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COMMUNITY DROUGHT RESILIENCE PLAN

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01 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



Cook Shire Council, in Far North Queensland, has been given the opportunity to compile a Drought Resilience Plan for the community and especially for those whose businesses and family have been affected in the previously drought declared region within Cook Shire. This report aims to provide details on; what a drought declaration is, how to prepare in advance, the type of support available to a drought declared property or region and how to recover from a revoked drought declaration.

It was observed that most owners/managers were not aware of the support that is available to drought affected properties and businesses, therefore, the need to share information is essential to help overcome some of the hardships faced in the drought declared regions.

Further studies and assistance may be required if any of the regions within Cook Shire are drought declared in the future, to further minimise the impact of the devastating effects that drought has for the overall community as well as individual property owners/managers and their families.



02 MISSION STATEMENT

...OUR MISSION IS TO UNDERSTAND OUR CUSTOMERS' NEEDS AND DELIVER CONSISTENCY OF PROCESS, SAFETY, INNOVATION AND COMMUNICATION SO THAT OUR COMMUNITIES CAN FLOURISH IN A SAFE, FAMILY ORIENTATED, SUSTAINABLE AND EMPOWERED MANNER.

(Cook Shire Council – Corporate Plan, 2017–2022)

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Cook Shire is a large and vastly diverse region compared to others in Australia; bringing along with it various environments, cultures and climates. Therefore, responsible care for the community is of the highest importance. Cook Shire Council will continue to support drought affected regions within the Shire by investigating potential funding opportunities that are applicable to drought affected communities, as well as upholding and maintaining a strong relationship with the Queensland Government and all relevant departments.

Our new five year corporate plan is directed by the:

Lifestyle aspirations and values of the people of Cook Shire	Fiscal dependence on State and Federal Government funding	Challenges of climatic and environmental extremes; and	Economic/social challenges of political 'green policy', land tenure and stewardship
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These issues are ongoing and provide Cook Shire Council with an imperative to make the most of what we have, by pragmatically working with our neighbouring Council's, regional and industry organisation and all levels of government. Our challenge for the next five years is to build on these foundations by engaging with community and industry groups in the development of tourism, primary industry and our lifestyle attraction. We are monitoring the bigger issues of Developing Northern Australia Policy, biological and sovereign defence, emerging Asian market opportunities, Closing the Gap and climate change.

Councillors and operational staff are unified in the pursuit of the Shire's vision and goals, both operationally and strategically, based on sound governance and discipline.



