

**TRANSCRIPT  
BTQ7 SUNRISE 0720  
TUESDAY 18 JANUARY 2011  
INTV: PREMIER ANNA BLIGH  
RE: FLOOD RECOVERY**

- Compere: Well in Queensland there is one massive cleanup underway. It's a big job but thousands of volunteers are rising to the occasion. Queensland Premier Anna Bligh is with us now. Good morning to you Premier. Now you've launched a \$15m royal commission style inquiry into the floods. What are you hoping to find out?
- Bligh: Well when you have an event of this magnitude I think it's important you go back and have a look at what did you do well, what can we learn from it, were mistakes made, is there anything we could have done better? Because one thing we know in Queensland is we are likely to see other weather events some time in our future. But I also in this instance very, very conscious that we've had to date 20 people confirmed dead and another 12 feared dead. And I think we owe it to them and we owe it to their families to ask ourselves the hard questions about whether we could have done anything more, whether our warning systems were the best they could be and answer some of their questions, particularly in the Lockyer Valley, about how that every extraordinary event played out last week. So we want to answer those questions and I think that will give many of us some more peace of mind that our systems are the best they can be.
- Compere: Yep, absolutely. Let's talk about the recovery process. David Hamill, the chairman of your relief fund which I think is getting up close to \$100m is it? \$90m to \$100m at the moment? And since...
- Bligh: Getting close...
- Compere: That's fantastic, more money coming in, more events planned. David though says affected residents may only receive \$1,000 each. We're getting lots of emails from viewers saying does every dollar go to the victims and will there be enough money to go around?
- Bligh: I can absolutely guarantee you every single dollar will directly to individuals and families who have been affected by this. And we will prioritise people who are most in need. What David said is that if he gave a thousand dollars to every single person it would take up about \$25m and he was just saying that as a way of explaining to people the size of the task. We would like to see everybody who has been personally affected by water in their homes getting at least some form of assistance out of this fund and then some people over and above that might...what we want is that they who need a lot more than that will get a lot more than that. So David's got a big task in front of him, we certainly hope that he has more than \$100m to assist and anybody who can help I really appeal to you. I know you've dug deep but it really is making a huge difference up here to have people who are prepared to put in even a couple of dollars.
- Compere: Yep, absolutely, right now give us an overview on how the recovery effort is going? Clean up is doing really well thanks to that magical army of volunteers over the weekend that's still going. But the next big step is not the clean up, it's the recovery, it's the rebuild. (inaudible) what you need.
- Bligh: Absolutely – we have a massive task. The city is starting to look pretty normal in a lot of places but I'm very mindful that behind every one of those

normal looking front doors are completely empty insides of houses that will have to be stripped back, walls taken out and replaced, kitchen cabinets replaced, anything that's had water through it will be swollen, it will get mouldy, it will...it needs complete rebuilding...so many homes are going to be, people are going to need to be out of their homes for several months in some cases while all of that work is done. Quite ironically here in Queensland as a result of the global financial downturn the construction industry has done it very hard. There's about to be, I think, more work that our industry can keep up with. We are looking for tradies, we are going to need a massive rebuilding exercise and it's not just here in the capital city, it's in Rockhampton, Emerald, St George, right across the regions of Queensland as well.

Compere:

Okay, so it's brickies, it's carpenters, it's sparkies, it's cabinetmakers, it's all of that and because.

Bligh:

Basically everybody who does stuff on the inside of a house - plumbers, sparkies, carpenters, cabinetmakers. Anyone who's working on the inside, we're going to need a lot of them.

Compere:

Yep, this is what we found after Cyclone Larry didn't we - that once the clean-up's done you got to rebuild, there's a shortage of tradies. We're getting so many emails from viewers asking how they can help. Is this the area? Can we...you know, we did an operation for Cyclone Larry to put together teams of tradies to help. Can we do it again for you?

Bligh:

Absolutely. Look, I know there are people from all over Queensland and Australia who want to help and some people can help by you know digging deep and giving \$20 to \$50. Other people, they've got labour and skills. The people who are out on our streets sweeping with brooms...but if people have the time to donate some of those skills that would certainly ease the burden and you know I know there's people from other parts of Queensland who'd love to come down here and be part of the helping hand as well.

Compere:

Okay alright Premier Bligh we'll get onto it and set up a website...

Bligh:

It'd be terrific.

Compere:

Give us, you know, give us half an hour to get it up, our web geeks can start on something and keep refining it and building it throughout the day. But a registration process for tradies to come in, give us your details, when you're available. Maybe we start the first weekend in February, the end of the month, give us a couple of weeks to match the tradies up with your department to make sure that everyone's organised properly and we'll get it working.

Bligh:

I was going to say you really need to work in with our recovery taskforce people because...

Compere:

Absolutely.

Bligh:

...you know there's a very big task here. And if you want people's volunteer labour to be put to the best use it'll need a bit of organisation but you know if people were prepared to do that it would mean an awful lot to people who right now, their homes are clean but they're sitting in them and realising with a terrible reality that they've got nothing there.

Compere:

Okay that's our challenge. We will deliver. We'll keep you updated. And absolutely work in concert with your department. Anna Bligh, thanks for joining us.

Bligh: Thank you.

Comper: Okay give us half an hour as I say, go to the Sunrise website. Look, if you're anything to do with a house, if you're a roofer, if you're a carpenter, if you're an electrician, if you're a concreter...If you install blinds, (inaudible) alarms, whatever...go to the Sunrise website. We'll call it Operation Bounce Back and register there with all your details, your credentials, what you can bring, because we want Queensland to bounce back as quickly as possible and let's see if we can get something done. So give us thirty minutes or so, go to the website and let's follow this through.

ENDS  
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RTI RELEASES

**Nicole Scurrah**

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**From:** Kimberley Gardiner  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 19 January 2011 5:12 PM  
**To:** Chris Taylor; Kate van Poelgeest  
**Cc:** Nicole Scurrah  
**Subject:** FW: Operation Bounce Back

This is the information for Sunrise tomorrow – let me know if you need anything else. KG

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**From:** Burgess Stevenson  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 19 January 2011 5:08 PM  
**To:** Kimberley Gardiner  
**Cc:** Paul Childs  
**Subject:** FW: Operation Bounce Back

Kimberley

Further info as promised for tomorrow's announcement.  
Max has also confirmed details contained herein with the Minister.

Regards

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**To:** Neil.MILLER@deta.qld.gov.au  
**Cc:** Burgess Stevenson; 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.

**Nicole Scurrah**

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**From:** Kimberley Gardiner  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 19 January 2011 1:56 PM  
**To:** Kate van Poelgeest; Chris Taylor  
**Cc:** Nicole Scurrah; Emma Riley  
**Subject:** RE: Operation Bounce Back - Premier Bligh

Great, thanks - will give them your contact deets.

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

**From:** Kate van Poelgeest  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 19 January 2011 1:55 PM  
**To:** Kimberley Gardiner; Chris Taylor  
**Cc:** Nicole Scurrah; Emma Riley  
**Subject:** RE: Operation Bounce Back - Premier Bligh

I'm happy to do tomorrow.

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**Cc:** Nicole Scurrah; Emma Riley  
**Subject:** FW: Operation Bounce Back - Premier Bligh

815am Sunrise interview @ Kangaroo Pt - contact Edwina Contrary to Public Interest

KVP/CT - who will be with the Premier?

