

Please be cautious when moving about the community because although the floodwater is receding, we do not know what damage has been caused to the road network and various infrastructure which may be still under water. There could be concealed hazards and other dangers that cannot be seen, including crocodiles.

Due to the likelihood of bacteria being within the floodwaters, people should avoid walking in the water where avoidable. **Please do not swim in the floodwaters.**

There are currently two hazards identified, noted below. Please take care and obey signage when moving in these areas.

- Beames Street – outside Nowlands and Post Office
- Anthony and Burke Street Intersection

If you notice other hazards in the community, please contact Council as a matter of priority.

Gregory floodwaters and services continue to be monitored.

## **Power update:**

There is currently an electrical contractor based in town to do pre-connection inspections on properties that have power disconnected. Ergon will be visiting daily to restore power to impacted areas in town on a staged basis.

Power supply as it stands will remain on. If residents have any issues with power, please contact Madison Marshall on 0427 436 086.

## **Water update:**

Council has isolated the water connections to our recently vacated town properties in an attempt to preserve water stocks.

Water services have now been restored to normal operations.

## **Rubbish update:**

Rubbish collection will continue as per normal arrangements tomorrow (Friday). Please ensure wheelie bins are roadside for collection.

Alternatively, skip bins are located at the Rodeo Grounds should anyone need to dispose of any rubbish.

If anyone requires assistance with removal of waste, please contact Madison Marshall on 0427 436 086 and arrangements will be made.

## **Damage Assessment:**

The QFES rapid damage assessment team have inspected all but 5 of the 37 properties impacted, due to still being inaccessible. The plan tomorrow is to fly to rural properties impacted and complete rapid assessments.

## **Gym:**

There have been enquiries as to how long the gym will remain closed. Power has been restored and the QFES rapid assessment completed on the building. However, the gym did flood and will need to be cleaned. The two treadmills are no longer able to be used and will need to be replaced, but the other equipment will be all usable once the gym is clean. We will advise when the gym is operational again. Dan understands the urgency of this.

**Sewerage update:**

Some sewerage services remain compromised for Burketown. Council is working to restore sewerage operations where possible and will notify the residents once up and running.

2 of the 3 sewer stations are now operational. Operational sewerage services have been highlighted green on the map below.

Where sewer services are still compromised, everyone is encouraged to use the portable toilets located on Bowen Street or the Rodeo Grounds Public Toilets.



Over the coming days Council will releasing further community notices, particularly on Community Recovery.

If you have any concerns or queries, please contact one of the following:

- Burketown Police      0475 823 556
- CEO Dan McKinlay      0437 238 957
- Clinton Murray      0408 872 377
- Madison Marshall      0427 436 086

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