



**Port Augusta**

CITY COUNCIL

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Retrieval of Shopping Trolleys adjacent to the Port Augusta Wharf – Project Update**

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Port Augusta City Council with the cooperation of Woolworths, Big W, Coles and the Department of Planning Transport and Infrastructure, has engaged a contractor to retrieve the submerged shopping trolleys and other items from the water adjacent to the wharf. Investigations undertaken by Council in September identified that there were approximately 500 trolleys submerged, together with other discarded items.

The contractor was successful in aggregating the trolleys to 5 lift points along the wharf earlier this week. Today the contractor was on site with a crane to bring the trolleys to the surface in groups. The trolleys were cleaned and loaded onto trucks for recycling.

Unfortunately, works had to be suspended this afternoon as a result of high speed winds, which prevented any further use of the crane. Further works will be required, at another date to be confirmed, in order to complete the works.

As a result, there are still a high numbers of trolleys that remain submerged. Council warns all persons against jumping off the Port Augusta Wharf as these items present a significant risk of injury. Parents and guardians are urged to ensure that children are informed of the risks and supervised, to ensure that jumping from the Wharf area does not occur.

Council would like to thank the public for their cooperation and patience with the road closures and footpath restrictions whilst these works were undertaken. Further notification of road closures will be publicised once a date is confirmed for completing the works.

Council extends thanks to Woolworths, Big W and Coles for their assistance and contributions to date. Council will continue to liaise with these stakeholders to coordinate the completion of the required works, and secure the required funding required for this to happen.

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