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

**From:** Pell, Michael [mailto:Contrary to Public Interest]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 19 January 2011 1:32 PM  
**To:** Kimberley Gardiner  
**Cc:** Kay, Andy  
**Subject:** RE: Operation Bounce Back - Premier Bligh

Our reporter Edwina Bartholomew will be there in the morning - Contrary to Public Interest

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

**From:** Kimberley Gardiner  
[mailto:Kimberley.Gardiner@ministerial.qld.gov.au]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 19 January 2011 2:28 PM  
**To:** Pell, Michael  
**Cc:** Kay, Andy  
**Subject:** RE: Operation Bounce Back - Premier Bligh

Wonderful, thanks Michael.

815am Brisbane time would be great tomorrow morning.

At this stage, we would prefer live cross from Kangaroo Point. (The Premier is in Ipswich/Goodna today).

What is best contact on the ground tomorrow morning?

Cheers, Kimberley.

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

From: Pell, Michael [mailto:Contrary to Public Interest]  
Sent: Wednesday, 19 January 2011 1:05 PM  
To: Kimberley Gardiner  
Cc: Kay, Andy  
Subject: RE: Operation Bounce Back -- Premier Bligh

Hi Kimberley,

I left a message with Chris Taylor, whom I'd liased with for Tuesday morning's cross.

We'd love the Premier to appear on the show tomorrow morning at 9.15am Sydney time (8.15am Queensland time).

It would be a segment about the ongoing recovery, an update on Operation Bounce Back, and also an opportunity for the Premier to announce the first project that will benefit from Operation Bounce Back, the Goodna Rugby League Club.

Can you confirm? What location would you prefer? Ipswich or Kangaroo Pt?

Regards,  
Michael

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From: Kay, Andy  
Sent: Wednesday, 19 January 2011 1:37 PM  
To: Kimberley Gardiner  
Cc: Pell, Michael  
Subject: RE: Operation Bounce Back - Premier Bligh

Hi Kimberley,

Great to hear from you!

The EP of Sunrise, Michael Pell, has been dealing exclusively with the Premier and he is the best contact, suffice to say, we are very keen to announce the first project on air tomorrow morning at 0815 Brisbane time with Ms Bligh.

Best

Andy Kay  
Executive Producer  
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From: Kimberley Gardiner  
[mailto:Kimberley.Gardiner@ministerial.qld.gov.au]  
Sent: Wednesday, 19 January 2011 1:33 PM  
To: Kay, Andy  
Subject: Operation Bounce Back - Premier Bligh

Dear Andy,

I understand you have been in discussions with Minister Swarten and his Department regarding Operation Bounce Back.

The Premier asked me to get in touch to confirm her involvement in the announcement and make arrangements for tomorrow morning - would you mind passing my contact details onto the appropriate person?

Kind regards, Kimberley.

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**TRANSCRIPT**  
**SUNRISE DAVID KOCH AND MELISSA DOYLE 0820**  
**THURSDAY 20 JANUARY 2011**  
**INTV: PREMIER ANNA BLIGH**  
**RE: OPERATION BOUNCE BACK**

- Doyle: What an unbelievable response. There are now hundreds of tradies, what's our number? 360 registered for operation bounce back but we still need your support to rebuild those flood hit areas.
- Koch: Yeah, not just tradies but also the big end of town as well. More on that in a tick but now we're joined by Queensland Premier Anna Bligh with the location of the first rebuild. Premier Good morning to you. Firstly give us an overall view on how the recovery's going in Queensland.
- Bligh: Well thank you Kochie, I think we have to acknowledge that communities right across the state are doing a sensational job of the cleanup and that has to be the first step. Condamine people went back in yesterday and they'll be right in the middle of their cleanup today and I'll be visiting them out there. Here is the city I was out in suburbs yesterday and we're still cleaning up, you know it's not over yet but it's well and truly down the track. But recovery is about so much more than cleanup; people's homes are stripped, they've got nothing. We have to rebuild their homes and help them rebuild their lives so recovery is still a long way down the track, inch by inch, street by street. But it's just terrific the work... the cleanup seemed insurmountable last Thursday and Friday and a week later it's well and truly, you know getting done. So hats off to every one of the members of the mop army out there.
- Doyle: (laughs) Mop army, I love it. So where have you chosen as the first place for operation bounce back to target?
- Bligh: Well I think it's important to remember that if a community is really going to bounce back homes and businesses obviously have to be a priority. But you're not really a fully, full community until you've got all those things that ah, those places where people gather – the community halls, the parks and gardens and of course the sporting clubs. So the first place that we would love operation bounce back to come to is the Goodna Rugby League Club. Goodna is a suburb very very hard hit and their rugby league club means a lot to them and it's been completely devastated. Ah Hutchinson Builders – a great Queensland building company have agreed to oversee the project. Three of their key people live in that area and they've all been involved in rugby league in the area. So it's very personal for that company and to have those people who have put up their hand to help would be terrific. But yes we'd also love to see some equipment being donated. I throw down the gauntlet Kochie, we need an industrial cold room. If you're going to run a rugby league club you need somewhere to keep the beer cold so that's one of the important things too.
- Koch: (laughs) Yeah look, Premier just explain to viewers who might think, oh, a rugby league club um, ah, wouldn't they be covered anyhow um, you know they've got their poker machines and their bar earning all the money. Just tell us why this is a real heart of that area.
- Bligh: Goodna is a, a very large suburb with many people on low incomes. Ah, its... this is where, you know Aussie battlers live and this club is the absolute heart of that community. It is the one place that they have where they can not

only... their children and their community members play football, it's the sort of place, it's the only place where they can go and have community meetings where they, I think where they have community events – 21<sup>st</sup> birthdays, those sorts of things. The club has been completely and utterly devastated and of course you know some parts of the club you might say run a business but it is really the community centre of this suburb; and you know I think we really need to understand that for many of these places, they don't necessarily qualify for any of the government support out there; and if we want to see the community totally bounced back this is where those people who don't have houses for the next 12 months, this is where they'll be gathering. This is where they'll come together. This is where they'll start to feel like they can achieve the bounce back that we want to see them have.

Koch: Yep

Doyle: Okay well as we said, always going to be completely under your control as to what was done first and what it was done so we'll check in with you and see where the next spot is that you pick but so far I'm heading to Goodna. So all the best. Thanks Premier Anna Bligh.

Bligh: Thank you to everyone who's... thanks to everyone who's registered so far, we can't wait to see you.

Doyle: Aww, they're wonderful.

Koch: Alright, thank you Premier.

Doyle: Thank you.

ENDS  
AJ

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RTI RELEASE

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**From:** GRIERSON Mal [Mal.GRIERSON@publicworks.qld.gov.au]  
**Sent:** Sunday, 30 January 2011 2:32 PM  
**To:** Nicole Scurrah  
**Subject:** RE: Bounce Back

Ok nicole. Is first thing tomorrow Ok? People currently on cyclone business.

sent from my Telstra NEXTG™ handset

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

**From:** Nicole Scurrah <Nicole.Scurrah@ministerial.qld.gov.au>  
**Sent:** Sunday, 30 January 2011 11:54 AM  
**To:** GRIERSON Mal <Mal.GRIERSON@publicworks.qld.gov.au>  
**Cc:** Ken Smith <Ken.Smith@premiers.qld.gov.au>; Robert Schwarten <Robert.Schwarten@ministerial.qld.gov.au>  
**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

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Thank you.

**Nicole Scurrah**

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**From:** Ken Smith [Ken.Smith@premiers.qld.gov.au]  
**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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**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

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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: Contrary to Public Interest  
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.

Cheers,

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Thank you.

