion
– Tulip Street Violet Town
Merton Memorial Hall – High Street Merton

Stock or trees on roads: Strathbogie Shire Council ☎ 1800 065 993 (24 hrs)

Notes:



Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS):

☎ 131 450

Vicdeaf:

☎ (03) 9473 1111

LEAP Overview

This LEAP will be updated as required.

To ensure you have the latest version scan the QR code or visit www.strathbogie.vic.gov.au/services/emergency-preparedness/local-emergency-action-plans-leaps/



This LEAP has been developed as part of the LEAPing into Resilience Project, a joint initiative between Mansfield, Strathbogie and Murrindindi Shire Councils. This project received grant funding from the Australian Government. It is the outcome of joint community, agency and Council collaboration and actions are shared between all parties.

In February 2024, a Strathbogie Tableland Steering Group was formed to help guide the LEAP process in the community. In April 2024, community members came together to identify the ways in which the Strathbogie Tableland community can build on their existing emergency preparedness, and these ideas formed the LEAP actions. The LEAP project thanks the Strathbogie Tableland community and participating agencies for their contributions to the development of this plan.

LEAP Priority Actions

Strathbogie Tableland local risks are: Fire (bushfire and grass fire), Storms and Animals (stock and wildlife) on roads. Power outages are a frequent occurrence, 14 incidents with 130 hours of outage recorded over a 6-month period. Localised flooding can also occur after heavy rainfall events.

The identified impacts of these events were injury/fatality (human and animal), loss of power and communications, blocked access roads and negative mental/emotional health impacts on the community. Other identified impacts were loss of infrastructure and financial losses.

1. Emergency Planning and Preparedness

| Description | Lead | Timeframe |
|--|---|------------------------------|
| 1.1 Fire Awareness/preparation/suppression (including First 72hr presentation and household emergency plans preparation) and understanding agency roles in emergencies | CFA | Pre-fire season (annual) |
| 1.2 Setting up VicEmergency App activity training days | CFA | Ongoing |
| 1.3 Establishing a Community Recovery Hub at the Strathbogie Memorial Hall | Strathbogie Emergency and Hall Committees | ASAP, before the Fire Season |
| 1.4 Consider options for Community Recovery Hubs at Kelvin View and Boho South | Community Hall Committees | 2025 |
| 1.5 Community meetings (in person/virtual) | Community/Council/Agencies | April/November |
| 1.6 First Aid/AED (GoodSam program) | Ambulance Victoria | October (biannual) |
| 1.7 Accessing Emergency Information workshop | CFA/SES | September (biannual) |
| 1.8 Person Centred Emergency Preparedness (limited one on one assistance) | Red Cross/CFA | March (biannual) |
| 1.9 Mental Health First Aid | Council/Community | October (biannual) |

2. Strengthening Social Connections

| Description | Lead | Timeframe |
|---|--------------------|------------|
| 2.1 Trial of Support for a vulnerable persons network | Community | March 2025 |
| 2.2 Support recruitment of volunteers in emergency management | Agencies/Community | Ongoing |

3. Response

| Description | Lead | Timeframe |
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| 3.1 Protection of communications and power infrastructure | Agencies | Ongoing |
| 3.2 Community Asset protection (Strathbogie Memorial Hall, Golf Clubhouse, General Store & PO, Recreation Reserve, Primary School, Strathbogie township water pump at Smiths Bridge) | CFA/FFMV | Ongoing |

4. Infrastructure Resilience

| Description | Lead | Timeframe |
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| 4.1 Advocacy for reliable power | Council | Ongoing |
| 4.2 Advocacy for reliable communications | Council | Ongoing |
| 4.3 Implement annual roadside spraying program | Council | Ongoing |