Peter Scott
MAYOR

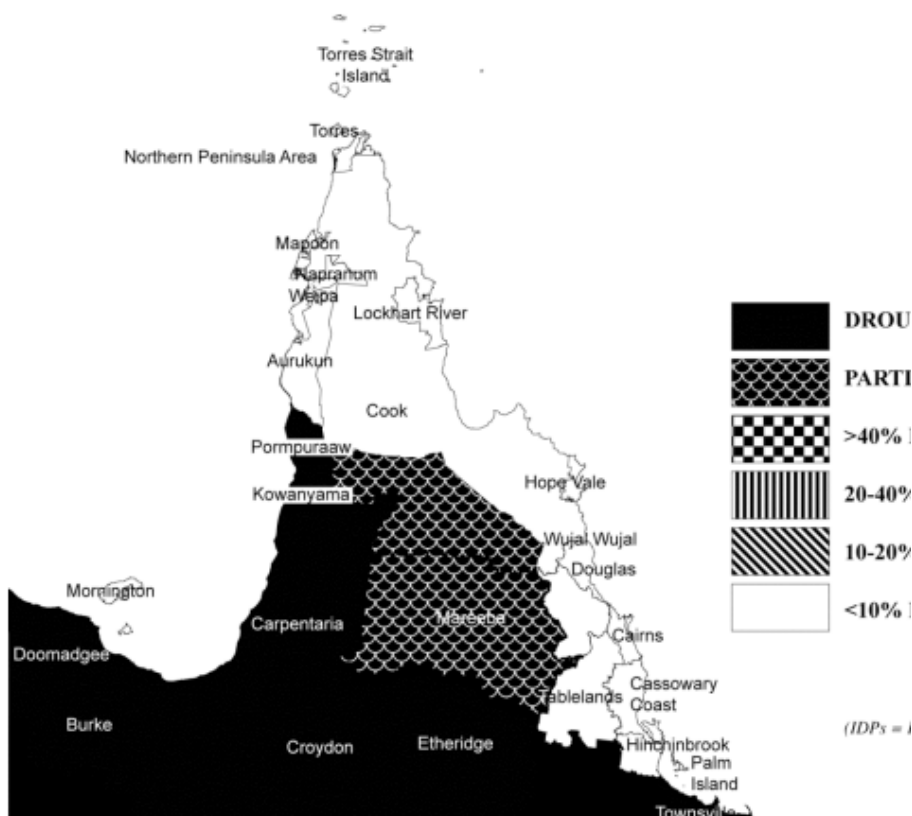
03 INTRODUCTION

Cook Shire was partially drought declared in 2015 for the area west of the Mulligan Highway to Lakeland, then west of the Peninsula Development Road to the junction with the Strathgordon Road, then south of the Strathgordon Road to Pormpuraaw, this was then revoked in 2017. Please refer to the following government webpage, Long Paddock, for more information on the current drought affected areas across Queensland.

In light of this declaration, Cook Shire Council has created a Community Drought Resilience Plan to aid those living and working on properties that could potentially be declared as a drought area in the future. This community resilience plan aims to highlight the support and opportunities that are available to those in drought declared areas and where to find the relevant information to access this support.

Cook Shire Council has utilised the Queensland Governments webpage to view all the relevant funding applications and subsidies, as well as other funding that may be available, for example, water and energy subsidies.

Date created: 26th November 2015



BACKGROUND 04



WHAT IS DROUGHT?

Drought is where a certain period of time is deficient of precipitation which in turn results in extensive damage to the land, (The University of Nebraska, 2017)

...DROUGHT IS AN INSIDIOUS HAZARD OF NATURE. IT IS OFTEN REFERRED TO AS A "CREEPING PHENOMENON" AND ITS IMPACTS VARY FROM REGION TO REGION.

Unfortunately, Australia is experiencing one of the worst drought periods in recent times, with 87% of Queensland drought declared in 2015.



WHAT IS A DROUGHT DECLARATION?

A drought declaration is an official acknowledgment by government that an area or individual property is affected by poor seasonal conditions. In Queensland, a declaration can be either:

- a local government area or part local government area declaration
- an Individually Droughted Property (IDP) declaration.

A local government area drought declaration or revocation is made by the Queensland Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries, based on the advice of Local Drought Committees (LDCs).

An IDP declaration is approved by the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries (DAF) when a primary producer submits an IDP application that meets the necessary criteria.

Guidelines & forms can be found at:

www.daf.qld.gov.au/environment/drought/assistance-programs/guidelines-and-forms/idp-application-guidelines

WHAT IS A DROUGHT MANAGEMENT PLAN?

A drought management plan is a form that has been individually completed by the drought affected properties and then lodged with their local Department of Agriculture and Fisheries (DAF) Officer for endorsement. If you wish to submit one of these forms, please refer to below or [Appendix 1: Drought Relief Assistance Scheme \(DRAS\) guidelines and forms](#) – drought management plan, where you will find the link for further information.

- Drought Management Plan (for increasing the ceiling of DRAS from \$20,000 to \$30,000). From 15 May 2015 producers with a Drought Management Plan which are in their third and subsequent year of drought have the ceiling increased from \$30,000 to \$40,000.

<https://www.daf.qld.gov.au/environment/drought/assistance-programs/guidelines-and-forms>

QUEENSLAND DROUGHT MONITOR

The Queensland Government's drought policy is based on the concept of self-reliance. Primary producers should therefore adopt risk management strategies to minimise the impact of drought on their enterprise.

