



# Mayor's Message in Relation to the Current Flooding Event in Burke Shire

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The current flooding event in Burke Shire is continuing to be our main priority. Some key updates in relation to the event include:

- 96 people have been evacuated out of Burketown
- Although there was no rise in water levels overnight, it is important not to get complacent. Ensure you are vigilant and prepared.

## Power Update (Burketown):

- Power continues to remain on and will do so as long as possible.
- There have been 37 houses that have had power disconnected due to inundation in Burketown.

## Sewer and Water Update (Burketown):

- Sewerage services remain compromised and everyone is encouraged to use the following alternative arrangements:
  - Portable toilets are located at the front of the school and clinic.
  - Rodeo grounds public toilets
- There are water restrictions in place for Burketown residents effective 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023 – with water only operational from 7am to 10am and 4pm to 7pm.

## Rubbish Update (Burketown)

- If anyone requires assistance with removal of waste, please contact Kimberly Chan 0417 335 259 or Shannon Moren 0456 583 968 and arrangements will be made.

## Gregory and Rural Property Resupply:

- This will still take place – staff are currently working with the District Disaster Management Group to ensure this will occur ASAP.
- Best efforts are being made to have food resupply conducted early in the week.



### Boating

- For your safety and the safety of others please minimise boating in floodwaters
- Strictly no boating in floodwaters afterhours

### Evacuees:

There are currently a number residents that have been evacuated to Mount Isa and Normanton. Burke Shire Council staff that are currently based in Mount Isa are working to assist those evacuees in both Mount Isa and Normanton.

### Communications

- Communications in Burketown are still operational.
- Council is continuing to work with Telstra to fix communications in Gregory.

If you concerned about your safety or have any queries, please contact one of the following:

- Burketown Police                      0475 823 556
- CEO Dan McKinlay                      0437 238 957
- Mayor Ernie Camp                      0458 117 287
- Clinton Murray                      0408 872 377
- Madison Marshall                      0427 436 086

I am extremely proud of the efforts of the whole Burke Shire community and the efforts of those that continue to keep our communities safe. The outcomes and achievements over the past few days have been remarkable – this includes safely evacuating residents, finding temporary solutions to water and power as the waters rise, and continuing to work on resupply to the whole shire – just to name a few.

Please be assured, Council staff, along with Councillors, continue to actively and carefully monitor the situation and stay in constant communication with each other and through the Local Disaster Management Group and District Disaster Management Group. We continue to monitor the situation across the whole Shire including Gregory and outlying properties.

Mayor Ernie Camp  
Chairman - Local Disaster Management Group  
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