



Island in the Flood is a factual account of the massive flooding which isolated Bellbowrie, Moggill and Anstead earlier this year, and provides a written and photographic record of the events that unfolded. Around 90 homes were flooded with more than 250 residents evacuated. From this emergency, a flood relief centre evolved at the Moggill Uniting Church. Volunteers poured into the area where the disaster had awakened a 'truly magnificent spirit in the community'.

There are many stories about the floods in Bellbowrie and Moggill which have been captured in this book. From donations of money and equipment to acts of selflessness, these often heartbreaking, sometimes amusing stories demonstrate the generosity of the human spirit when faced with a shared adversity

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The book includes over 140 colour photographs and chapters on the 1974 floods, how the weather conditions conspired to produce the floods, how the floods swept through the district, the spontaneous formation of the relief centre, clearing up afterwards, on the lessons we have learned about surviving a crisis as an isolated community and on the findings of the Queensland Floods Commission of Enquiry as they relate particularly to the western suburbs.

In her foreword, Councillor Margaret de Wit advises 'This book should be read by all residents and those in authority charged with the preparation of disaster management plans.'

We hope that this compelling account will serve as a handsome record of the 2011 floods for future generations but will also remind us that disaster preparation is essential. After the building of Wivenhoe Dam, they said 'it would never happen again' but it did.

Production costs have already been covered by sales, so the **entire price of \$25** from the book will be devoted to the rehabilitation of flood victims in Bellbowrie, Moggill and Anstead.

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