**Daniel Smith**

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**From:** Paul Childs [Paul.Childs@ministerial.qld.gov.au]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 25 January 2011 4:44 PM  
**To:** Chris Taylor; Kimberley Gardiner; Mark Symons  
**Subject:** Another Operation Bounce Back project to announce - in Theodore  
**Attachments:** Doc2.docx

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## NEXT SITE FOR OPERATION BOUNCE BACK

### Theodore Tennis, Pony and Rugby League clubs

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**Daniel Smith**

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**From:** Paul Childs [Paul.Childs@ministerial.qld.gov.au]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 25 January 2011 5:01 PM  
**To:** Chris Taylor; Kimberley Gardiner; Mark Symons  
**Subject:** Pics of Theodore Rugby League club post floods  
**Attachments:** Theodore Recreation Centre.doc

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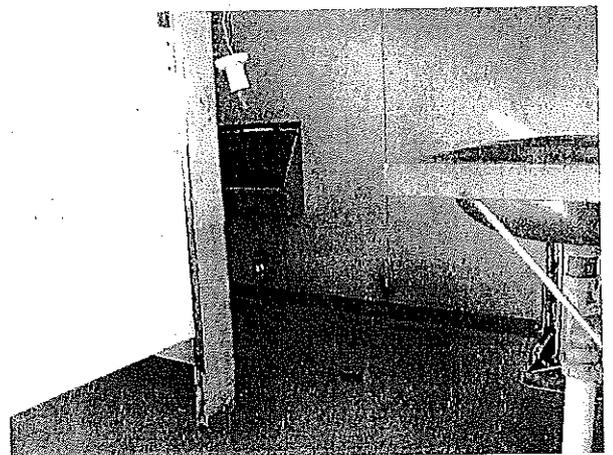
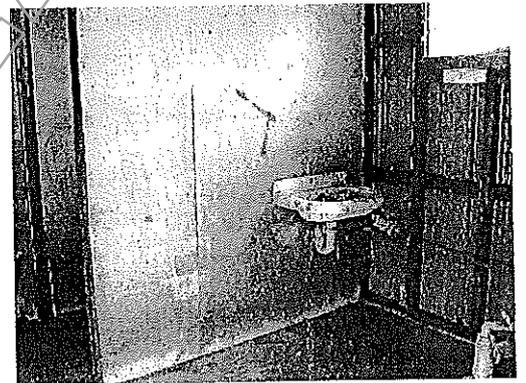
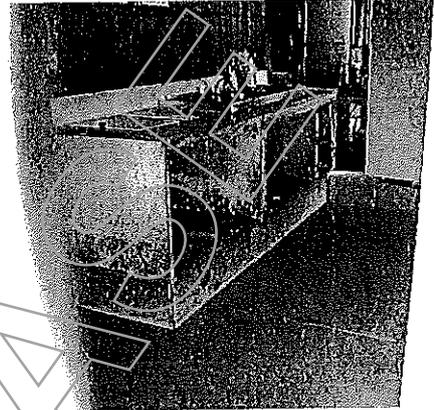
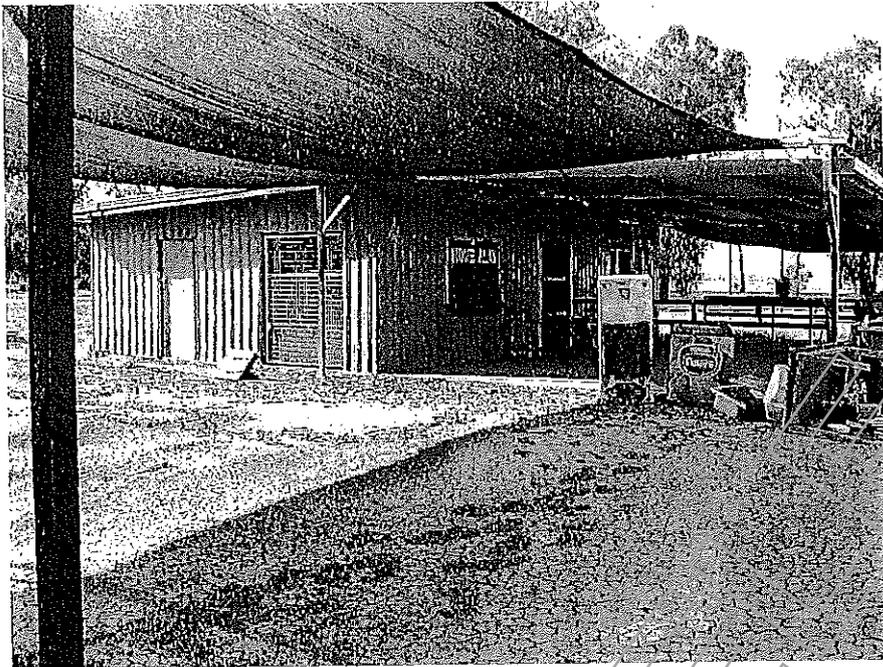
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It is not a great club. However, you can see the flood damage.

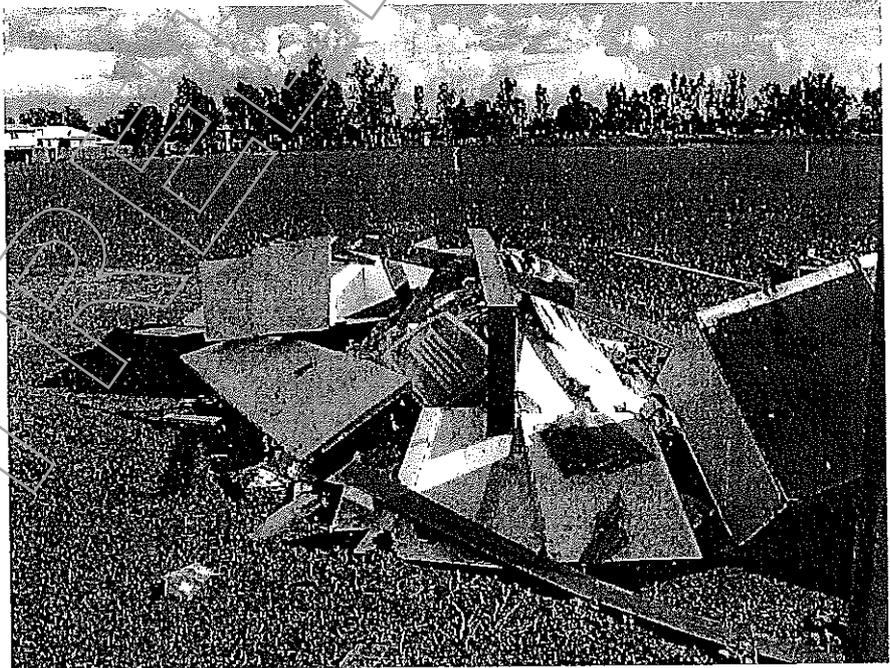
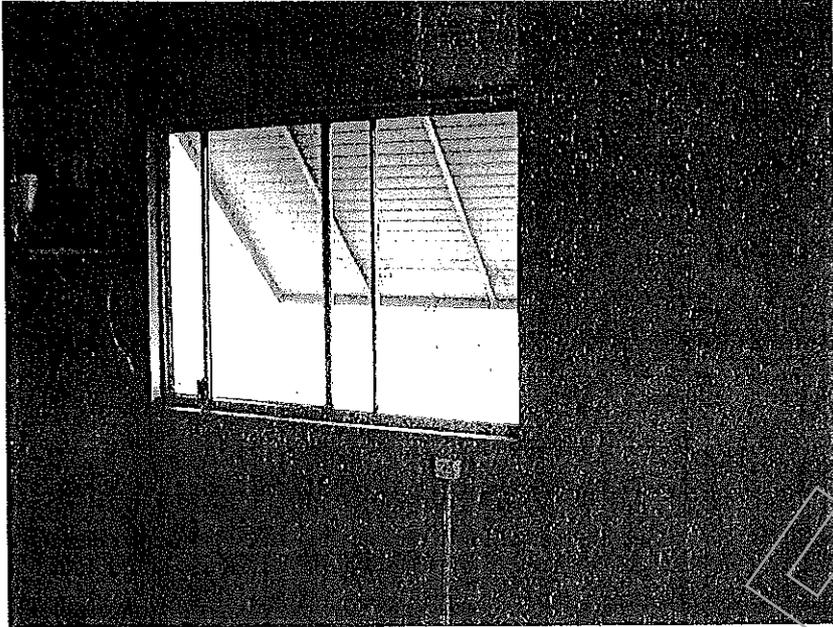
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# Theodore Recreation Centre

## Rugby League building



Theodore show secretaries box -- internal cupboards damaged and removed.



