



Important Notice – Burketown Flooding

UPDATE 4pm Friday 9 April 2010

Wow! It's been a pretty interesting week in Burketown. The floodwaters have now receded but they have left many people planning to spend this weekend cleaning up the mess left behind.

The following information is provide to keep everyone in the loop.

Mozzies

We can expect outbreaks of mosquito activity over the next several days. So that we are reminded of the necessity to take precautions against any outbreak, separate flyers on the subject have been released today.

Environmental Health Officer

A consulting environmental health officer will be in Burketown for several days next week to advise the Council on issues related to flood recovery, including mosquito and pest control, disinfection and sanitation issues and general public health matters. Concerns about any of these issues should be referred to the Council office while the health officer is present in town.

Psychologist

A Queensland Health psychologist will be in Burketown on Tuesday 13 April. Please call Di at the clinic for an appointment if you would like to consult the psychologist.

Helicopter

As everyone is aware, the Local Disaster Management Group has had the use of a helicopter over the past week, mainly for emergencies, for damage assessment and for movement of essential staff. It is hoped to retain the helicopter for at least the next week to help with preparation of plans for the restoration of roads and infrastructure within the Shire.

Water and Sewerage

Water and sewerage services are both operating normally. The present cloudiness in the water is expected to clear soon. However, in the meantime residents should be assured that there is no compromise in the drinking quality of the water.

The Council is requesting residents to try to conserve water to allow the water treatment plant to operate at maximum efficiency so that those cloudiness and turbidity conditions can be fixed as soon as possible.

Resupply of Food

The food resupply for Burketown and Rural Properties will occur tomorrow Saturday 10 April. The re-supply aeroplane will not land in Burketown until Saturday afternoon. Burketown Convenience Store will be open on Sunday between 9.00am to 12.00 midday.

Contact

Please call the Acting CEO John Brady on 0488 099 777 for information or advice.

Thanks

The Council offers its grateful thanks to residents of the Shire for their patience, cooperation and good humour over the past week.



John Brady
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