

Sheila King

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From: Mal Grierson  
Sent: Monday, 17 January 2011 9:33 AM  
To: Ken Smith

Ken,

In case I don't get to talk to you this morning :-

1. Natalie is having a Services Sub Committee meeting at 12 today where the DDGs of each agency will discuss the logistics of getting the public service back to some normality. We will cover issues such as accommodation, mail, ICT services, payroll, vehicles ( e.g. if vehicles are not needed for business, they should be made available for recovery activities), accounts systems ( e.g. the need to set up good financial management of expenditure going towards the flood recovery so that we can make sure we claim the most we can), etc. Nat will be tasking the PSC with addressing issues such as "what are the rules if a public servant wants to keep helping a relative as a volunteer?" etc. Let me know if you want any particular issues covered. Pat Vidgen is the Premier's dept member of this group.

2. My Minister apparently has been tasked by the Premier to discuss a Channel 7 request to run another "sunrise" tradesman program. i.e volunteers from down south flown up to assist. Robert is suggesting Jo Ann Miller's electorate and we would coordinate with the Master Builders to manage. I have spoken with Graham Newton who is ok with this because he is concentrating on the Lockyer valley.

3. The Electorate Offices have been checked and we are working with the Parl House folk to get them up and running as that's where a lot of people are going for help. Jo Ann Millar and Ray Hopper (Dalby) are the only two with problems that I know about and I have QBuild working on them.

4. I have a meeting of my SDMG Building Recovery Subcommittee scheduled for this afternoon. If there are changes to the approach to the recovery as per our conversation this morning, I will need some advice as to whether this should proceed in its current form and membership.

5. Issues you raise with me this morning re special accommodation are being actioned.

Keep in touch if I can assist.

Mal

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Thank you.

**Sheila King**

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**From:** Mal Grierson  
**Sent:** Monday, 17 January 2011 5:04 PM  
**To:** Ken Smith  
**Subject:** Fwd: Operation Bounce Back

Ken, see emails below re the story about Operation Bounce Back (Sunrise).  
Let me know if you want additional information.  
Mal.

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "SMITH Max" <Max.Smith@publicworks.qld.gov.au>  
**Date:** 17 January 2011 4:40:52 PM AEST  
**To:** "Kay, Andy" <Contrary to Public Interest >, "Sunrise Online Producers"  
<Contrary to Public Interest >, "Pell, Michael" <Contrary to Public Interest >,  
"Heath, Penny" <Contrary to Public Interest >, "Walters, Max" <Contrary to Public Interest >,  
"Hadland, Dacien" <Contrary to Public Interest >  
**Cc:** "Boland, Adam" <Contrary to Public Interest >, "GRIERSON Mal"  
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<sandra.kosic@publicworks.qld.gov.au>  
**Subject:** RE: Operation Bounce Back

Andy,

Your brief below is close to the mark.

Some comments

1. The Community Centres are yet to be identified , most likely to be in Ipswich or the surrounding areas.
2. I would suggest that we initially ask for volunteers who are in the local area. If there is insufficient response in the first few days we can expand it nationwide on the basis that they are self sufficient in terms of transport and accommodation as well as tools.
3. Licenses will be an issue. We will check any Qld licenses before they make a start. If we decide to go nationally we may able to provide mutual recognition of interstate licences for a limited time. The bottom line is that the volunteers will need to hold the prescribed licenses.
4. The most important issue not currently addressed is the supply of materials and specialised plant. We cannot build without same. Your call for volunteers should also include the call for the supply of specialised plant and materials. The materials should not only include built in fixtures but whitegoods etc . We will match the list with our needs as soon as we establish a scope of work. The initial list will roughly follow the list of trades.
5. We will work towards an operational date of 31<sup>st</sup> January .

Regards,

Max Smith

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**From:** Kay, Andy [mailto:Contrary to Public Interest]

**Sent:** Monday, 17 January 2011 3:28 PM

**To:** Sunrise Online Producers; Pell, Michael; Heath, Penny; Walters, Max; Hadland, Dacien

**Cc:** Boland, Adam; SMITH Max

**Subject:** Operation Bounce Back

### **The Brief**

Operation Bounce Back is a Queensland Government initiative which has invited Sunrise as its Media Partner to assist.

The driver is the Minister for Public Works Robert Schwarten and he has appointed Max Smith, the Deputy Director General of Public Works as the conduit between the Queensland Government and Sunrise/Seven.

I will be the contact from a logistics/planning point between Max Smith and Seven.

### **What is Operation Bounce Back?**

Operation Bounce Back is a coordinated recovery operation that will target tradespeople to volunteer or be volunteered by their employers to assist in the recovery/rebuild of community areas affected by the Queensland floods and stage one will focus on areas in Ipswich.

The target for these tradespeople will be for people based in the Brisbane and associated areas, however, if agreed, we can extend this to tradespeople Australia wide with the promise we will transport them to Queensland, but they must have guaranteed accommodation in Brisbane or surrounding areas allowing them easy access to their designated projects. ( we need to be sure that non Queenslanders are able to be registered to work in Queensland- I believe currently that is not the case for trades such as electrical)

Whilst Sunrise is confident it can access airfares, there is limited accommodation available in Brisbane and surrounds and we can't be seen to be throwing evacuees out of their emergency accommodation to look after our tradesmen/women.

We need to be very clear on the type of people we are targeting....we are NOT looking for general volunteers that worked on the weekend just gone for the clean up phase. We need Qualified Tradespeople **with tools**.

The following list will be sent to Max Smith to add or delete from:

- Air conditioning contractors
- Alarm installers
- Blinds installers
- Brick layers
- Cabinet makers
- Carpet layers

Cement rendering  
Concrete cutting/drilling  
Concreting contractors  
Demolition experts  
Electricians  
Fencers  
Floor laying  
Gas fitters  
Glaziers  
Hot water installers  
Locksmiths  
Painters  
Pest controllers  
Paving  
Plasterboard installers  
Plumbers  
Refrigeration mechanics  
Scaffolding and riggers  
Sheet metal workers  
Tilers-Floor/slate/roof/vinyl  
Wallpaper hangers  
Window installers

This is a long list but we'll see what happens.

### **What will Sunrise do?**

Step one:

We will announce Operation Bounce Back on Sunrise tomorrow morning with Qld Premier Anna Bligh at 0810 Live.

