

Tropical Cyclone Warning Tropical Cyclone Iris

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Warning Type	Tropical Cyclone - Advice (Watch/Warning)		
Notification	Increased Severity		

Area of Operations

Warning Area	Ayr to Mackay, including the Whitsunday Islands.
QFES Regions	Northern ROC, Central ROC, Far Northern ROC
DDMGs	Rockhampton DDMG, Mackay DDMG, Townsville DDMG, Innisfail DDMG, Far North DDMG
LDMGs	Cairns LDMG, Pormpuraaw LDMG, Yarrabah LDMG, Cassowary Coast LDMG, Burdekin LDMG, Hinchinbrook LDMG, Palm Island LDMG, Townsville LDMG, Isaac LDMG, Mackay LDMG, Rockhampton LDMG, Livingstone LDMG, Whitsunday LDMG, Douglas LDMG

Additional Information

- Watch zone: Mackay to St Lawrence.
- Tropical cyclone Iris has continued to intensify while moving slowly south overnight and is now a category 2 cyclone.
- At this stage, the cyclone is not expected to cross the Queensland coast but may approach the coast close enough to produce significant impacts.

Weather Information

IDQ20023

Australian Government Bureau of Meteorology
Queensland

Tropical Cyclone Warning Centre

Media: The Standard Emergency Warning Signal should NOT be used with this warning.

TOP PRIORITY FOR IMMEDIATE BROADCAST

TROPICAL CYCLONE ADVICE NUMBER 2

Issued at 5:15 am EST on Tuesday 3 April 2018

Headline:

Tropical cyclone warning has been declared for parts of the Lower Burdekin,



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Central Coast & Whitsunday Islands.

Areas Affected:

Warning zone: Ayr to Mackay, including the Whitsunday Islands.

Watch zone: Mackay to St Lawrence.

Cancelled zone: None.

Details of Tropical Cyclone Iris at 4:00 am AEST:

Intensity: Category 2, sustained winds near the centre of 100 kilometres per hour with wind gusts to 140 kilometres per hour.

Location: within 55 kilometres of 17.4 degrees South 148.6 degrees East, estimated to be 310 kilometres east of Cairns and 285 kilometres northeast of Townsville.

Movement: south at 6 kilometres per hour.

Tropical cyclone Iris has continued to intensify while moving slowly south overnight and is now a category 2 cyclone.

Tropical cyclone Iris is expected to continue moving slowly to the south through most of today while continuing to intensify, before curving more to the southeast, parallel to the Queensland coast, on Wednesday. At this stage, the cyclone is not expected to cross the Queensland coast but may approach the coast close enough to produce significant impacts.

Hazards:

DESTRUCTIVE WINDS extend outwards to 100 kilometres from the centre and may impact the coastal fringe and islands between Bowen and Mackay, including the Whitsunday Islands, from early Wednesday morning.

GALES extend outwards to around 150 kilometres from the centre and may develop about coastal and island communities between Ayr and St Lawrence, including Mackay and the Whitsunday Islands, from this evening or early Wednesday morning, then extend south to St Lawrence later on Wednesday.

Heavy rainfall which may lead to flash flooding may develop during Tuesday and Wednesday. A Flood Watch is current for coastal catchments between Rollingstone and St Lawrence.

Recommended Action:

People between Ayr and Mackay, including the Whitsunday Islands, should immediately commence or continue preparations, especially securing boats and property [using available daylight hours].

- For cyclone preparedness and safety advice, visit Queensland's Disaster Management Services website (www.disaster.qld.gov.au)

- For emergency assistance call the Queensland State Emergency Service (SES) on 132 500 (for assistance with storm damage, rising flood water, fallen trees on buildings or roof damage).

People between Mackay and St Lawrence should consider what action they will need to take if the cyclone threat increases.

- Information is available from your local government

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Next Advice:

The next advice will be issued by 8:00 am AEST Tuesday 03 April.

This warning is also available through TV and Radio Broadcasts; the Bureau's website at www.bom.gov.au or call 1300 659 212. The Bureau and the State Emergency Service would appreciate this warning being broadcast regularly.

A map showing the track of the cyclone is available at:

<http://www.bom.gov.au/cyclone>

SDCC Watch Desk

The State Disaster Coordination Centre Watch Desk operates on a 24-hour capability and can be contacted as undersigned for further information.

The SDCC Watch Desk is responsible for reporting on emergency and disaster management activities and providing situational awareness to enhance decision making for emergency management, disaster management and senior QFES stakeholders.

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