



# Important Notice – Burketown Flooding

**UPDATE 4.30pm Wednesday 7 April 2010**

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

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| <u>Current Flood Level</u>            | 6.5metres (falling slowly) at Burketown Airport.   |
| <u>Flood Peak</u>                     | Flood levels are expected to continue 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<br>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 both 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; Although it is now unlikely that further evacuations will be necessary, any serious failures of the sewerage system before floodwaters recede may require further relocation from low-lying areas.                               |
| <u>Boats</u>                          | Boaties in town areas are again 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 commercial use. Regular Skytrans services will be resumed from Thursday..   |
| <u>Resupply of Food</u>               | The food resupply for Burketown and Rural Properties will now occur on Saturday 10 instead of Friday. The re-supply aeroplane will not land in Burketown until Saturday afternoon..  |
| <u>General Warning</u>                | Residents are again reminded to exercise extreme caution in all activities around the home and in flooded areas. <b>People should avoid personal contact with floodwater as much as possible and children should be warned of the dangers of swimming in it.</b>           |



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