We may add the Ipswich Mayor as well, TBA- his name is Paul Pisasale- PRONNOUNCED **PISARLEY**. I will confirm later today.

During the live cross, we will invite tradespeople in the Brisbane and surrounding areas to register on the Sunrise website and it will link to Operation bounce back on the home page.

There they will be asked to identify personal and professional information with the appropriate privacy statements.

We need to be very clear in tomorrow's announcement that people will work for the joy of working for those who need their help but this will be gratis work, there will be no payment made to anyone.

Sunrise will gather all the applicants and forward the information data base form to the Qld. Public Works Department and they will forward it to the Master Builders Association who will act as the contractor of behalf of the Public Works Department and take over from there.

Clearly we need to be briefed in regards anything we need to do from our side or add to the site regarding information about liability, health and safety etc. or at least be indemnified by the Qld. Govt. I will add more when I know more.

Luke Buckle/Dacien Hadland will co ordinate the online side of the project and keep us across all... this is hardly my area of expertise.

### **When?**

With tomorrow's announcement, the broad brush view is that over the next two weeks, we will build the Bounce Back Army with a tentative operational date to start work on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January. The reason for this is we need to let Public Works assess what projects will be undertaken as a matter of priority and then access materials to allow the rebuild to start.

Clearly there will be much more to say about this as we develop.

### **What will the Public Works Department of Qld. do?**

They are the drivers and coordinators of this project and it's very important that we do what they asked in every way we can.

They tell us what they need and we'll do our best to accommodate them and get them what they need.

We also need to determine what sort of time these people 1. can give us, and 2. how, long we need them for.

I will brief you more on how we tackle this editorially each day shortly.

Might I add, this is something of a slightly different project for me and I encourage you to give me any ideas, thoughts, comments at any time.

Regards

andy

Andy Kay  
Executive Producer  
Australian Capital Equity

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Thank you.

RTI RELEASE

**Sheila King**

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**From:** Mal Grierson  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 19 January 2011 9:50 AM  
**To:** Ken Smith  
**Subject:** RE: Bounce Back Announcements for Wednesday

Sorry ken – lots on. Contact was a Chris Taylor in Premier's Office I believe.  
Mal

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**From:** Ken Smith [mailto:Ken.Smith@premiers.qld.gov.au]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 18 January 2011 7:41 PM  
**To:** GRIERSON Mal  
**Cc:** SMITH Max  
**Subject:** RE: Bounce Back Announcements for Wednesday

Mal and Max

Reference in email to Premier's Department. Who is the contact? In DPC or Premier's Office?

Regards

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**From:** Mal Grierson  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 18 January 2011 4:23 PM  
**To:** Ken Smith  
**Subject:** FW: Bounce Back Announcements for Wednesday

Ken,  
Just keeping you in the loop re Operation Bounce Back (Channel 7 Sunrise Program).  
Mal

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**From:** SMITH Max  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 18 January 2011 4:12 PM  
**To:** Kay, Andy  
**Cc:** KOSIC Sandra; MACDONALD Natalie; burgess.stephenson@ministerial.qld.gov.au; GRIERSON Mal; Ian Jennings  
**Subject:** RE: Bounce Back Announcements for Wednesday

Andy,

Happy with Items 1,2&3 for discussion tomorrow morning.

I have asked Premier's re Item 4 and I have asked that they respond to you re who will make the announcement.

The strategy still stands that we prefer South East Queensland based volunteers with Queensland trade or contractor licenses. If there are insufficient volunteers we will pursue volunteers outside this area.

If interstate tradespersons or contractors are used they will need to hold a licence in their home State. The Queensland Building Services Authority (BSA) will provide them with a temporary Qld licence for the duration of the project.

Retired Queensland tradies can only apply if they still hold a licence. They may be able to obtain a license from the BSA if they have the relevant prescribed qualifications.

Regards,

Max

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**From:** Kay, Andy [mailto:Contrary to Public Interest]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 18 January 2011 3:40 PM  
**To:** SMITH Max  
**Cc:** KOSIC Sandra; MACDONALD Natalie; burgess.stephenson@ministerial.qld.gov.au  
**Subject:** Bounce Back Announcements for Wednesday

Hi Max,

I haven't heard from the Premier's Department but these are the points of tomorrow morning's discussion:

- 1>a request for materials and whitegoods
- 2>re establishing what Operation Bounce Back is
- 3>acknowledging those who have already registered... heading towards 200 plus another 1000 offers of interest.
- 4>Identified Goodna RL Club as the first project for the recovery operation.

We have some major questions that have appeared over and over again which we would like to answer on air tomorrow morning.

- 1> Will tradespeople from other states, particularly NSW, be able to go and work in Queensland? I believe this is currently not allowed. Knowing the answer to this will effect they way we promote it on air, we have a lot of interstate interest from people who are willing to accommodate themselves.
- 2> Will it be the Public Works department that will make contact with the tradespeople following the assessment of the body of work and access to materials? A lot of people are drawing analogies between this operation and something to do with insulation and want some clarity as to who is doing what. I guess we probably would to in a bid to go forward.
- 3> Can retired Queensland tradies apply?

These are our main questions that we would hope we could answer tomorrow morning.

Many thanx

Andy

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RTI RELEASE

## Sheila King

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**From:** Mal Grierson  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 19 January 2011 5:10 PM  
**To:** Ken Smith  
**Subject:** FW: Operation Bounce Back

Ken,  
FYI re Operation Bounce Back. Seems under control.  
Mal

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**From:** SMITH Max  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 19 January 2011 5:03 PM  
**To:** Neil.MILLER@deta.qld.gov.au  
**Cc:** burgess.stephenson@ministerial.qld.gov.au; GRIERSON Mal  
**Subject:** Operation Bounce Back

Dear Jo Ann,

I understand the Premier will be interviewed live at the Kangaroo Point Cliffs at 8.15 am tomorrow re Operation Bounce Back

She will announce that Goodna Rugby League Club will be the first participant in Operation Bounce Back. She will also announce that Hutchinson's Builders are the Builder.

Hutchinson Builders, a proud Queensland company that celebrates its 100<sup>th</sup> birthday next year is pleased to be associated with the rebuild of the Goodna Leagues Club. Our 3 key site people all come from the region and have rugby league backgrounds."