**Nicole Scurrah**

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**From:** Ken Smith [Ken.Smith@premiers.qld.gov.au]  
**Sent:** Monday, 31 January 2011 9:33 AM  
**To:** Mal Grierson; Nicole Scurrah  
**Subject:** Re: Operation Bounce Back

Mal

Will talk after teleconference.

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

**From:** Mal Grierson  
**To:** Nicole Scurrah <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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Mal

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

Mal

See attached re Theodore

Burgess Stephenson  
Principal Advisor  
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Building Services Authority  
Office of the Minister for Public Works and Information and Communication Technology  
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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

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Sheila King

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Sent: Monday, 31 January 2011 9:37 AM  
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]  
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**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  
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Jeff,

Noted ,thank you

Regards,

Max

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**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  
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Jeff,

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

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Max

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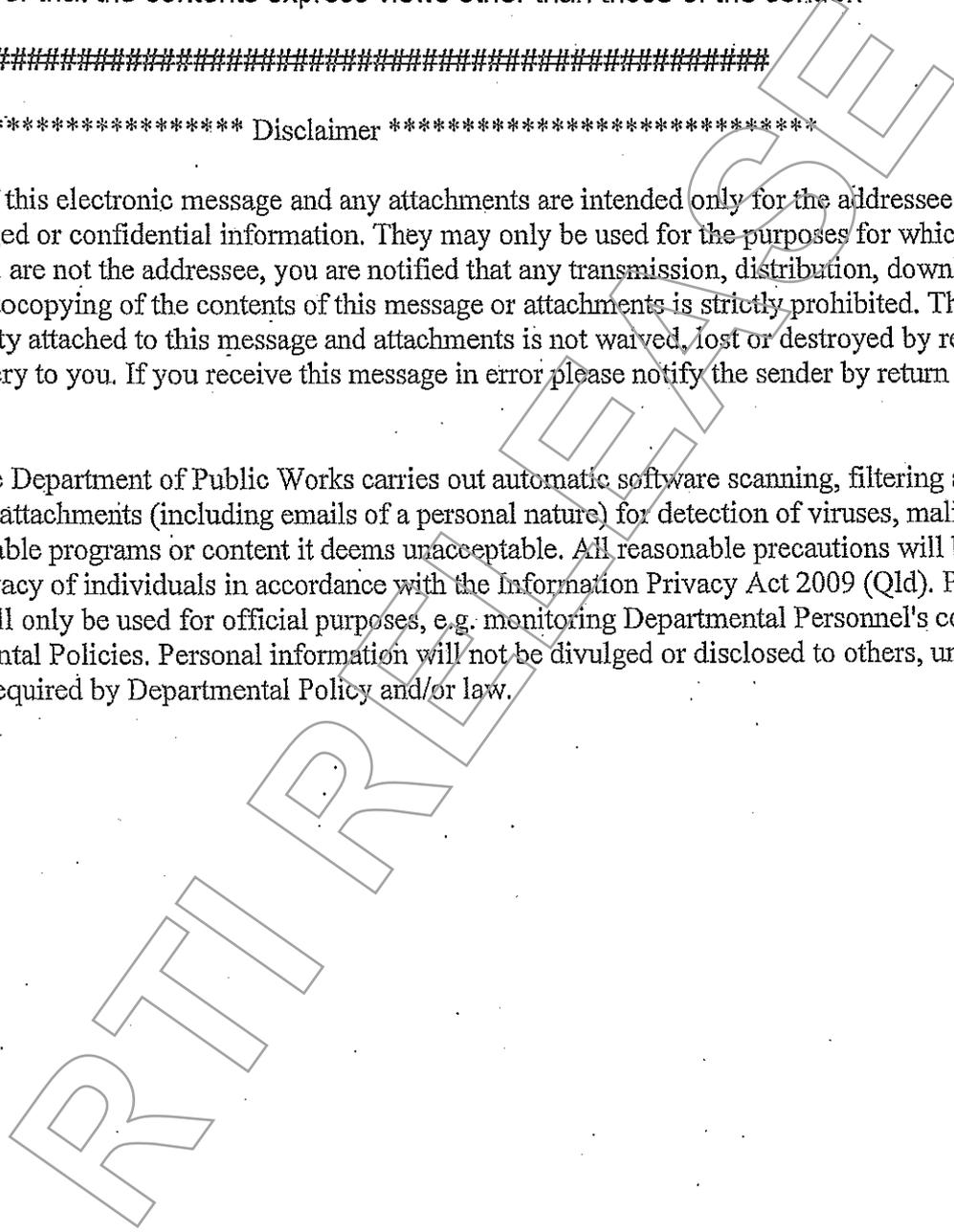
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**TRANSCRIPT**  
**SUNRISE MELISSA DOYLE 0709**  
**TUESDAY 01 FEBRUARY 2011**  
**INTV: PREMIER ANNA BLIGH**  
**RE: CYCLONE YASI, OPERATION BOUNCE BACK – THEODORE,**  
**FLOOD LEVY**

- 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.
- 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?
- Bligh: 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.
- Bligh: The only people who we're saying should think about... 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, it's 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?
- Bligh: 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?

Bligh: 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?

Bligh: 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 appealed 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 Premier's fund and the things that people have been donating their cash to is to help people and individuals and families at home.

Bligh: 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.

Bligh: Thank you.

ENDS

AJ

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**Lachlan Smith**

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**From:** Phil Weightman  
**Sent:** Thursday, 17 February 2011 11:12 AM  
**To:** Lachlan Smith  
**Cc:** Stephen Gay  
**Subject:** RE: NGOs announcement - clarification on sporting groups

Lachlan,

Below is an outline of what is provided under the Flood Fightback Plan. Sch. 3-2

### **Sport and Recreation Flood Fightback Plan**

Help is available to assist sport and recreation clubs to re-establish facilities and repair or replace equipment which has been damaged in the floods.

The Queensland Government has put together a range of assistance measures accessible by sport and recreation clubs, so they can be back operating as soon as possible.

#### **1. Financial assistance for sport and recreation equipment**

The Sport and Recreation Flood Fightback Plan – Equipment Program will provide one-off funding, up to a maximum of \$12,500, for repairing or replacing sport and recreation training and playing equipment.

#### **2. Financial assistance for infrastructure**

The Sport and Recreation Flood Fightback Plan – Infrastructure Program will provide one-off funding, up to a maximum of \$60,000, for repairing or replacing infrastructure.

