

Community Cyclone Recovery Update - TC Seroja, 8 May 2021, 0900 hrs



INCIDENT STATUS – All Clear with Caution

This applies to the Local Governments of: Northampton; Chapman Valley; Greater Geraldton; Morawa; Mingenew; Perenjori; Three Springs; Carnamah; Coorow; Dalwallinu; Mount Marshall; Koorda; Mukinbudin; Merredin.

RECOVERY SUPPORT

A recovery webpage has been created at emergency.wa.gov.au/recovery

This includes details of relief packages available from

- Australian Government Disaster Recovery Payment and Recovery Allowance
- Department of Communities Disaster Relief Assistance
- Lord Mayor's Distress Relief Fund
- Western Power Relief Package
- Water Corporation Relief Package
- Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development to Assist Primary Producers

Recovery Centres

Department of Communities has opened Recovery Centres at:

- **Kalbarri Golf Club**, Haselby Street, Kalbarri (9:30am to 4pm)
- **Northampton RSL**, Corner of Essex Street and NW Coastal Highway, Northampton (9:30am to 4pm)
- **Morawa Community Resource Centre**, 46 Winfield St, Morawa

For details of services available at the Recovery Centres:

- visit communities.wa.gov.au/fires-and-emergencies
- call the Disaster Response Hotline on 1800 032 965
- email emergencyservices@communities.wa.gov.au
- visit one of the Recovery Centres in person.

If you need to chat or you're struggling, Lifeline provides crisis support calls on 13 11 14. You can reach them 24/7 or visit the Lifeline website for resources.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSIONS

For details of future meeting locations, dates and times, refer to the recovery webpage. emergency.wa.gov.au/recovery

ROAD CLOSURES RESTRICTED ACCESS PERMITS

- There are no current road closures or Restricted Access Permits required to enter areas affected by TC Seroja, including Kalbarri.

WHAT EMERGENCY SERVICES ARE DOING

- All DFES roadside collection in public areas, roads and verges was completed as of Friday 7 May 2021. All further waste collection is the responsibility of the landowner.
- Emergency services personnel, supported by a range of government agencies and private contractors, have worked round the clock to make the area safe since Seroja made landfall on Sunday 11 April.
- State Emergency Service volunteers led the immediate response effort and have responded to hundreds of requests for assistance, with the last request expected to be completed today.
- The response operation can now be managed at a local level and the transition to the recovery phase is progressing.
- SES support is still available for those community members who require assistance, including any new requests. Please call 132500.
- The Department of Fire and Emergency Services continues to provide support to the local recovery teams throughout the recovery phase.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

- After a cyclone it is important to be aware of a range of hazards that may be present in and around your home and the local community.
- For advice on health hazards including potential asbestos contamination visit www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/Articles/F_I/Hazards-after-cyclones-and-floods
- Information from Department of Health continues to be that the risk of airborne asbestos fibres in affected areas remains low. Testing continues to be carried out in high-impact areas and shows there is no airborne fibres above normal levels.
- A Precautionary approach is to be taken

COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS

- From 12.01am on Saturday 8 May 2021, it is no longer mandatory for emergency services personnel to wear masks.

ASBESTOS

Information from the Department of Health is that the risk of airborne asbestos fibres in affected areas remains 'low'.

- Contact your Local Government and/or insurer for advice on managing asbestos on your property.
- P2/N95 respirators/masks are not required unless handling asbestos or in close proximity to personnel undertaking asbestos clean-up.
- As a precautionary approach do not use blower vacs when cleaning yards as it may disturb products that may contain asbestos. Check garden refuse for asbestos or other material before mulching.

POWER

Please see Western Power's Cyclone Seroja Power Supply Updates at: westernpower.com.au/community/news-opinion/cyclone-seroja-power-supply-updates/

ANIMAL WELFARE

The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) has activated the Animal Welfare in Emergencies State Support Plan and established an Animal Welfare Working Group. Please report any animal welfare issues to Local Government Authorities. For more information visit agric.wa.gov.au/tcseroja

KEEP UP TO DATE

- Visit emergency.wa.gov.au/recovery
- call 13 DFES (13 3337)
- follow DFES on Twitter: twitter.com/dfes_wa or Facebook: facebook.com/dfeswa/

DFES has created a cyclone Seroja recovery group on Facebook. Search "Cyclone Seroja Recovery Group" to join.

KEY SAFETY MESSAGES

- Do not approach fallen power poles or power lines. Please stay 8 metres away from any downed poles or wires on your property.
- Avoid entering or driving through stagnant water or floodwaters.
- If perishable food has not been refrigerated it can cause food poisoning.
- In a life-threatening situation call 000

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