However it is recognised that prolonged and severe events may be beyond the ability of many producers to cope with financially and physically. If a property has been individually drought declared or is within a drought declared area, the property owner can apply for Queensland Government drought assistance, including the Drought Relief Assistance Scheme (DRAS). DRAS provides subsidies on:

- The transport of fodder and water for livestock during drought
- Returning stock from agistment
- Restocking in the recovery period
- Emergency Water Infrastructure Rebate for the establishment of water infrastructure for emergency animal welfare needs. (Long Paddock/ Queensland Government, 2017)

Drought affected farmers throughout Queensland can apply for assistance through a drought assistance concessional loan. Full details, including all scheme guidelines and application forms, are available at Queensland Rural and Industry Development Authority (QRIDA):

Freecall 1800 623 946
www.qrida.qld.gov.au

The Australian Government assistance has a range of assistance measures for farm families, farm businesses and rural communities.

www.agriculture.gov.au/ag-farm-food/drought/assistance

05 HOW DOES DROUGHT AFFECT YOU AND YOUR BUSINESS?

A drought can have serious impacts on the ecosystem and agriculture of the area and region affected, unfortunately creating a 'knock on' effect on the local economy. However, it is often not fully understood that drought not only affects those directly living and working on a drought declared property, but also the wider community.

There are many direct and indirect impacts of drought which are a cause for concern. As everything in the environment is connected in some way, the economic, environmental and social impacts are usually of large significance. (The University of Nebraska, 2017)

ECONOMIC

- Reduced income
- Costs of new infrastructure e.g. irrigation
- Reduced income for other businesses in the area
- Unemployment increasing in the community

ENVIRONMENTAL

- Crops and livestock may die
- Lack of food and drinking water for animals
- Increase in diseases in animals due to reduced food and water supplies
- Increased stress on endangered species or even extinction
- Lower water levels in reservoirs, lakes and ponds
- Increase risk of wildfires

SOCIAL

- Health problems due to low water flow and poor water quality
- Health problems related to dust
- Anxiety or depression about economic losses caused by drought
- People may have to leave their homes and move



Fire Break
Preparation



Herding Cattle, Drought Affected Property

06 BE PREPARED

The best way to manage a drought declaration on your property is to use the resources at hand to allow for maximum effect, resilience and impact from a drought.

CLIMATE INFORMATION

The first step to being drought prepared is to stay informed on the current and projected weather forecasts for your region.

The Queensland Government's Long Paddock website provides climate information, including seasonal climate outlooks, rainfall and pasture growth, and a drought conditions update.

www.longpaddock.qld.gov.au/

DROUGHT PREPARATION CHECK LIST

Secondly, it is essential to make sure you have an organised property; however, all the information at hand can be very overwhelming. Therefore it is important to note that the Queensland Government has set up a drought preparation check list (please see an example of this list below. This checklist will help you prepare your business and property for drought.

www.business.qld.gov.au/running-business/protecting-business/disaster-resilience/preparing-disasters/drought-checklist

EXAMPLE:

Read through this drought preparation checklist and click 'Yes' or 'No' to find out if your business is prepared. If you answer 'No' to any question, you will create a list of actions to complete to ensure your business is as prepared for a drought as possible.

EXAMPLES OF THE QUESTIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Have you:

- ☐ Regularly maintained your water consumption sources (e.g. installed water-efficient nozzles on taps, checked for leaks)?
- ☐ Regularly maintained equipment that uses water?
- ☐ Devised an action plan for maintaining, using and reviewing all water resource supplies?
- ☐ Assembled facts about rainfall records (you could use a combination of official records and local experience)?
- ☐ Identified alternative water sources?
- ☐ Identified water recycling processes/opportunities?

