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RIVERFRONT reserves experiencing minor flooding are being closed for the safety of residents, as Council monitors rising water levels as part of a combined response with local emergency services.

The Rural City of Murray Bridge is one of many riverside Councils collaborating with State Emergency Agencies to ensure increased flows are managed in a responsible way.

Chief Executive Officer Michael Sedgman said the Council was collaborating with emergency services and relevant state agencies to ensure people and infrastructure remained safe while river levels rise.

"Recent weather conditions have pushed up river levels quicker than expected," he said.

"We have been preparing over recent weeks for increased local flows and levels as a result of flows down the river system, so we are not caught unawares.

"We want to assure our residents that the Council is working closely with all the relevant state agencies and we are keeping a very close eye on developments and responding appropriately.

"On Tuesday night the power at Avoca Dell was isolated and the Reserve was closed due to inundation and yesterday we were sandbagging at Riverglen to ensure our Community Wastewater Management System is protected."

In addition, Council has today closed the road to Hill Road Reserve, the Sailability Jetty at Sturt Reserve, the Boardwalk and Loop Path at Swanport Wetlands, the Boat Ramp and Reserve at Bells Landing and the road to and reserve at Hume Reserve.

"River levels are rising, there is some minor flooding in our riverfront reserves and more closures will follow as we feel it becomes appropriate," Mr Sedgman said.

"Safety is our number one priority and is important that everyone follows road signs and directions that are put in place to keep lives and properties safe."

Mr Sedgman said further reserve and road closures will be expected in coming weeks as river levels continue to rise.

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