



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Council Operations update after severe thunderstorm**

Port Augusta City Council has opened most of its business units after a severe thunderstorm hit Port Augusta on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September.

Some Council sites suffered severe flooding and others received structural damage.

The Stirling North and Carlton Parade cemeteries are currently closed to the public while the grounds are being cleaned and cleared.

Community groups and businesses who lease buildings from Council have been contacted and will be notified when they can return to their premises.

Footpaths and roads will be assessed and repaired over the coming weeks. Any damaged footpaths or roads can be reported by phoning Councils customer service on 8641 9100.

“I would like to thank all of Councils operations staff, SES volunteers and community members who simply ‘pitched in’ to assist with the enormous clean up after this extreme weather event.” Chief Executive Officer, John Banks stated

“We would also like to thank all the local trades people who have been assisting us to overcome damage and become operational.”

#### **Council sites now open:**

- Civic Centre
- Public Library
- Port Augusta Cultural Centre/Art Gallery
- Childcare (Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September)
- Wadlata Outback Centre
- Australian Arid Lands Botanic Garden
- Central Oval
- Mens Shed
- Health Focus
- Airport

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