In addition the Premier will be advised that the general scope of work is as described below and this will give some indication of the trades and materials required

- Doors – Both internal and external doors
- Wall – 6mm Villaboard and Plasterboard
- Wet Area Linings – Ceramic tiles
- Toilet Partitions
- Carpet – Commercial grade carpet
- Paint – Acrylic paint
- Joinery – New laminate benches and cabinetry
- Kitchen Equipment – Commercial grade kitchen equipment
- Electrical – Repairs to main switch board
- Security / Fire services – Repairs and replacement of security cameras and new fire extinguishers
- Cold Room – New 4.0 x 4.0m cold room
- Furniture – Bar stools  
- Dry Bars

- Bar tables
- Dining tables and chairs

It is expected that the building work could commence around the 1<sup>st</sup> February and take some 7 working days. It would very beneficial if offers of the specialised equipment eg the coldroom could be made and able to be delivered within that timeframe.

Regards,

Max

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Thank you.



**Queensland  
Government**

**Hon Phil Reeves MP**  
Member for Mansfield

Minister for Child Safety  
and Minister for Sport

28 January 2011

**'Sports Flood Fight Back Plan' helps clubs kick off again**

Sport and recreation clubs will be able to access revamped emergency funds to repair facilities affected by the floods which have devastated Queensland.

Sport Minister Phil Reeves said the package of funding and technical advice will go a long way towards helping the state's flood affected areas recover.

"Sport and recreation clubs provide substantial benefits to suburbs, towns and entire regions. In many cases they are the glue which binds communities," Mr Reeves said.

"We've never seen this level of damage to sporting facilities across the state. It's just heart-breaking, some I've seen have been left with nothing.

"Groups can apply for up to \$12,500 to replace damaged equipment.

"The Bligh Government will also contribute up to \$60,000 to help clubs to repair infrastructure.

"This new package of assistance includes a 1300 65 66 22 advice line which will help clubs access money, skills and professional advice on how clubs can get back up and running.

"I've been out and about speaking with families and clubs about what they need to get sport in their area back on track," Mr Reeves said.

"For many Queenslanders, once they had secured their homes and businesses, their next thought went to their local sporting club, the place where the community comes together, and have been shocked at what they've seen.

"The Bligh Government understands the impact the floods have had on Queensland families.

"It's important that young families continue to have the opportunity to get their children outdoors and playing organised sport.

"To help out with the manual rebuild and clean up, Premier Anna Bligh launched Operation Bounce Back in partnership with the Sunrise program, which identifies available qualified tradespeople and services to volunteer their time to assist in community recovery.

"The Goodna Rugby League Club is the first to link in with Operation Bounce Back.

"We're committed to getting sport and recreation clubs back on their feet in a timely manner."

Some sport and recreation programs have been put on hold while these funds are being redirected to flood recovery.

The Community Sport and Recreation Flood Recovery hotline can be reached on 1300 65 66 22.

**Media contact: 3224 7081 or 3235 9236**

# Boost in aid for all clubs

The Courier-Mail 28.1.11

**Exclusive**

Greg Davis

THE State Government will triple the amount of disaster relief for Queensland sporting clubs ravaged by flooding.

Sport Minister Phil Reeves will today launch a revamped rescue package allowing clubs to access up to \$60,000 to repair damaged infrastructure and up to \$12,500 to replace equipment.

The Government activated its Disaster Recovery Program in late December, when flood waters carved a path of destruction through regional centres, with a cap of \$20,000 for infrastructure repair and \$5000 to replace equipment.

But after witnessing the "unprecedented" scale of damage, the Operation Bounce Back relief package has been bulked up considerably.

Reeves, a former administrator with the Brothers rugby league club, has been shocked by the scenes around Queensland and feels for officials who have to pick up the pieces.

"We've never seen this level of damage to sporting facilities across the state," Reeves said.

"It's just heartbreaking. Some I've seen have been left with nothing.

"Sport and recreation clubs provide substantial benefits to suburbs, towns and entire regions.

"In many cases they are the glue which binds communities."

Apart from money, the res-

cue package will also provide technical support for sporting bodies trying to get back on their feet.

A telephone hotline has been set up to help clubs access money, skills and professional advice.

Reeves has inspected major sporting facilities, including Suncorp Stadium and Queensland Tennis Centre at Tennyson.

He has also visited some junior and community clubs that were inundated by the floodwaters.

"I've been out and about speaking with families and clubs about what they need to get sport in their area back on track," he said.

"For many Queenslanders, once they had secured their homes and businesses, their next thought went to their local sporting club, the place where the community comes together, and they have been shocked at what they've seen.

"The Bligh Government understands the impact the floods have had on Queensland families.

"It's important that young families continue to have the opportunity to get their children outdoors and playing organised sport.

"We're committed to getting sport and recreation clubs back on their feet in a timely manner."

Goodna Rugby League Club is the first organisation to access the rescue package.

The Community Sport and Recreation Flood Recovery hotline is 1300 656 622.

**Ashleigh Edwards**

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**From:** Ken Smith  
**Sent:** Sunday, 30 January 2011 5:17 PM  
**To:** 'Nicole Scurrah'; Mal Grierson  
**Cc:** 'Robert Schwarten'  
**Subject:** RE: Bounce Back

Mal

Just spoke to Nicole. Will ring you about this. Who have you got working on from DPW?

Regards

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From: Nicole Scurrah [<mailto:Nicole.Scurrah@ministerial.qld.gov.au>]  
Sent: Sunday, 30 January 2011 11:54 AM  
To: Mal Grierson  
Cc: Ken Smith; Robert Schwarten  
Subject: Bounce Back

Hi Mal,

We have been contacted by Ch7 - we are jointly aiming to (have the Premier) announce the 3 Theodore projects early on Tuesday morning with another 5 announced by the end of the week.

I understand they spoke to the Minister also about this on Friday. If you can please provide details as soon as possible so that I can have the Media people plan this in for both Tuesday am and Thursday or Friday that would be great.

