

# Rockhampton Regional Council Local Recovery Plan



Mayor  
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## Recovery narrative

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#### Council vision statement

To effectively respond to the immediate needs of the community, with the aim to return our community to normal functioning. While at the same time, create awareness and preparedness for any future disaster events.

#### Council values

- Accountable – We are proactive and take personal responsibility.
- Customer Focused – We are timely and responsive to our customers and community.
- People Development – We support and develop our people to ensure they can reach their full potential.
- One Team – Communication and engagement are priorities at all levels.
- Continuous Improvement – We will be open to change, have an open mind and maintain a positive attitude.

#### Local Recovery Group

Established: 07 December 2018  
 Chaired by: Mayor, Councillor Margaret Strelow  
 Coordinator: Colleen Worthy, General Manager Community Services

#### Lines of Recovery

Human and Social, Economic, Environment, Building, Roads and Transport.

#### Key stakeholders

Lead state government agencies, community groups, non-government organisations/non-government associations, local businesses, service providers and other invested parties.

#### Recovery themes

1. Response: ensure community safety
2. Rebuilding: bring the community forward to a new normal
3. Restoration: working together to repair and re-establish community linkages across the lines of recovery
4. Resilience: embed the principle in all activities to mitigate, improve and build betterment for the community

## Recovery objectives

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- 1 Essential services - power, telecommunications – repaired and restored
- 2 Displaced household – settled in temporary accommodation, connected to services to rebuild
- 3 Emergency funding (personal hardship etc.) – granted/approved, community able to access
- 4 Community support – mechanisms implemented
- 5 Green and hard waste – removed and adequately processed
- 6 Impact assessments – completed, information shared to understand the true impact
- 7 Environmental rehabilitation – mechanisms implemented
- 8 Empower local businesses and communities to improve their resilience to disasters

## Damage and impacts

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#### Human and Social

- Evacuation orders were issued for the Gracemere community (28/11/2018) and the Kabra community (29/11/2018).
- 28/11/2018 414 evacuees registered at the showgrounds
- 28/11/2018 111 stayed overnight at the showgrounds
- 28/11/2018 157 residents were decanted to stay overnight at CQUni student (vacant) accommodation
- Others visited the showgrounds, for relief (food) and information, then moved on to other temporary overnight accommodation
- 29/11/2018 17 residents registered and stayed overnight at the showgrounds.
- [1] households destroyed/uninhabitable in Kabra.
- [4] sheds destroyed.
- Community wellbeing: The community followed evacuation orders, and returned to their residences the following day, when orders lifted.

#### Economic

- Department of Agriculture and Fisheries reported that they had completed their assessments on the estimated economic impact. In the impacted area, though GIS data analysis and some ground truthing, it is estimated that 80% of fences, over 25 properties were damaged.
- Agistment costs have also been considered.
- The total damage estimate is currently \$1013461.47.

#### Environment

- With recent rain it is expected stock feed will return in two-three months, however without fences, stock will not be able to back into these areas

#### Building

- Power disconnected to [600] homes – full power restored in [1] days
- Telecommunications disrupted and offline for [1] days
- [0] No disruptions to water and sewerage treatment plants as pumps ran to continue to meet demand

#### Roads and Transport

- Road closures occurred when evacuation orders were issued. Roads reopened as the evacuation orders were lifted (5:30am 29 November, 5:00am 30 November).

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