DROUGHT STRATEGIES

The Queensland Government have a number of resources and strategies put in place for those affected by drought or in a high risk drought region. These resources are centred on animal welfare and strategies for producers. Please see below for links to the relevant webpage:

www.daf.qld.gov.au/environment/drought/managing-drought/drought-strategies



Cattle Feeding, Cook Shire Region

FEEDING AND MANAGEMENT OF LIVESTOCK DURING DROUGHT - BEEF, DAIRY AND SHEEP

FEEDING OPTIONS

- Supplementation feeding: some basic considerations
- Drought feeding alternatives
- Protein meal toxicity
- Fortified molasses for survival feeding of beef cattle
- Fodder trees for survival feeding of beef cattle
- Supplements for scrub feeding beef cattle
- Grain for survival feeding
- Feeding grain to sheep during a dry season
- Urea supplementation
- Whole cottonseed for survival feeding of beef cattle
- Homebrew lick
- Evaluating supplements
- Guard against chemical residues in stock from drought feeds

MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

- Developing a drought management strategy for beef cattle
- Drought management strategies for dairy farmers
- Early weaning for drought management
- Early weaning of beef calves
- Drought lotting sheep during a dry season

Please refer to the above link for more information.

07 FINANCIAL SUPPORT

There are a number of services available for drought affected properties through local and state government bodies.

Cook Shire Council ratepayers are welcome to contact Council requesting concession on the grounds of hardship. Each case is assessed individually and supporting documentation may be requested.

Most of the financial support is offered by State Government where there are a number of drought assistance schemes in place.

DROUGHT RELIEF ASSISTANCE SCHEME (DRAS) - FINANCE

To find out more information on the financial support available for drought declared properties the Drought Relief Assistance Scheme (DRAS) provides five assistance measures.

On 9 May 2015, the Australian Government announced a drought support package worth \$333 million. The package includes funding for:

- Local infrastructure and employment projects
- Management of pest animals and weeds
- Social and community support programs
- Rural financial counsellors
- Concessional loans

Drought-declared properties may be eligible for:

- Freight subsidies for transporting fodder
- Freight subsidies for transporting water
- Emergency Water Infrastructure Rebate (EWIR), which provides a rebate on the purchase and installation of water infrastructure purchased for animal welfare needs. (EWIR addresses immediate animal welfare needs, helps improve properties to be more drought resilient, and generally lifts productivity by providing water supply to areas where pasture was less than fully utilised).

Properties that have had their drought declaration revoked may be eligible for:

- Freight subsidies for transporting livestock returning from agistment
- Freight subsidies for transporting livestock purchased for restocking

DRAS generally provides a maximum of \$20,000 per property per financial year on all freight subsidy and rebate types. This may increase to \$30,000 with the approval of a drought management plan by DAF Extension staff. This can increase further up to \$40,000 in the third and later years of a drought declaration.

Producers in a drought-declared area or who have an Individually Droughted Property (IDP) declaration can apply for DRAS support through DAF.

Please see [Appendix 1: Drought Relief Assistance Scheme guidelines and forms](#)

Drought assistance concessional loans are available to help eligible farm businesses to manage, recover from, and prepare for, future droughts, and to return to viability in the long term.

These loans are being delivered by Queensland Rural and Industry Development Authority (QRIDA) (Please refer to [Appendix 4: Useful Contacts](#)) on behalf of the Australian Government.

www.qrida.qld.gov.au/current-programs

ADDITIONAL RURAL FINANCIAL COUNSELLORS

The Queensland Government has contributed additional funding to the Australian Government's Rural Financial Counselling Service (RFCS), and has delivered extension workshops on drought management. Please refer to [Rural Financial Counselling Service \(Page 19\)](#) for more detail.

LAND RENT REBATES AND WATER LICENSE WAIVERS

Holders of rural leases (Category 11 leases used for grazing and primary production) issued under the Land Act 1994 are eligible for a rebate of 12% of their annual rent where that annual rent is more than the minimum rent of \$235. The rebate is available for leases that are in drought-declared areas and for those that have an IDP.

Landholders who are eligible for the rebate will receive information with their annual/quarterly invoices.

ELECTRICITY CHARGES RELIEF FOR WATER SUPPLY

The Department of Energy and Water Supply operates the Drought Relief from Electricity Charges Scheme (DRECS) for customers in Energex areas and for non-Ergon Energy Retail customers in regional areas. The scheme provides relief from fixed charges for accounts that use electricity to pump water for farm or irrigation purposes during periods of very low or no water availability.