#### **3. Advice/referral service**

The Community Recovery Line (1800 173 349) is the primary contact point for affected sport and recreation clubs seeking advice or assistance. They will refer clubs to officers who can assist with complex needs and provide advice on a coordinated package of support to meet individual club needs.

#### **4. Linking with tradespersons**

A linking service has been established to match volunteer tradespersons with sport and recreation organisations (working with Operation Bounce Back). Sport and recreation clubs can lodge their requests for assistance online and will be contacted by sport and recreation staff member to discuss their recovery needs.

#### **5. Specialist technical advice**

Access to specialist technical advice including engineering, building and insurance, and restoring playing fields.

Cheers

*Phil*

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**To:** Sharon Humphreys; David Copeman; Phil Weightman; Nicole Seils  
**Cc:** Nicole Scurrah; Lorann Downer  
**Subject:** NGOs announcement - clarification on sporting groups

Hi,

Been a bit of to-ing and fro-ing about this today, but if you get any enquiries about whether sporting groups are eligible for Cat C NDRRA funding. The advice we have from QRRA is;

QRRA operates on the principle of no 'double dipping', so if sporting clubs have already claimed assistance under the already announced 'Sports Flood Fight Back Plan' (details below) they cannot claim for these same costs under QRRA.

If they have not claimed for these same expenses under our existing package, then they should be eligible for the NDRRA funding, provided they have ATO status as incorporated charity or non-profit.

It would be appreciated though if Department of Communities can liaise with QRRA to get an official ruling about this, so everybody is clear from the outset.

- Sport and recreation flood assistance 'Sports Flood Fight Back Plan'
  - up to \$60,000 for repairing or replacing infrastructure.
  - up to \$12,500 for repairing or replacing training and playing equipment.

Sch. 3-2

If there are sporting groups who don't fall under either category, however, there is another options for them to explore;

- In-kind assistance – major corporates pairing with sporting groups (announcement to come on a 'Operation Fightback' style feature of the QldReconstruction website which facilitates this) plus the letters that have been sent to all MPs asking them to identify community groups in need of such in-kind assistance so we catch match these with offers of assistance that have come in.

Cheers,

L

## Lachlan Smith

**From:** Lachlan Smith  
**Sent:** Thursday, 3 March 2011 2:19 PM  
**To:** Steve Keating  
**Cc:** Tina Langford; Peter Milward; David Conry; Sarah Kendall  
**Subject:** RE: Update on Join Forces

Thanks Keato, much appreciated.

We just want to stay on top of this one so we can make sure there's as minimal duplication as possible between Operation Bouncebank, Helping Hand and Join Forces.

Sarah Kendall is going to take the lead on this in the Premier's Office, and Tina Langford is going to be the contact for any MP engagement around the positive outcomes. We'd appreciate a heads up each time a successful match occurs so we can get the local MP involved.

Sarah has made contact with Volunteering Qld about Helping Hand (as they are partnering with the Courier Mail). Volunteering Qld advise that the initiative relies on Councils nominating a project and then are linked with an organisation/business. To date, no Council has nominated a project, however a few have indicated that they would be interested in participating in the initiative. Sarah has asked them to find out how many businesses and organisations have registered their interest. Volunteering Queensland are responsible for matching the projects with the relevant businesses/organisations.

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**To:** Lachlan Smith; Graeme Newton; steve.keating@qldra.org.au.  
**Cc:** Tina Langford; Peter Milward; David Conry  
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Lachlan

The Authority is working through the Join Forces structure. Sadly many of the offers do not qualify as they are seeking to sell or promote product.

Today however we added another major with Multiplex [and the Bellbowrie community-owned Kindy] in the Trophy Room.

There are now five success on the website and we are confident this will rise - hopefully two more tomorrow (Thur)

The Courier's performance is not known however given that they are not patting themselves on the back I suspect they are struggling.

We plan to

- 1) message all public servants via an all-of-staff message from Ken Smith urging them to direct clubs and groups to the site.
- 2) We are also in the final stages of a more comprehensive marketing plan for Join Forces. This will be available by Friday (Conry to review).

And

The Prime Minister's Office has today shown us part of an e-mail they are despatching to all members of the Business Round Table

From Megan Bonny (PMO)

She says they are receiving extensive correspondence with offers of support and they are respond consistently to offers with the attached

I have forwarded your email/letter to the Authority and a representative may contact you in relation to your offer. For further information on the Authority, or to register your offer of assistance personally, you may wish to visit the following website:  
[www.qldreconstruction.org.au](http://www.qldreconstruction.org.au)

Thanks

Megan

It's happening its slow and its building.

The General also wants another page on the QRA website - not part of Join Forces - profiling corporate support for groups falling outside the not-for-profit and sporting clubs.

Happy to discuss further .. will get more details by 9am tomorrow from donations team on specific numbers of contacts.

Rgds

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

From: Lachlan Smith [mailto:Lachlan.Smith@ministerial.qld.gov.au]  
Sent: Tuesday, 1 March 2011 4:52 PM  
To: Graeme Newton; steve.keating@qldra.org.au.  
Cc: Tina Langford  
Subject: Update on Join Forces

Hi Graeme, can I please obtain for the Minister for Reconstruction and update on how the Join Forces initiative and the work you've requested from MPs as part of the PM's Business Roundtable is going - how many match-ups have occurred, facts and figures, etc.

We also need to get intel on how the Operation Bounceback and Courier Mail's Helping Hand campaign is going? Keato may be able to help with this?

Cheers,

L

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**Lachlan Smith**

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**From:** Lachlan Smith  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 15 March 2011 1:57 PM  
**To:** Tina Langford  
**Subject:** FW: Operation Bounce Back

Could you possibly direct them to Join Forces - which the QRA was looking to merge the 'Pledge your support' website into.

Operation Bounceback is more community groups than individuals...

L

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

**From:** Inala Electorate Office [<mailto:Inala@parliament.qld.gov.au>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 15 March 2011 11:44 AM  
**To:** Lachlan Smith  
**Subject:** Operation Bounce Back

Hi Lachlan

Can you tell me if residents are eligible to apply for assistance from Operation Bounce Back (Qld Gov joint with Seven Sunrise), and if so how they apply.

We have a constituent in Gailes who has received a tiny bit of money from her insurance agency which will cover materials, but she will need assistance with labour.

Many thanks  
Kind regards  
Melanie

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Channel 10 (Brisbane)

TEN News

Chief of Staff: Mr Steve O'Ferrall 07 3214 1076 Item Start: 18/01/2011 - 05:10 PM

Duration: 2:10

Compere: Georgina Lewis and Bill Macdonald

Some families have claimed that stores are exploiting the flood crisis and selling loaves of bread at \$10 a loaf. The Office of Fair Trading has received more than 75 calls regarding profiteering, which has prompted an investigation into the offences. The RACQ also comments that petrol should also remain at a steady cost. There are some items which have been justified such as tropical fruit and other fresh produce © Media Monitors 2011

Interviewees: Ingrid Just, Choice; Paul Pisasale, Ipswich mayor; Peter Lawlor, Fair Trading Officer; Vox pop, residents

Ref: S00042145186

Channel 10 (Brisbane)

TEN News

Chief of Staff: Mr Steve O'Ferrall 07 3214 1076 Item Start: 18/01/2011 - 05:03 PM

Duration: 2:31

Compere: Georgina Lewis and Bill Macdonald

The Qld Premier has toured the CBD of Toowoomba as the latest storm hit the city. She saw much of the damaged regions where the remnants of the water levels can still be seen. She has called off any idea of an early election to cash in on renewed popularity and is focusing on helping those who need it. The Premier has expressed her fury at Labor colleague and member for Townsville, Paul Tully, after he fuelled rumours of two more flood deaths. © Media Monitors 2011

