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Workshop series to help channel residents plan for storm surges

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Alexandrina Council is asking residents who live on Goolwa Channel or Mundoo Channel on Hindmarsh Island to help draft a Community Coastal Flood Emergency Plan so they can respond to the identified risk of coastal flooding.

Three community workshops are being held between February and April in Centenary Hall in Goolwa so residents, ratepayers and other stakeholders connected with the Goolwa and Mundoo Channels can get involved.

“While our coast is highly valued and a key part of our identity, living along the coast means living with the risk of coastal flooding and erosion,” Alexandrina Mayor Keith Parkes said.

“This risk is why Council adopted a Coastal Adaptation Study in 2021. The Study found that Goolwa and Mundoo Channels are two areas most at risk from coastal flooding.

“These areas already experience flooding during storm surge events, and this is projected to increase as the climate changes and sea levels rise. This means more people may be affected more often.

“Council is proactively responding to this risk by supporting the preparation of a Community Coastal Flood Emergency Plan for the Goolwa and Mundoo Channels.

“This Plan will outline the actions the local community can take before, during and after coastal flood events to reduce their impact.”

The three workshops cover different topics and build on the information shared in previous sessions. They are being held on 8 February, 29 February, and 11 April.

Topics include learning about the flood risk in the channels, what householders and others can do to be prepared and preparing household emergency plans.

Registrations are essential and can be made at mysay.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/ca2024. Video links for the workshops can be made available for interested persons who wish to observe. The sessions will not be broadcast as an interactive webinar.



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