

Media Statement

20 October 2023

Recovery efforts for residents affected by the Deepwater/Baffle Creek Fires

Gladstone Regional Council officers supported by Queensland Fire and Emergency Services (QFES) and Ergon Energy have been carrying out Rapid Damage Assessments today of some areas affected by the Deepwater/Baffle Creek Fires.

As of 2.44pm, QFES released advices:

- **RETURN WITH CAUTION - Deepwater (near Agnes Water)** for properties between Capricornia Drive, Pacific Drive, Oceania Court and Muller Road including Sorensen Road.
- **RETURN WITH CAUTION - Oyster Creek (near Agnes Water)** for properties between Uxbridge Road, Oyster Creek Road, Muller Road and Coast Road, including Kirchner Road.

A Response Hub will be set up at the Baffle Creek Community Centre tomorrow (Sat, 21 October) so affected residents can access social services; such as The Salvation Army, Uniting Care, Department of Communities, Aussie Helpers and Gladstone Region Neighbourhood Centre; and talk to Council officers.

To help co-ordinate recovery efforts, Council has partnered with GIVIT www.givit.org.au/gld-bushfires-2023 with a Queensland Bushfire Appeal set up. Currently this appeal will specifically assist residents affected by the Deepwater/Baffle Creek Fires. GIVIT manage all offers of goods and services, if you wish to donate, please pledge your offer directly to GIVIT.

The Baffle Creek Transfer Station will re-open on Saturday and Sunday (21 and 22 October) from 1pm-4pm with proof of residence identification required for free disposal of bushfire-related waste. Asbestos cannot be accepted.

For any wildlife queries contact <https://www.facebook.com/BundyWildlifeRescueInc/>

Deepwater/Baffle Creek Fires - Response Hub

WHERE: Baffle Creek Community Centre, 371 Coast Road, Baffle Creek

WHEN: Saturday, 21 October

TIME: 10am-2pm

The Salvation Army will supply bottled water for collection.

Flexi Skip Bins/bags for fire affected waste will be available for collection for disposal of residential household waste.

While the fire is currently contained, it is not extinguished in areas. Residents should continue to follow the advice of Queensland Fire and Emergency Services (QFES).

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