Interviewees: Anna Bligh, Queensland Premier; Vox pop, residents

Ref: S00042145816

SKY News Australia (National Australia)

Sky National News

Station Ph: 02 9886 8000

Item Start: 18/01/2011 - 06:37 PM

Duration: 2:14

Compere: Jim Waley

Grantham residents in Qld's Lockyer Valley have begun returning to their homes. SKY News Reporter Helen Isbister says Grantham has been described as the epicentre of the flood crisis. She says the search and rescue effort has been going on for the last week as Police searched through the debris. Isbister says Qld Premier Anna Bligh has made her first visit to Toowoomba since last week's flood tragedy. Bligh went to visit Emergency Services Personnel to thank them for all their hard work. Isbister says Bligh reminded people there that they would not be forgotten. © Media Monitors 2011

Interviewees: Helen Isbister, SKY News Reporter

Vision: Army Personnel; Qld Police

Ref: S00042145762  
SKY News Australia (National Australia)  
Sky National News  
Station Ph: 02 9886 8000  
Item Start: 18/01/2011 - 06:34 PM  
Duration: 3:34  
Compere: Jim Waley

Parts of Qld's South East are being battered by a severe thunderstorm as the flood clean up continues. PM Julia Gillard today enlisted the help of corporate Australia to help Qld's flood recovery effort. SKY News Reporter Laura Jayes says corporate Australia has now been enlisted to help with the recovery and clean up effort. Former Qld Premier Wayne Goss said it's important that they look into what kinds of support they can get from big businesses. Jayes says the storm in South East Qld is not expected to be as bad as first predictions.

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Interviewees: Julia Gillard, Australian Prime Minister; Laura Jayes, SKY News Reporter; Wayne Goss, Former Qld Premier

Ref: M00042146516  
ABC1 (National Australia)  
7:30 Report  
Station Ph: Unassigned  
Item Start: 18/01/2011 - 07:43 PM  
Duration: 7:37  
Compere: Scott Bevan

Interview with Wayne Goss, former Qld Premier. The Federal Government wants corporate Australia to assist in reconstruction efforts after the Queensland floods. PM Julia Gillard has announced the formation of a business taskforce to aid the process, which comprises 10 people including Goss. Goss says that the damage to businesses and individuals is staggering. Bevan says there are reports that the cost of the damage could be \$20bn and suggests business may see this as a push by the Government to avoid its efforts to return the budget to surplus. Goss says the Government will have to carry the load of the costs. Goss says it is important for insurance companies to have a broad definition of flood in the general social interest of rebuilding Brisbane.

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Interviewees: Wayne Goss, former Qld Premier

Ref: M00042146440  
ABC1 (National Australia)  
7:30 Report  
Station Ph: Unassigned  
Item Start: 18/01/2011 - 07:37 PM  
Duration: 6:26  
Compere: Scott Bevan

Questions are being asked about the performance of key Qld Government agencies in the aftermath of the Queensland floods. Qld Premier Anna Bligh says the flood inquiry's terms of reference will be broad and examine every aspect of the disaster. It has been asked whether the water flow of Brisbane's Wivenhoe Dam was properly managed. SEQ Water says it is unable to respond because of the Commission of Inquiry. There have been questions over why the Weather Bureau was not able to forecast the flooding earlier.

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Interviewees: Anna Bligh, Queensland Premier; Anthony Cornelius, Meteorologist, Weatherwatch; Bill Coombes, Brisbane resident; Jim Davidson, spokesman, Bureau of Meteorology; Mick O'Brien, engineer; Warren Bridson, spokesman, Qld Emergency Management  
Vision: nearmap.com

Ref: S00042146546

Channel 9 (Brisbane)

National Nine News

Newsreader: Mr Peter Overton 02 9965 2170 Item Start: 18/01/2011 - 06:28 PM

Duration: 2:52

Compere: Andrew Lofthouse and Melissa Downes

Anna Bligh, Queensland Premier, is arguably the most popular Premier in the country after the flood disaster. Bligh says she draws strength from the people on the streets and not the praise she is receiving. Bligh insists this disaster is not about her.

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Interviewees: Anna Bligh, Queensland Premier; Peter Taylor, Toowoomba Mayor; Vox Pops

Ref: S00042146374

Channel 7 (Brisbane)

Seven News

Chief of Staff: Mr Warren Evans 07 3368 7363 Item Start: 18/01/2011 - 06:15 PM

Duration: 0:32

Compere: Kay McGrath and Rod Young

The call is out for tradies around Aust to help rebuild flood effected communities. The Qld Govt and Seven's Sunrise have teamed up to launch Operation Bounce Back hoping to swing an army of tradies into action.

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Vision: [operationbounceback.org.au](http://operationbounceback.org.au); Sunrise

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Channel 7 (Brisbane)

Seven News

Chief of Staff: Mr Warren Evans 07 3368 7363 Item Start: 18/01/2011 - 06:07 PM

Duration: 1:59

Compere: Kay McGrath and Rod Young

Questions are being asked about why so many new properties went underwater during the floods. Both the Brisbane and Ipswich Mayors are defending planning approvals in those flood effected areas. New luxury units at Tennyson was flooded by the Brisbane River. Angry residents say they were told that would never happen. At Sherwood and Booval new homes went under. Why the new homes were allowed to be built on a flood plain will be examined by the Commissioner of Inquiry. Campbell Newman, Lord Mayor , says the properties at Tennyson were built to withstand floods. Many are blaming Wivenhoe Dam operators for not releasing enough water before the flood peak hit. Anthony Cornelius, Meteorologist, believes some warning systems could improve. He predicted the wall of water that swept through the Lockyer Valley two hours before it claimed so many lives. Anna Bligh, Queensland Premier, says she owes the inquiry to Queenslanders. PM Julia Gillard has called in the heavy hitters of Austn business to help with the flood relief. Trucking magnate Lindsay Fox is leading the charge for corporate dollars.  
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Interviewees: Anna Bligh, Queensland Premier; Anthony Cornelius, Meteorologist; Campbell Newman, Lord Mayor; Graham Smith, Booval resident; Lindsay Fox, trucking magnate; Paul Pisasale, Ipswich Mayor

Ref: S00042146152  
Channel 9 (Brisbane)  
National Nine News  
Newsreader: Mr Peter Overton 02 9965 2170 Item Start: 18/01/2011 - 06:06 PM  
Duration: 2:47  
Compere: Andrew Lofthouse and Melissa Downes

There is now an investigation into whether the flood disaster could have been avoided. Anthony Cornelius, Weather Watchers, says he didn't expect houses to be swept away, but that there would be serious flooding in the area. There are also questions about whether more water could have been let out of Wivenhoe Dam before the serious rains hit. Anna Bligh, Queensland Premier, says questions need to be asked. Campbell Newman, Brisbane Lord Mayor, does not accept that Brisbane needs levy banks.  
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Interviewees: Anna Bligh, Queensland Premier; Anthony Cornelius, Weather Watchers; Campbell Newman, Brisbane Lord Mayor

Ref: S00042146031  
Channel 9 (Brisbane)  
National Nine News  
Newsreader: Mr Peter Overton 02 9965 2170 Item Start: 18/01/2011 - 06:00 PM  
Duration: 6:26  
Compere: Andrew Lofthouse and Melissa Downes

The Brisbane River is now back to normal. Homes in Qld have been affected by storms which have rolled into the state. Thunder storms hit in the early afternoon. The storm also hit Ipswich and halted clean up operations. The rain has also brought back the stench from the floods. Paul Tully, Ipswich Councillor, says the suburb will take years to recover. Paul Pisasale, Ipswich Mayor, says it is worse than the 1974 flood. Anna Bligh, Queensland Premier,

said that Tully's actions in releasing a rumour that there were two bodies found in a home, are the most irresponsible actions she has seen from any politician.

