

The Sunshine Coast Daily

Bleak day at beach

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By 10am yesterday, a two-metre tide had gushed in to the Maroochy rivermouth, causing the southern stretch of sand on Chambers Island to disappear.

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“You can usually see some sand on Chambers Island, but you can’t see anything,” said Colin Timms from Swan Boat Hire.

“The big tide is pulling everything down the river.”

Most of the company’s boats remained moored yesterday morning, on what would usually be one of its busiest days of the year.

“I couldn’t send a kayak out earlier because of the water gushing,” Mr Timms said.

He could do little more than watch as the water rose against the Chambers Island Bridge.

But the awful weather did little to dampen the spirits of a family from Wodonga in Victoria, who jumped in the river with their snorkels, tennis balls and border collie.

“You have to make the most of it when you drive two days to get here,” said Glenda Boyer.

“The weather’s a bit unpredictable at this time of year – you get a lot of king tides.”

It was a busy day for lifesavers across the Sunshine Coast yesterday, with a kite surfer drowning at Bulcock Beach and another nine people needing to be rescued at various locations after getting caught in dangerous rips.

Another high tide of just under two metres is expected at 10.30am tomorrow.