



Important Notice – Burketown Flooding

UPDATE 1.30pm Tuesday 6 April 2010

Please note the following information concerning the current flooding situation in Burketown

<u>Current Flood Level</u>	6.65 metres (falling slowly) at Burketown Airport.
<u>Flood Peak</u>	Flood levels have peaked and are expected to slowly drop further over the next few days.
<u>Who to Contact for Assistance</u>	Council Office (9.00am to 4.00pm) 07 4745 5100 Dennis Kerr (after hours) 0408 872 377
<u>How to get Information Updates</u>	Regular information updates will be made available and posted at all usual bulletinboards in town and known email addresses, as well as on the Council's website.
<u>Helicopters</u>	The Local Disaster Management Group has obtained the use of helicopters mainly for emergency use, for damage assessment and for movement of essential staff. Any request for urgent transportation should be referred to the Council Office and will be assessed on merit.
<u>Water and Sewerage</u>	Water and sewerage services are operating normally. Some minor surcharging of sewer manholes has been experienced in low lying areas.
<u>Relocation/Evacuation</u>	One family relocation has been necessary; other residents in low lying areas of town should prepare for possible evacuation in the event of any serious failure of the sewerage system.
<u>Boats</u>	Boaties in town areas are reminded to use their craft safely and at low speed so that nuisance to other residents is minimised.
<u>Aerodrome</u>	The aerodrome has now been re-opened for emergency and other limited use. Discussions are being held with Skytrans on the resumption of the company's services.
<u>Resupply of Food</u>	An application has been made to resupply Burketown and Rural Properties with essential food items for Friday 9 April.
<u>General Warning</u>	Residents are again reminded to exercise extreme caution in all activities around the home and in flooded areas. People should avoid personal contact with floodwater as much as possible and children should be warned of the dangers of swimming in it. Be aware that emergency and medical evacuation will be difficult while the aerodrome is closed.



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