Thanks  
Nicole

## Ashleigh Edwards

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**From:** Mal Grierson  
**Sent:** Monday, 31 January 2011 9:28 AM  
**To:** Nicole Scurrah; Ken Smith  
**Subject:** FW: Operation Bounce Back  
**Attachments:** Another Operation Bounce Back project to announce - in Theodore; Pics of Theodore Rugby League club post floods

Nicole/Ken,  
Please see attached which was forwarded last week.  
Is there more information required for Theodore announcements?  
We also have arranged for volunteers to be at Goodna R L Club with Hutchinsons for Tuesday morning's coverage with the Premier.  
Regards,  
Mal

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Burgess Stevenson  
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**Sent:** Monday, 31 January 2011 9:08 AM  
**To:** GRIERSON Mal  
**Cc:** SMITH Max  
**Subject:** FW: Operation Bounce Back

Mal  
See attached re Theodore

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**From:** Kimberley Gardiner  
**Sent:** Thursday, 27 January 2011 5:23 PM  
**To:** Burgess Stevenson; Paul Childs  
**Cc:** Steve Keating  
**Subject:** FW: Operation Bounce Back

Hi Burgess/Paul,

Thanks for sending that background information through on the Theodore project. The Premier is potentially doing Sunrise in the morning and will announce the next Operation Bounce Back project. Will keep you posted.

Cheers, Kimberley.

<<Another Operation Bounce Back project to announce - in Theodore>>  
<<Pics of Theodore Rugby League club post floods>>

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**From:** Kate van Poelgeest  
**Sent:** Thursday, 27 January 2011 5:20 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Kimberley Gardiner; Chris Taylor  
**Subject:** Operation Bounce Back

Hi Lisa,

As discussed the next Operation Bounce Back project will be to repair buildings belonging to three local clubs at Theodore. This is the town that was completely evacuated. The clubs are the tennis, pony and rugby league clubs.

The clubs are very important for the community and very much a community meeting place.

I'll be with the Premier in the morning.

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**Daniel Smith**

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**Sent:** Tuesday, 25 January 2011 4:44 PM  
**To:** Chris Taylor; Kimberley Gardiner; Mark Symons  
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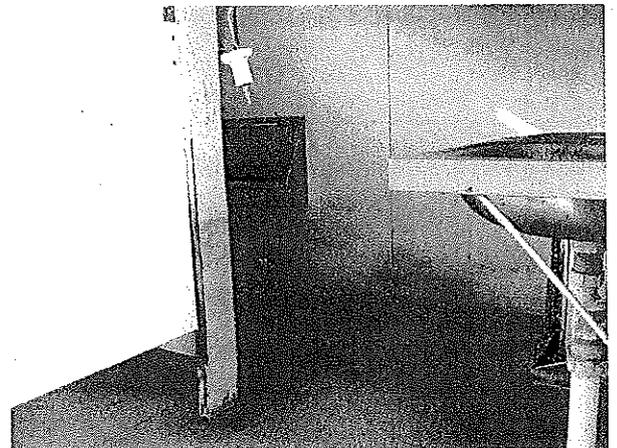
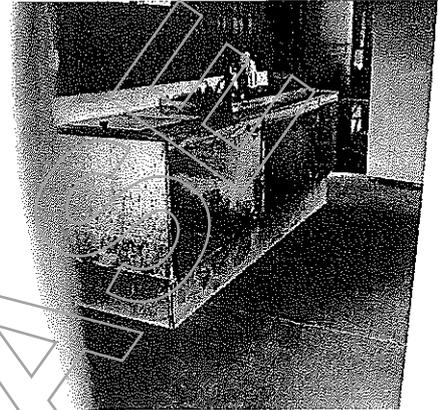
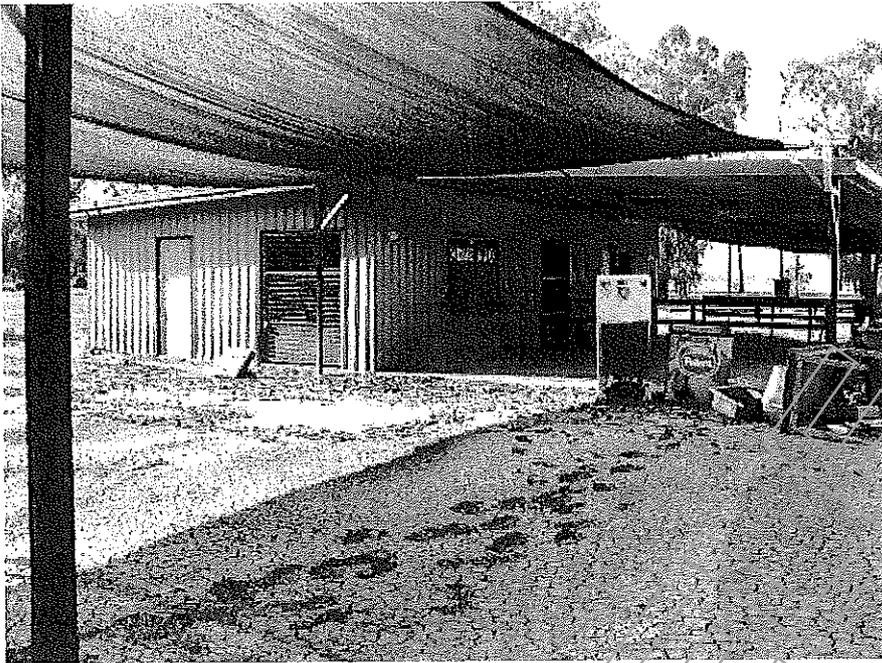
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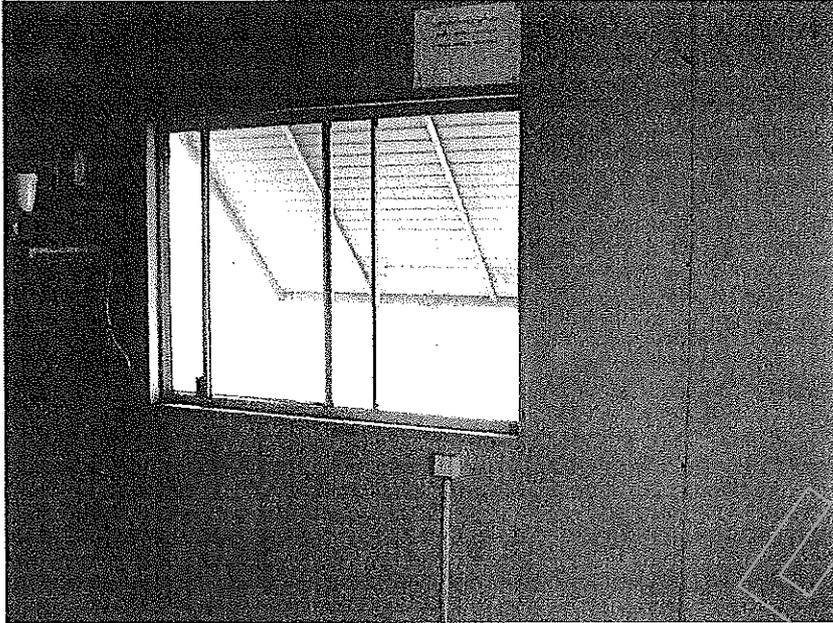
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## Theodore Recreation Centre

Rugby League building



Theodore show secretaries box – internal cupboards damaged and removed.