For the majority of customers in the Ergon Energy Region, DRECS is delivered by Ergon Energy Queensland, which is reimbursed by the Government via monthly community service obligation payments.

FARM HOUSEHOLD ALLOWANCE

On 1 July 2014 the Australian Government introduced its Farm Household Allowance. The allowance provides eligible farm families experiencing hardship with money to meet basic living expenses.

Further information on the Farm Household Allowance can be found on the Human Services website:

www.humanservices.gov.au/individuals/services/centrelink/farm-household-allowance

LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND EMPLOYMENT PROJECTS

The Australian Government has provided \$35 million for shovel-ready local infrastructure and employment projects. Funding will target projects that offer the greatest potential to stimulate local spending, use local resources and provide lasting benefit to the community.

PEST ANIMAL AND WEED MANAGEMENT

The Australian Government has provided \$25.8 million for programs to manage pest animals and weeds in drought affected areas. This will provide work for rural contractors while helping producers to deal with the impact of feral animals on livestock and pasture.

This funding is delivered through regional natural resource management groups. It is expected that the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries (DAF) will oversee these groups' delivery of the projects on behalf of the Australian Government.

The Queensland Government also continues to administer \$5.6 million in federal funding for feral animal control in drought-affected areas. The first phase of funding grants began in 2013, and the second phase was completed in 2016.

Read more about Queensland projects currently funded under this program:

www.daf.qld.gov.au/plants/weeds-pest-animals-ants/new-feral-animal-assistance-package

Read more about feral pest initiatives in Queensland:

www.daf.qld.gov.au/plants/weeds-pest-animals-ants/queensland-feral-pest-initiative

08 SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Australians, especially farmers, are a resilient group of people; however, drought is a hardship that no one wants to experience. It can affect the livelihoods of farming families all over Australia, and is an unfortunate reality to all farmers that live and work in a country, with an, albeit, beautiful but vast climate, as Jakszewicz (2016, pg.3) puts it:

"...AUSTRALIA IS ONE OF THE DRIEST INHABITED CONTINENTS – AND WHILE THE EFFECTS OF A DROUGHT WILL NEVER BE ELIMINATED: KNOWLEDGE, PREPARATION AND THE PROPER APPLICATION OF OUR RESEARCH AND LAND MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES CAN HELP US ALL TO MITIGATE THE RISKS, AND REDUCE THE IMPACT OF DROUGHT CONDITIONS."

It is important to contact the support that is available, if you or someone you know is experiencing financial stress or mental health and wellbeing issues.

MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS

Queensland Health is providing primary mental health support to drought-affected areas through the Royal Flying Doctor Service as well as the Australian Government providing \$20 million to the Family Support Program and the Targeted Community Care (Mental Health) Program to support drought-affected farmers, farm families and rural communities. The funding is designed to enhance the capacity of service providers across drought affected areas of Queensland and New South Wales.

www.flyingdoctor.org.au/qld/our-services/primary-health-care-services/drought-wellbeing-service/

Please refer to Appendix 2: Country Callback Support Service for more information on the support that is offered.

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE PACKAGE

The Queensland Government is providing the following for drought affected regions:

- Community support to help people under stress
- Assistance for organising community events
- Training and resources for community leaders

www.qld.gov.au/health/mental-health/rural

RURAL FINANCIAL COUNSELLING SERVICE

There is free financial counselling available to those that would like advice before they make important drought related decisions; it could be the difference between failure and survival for many property owners.

The Australian Government Department of Agriculture and Water resources, is working in conjunction with state and territory governments service providers to supply free financial counselling to eligible farmers, fishers, foresters and small agriculture-dependent rural businesses who are suffering financial hardship and who have no other source of impartial information.

Atherton Tablelands is the closest to the Cook Shire drought declared area that has experienced Financial Counsellors available through Rural Financial Counselling Service, North Queensland.

www.rfcsnq.com.au/home



COUNTRY CALLBACK
1800 54 33 54
TELEPHONE SUPPORT FOR RURAL COMMUNITIES

Offering telephone support to rural communities affected by drought and hardship in Queensland.

