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# 200 homes evacuated

## City calm in flood threat

**G**OULBURN remained "calm and controlled" in the face of yesterday's flood threat to 200 of the city's properties.

Mayor Geoff Kettle said there was no panic, and most of the householders business people whose properties had been identified as flood-threatened would self-evacuate.

The State Emergency Service at 11am yesterday ordered evacuation of low-lying properties adjacent to the Wollondilly and Mulwaree rivers within the Goulburn city area.

Streets to be evacuated were parts of Fitzroy and Victoria Sts, and Avoca, Giddings, Bellevue, Kenmore and Derwent Sts,

as well as all streets west of Emma St and bordered by Blackshaw and Bungonia Rds, and Lower Sterne St.

SES incident controller Colin Malone said, if possible, people from these streets should stay with family or friends, or make other accommodation arrangements.

In other flood threat news:

\* An evacuation centre has been set up at the Goulburn Soldiers Club

\* In the 24 hours to 9am yesterday, Goulburn had received 68mm of rain

\* In the seven days to 9am yesterday, Goulburn had received 132mm

\* Three day totals from Thursday through to

Saturday are expected to be in the range of 70 to 200mm

\* An up to date list of roads that have been closed is available from [www.goulburn.nsw.gov.au](http://www.goulburn.nsw.gov.au)

Cr Kettle, who regularly patrolled the widespread Goulburn flood scene by SES helicopter, and on the sodden ground with Council workers and Police, said people everywhere had praised the way the city had organised its response to the inundation threat.

"Calm and relaxed, calm and controlled, that's been the mood," he said.

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**PREPARED:** Twenty-year-old Bellevue St resident Sam Rowland placing sand bags around the front door of his family home in preparation for the predicted flood. During the 2010 flood, waters did not enter the house and the family hoped for the same good fortune this year. However, they didn't want to take any chances. Right: NSW Rural Fire Service Deputy Michael Harding and Brad Sutherland issuing an evacuation notice to Bellevue St resident Ian Corby at 1pm yesterday.

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