## Ashleigh Edwards

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**From:** Ken Smith  
**Sent:** Monday, 31 January 2011 9:33 AM  
**To:** Mal Grierson; 'nicole.scurrah@ministerial.qld.gov.au'  
**Subject:** Re: Operation Bounce Back

Mal

Will talk after teleconference.

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Mal Grierson  
**To:** Nicole Scurrah <[Nicole.Scurrah@ministerial.qld.gov.au](mailto:Nicole.Scurrah@ministerial.qld.gov.au)>; Ken Smith  
**Sent:** Mon Jan 31 09:27:38 2011  
**Subject:** FW: Operation Bounce Back

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[\[mailto:Burgess.Stephenson@ministerial.qld.gov.au\]](mailto:Burgess.Stephenson@ministerial.qld.gov.au)  
**Sent:** Monday, 31 January 2011 9:08 AM  
**To:** GRIERSON Mal  
**Cc:** SMITH Max  
**Subject:** FW: Operation Bounce Back

Mal

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Burgess Stephenson  
Principal Advisor  
Public Works  
Building Services Authority  
Office of the Minister for Public Works and Information and Communication Technology  
Ph: 32246970 Mobile: Contrary to Public Information Act 2009 s.189

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**From:** Kimberley Gardiner  
**Sent:** Thursday, 27 January 2011 5:23 PM  
**To:** Burgess Stephenson; Paul Childs  
**Cc:** Steve Keating  
**Subject:** FW: Operation Bounce Back

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**Sheila King**

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**To:** Mal Grierson; Ken Smith  
**Cc:** Chris Taylor  
**Subject:** RE: Operation Bounce Back

Hi Mal,

Chris Taylor will be in touch to advise what else the Premier will need for tomorrow.

Thanks  
Nicole

-----Original Message-----

**From:** GRIERSON Mal [mailto:Mal.GRIERSON@publicworks.qld.gov.au]  
**Sent:** Monday, 31 January 2011 9:28 AM  
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**From:** Mal Grierson  
**Sent:** Monday, 31 January 2011 11:29 AM  
**To:** Nicole Scurrah; Ken Smith  
**Subject:** FW: Goodna RLFC

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**From:** GRIFFIN Jeff  
**Sent:** Monday, 31 January 2011 11:24 AM  
**To:** Kay, Andy; SMITH Max  
**Cc:** GRIERSON Mal; Burgess Stevenson  
**Subject:** Goodna RLFC

Andy,

I have confirmed this time slot with Hutchinson's and the volunteers.

They will also be kicking off the refurbishment with a morning BBQ for the volunteers at that time.

Regards

Jeff

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**From:** Kay, Andy [mailto:[andy.kay@publicworks.qld.gov.au](mailto:andy.kay@publicworks.qld.gov.au)] Contrary to Public Interest  
**Sent:** Monday, 31 January 2011 10:55 AM  
**To:** SMITH Max; GRIFFIN Jeff  
**Cc:** GRIERSON Mal; Burgess Stevenson  
**Subject:** RE: Goodna RLFC

Hi gents,

I've been in touch with the Premier's Office regarding tomorrow's cross and the requested time is 6:15 Brisbane time on air... I believe the worker's aren't due till 6.30....can we bring it forward 30 minutes?

andy

Andy Kay  
Executive Producer  
Australian Capital Equity  
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**Sent:** Monday, 31 January 2011 11:52 AM  
**To:** GRIFFIN Jeff  
**Cc:** Kay, Andy; GRIERSON Mal; Burgess Stevenson  
**Subject:** RE: Goodna RLFC

Jeff,

Noted ,thank you

Regards,

Max

**From:** GRIFFIN Jeff  
**Sent:** Monday, 31 January 2011 10:23 AM  
**To:** SMITH Max  
**Subject:** Goodna RLFC

Max,  
Hutchinsons will be delivering materials and have volunteers on site working tomorrow morning at the Goodna RLFC.

Regards

Jeff

**From:** SMITH Max  
**Sent:** Friday, 28 January 2011 4:58 PM  
**To:** GRIFFIN Jeff  
**Cc:** Kay, Andy  
**Subject:** Goodna RLFC

Jeff,

When can we get some opportunities for footage of volunteers working on the site ?

