

PUBLIC NOTICE

Flood Update - ex TC Trevor

The Diamantina Shire Local Disaster Management committee met on the 2 April 2019 to review the shires preparedness for the expected isolation associated with flooding and closure of roads within and leading into Bedourie and Birdsville. The LDMG has raised its status to 'Alert' ensuring that we are on the Qld Governments radar if assistance is required.

It is anticipated that Bedourie may be isolated for up to 3 weeks due to flooding at 'Marion Downs' 120km north of Bedourie. It is expected that the Diamantina Developmental Road to the south will be closed some time over the weekend at Eyre Creek for approximately the same time once the road is closed in this location.

Depending on the timing of floodwaters in the Diamantina and other rivers further away, Birdsville will become isolated over the coming weeks. The timing and height of the peak at Birdsville will better estimated when floodwater gets to 'Durrie' and 'Roseberth' as this flood will include water from Farrar's Creek.

Birdsville Supplies - The town is expecting to be resupplied with food etc through a Birdsville Transport delivery arriving today, allowing residents to access normal food supplies at the Birdsville Roadhouse. I'm sure residents appreciate the efforts of Birdsville Transport in making this happen.

Bedourie Supplies - Arrangements are being made for the Simpson Desert Oasis to be resupplied with approximately 1 tonne of fruit, vegetables, bread and meat. At the moment this is being planned for Friday.

Given the above, there is no need to 'panic buy' as they will be sufficient quantities to meet everyone's normal requirements. The Simpson Desert Oasis will be putting a limit on some items to make sure that everyone has the opportunity to get supplies. There will also be other opportunities to have further deliveries by air if stocks run out and we will continue to be isolated. Therefore, Don't be Greedy!!

The clinics are fully stocked and staffed and Ergon has ample diesel for electricity generation. Ergon have staff in Bedourie to ensure generation is maintained.

A reminder to watch out for snakes and other reptiles as they make their way out of the flood water. Be patient and enjoy the experience that 99.99% of Australians don't get.

Leon Love CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER WEDNESDAY, 3 APRIL 2019

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