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Council in Portland Roads and Coen to assess Cyclone Trevor impact

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Cook Shire Council staff visited Portland Roads and Coen this week to assess cyclone damage after Tropical Cyclone Trevor.

Council's Director Infrastructure David Klye, Civil Works Assessment Officer Michael Hagen, Disaster Management Officer Tim Wilkin and Parks and Waste Operations Manager Jim Doidge spent Monday and Tuesday inspecting the cyclone-ravaged area. "We are particularly thankful to Lockhart River Aboriginal Shire Council, as their staff cleared the roads into Portland Roads, Cape Weymouth and Chilli Beach with astonishing speed," Mr Klye said. "Thankfully there was very little structural damage, but significant damage has been done to the forest and the road network."

The initial assessment for the State Government's Disaster Relief Funding Arrangement (DRFA) was completed on the Portland Roads Road, which is the start of the process to rebuild the road after disaster damage. "Damage at Portland Roads included erosion to the foreshore, sand deposition behind the beach, driveways washed away and numerous trees down," Mr Klye said. "Cook Shire will be continuing to work with Lockhart Council on the disaster clean up."

The team also visited Coen, meeting with emergency services representatives and inspecting issues caused by the heavy rainfall from Cyclone Trevor. "We inspected the landfill site and assessed the leachate management system, as well as the sewage and water treatment plants," Mr Klye said.

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