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Max

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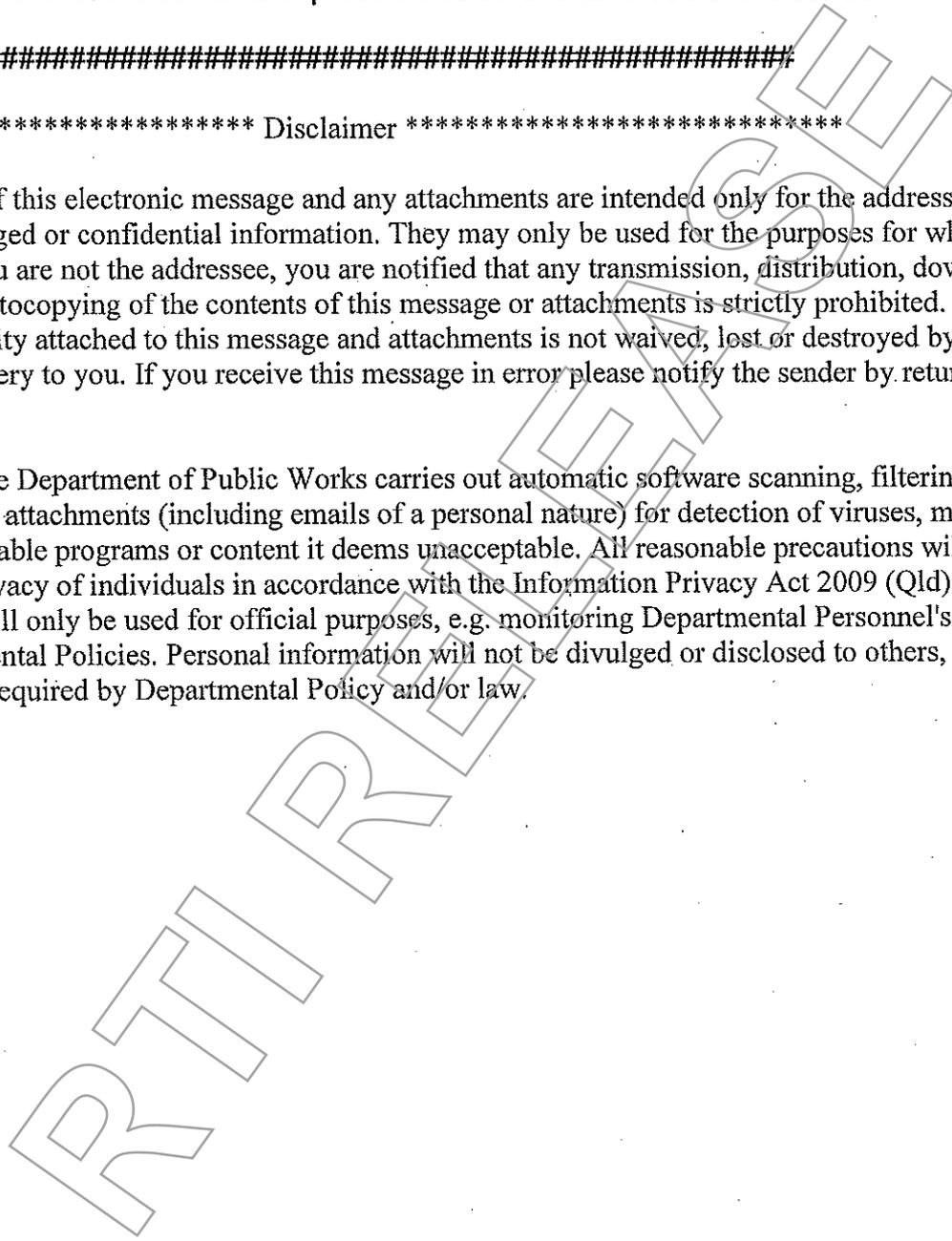
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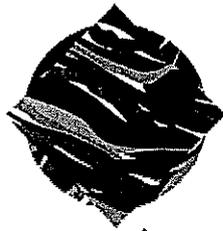
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# CLUBS QUEENSLAND

Voice of Queensland Clubs

1 February 2011

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Premier and Minister for the Arts  
PO Box 15185  
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Dear Premier,

Clubs Queensland would like to thank you personally for the public support you showed for the volunteer and community ethos that drives the Queensland Community Club movement.

Your decision to support, on the Sunrise Program, the Goodna Rugby League Club was greatly appreciated by Clubs Queensland and our membership across Queensland.

May I also congratulate you on how you communicated that Community Clubs provide crucial community infrastructure and play a pivotal role in supporting their local communities.

Clubs Queensland has received tremendous feedback on how you expressed and demonstrated your knowledge of the unique role Community Clubs play in supporting Queensland's social, community and sporting life.

Clubs Australia, the Community Clubs national body, has also expressed the positive feedback it has received following the national broadcast of your Sunrise interview.

As we have discussed in a recent meeting with your office, Clubs Queensland remains committed to working with the Queensland Government on matters of mutual concern. Clubs Queensland will continue to publicly recognise and support Queensland Government initiatives that support the valuable work of Queensland's Community Clubs.

May I again congratulate and thank you for your support of the Goodna Rugby League Club and for Queensland's Community Clubs movement.

Yours sincerely

**Doug Flockhart**  
Chief Executive Officer

**Sheila King**

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**Sent:** Tuesday, 1 February 2011 2:33 PM  
**To:** Ken Smith  
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01/02/2011

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**TRANSCRIPT**

**SUNRISE**

**1 FEBRUARY 2011**

**RE: CYCLONE YASI, OPERATION BOUNCE BACK - THEODORE, FLOOD LEVY**

**MELISSA DOYLE:** Queensland is now on alert for Cyclone Yasi as some areas clean up from Cyclone Anthony. Now the weather bureau says Yasi could rival the strength of Cyclone Larry and we remember how bad that was. Well Queensland Premier Anna Bligh is with us now. Good morning to you, thank you for your time.

**PREMIER ANNA BLIGH:** Morning.

**DOYLE:** We're um, we're looking at a monster storm as its been called. I know that people in Queensland, north Queensland in particular are used to cyclones but what sort of preparation is going above and beyond the normal for Yasi?

**PREMIER:** Well you're right, people in north and far north Queensland are used to cyclones but many of them will never have seen anything like what they're seeing on the bureau website at the moment. This is as you say a monster storm. Tomorrow we expect very heavy gale force winds so today is really probably the last chance people have to safely relocate their families if they want to do that. It's the last chance they have to be really out and about getting new batteries, stocking up on food, ensuring they have fuel in their vehicle. This is going to be a very significant event when it crosses the coast and we're also expecting it to be accompanied by a very big storm surge so people in low lying and waterfront areas are being asked to relocate today.

**DOYLE:** So which particular areas would you tell people to evacuate from? I know that, we know that homes are built sort of stronger now to withstand cyclones and that is a safe place to be. But what areas would you say; you know what, maybe leave.

**PREMIER:** The only people who we're saying should relocate are those who are in low lying water front areas where they might be susceptible to the storm surge. So it's not moving because of the cyclonic winds but moving out of the way of what might be a very large storm surge causing very powerful flash flooding. So anybody who's close to the waterfront and every one of the councils are in the area - Cairns to Mackay has very good mapping of these areas and they should be getting that information from their local council. But today, is the last opportunity people may have to do that safely because tomorrow we would expect to

see winds of more than 120 kilometres hitting the coast anytime from about 10am. So this is a very serious event and people need to treat it very seriously.

**DOYLE:** Absolutely, as you say - do what you're told to do, follow orders at all times because it's for your safety. I just want to talk to you about operation bounce back. Of course we're working with you, with your government, to make sure tradies and supplies get into the flood affected areas. The first job we talked about was the Ipswich suburb of Goodna, building the rugby league club, how's it going? An update on how everyone's managing?