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Interviewees: Anna Bligh, Queensland Premier; Dave Keating, Flood Victim; Paul Pisasale, Ipswich Mayor; Paul Tully, Ipswich Councillor; Vox Pops

Ref: S00042145932

Channel 10 (Brisbane)

TEN News

Chief of Staff: Mr Steve O'Ferrall 07 3214 1076 Item Start: 18/01/2011 - 05:53 PM

Duration: 1:30

Compere: Georgina Lewis and Bill Macdonald

Suncorp Stadium is still in a poor way and the Brisbane Roar will need to find another site to play.

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Interviewees: Phil Reeves, Minister for Sport

Ref: S00042146860

Channel 9 (Brisbane)

A Current Affair - Qld Edition

Station Ph: 07 3214 9999

Item Start: 18/01/2011 - 07:16 PM

Duration: 2:51

Compere: Leila McKinnon

McKinnon speaks to Brisbane Lord Mayor Campbell Newman about the cleanup effort, and his call for a Royal Commission into the flood crisis. Newman claims he warned of the floods back in October and December. Newman says that the Royal Commission needs to examine if experts let Qld down. He says dam management should be examined, as should the actions of all Qld local govts and Brisbane City Council in terms of planning. He says flood early warning systems should be looked at as well. Newman says it's depressing that the early warning system measures don't seem to have worked in Brisbane suburbs. McKinnon says it's a concern that the Bureau of Meteorology didn't issue its top priority alert for Grantham despite 'weather bloggers' warning of flash flooding. Newman says it'll all be looked at, and a new way of spreading the message to prepare should be looked at. He says that Brisbane residents were offered an early warning SMS system for free before Christmas. He says only 20,000 people signed up for it. McKinnon says 80% of the flood water that hit Brisbane came from the Wivenhoe Dam. She asks if there should have been more water releases from the dam. Newman says the organisation that runs the dam is Qld Govt controlled, so he's not the person to ask.

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Interviewees: Campbell Newman, Brisbane Lord Mayor

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ABC1 (Brisbane)

ABC News

State News Editor: Mr Bernard Bowen 07 3377 5356 Item Start: 18/01/2011 -  
07:11 PM  
Duration: 2:01  
Compere: David Curnow

There has been a small outbreak of a flood disease in Theodore, Lepto Spirosis. John Hooper, Banana Shire mayor, says farmers need to band together to help the community prosper. Tim Mulherin, Queensland Minister for Primary Industries, Fisheries and Rural and Regional Queensland, wouldn't say if Qld farmers would be eligible for flood assistance money.  
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Interviewees: Cheyenne Edwards, Farmer; John Hooper, Banana Shire mayor; Tim Mulherin, Queensland Minister for Primary Industries, Fisheries and Rural and Regional Queensland; Trevor Brownlie, Farmer

Ref: S00042147541  
ABC1 (Brisbane)  
ABC News  
State News Editor: Mr Bernard Bowen 07 3377 5356 Item Start: 18/01/2011 -  
07:06 PM  
Duration: 2:51  
Compere: David Curnow

PM Julia Gillard says it's too early to say how the Fed Govt's going to pay for reconstruction after the recent floods, but she won't rule out introducing a special flood levy. State and Federal authorities are grappling with how to pay for the damage. The cleanup is expected to take months and cost billions of dollars. Gillard has set up a task force to increase company donations to the flood relief effort. It'll work hand in hand with recovery chief Mick Slater. The safety of those involved in the cleanup is also emerging as a worry. Anna Bligh, Queensland Premier, says people should not criticise the Commission to investigate the floods. Campbell Newman, Brisbane Lord Mayor, has defended new developments in the flood areas. Bruce McBryde, Property Owners Association, says people could move to the beach while the cleanup takes place.

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Interviewees: Anna Bligh, Queensland Premier; Bruce McBryde, Property Owners Association; Campbell Newman, Brisbane Lord Mayor; Julia Gillard, Australian Prime Minister; Lindsay Fox, Trucking magnate

Ref: S00042147499  
ABC1 (Brisbane)  
ABC News  
State News Editor: Mr Bernard Bowen 07 3377 5356 Item Start: 18/01/2011 -  
07:01 PM  
Duration: 1:53  
Compere: David Curnow

Some weather watchers say that warnings could have been given to the residents of Grantham before the water hit the town. Anthony Cornelius, Weatherwatch, says it could have saved lives. Anna Bligh, Queensland Premier, says people are entitled to answers, but others say the crisis in Brisbane could have been lessened. Mick O'Brien, Engineer, says more water should have been released from Wivenhoe Dam.

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Interviewees: Anna Bligh, Queensland Premier; Anthony Cornelius, Weatherwatch;  
Mick O'Brien, Engineer

Regional:

Ref: S00042147193  
WIN Wide Bay (Bundaberg)  
WIN News  
Station Ph: 02 4223 4199  
Item Start: 18/01/2011 - 07:09 PM  
Duration: 1:56  
Compere: Paul Taylor

The Qld Oppn has renewed calls for the Bruce Highway to be flood proofed from Cairns to Brisbane. Leader John Paul Langbroek claims it's a national disgrace, and work has been cast adrift for too long. Travellers have cancelled holiday bookings to north Qld in droves following the flood crisis. PM Julia Gillard is calling for patience as the Fed Govt awaits a report into the state of the highway.

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Interviewees: John Paul Langbroek, Qld Oppn Leader; Julia Gillard, Prime Minister; Russell Drayton, Caravan Park Owner

Ref: S00042147257  
WIN Sunshine Coast (Sunshine Coast)  
WIN News  
News Editor: Mr Wesly Cusworth 03 5320 1366 Item Start: 18/01/2011 - 07:08 PM  
Duration: 1:46  
Compere: Paul Taylor

Gympie's shops have begun opening again. Peter Krosse, Woodrow Sewing Centre, says people need to come and spend money. David Gibson, Member for Gympie, is asking people to spend the money locally.

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Interviewees: David Gibson, Member for Gympie; Peter Krosse, Woodrow Sewing Centre

Ref: S00042146889  
Seven Sunshine Coast (Sunshine Coast)  
Sunshine News  
News Director: Mr Rex Clark 07 5430 1777 Item Start: 18/01/2011 - 06:14 PM  
Duration: 1:21  
Compere: Rob Brough

Veterans who returned from war unable to walk will be given free public transport.

