



Christmas edition

Acknowledgment of Country

The Office of the Inspector-General of Emergency Management would like to acknowledge the Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the Traditional Owners and Custodians of this Country.

We recognise their connection to land, sea, and community. We pay our respects to them, their cultures, and to their Elders, past, present, and emerging.



As we near the end of another big year for Queensland's disaster management sector, the Office and I wish you a safe and happy holiday season.

It's been another busy year at the Office of the IGEM, including our delivery of:

- Recommendation 12 report for the 2019 Monsoon Trough Rainfall and Flood Review Report 3: 2018–2019
- 2024 International Women's Day Awards
- Disaster Management Officers' Network Forum
- ongoing work on disaster management plan assessments
- community forums and meetings across Queensland
- [2024 Queensland Disaster Management Research Forum](#)
- the new Research Connect newsletter (read the first edition [here](#)).

As we turn the page to 2025, the Office of the IGEM remains committed to enhancing our disaster management assurance capabilities and supporting our communities. We deeply value your partnership and collaboration, and the dedication of everyone who contributed to making 2024 a productive year.

From all of us at the Office of the IGEM, have a joyful festive season and a wonderful start to the New Year.

Here's to continued collaboration, innovation, and resilience in 2025!

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Please note the Office of the IGEM will be closed during the Queensland Government's Christmas/New Year closure period, from Wednesday 25 December 2024 to Wednesday 1 January 2025 inclusive. However, limited staffing arrangements may be implemented to meet essential government and public needs.

A look back at the 2024 Queensland Disaster Management Research Forum

The Office of the IGEM was thrilled to host the 2024 Queensland Disaster Management Research Forum, a vibrant event for knowledge exchange, partnership building, and showcasing the latest research shaping our state's disaster resilience.

In collaboration with our Research Advisory Panel partners, we brought together disaster management practitioners and researchers to focus on 'Embedding Research into Practice'.

The Forum also featured the pioneering work of our early career researchers in disaster management. Watch the [videos](#) where they highlight their innovative projects.

Thank you to all presenters and partners whose contributions made the event a success and we look forward to next year's Forum.

[Watch all the Forum videos here](#)



Summer 2025 weather outlook

The Bureau of Meteorology's long-range forecast for Queensland from January to March 2025 suggests above-average rainfall along parts of the eastern coast. Warmer than usual days and nights are expected across much of the state, reflecting broader national trends.

The long-range forecast for January to March shows:

- above average rainfall is likely for far eastern coastal regions and for much of western and northern Australia
- rainfall is likely to be within the typical range for the season for most remaining areas

- an increased chance of unusually high rainfall for parts of western and northern Australia
- warmer than average days are likely across large parts of the country
- warmer than average nights are very likely across almost all of Australia with an increased chance of unusually high overnight temperatures nationwide.

For more detailed updates, visit the [Bureau of Meteorology's climate outlook page](#).

Weather changes quickly.
Check the [Bureau of Meteorology](#) and your local emergency services regularly for the latest updates.

Prepare for higher-risk weather season

People working in disaster management know the importance of preparing for extreme weather. While we think about Queensland communities, don't forget your own home. Now is the time to get ready.

If you haven't already, visit [Get Ready Queensland](#) to find resources, make your emergency plan, and get tips on how to protect your home and family and to stay updated on the latest disaster preparedness strategies.

Stay safe and be prepared!



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