**PREMIER:** Well from everything I hear it's going extremely well and we thank every one of them. This is a not for profit club that puts everything back into its community. It's the absolute heartbeat of Goodna; Goodna is a suburb where almost every house has had some affect. So if we can get their club back operating I think they'll start to feel like they can get their lives back together. So it's a terrific place to start and I'm really pleased with the progress that I hear they're making...

**DOYLE:** Great and you've chosen the next spot?

**PREMIER:** Absolutely. The next lot are going much further west, we're asking them to go to the town of Theodore which is 300 kilometres, about three hours drive west of Gladstone. It's a little town with just 300 people and it was the town that was the first town ever in our history to be fully evacuated and they were out of their homes for about nine days and just about every town - every home in town had some water damage. So we're asking you to come in to rehabilitate, they've got a little group of clubs on one block of land that has a tennis court, a pony club and a football club. So we're asking them to come into that little town where so many have lost so much and for the children in that town this will make such a big difference.

**DOYLE:** They need it. Alright well there you go, Theodore is next on the agenda. Just quickly before I let you go Premier. The Prime Minister has been under political pressure over the unpopular flood levy. Now Julia Gillard's chief of staff has quit - do you think this agreement over the levy is taking its toll?

**PREMIER:** I would hope that people remember that there are literally thousands of Queenslanders and I know many many more in Victoria who have lost everything. Who are sitting today, their houses might be cleaned up but they've got nothing; and their roads are broken, their bridges are broken, their industries are falling apart. We need to help this economy, this state get back on its feet; and I'd appeal to the generosity of Australians to accept that this levy is an important part of our recovery. I thank them for their donations so far but Australians, we still need you.

**DOYLE:** Yeah and to remind people too that the levy is to cover things like infrastructure, as you said roads and buildings and the Premiers fund and the things that people have been donating their cash to is to help people and individuals and families at home.

**PREMIER:** That's right

**DOYLE:** And I think there's been a little bit, we don't want to forget that point. Thanks very much for joining us Premier Anna Bligh, I know big day ahead so as we said make sure everyone listens to instructions and does what they need to.

**PREMIER:** Thank you.

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**ISSUES: Tropical Cyclone Yasi; Queensland Government Insurance Fund**

**KOCHIE:** Queensland Premier Anna Bligh has travelled to Far North Queensland to get a first-hand look at the effects of Cyclone Yasi. She joins us now from Cairns.

Premier, the last couple of days you've been seeing the pictures of this area, at the Emergency Management Queensland headquarters. You've now seen the reality. Just tell us what it was like.

**PREMIER:** Yes, I was able to get into both Cardwell and Tully yesterday and no briefing can prepare you for what it is like, out there on the ground. This is complete devastation of some of our prettiest little towns. Cardwell is a lovely little village; a seaside resort, a place where people like to go mud-crabbing and it now just looks like a war zone. It looks like something extraordinary has happened. It's a bit eerie in Cardwell because most of Cardwell evacuated so there's not many people in town whereas in Tully as you've seen there's a lot of people; no electricity, problems with water. This is a major reconstruction effort and like Cyclone Larry in Innisfail it's going to take a long time.

**KOCHIE:** It sure is. Look, what help is on the way? Because in big cities like Townsville and Cairns there's a lot of infrastructure, a lot of support. But these isolated communities, they're out on their lonesome aren't they?

**PREMIER:** Well they might feel like that at the moment but I can tell you they're surrounded by support trying to get into them. Yesterday we had continued very, very heavy rain and that has hampered some of the relief efforts but hopefully the weather will hold off enough today. There is a convoy of army personnel who are on their way. They're just on the other side of the Cardwell Range and we've got engineers checking the road to make sure that they can actually bring their trucks in.

So they're coming in with everything from water, food, engineering equipment and people to start the clean-up so that's great. We got a very large contingent of police into Cardwell last night and they have been doorknocking every single house and doing search efforts to make sure no-one was there who needed rescuing and thankfully we haven't found anybody in that circumstance. We are having trouble getting our electricity workers; we've got hundreds of them with their big electricity supply trucks waiting on the highway just south of Townsville, waiting to be able to get across the highway when the flooding dies down. So everybody's poised and ready and hopefully the weather will give us just enough of a break today to get those resources on the ground.

**KOCHIE:** And what's on your agenda today?

**PREMIER:** I'm here in Cairns where, while they were spared the worst they've still seen quite a bit of damage. I'm meeting with their local disaster group and their Mayor this morning with Major General Mick Slater and we'll be sitting down and working through what the issues are here in Cairns. This has affected the whole region. I was in Townsville yesterday talking to the mayor there and as you know very big water issue in Townsville yesterday - thankfully that's been fixed. So these issues every day that we have to work through. Some of the issues for us in Tully and Cardwell, the police region for that area is based here in Cairns and I'm meeting with the senior police here. One of the big issues is how do we provide temporary accommodation for all of those people who are out of their homes. Because as you know they will be in that temporary accommodation for some time.

**KOCHIE:** Absolutely. Look, before we let you go, just something if you could clear up for us. There's quite a lot of reporting re the insurance system that Queensland uses to insure its public infrastructure. That there's been a bit of criticism that you don't reinsure, that is offset that risk with other insurance companies, you hold it yourself. And if you did reinsure like all the other states do there may not be a need for a flood levy. Is that right?

**PREMIER:** I'm very pleased to have a chance to clarify all of this and it is a bit confusing.

**KOCHIE:** Yep.

**PREMIER:** Under the natural disaster relief arrangements in Australia, for every single state in Australia, for a long time we've had standing arrangements that when public infrastructure is destroyed by natural disaster whether it's local government roads or state infrastructure, the Commonwealth pays 75 per cent of the cost and the State Government pays 25 per cent of the cost. Our 25 per cent which we will pay will not be funded by the levy. We've made a judgement that because of the number of natural disasters we have and the nature of them it's actually more cost effective for us to deal with our money when it happens. So that's nothing to do with the levy, that's the State money, and we will pay our share.

**KOCHIE:** Yep.

**PREMIER:** The Commonwealth, as they would if this happened in New South Wales or Western Australia, will meet their share which is 75 per cent. This is such a large scale disaster. What the Commonwealth is saying to Australians is they need a bit of help to make sure that we can do this job. So regardless of what Queensland does with its insurance it would make no difference to how the Commonwealth meets their share under the same arrangements that are made for every other state in the country. And frankly this is of such a scale and such magnitude in so many different parts of a very big state we need everyone to chip in and the job just got a lot harder.

