

Update #6: Wednesday 19 May 2021.

BlazeAid efforts continue

We would like to extend our ongoing thanks to the tireless work and efforts of the BlazeAid team and volunteers. They have been very active visiting a number of rural properties across Northampton and Chapman Valley, assisting with tree clearing, fencing reinstatement and debris clean up and removal.

BlazeAid have now opened up another satellite camp. As well as their site in Yuna, there is now a camp at Oakabella Homestead near Northampton.

Volunteers still wanted.

BlazeAid are still seeking volunteers for their ongoing efforts. Anyone who can offer time to add to the numbers of volunteers and maximise their effort, needs to be at their camp base in Yuna at the Community Centre, or Oakabella Homestead in Northampton by 7.15am to be registered as a volunteer and deployed for the day.

Please contact Judy Bland from BlazeAid on 0427 614 546 if you can offer some time to them.

City efforts

The City is also continuing its rural visits to check in with the community in regard to how people are faring post-Cyclone, as well as providing information and advice in response to any specific queries and concerns. Many properties have already been visited, with the initial focus on Moonyoonooka, Bringo and Kojarena as well as the areas surrounding Mullewa. Please, make sure you check in on neighbouring properties to see how they are going and offer any support, or possible resources.

We encourage you to advise the City via the form <u>on the City's website</u>, detailing Cyclone Seroja impact on your property.

Rural Aid Australia

Rural Aid provides critical support including water, fodder, financial and counselling assistance to help farmers (primary producers) who endure drought, flood and fire.

Are you a farming needing financial assistance? Follow these steps:

1. Register so Rural Aid know what type of support you need, fodder, water, groceries, counselling, workers etc.

- 2. Once you've registered apply for a once off \$1000 immediate bill assistance.
- 3. Already registered, apply for a once off \$1000 immediate bill assistance.

Head online to register now: <u>www.ruralaid.org.au/</u>

Update from Western Power:

Mullewa, Wongoondy, Pindar, Devils Creek, Eradu, Wicherina

- The backbone to Mullewa has been restored.
- Wongoondy: Work is continuing on rebuilding spurs on this line, where there are approximately eight poles down.
- Indarra: the line running south from Indarra has been restored with 10 customers restored.
- Ambania: The line east of Ambania has been restored. A small spur line, south of the main Mullewa line, servicing 3 customers, has not yet been restored.
- Northern Gully and Durawah: this line has been scoped and the current estimated time of restoration is 2 weeks. There are 32 customers on this line.
- Tenindewa and North Eradu: restoration of the line supplying Tenindewa and North Eradu, heading north from the main line, is currently expected to be restored within 2 weeks. There are a number of poles and conductors down in this area.
- Ellendale/West Casuarina's: this line has been scoped and yet to be repaired. There are 26 customers on this line.
- Eradu: this line has been scoped and yet to be repaired. There are 8 customers on this line.
- Work is approximately 45% complete in this area

This DFES link has information specific to the recovery from STC Seroja: <u>https://www.dfes.wa.gov.au/emergencywa/recovery.html</u>

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

Important	Contact	Details
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Western Power:		13 13 5	1
Telstra:		888 88	8
Insurance Council:	1800	734 62	1
Water Corporation:		13 13 7	5

Department of Communities' Disaster Response Hotline:	1800 032 965
SES:	
DFES:	
Emergency:	
City of Greater Geraldton:	

IF YOU OR A LOVED ONE ARE EXPERIENCING MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES PLEASE CONTACT LIFELINE: 13 11 14 RURALLINK: 1800 552 002 SAMARITANS: 135 247 OR 1800 198 313