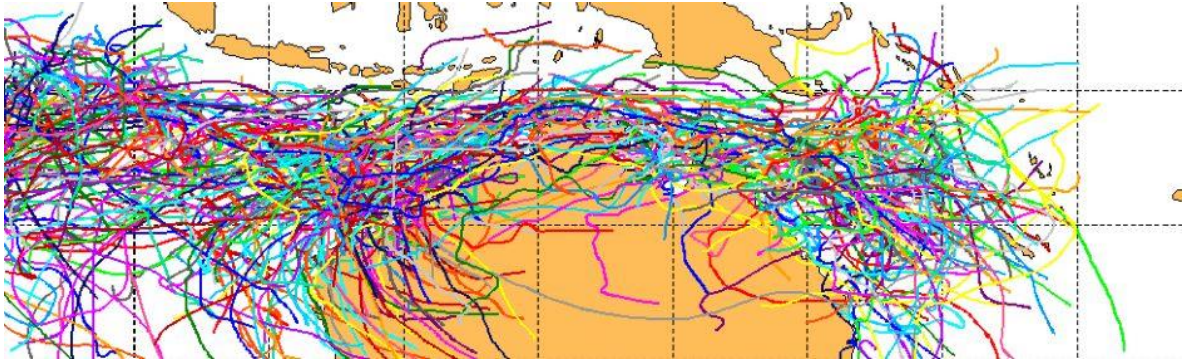




Wagait Shire Council Emergency Management

Cyclone Preparedness Information



Under normal circumstances your home, if built to code since cyclone Tracy in 1974, should be able to withstand a cyclone up to and including Category 3.

Over time buildings may deteriorate if not maintained and some may predate the new building codes. Others may not be built to code at all.

In a severe weather event such as a cyclone, buildings that have rotted timber, termite damage or loose roof sheeting can become a problem for you, the owner or tenant, and for others around you if material becomes airborne debris.

Home and property preparation for a cyclone

- ✓ Secure all loose items of furniture and gardening equipment
- ✓ Remove and lash down any loose building materials
- ✓ Remove dead trees and other rubbish on the block (take to green waste)
- ✓ Lash down and secure any caravans, sea containers or cars
- ✓ Tape/shutter windows and doors
- ✓ Create an emergency kit of food and personal items
- ✓ Store valuables and personal papers in waterproof container
- ✓ Check generator operational (if owned)
- ✓ Have fuel in your car and a jerry can for the generator
- ✓ Torch with spare battery and a battery-operated radio
- ✓ If you are absent from community, arrange with someone to secure your property

What not to do

- Don't leave gas and electricity turned on if you intend evacuating your home.
- Don't leave animal and pets to roam your property – leave them in a safe place with a supply of water and food.



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Cyclone Shelter Information

Emergency Shelter in Cox Peninsula

Under the NT Emergency Management arrangements, public emergency shelters are made available if there is a need to evacuate residents from their homes if extreme or dangerous weather events such as a cyclone are likely to affect the area.

The primary shelter is the Community Centre building at 142 Wagait Tower Road.

Overflow Shelter is the Community Office building at 142 Wagait Tower Road.

The shelter is opened when 'go to shelter' advice is received by the Council CEO from NT Emergency Services. Wagait Beach residents should take shelter at the public emergency Shelter if they do not consider their house safe enough to stay in during a cyclone (*see previous page, House and property preparation*).

Personal preparation if you intend moving to the shelter

Take with you

- ✓ Important papers
- ✓ Current medication that may be required for a minimum 24-hour period
- ✓ Small quantity of food, snacks, water (there are no cooking facilities) and meals are not provided
- ✓ Special requirements for babies and children
- ✓ Wear protective clothing and shoes and bring a change with you
- ✓ Blanket/pillow/waterproof poncho
- ✓ Torch with spare battery

If you bring your car to the shelter you will be directed where to park by NT Emergency Services volunteers (NTES).

What not to bring

- Pets of any kind
- Alcohol
- Swags
- Dangerous goods eg cooking stoves, guns, knives
- Large bags with household goods/clothes

The shelter is a non-smoking venue. You will need to register with the Shelter Manager or Deputy Shelter Manager when you first arrive. Staff at the shelter are voluntary so please respect their requests. If you are abusive or drunk you will be asked to leave.

The shelter has limited capacity and cannot guarantee safety in all circumstances. You use the shelter at your own risk.

The shelter will be closed when the Shelter Manager gives the all-clear and it is considered safe to go outside.