**KOCHIE:** Yep and it's an issue which can be looked at down the track. It's the last thing you want to think about now. It's all about people.

**PREMIER:** It is.

**KOCHIE:** .and communities.

**PREMIER:** But how, I guess.

**KOCHIE:** Yep.

**PREMIER:** I make the point again Kochie, how Queensland funds our share of this is not a matter that should concern any other Australians, it's not something to do with the levy. We will meet our 25 per cent and are able to do so.

**KOCHIE:** Yeah, and rather reinsure you put little bits away into a reserve fund instead don't you where you can call on that so.

**PREMIER:** Yes.

**KOCHIE:** .you know, you take the risk, you've been preparing for it.

**PREMIER:** That's right, we have a Queensland Government Insurance Fund. It insures for everything from you know someone falling over in the art gallery making a claim right through to vandalism, fires in schools. All of those usual things.

**KOCHIE:** Yep.

**PREMIER:** So I can, please reassure Australians that they're not being asked to do something for Queensland that wouldn't happen if you had something of this scale in another state of Australia.

**KOCHIE:** Ok thanks for clearing that up for us. Again really appreciate your time at a very busy part of the day.

**PREMIER:** Thank you.

**KOCHIE:** Premier Anna Bligh.

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**From:** Cathy Newman  
**Sent:** Friday, 18 March 2011 12:59 PM  
**To:** The Premier  
**Subject:** FW: QUEENSLAND RSPCA -ARPRICUS HOT WATER DONATION -URGENT

Thank you michele

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**From:** Tina Langford  
**Sent:** Friday, 18 March 2011 12:58 PM  
**To:** Cathy Newman  
**Subject:** RE: QUEENSLAND RSPCA -ARPRICUS HOT WATER DONATION -URGENT

Thanks Cathy

Can you please put this through as correspondence for action etc.

Many thanks,  
Tina.

## Tina Langford

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For Tina Langford

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Attention: Tina

Dear Premier,

We have an opportunity to secure a valuable donation of solar hot water systems for all shelters in Queensland from Apricus Australia if the Queensland government approves the allocation of a \$600 state solar hot water rebate for charities or NGOs. This \$600 will assist with some of the normal installation cost.

We have also contacted various Queensland government departments over the past two weeks and they could not provide any advice or assistance on this matter.

We respectfully request urgent assistance as this important project may be considered eligible for the channel 7 Operation Bounce Back program.

Yours faithfully

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**From:** Contrary to Public Interest  
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**To:** The Premier  
**Subject:** GOONA FOOTBALL CLUB -URGENT CHANNEL 7 PROJECT - OPERATION BOUNCE BACK

Dear Premier,

As our nation slowly but deliberately recovers from natural catastrophes, it is most disconcerting to identify bureaucratic issues that prevent that recovery from occurring with efficiency and success. During a teleconference last evening with a number of community representatives, it was discovered that many projects are encountering a series of unnecessary delays with respect to the flood recovery grant assistance that has been promised but not delivered.

As a result of these deficiencies, representatives of Goodna Football Club – a not-for-profit organization, are forced to use private resources or community donations to ensure that the much-anticipated rebuilding is completed in time for your grand opening by you and Channel 7 within the two weeks. It is obvious that the consequences of such deficiencies in the form of media coverage would be disastrous to all concerned.

Goodman Football Club had intended to use their rebuilt facility as a means for providing inspiration to other community members. They further hoped that the center would become an information/community hub that would serve to inspire other citizens and community groups toward taking positive action to rebuild other communities.

When various government departments were contacted regarding the funding, they were offered little or no assistance concerning the grants or resources that were available to them. In some cases, they were dismissed with indications that they (the agency representatives) could not help or that citizens should refer to the website. The most important reason why this is an unsatisfactory response is that the majority of community representatives simply do not possess the skills or background to identify and complete complex government grant forms.

Out of sheer frustration, some community and media representatives are incorrectly attributing blame to your office, very upset that they are not receiving the assistance that they need. Our teleconference resulted in our indication that this information would be directly communicated to your office.

We are certain that you have not been previously made aware of this situation and the seriousness of it. Needless to say, we urgently await a response from you and the assurance that substantive remedies can and will be implemented.

Thank you for your valued intervention.

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Dear Mr Flockhart,

Thank you for your letter of 1 February 2011 concerning Operation Bounceback.

As I said on the Sunrise program, clubs such as the Goodna Rugby League Club are the heart of the community, and deserve our support and recognition. Operation Bounceback is a Queensland Government initiative — in conjunction with *Channel Seven's* Sunrise program — which aims to encourage qualified tradespeople to volunteer their time and tools to help rebuild a variety of community areas which were devastated in the January 2011 floods.

As you would be aware, Hutchinson Builders is playing a pivotal role as the Construction Manager for the Goodna Rugby League Club project. I have been advised the club's single storey complex has now been refurbished, including the replacement of plasterboard, internal and external painting, new carpets, electrical works and a refurbished amenities area. I am also advised that the Department of Communities is proactively working with the club to assist with their rebuilding efforts, including accessing support under the *Sport and Recreation Flood Fightback Plan*.

I am also pleased to advise you of a number of other similar sporting club projects being managed by the Department of Public Works, as part of Operation Bounceback, including:

***Northern Suburbs Leagues Club, North Ipswich***

Brookfield Multiplex has volunteered its time as Construction Manager to deliver a refurbished bar and canteen space for the junior rugby league club. Approximately 500 juniors playing rugby league, cricket and softball will benefit from this project.

***Karalee Tornados Junior Rugby League Club, Karalee***

Karalee is a small club with around 100 junior members playing rugby league and soccer. Brookfield Multiplex has donated a refurbished transportable building for use by the club to allow it to recommence operations.



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**Theodore Sports Clubs**

The QBuild Capricornia Regional Office is currently project managing the reconstruction of a number of sporting clubs in the Theodore area, including the Tennis Club, Pony Club, Rugby League Club and Sports and Recreation Club.

Again, thank you for your positive feedback in relation to my Government's efforts to support the rebuilding of community clubs in Queensland.

Yours sincerely

  
**ANNA BLIGH MP  
PREMIER OF QUEENSLAND  
MINISTER FOR RECONSTRUCTION**

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