An information, referral & counselling service delivered by **UnitingCare Community.**

For more information contact:
countrycallback@uccommunity.org.au or **1800 54 33 54**

Melissa Barnett, Barambah QRRWN.

09 DROUGHT RECOVERY PLAN

The Department of Agriculture and Fisheries have an abundance of information on what assistance may be available to you when recovering from drought:

- Assistance to help restock, once conditions have improved
- Freight subsidy for restocking (properties must be revoked from drought declaration to access this)

If your property has recovered but the local government area is still drought declared you are able to request to have your property individually revoked from drought if you can provide the following information:

- Enough pasture and water to last at least 12 months at normal or close to normal stocking rates

According to the Queensland Government, once the status has been revoked, your property will not be eligible for an individual drought declaration for 12 months, and after the 12 months, your property will need to meet the eligibility criteria in order to become drought declared.

Please refer to Appendix 1: Drought Relief Assistance Scheme guidelines and forms to access the necessary forms required.

www.daf.qld.gov.au

COMMUNITY SUPPORT GROUP

As a community and as a nation, it is our duty to help our neighbours, to stay strong and support one another. Some of the drought affected properties have expressed interest in starting a support group for networking and communication over the phone, via e-mail or in person:

"...IT WOULD BE NICE TO SPEAK TO SOMEONE WHO KNOWS WHAT YOU ARE GOING THROUGH, TO UNDERSTAND THE REAL STRUGGLES THAT YOU ARE FACING. MAYBE EVEN GET SOME ADVICE AND IDEAS OVER A CUP OF TEA."

(Anonymous, Cook Shire Resident, 2017)

Establishing a community support organisation can be a real challenge due to distance and remoteness of properties, but this support network can be very rewarding.

Community Door has a range of helpful advice regarding setting up community groups. Your group might be just a few people who work together to help meet the needs of the community. You don't have to be a formal organisation to be a community group, but you might want to investigate if local organisations could help your group to grow even larger and work better.

A community group that is not a formal organisation is also known as an unincorporated association. As an unincorporated association, you can organise your activities largely as you like and will only have few legal responsibilities as a group, please see appendix 3 for more information

communitydoor.org.au/start-a-community-service-organisation

SUMMARY 10



The drought declaration of some of the regions in Cook Shire area was revoked in May 2017 after having being drought declared for more than 1.5 years.

Drought affects us all, whether directly or indirectly. The aim is to provide invaluable information to those that are currently unaware of the help at hand, especially for those who have not experienced their property being drought declared in the past.

"...WHEN WE DO FINALLY GET OUR WET SEASON ALL THE COUNTRY WILL LOOK GREEN AGAIN WITHIN A MONTH. IT WON'T STAY DRY LIKE THIS FOREVER. AS MY FATHER ALWAYS SAID, 'IF YOU STICK TO THIS COUNTRY WHEN IT'S DRY IT'S GOING TO STICK TO YOU WHEN IT'S WET'. I LOVE TO REMIND PEOPLE THAT THIS IS GREAT COUNTRY."

Positivity shines above all else for John Paynter, Grazier from Wanton Station Winton

11 APPENDICES

APPENDIX 1: DROUGHT RELIEF ASSISTANCE SCHEME GUIDELINES AND FORMS

TRANSPORT OF FODDER FREIGHT SUBSIDY

- Transport of fodder freight subsidy guideline (PDF, 670.3KB)
- Transport of fodder form (PDF, 563.1KB)
- Feed millers/manufacturers – declaration (PDF, 542.5KB)
- Fodder merchants/agents – declaration (PDF, 541.9KB)
- Transport of donated fodder form (PDF, 119.4KB)

TRANSPORT OF WATER FREIGHT SUBSIDY

- Transport of water freight subsidy guideline (PDF, 569.3KB)
- Transport of water form (PDF, 599.8KB)

EMERGENCY WATER INFRASTRUCTURE REBATE

- Emergency water infrastructure rebate guideline (PDF, 227.9KB)
- Water availability statement (emergency water infrastructure rebate) (PDF, 650.5KB)
- Application for emergency water infrastructure rebate (PDF, 553.7KB)

