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Broome recovery on track following severe weather

The Broome Local Recovery Coordinating Committee (LRCC) has met this afternoon as the town moves from the response to the recovery phase after recent severe weather and record rainfall.

The LRCC brought together a range of government and non-government agencies to ensure that recovery efforts are on track, and LRCC Chairperson Chris Mitchell said the community could be reassured the situation was being monitored closely and that no significant risks were identified.

Key points discussed by the LRCC included:

- Highway Access – Gt Northern Hwy between Roebuck Roadhouse and Willare Roadhouse, and between Roebuck Roadhouse and Sandfire Roadhouse, remains closed. The condition of these roads will be monitored by Main Roads on the weekend with regular updates online at <https://www.mainroads.wa.gov.au/pages/alerts.aspx>. The community is reminded to obey all road closures and warning signs, and that severe penalties apply for not doing so.
- Local Roads - All unsealed roads in the Shire of Broome remain closed to all traffic. Work is underway on the Cape Leveque Rd to restore access to remote communities including repairing damaged culverts.
- Power Supply – Horizon Power has assured customers they are fully equipped and prepared to meet power supply needs. Anyone experiencing a supply interruption or emergency is asked to call 13 23 51.
- Food Supply – The LRCC has been advised that fresh food supplies are on the way to Broome both by air and sea and should arrive at the weekend. Food supplies in Dampier Peninsula communities are being monitored closely and will be provided by air if required. Bidyadanga community is being supplied from Port Hedland.
- Fuel Supply – The LRCC is not aware of any threat to fuel supplies to Broome.
- Medical – The operations of the Broome Regional Hospital have been unaffected.
- Education – All schools in Broome are now open and operating.
- Waste Collection and Disposal – The Broome Waste Management Facility is open to all customers and kerbside rubbish collection is operating as normal. The Shire of Broome is at full capacity clearing fallen trees from public spaces, and so residents are reminded they need to take their own green waste to the Waste Management Facility where it can be deposited free.
- Public Health – Roebuck Bay remains closed to swimming following the recent overflow of treated wastewater. Cable Beach was reopened for swimming after being closed because of an algal bloom. Larviciding treatment is being applied to standing water to prevent mosquito breeding and the community is asked to also clear any pooling water.

- Public Safety – The community is advised not to enter floodwaters as they can contain unseen hazards including live power lines, deep holes, rubbish and wildlife such as snakes. There has been erosion at the Demco Beach precinct which has been closed to vehicles, and pedestrians should take care in this area. Some trails in Minyirr Park have been closed due to erosion and people should not access them until they are reopened.

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