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Disaster Support Services

After Cyclone Yasi in 2011, the Cardwell RSL provided a community hub to the Cardwell district. The building was used for food preparations and emergency funding distribution. It was also used for shelter for some emergency workers such as electricians and SES volunteers.

Should Cardwell encounter any future disasters, this building would be made available to support the community. Its location off the beachfront and west of the railway line on an elevated block offers some protection from the horrendous extremes of mother nature.

Our stocks of food and drinks would also be available to the public. We would also offer emergency accommodation to locals who would feel safer inside our cement block walls. The Cardwell RSL Volunteer staff would be available to assist should another disaster occur.

"When ever possible, leave early, don't panic and have a transistor radio and torch available. Don't try to clean-up your yard as a cyclone approaches, by then it's too dangerous."



Cardwell RSL supporting the community after Cyclone Yasi, 2011.



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Cyclone Season Preparation Guide

1. Outside "Missiles" (Loose Items)

Before a cyclone hits, check for and secure any loose items around your home that could become dangerous in high winds. If you're unable to move or secure them yourself, ask your neighbours for help or contact the RSL/Legacy for assistance.

2. Phone Numbers

Make sure you have your neighbours' phone numbers handy so you can reach each other quickly if needed. Also, have important emergency numbers ready:

- SES: 132 500

- RSL members: Contact other members nearby or reach out to your local RSL President or Secretary.

- Legacy members ensure you have your Legatee phone numbers. If you do not, please ask your Legatees for them.

3. Food & Water

Now is the time to stock up on essential supplies. Buy non-perishable foods (these last longer) and bottled water – enough for at least two weeks. It's best to buy a few extra items at a time, especially when they're on special

4. Money

Keep some cash on hand in various denominations – including coins. If the power or internet goes out, EFTPOS and ATMs may not work, so cash will allow you to keep buying essential items.

5. Isolation

During heavy rain and flooding, your neighbourhood or town may become isolated. Prepare to manage without access to shops or services for a period of time.

6. Prescriptions

If it looks like you could be cut off from your chemist, make sure you have at least two weeks' worth of medication. The SES might assist with essential prescriptions, but during emergencies they may be focused on more urgent tasks and might not reach you immediately.

7. Fuel

Keep your vehicle's fuel tank full in case you need to evacuate or charge your phone from your car (avoid running your car battery flat). If you have a BBQ, make sure you have a full gas bottle. If the power goes out, you'll still be able to cook food and boil water.