TRANSPORT OF LIVESTOCK RETURNING FROM AGISTMENT FREIGHT SUBSIDY

- Transport of stock returning from agistment freight subsidy guideline (PDF, 673.1KB)
- Stock returning from agistment form (PDF, 187.3KB)

TRANSPORT OF LIVESTOCK PURCHASED FOR RE STOCKING FREIGHT SUBSIDY

- Transport of livestock purchased for restocking freight subsidy guideline (PDF, 663.2KB)
- Animals purchased for restocking form (PDF, 196.5KB)

DROUGHT MANAGEMENT PLAN

- Drought Management Plan (PDF, 580.2KB) (for increasing the ceiling of DRAS from \$20,000 to \$30,000) From 15 May 2015 producers with a Drought Management Plan which are in their third and subsequent year of drought have the ceiling increased from \$30,000 to \$40,000.

INDIVIDUALLY DROUGHTED PROPERTY

- Individually droughted property guideline
- Online application for an individually droughted property (IDP) (This works best if it is opened in Internet Explorer)
- Application for an individually droughted property (IDP) declaration (PDF, 871.1KB) (This works best if it is opened in Internet Explorer)

REVOCATIONS

- Apply to revoke the drought declaration for your property

FACT SHEETS

- Recovering from drought – what assistance is available (PDF, 308.7KB)

These PDFs can be found at:

www.daf.qld.gov.au/environment/drought/assistance-programs/guidelines-and-forms

APPENDIX 2: COUNTRY CALL-BACK SUPPORT SERVICE

COUNTRY CALL-BACK

Country Call-back is a 24/7 telephone support service for drought affected and isolated communities within rural Queensland. This service offers targeted emotional support to rural Queenslanders and the ability to call you back for additional support and check-ins.

The service is available to people experiencing personal, social, financial and emotional difficulties as a result of the rural hardship. The Country Call-back service is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

This confidential service provides:

- Information, advice and referral
- Counselling support for individuals and families experiencing personal, social, financial and emotional difficulties.
- Debriefing/supervision support for staff and volunteers.

This service has been established by Uniting Care Community.



APPENDIX 3: COMMUNITY SUPPORT GROUP

If you would like to form a community support group, communicate with a number of people about the need for a new organisation and establish others who want to get involved. Invite people to share their experiences and ideas and contribute to the vision of the group.

Before you start running around, setting up meetings and pouring all of your energy into this project here are few ideas and tips about getting started.



communitydoor.org.au

FURTHER INFORMATION

- Office of Fair Trading information about becoming an incorporated association:
www.qld.gov.au/law/laws-regulated-industries-and-accountability/queensland-laws-and-regulations/associations-charities-and-non-for-profits/incorporated-associations
- Our Community help sheets about starting a community group:
www.ourcommunity.com.au/management/view_help_sheet.do?articleid=2124
- Caxton Legal Service is a not-for-profit community organisation that provides free legal information, advice or referral to another solicitor by appointment:
caxton.org.au
- Developing your Organisation is an online wiki from QUT's Centre for Philanthropic and Non-profit Studies:
wiki.qut.edu.au/display/CPNS/DYO+Home
- Developing your Board is an online wiki from QUT's Centre for Philanthropic and Non-profit Studies:
wiki.qut.edu.au/display/CPNS/DYB+Home
- Starting your business is aimed at people starting a small business but much of its content also applies to non-profit organisations Licences and regulations provides links to information and forms for starting your organisation:
www.business.gov.au/info/plan-and-start/start-your-business
- Australian Taxation Office offers non-profit organisations relevant GST and other tax information:
www.ato.gov.au
- Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations (ORIC) supports and regulates the corporations that are incorporated under the Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006 (CATSI Act):
www.oric.gov.au

APPENDIX 4: USEFUL CONTACTS



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Fax: (07) 4069 5423

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1800 185 750

APPENDIX 5:
PHOTOS FROM
THE COOK
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AFFECTED AREAS











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Start a Community Service Organisation

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