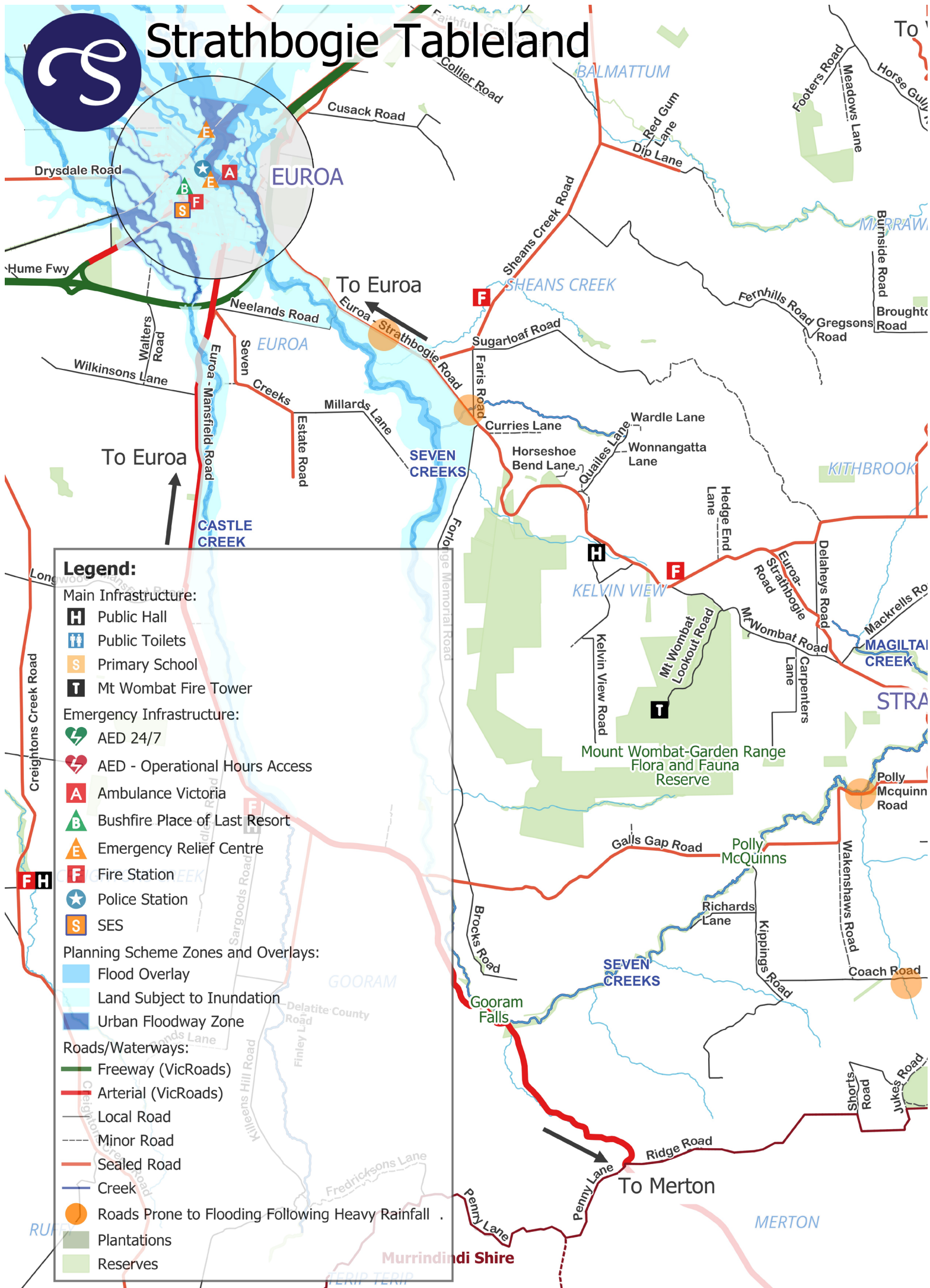
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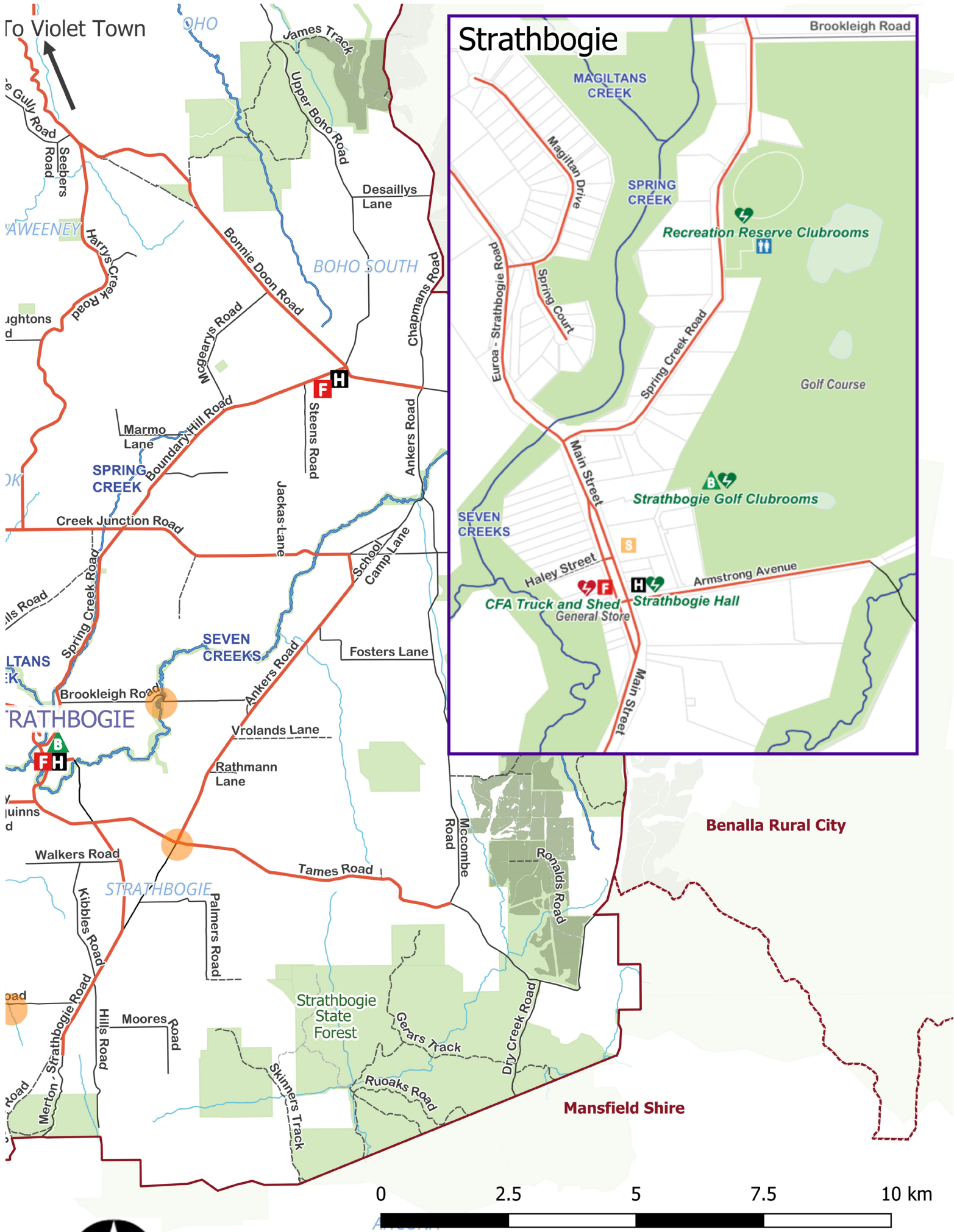
| Description | Lead | Timeframe |
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| 5.1 Locally based one-stop shop Community Recovery Hub (Strathbogie Memorial Hall) | Strathbogie Emergency and Hall Committees | Ongoing |
| 5.2 Backup power (generator) for the Strathbogie Memorial Hall to enable Community Recovery Hub operation | Strathbogie Emergency and Hall Committees | Before the Fire Season |

Notes:



Strathbogie Tableland





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