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Interviewees: Barry Benson, Veteran; Mandy Johnstone, Member for Townsville

Ref: S00042146344  
Seven Townsville (Townsville)  
Seven Local News  
Station Ph: 07 4789 7177  
Item Start: 18/01/2011 - 06:01 PM  
Duration: 1:34  
Compere: Rob Brough and Joanne Desmond

Flood damage to the Bruce Highway may soar to over several billion dollars. it could be months before anyone sees any improvement to the roads and there are fears that it will destruct even further with more traffic coming through.  
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Interviewees: Brian Hewitt, Townsville City Council; Craig Wallace, Queensland Minister for Main Roads; Rachel Nolan, Queensland Minister for Transport

Ref: S00042146261  
Seven Cairns (Cairns)  
Seven Local News  
Station Ph: 07 4044 0777  
Item Start: 18/01/2011 - 06:13 PM  
Duration: 1:21  
Compere: Rob Brough

Veterans who have returned from war will now be provided with free transport around the state.  
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Interviewees: Barry Benson, TPI Qld; Mandy Johnstone, Member for Townsville

Ref: S00042146875  
NBN Gold Coast (Gold Coast)  
NBN News Gold Coast  
Item Start: 18/01/2011 - 06:10 PM  
Duration: 0:17  
Compere: Paul Locke and Jane Goldsmith

Qld Police are calling for information from the public to find the three men who attacked a Brisbane soldier on the Gold Coast. The 22 yr old soldier remains in a critical condition.  
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Ref: S00042146725  
Seven Bundaberg (Bundaberg)  
Seven Local News  
Station Ph: 07 4153 7377  
Item Start: 18/01/2011 - 06:07 PM  
Duration: 1:52  
Compere: Rob Brough

Qld Resources council has said that it could take up to next month before coal mines are back into action. They are now asking for better water management in the mines.

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Interviewees: Kate Jones, Queensland Minister for Climate Change and Sustainability; Michael Roche, Australian Resources; Patricia Julien, Conservationists

Ref: S00042146823  
NBN Gold Coast (Gold Coast)  
NBN News Gold Coast  
Item Start: 18/01/2011 - 06:05 PM  
Duration: 2:21  
Compere: Paul Locke and Jane Goldsmith

Prime Minister Julia Gillard says she won't rule out a new tax to cover the costs of the clean up and recovery effort in Queensland. A new storm hit south-east Queensland today. Qld Premier Anna Bligh says she understands that people want answers about the devastating floods. Prime Minister Julia Gillard said the clean up would require 'tough choices'. Residents in Grantham have only just been able to return to their community today. Today dozens of NRL players from Sydney helped with the clean up.

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Interviewees: Anna Bligh, Queensland Premier; Carl Webb, Parramatta Eels; Julia Gillard, Australian Prime Minister; Vox pop  
Mentions: Bulldogs  
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Ref: S00042146820  
Seven Sunshine Coast (Sunshine Coast)  
Sunshine News  
News Director: Mr Rex Clark 07 5430 1777 Item Start: 18/01/2011 - 06:00 PM  
Duration: 2:05  
Compere: Rob Brough

The Sunshine Coast council will be applying for financial help in the clean up after the floods. The council's budget is already being estimated to have to give up half to flood recovery. The road network is a top priority with many unusable. There are also fears that the Kawana Hospital will also be delayed. The state govt cannot give any guarantees about the future of the plans.

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Interviewees: Bob Abbot, Mayor; Craig Wallace, Queensland Minister for Main Roads; Jarred Bleijie, Member for Kawana.

Ref: S00042147139  
WIN Rockhampton (Rockhampton)  
WIN News  
Chief of Staff: Ms Casey Devin 07 4930 4471 Item Start: 18/01/2011 - 07:06 PM  
Duration: 1:58

Compere: Paul Taylor

Qld Premier Anna Bligh says a \$15m inquiry into the flood crisis will examine the flood disaster and emergency response across the state. Rockhampton MP Robert Schwarten is calling on all levels of govt to revisit a flood management study released two decades ago in Rockhampton.  
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Interviewees: Anna Bligh, Qld Premier; Robert Schwarten, Rockhampton MP

Ref: S00042147123  
WIN Rockhampton (Rockhampton)  
WIN News  
Chief of Staff: Ms Casey Devin 07 4930 4471 Item Start: 18/01/2011 - 07:05 PM  
Duration: 0:35  
Compere: Paul Taylor

Qld Minister for Primary Industries Tim Mulherin has met with hundreds of cotton growers today from across the Dawson Valley, who have lost millions of dollars worth of crops.  
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Ref: S00042147092  
WIN Wide Bay (Bundaberg)  
WIN News  
Station Ph: 02 4223 4199  
Item Start: 18/01/2011 - 07:05 PM  
Duration: 1:46  
Compere: Paul Taylor

Gympie's economy is slowly coming back to life as businesses on the main street begin operating again. Shop owners hope a disaster relief payment will inject much needed funds back into the region, and are banking on the Qld Govt to come to their aid. State Member for Gympie David Gibson is urging families to spend their cash wisely and locally.  
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Interviewees: David Gibson, Member for Gympie; Peter Krosse, Woodrow Sewing Centre

Ref: S00042147083  
WIN Wide Bay (Bundaberg)  
WIN News  
Station Ph: 02 4223 4199  
Item Start: 18/01/2011 - 07:04 PM  
Duration: 0:30  
Compere: Paul Taylor

In Theodore, Minister for Primary Industries Tim Mulherin met with hundreds of cotton growers who've lost millions worth of crops. 70% of the region's cotton crop was wiped out during the crops, on top of the agricultural losses. It's predicted around 60 homes in the town will need to have major works carried out before residents can move back in.

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Ref: S00042147211

WIN Sunshine Coast (Sunshine Coast)

WIN News

News Editor: Mr Wesly Cusworth 03 5320 1366 Item Start: 18/01/2011 - 07:03 PM

Duration: 1:38

Compere: Paul Taylor

Gympie Regional Council says it could be months before all the roads in the area are fixed. Larry Friske, Works and Services Gympie Council, says some roads are still closed. David Gibson, Member for Gympie, says the Bruce Highway must be a priority.

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Interviewees: David Gibson, Member for Gympie; Larry Friske, Works and Services Gympie Council

Ref: S00042147184

WIN Sunshine Coast (Sunshine Coast)

WIN News

News Editor: Mr Wesly Cusworth 03 5320 1366 Item Start: 18/01/2011 - 07:00 PM

Duration: 1:55

Compere: Paul Taylor

The Sunshine Coast hospital is one of the project set to be scrapped to pay for the Qld flood recovery. Anna Bligh, Queensland Premier, is looking to recover millions of dollars in savings to pay for the recovery. Maureen Mileham, Sunshine Coast University Hospital Action Group, says the Qld Govt needs to earn respect from people and not delay the project. Jarrod Bleijie, State Member for Kawana, says private funding should be sought. Mark McArdle, Qld Shadow Health Minister, says he doesn't want the health sector to stop the construction of the hospital.

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Interviewees: Jarrod Bleijie, State Member for Kawana; Mark McArdle, Qld Shadow Health Minister; Maureen Mileham, Sunshine Coast University Hospital Action Group

Ref: S00042147683

WIN Toowoomba (Toowoomba)

WIN News

Station Ph: 07 4688 2499

Item Start: 18/01/2011 - 07:00 PM

Duration: 2:14

Compere: Samantha Heathwood

Anna Bligh, Queensland Premier, has visited Toowoomba today, and has said the region will not be forgotten. She has paid tribute to the emergency services in the area. Peter Taylor, Toowoomba Regional Council, says roads need major roadwork.

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Interviewees: Anna Bligh, Queensland Premier; Peter Taylor, Toowoomba Regional Council; Vox Pops

Ref: S00042147177  
Seven Mackay (Mackay)  
Seven News Mackay  
Station Ph: 07 4963 0777  
Item Start: 18/01/2011 - 06:00 PM  
Duration: 1:50  
Compere: Rob Brough

Qld Resources council has said that it could take up to next month before coal mines are back into action. They are now asking for better water management in the mines. The resources council are expecting a \$2.3B loss.  
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Interviewees: Kate Jones, Queensland Minister for Climate Change and Sustainability; Michael Roche, Australian Resources; Patricia Julien, Conservationists

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