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Community Bulletin

Cyclone Season - Christmas Island

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In the Indian Ocean Territories we are all familiar with the cyclone season; that being November to April. As we all know cyclones are unpredictable and infrequent but it is still essential to be prepared. This is also the wettest time of year which in itself can bring its own issues. As we move into the season I thought it very important to remind everyone of the significance of preparation. The island emergency management committees have discussed pre-season preparations and the Shire has also published cyclone information in "The Islander".

For the community it is also important to prepare for yourself and your neighbours. Clean up your properties and if any alerts come out secure all buildings and put away outside items. Sometimes we also receive heavy rains which can lead to challenges through localised flash flooding, slippery roads and of course the ever present danger of rockfalls or landslip in Flying Fish Cove. Please note all broadcasted advice and listen to the on-ground responders during an event. They are there to support us all and to try to keep us safe. We have our warning lights and signs located as follows;

- Jalan Pantai / Club Road / Post Office & Commonwealth Office Settlement
- Gaze Service Road & Fuel Storage Facility Settlement
- Murray Road & Community Hall Poon Saan
- Murray & Golden Bosun Road Drumsite
- Mosque / Jalan Pantai / Jalan Kampong Melayu Kampong

If the lights are activated please follow the instructions which will be widely advertised at the time. Remember if you are in trouble at any time and need emergency assistance please call the authorities. I have included an emergency call sheet from the Police in this bulletin.

I would like to finish by saying stay safe this season and look after yourself, your neighbours and your community. And don't forget to look out for the crab migration.

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WHO YOU GONNA CALL?


The Christmas Island Australian Federal Police (AFP) are here to help you.

- If you are lost? CALL 000 and consider using emergency flares and EPIRB when appropriate.
- If your boat is broken down at sea? CALL 000 and consider using emergency flares and EPIRB when appropriate.
- If someone is injured and requires medical assistance? CALL 000.
- If you are a victim of a crime? CALL AFP.
- If you are a victim of an online financial scam? CALL AFP.
- If you are a victim of domestic violence? CALL AFP.
- If you are involved in a vehicle collision with injuries? CALL 000 and notify AFP.
- If you are involved in a vehicle collision without injuries? CALL AFP.
- If you know someone is missing? CALL 000.

The AFP are available 24/7. If you need assistance please call us. We have the training and equipment to assist in any emergency.

FOR ALL EMERGENCIES CALL 000.
FOR ROUTINE AFP MATTERS CALL 91648444.

If you need help, who are you going to call? The Police of course!


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