

Fuel for Thought

Good Riddance Debbie



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It's been another tough break for Central Queensland with Tropical Cyclone Debbie leaving a path of destruction through gale force winds and flooding. We know the recovery process will be long and slow. Here in Gladstone we are still seeing the trucks transporting timber damaged as a result of cyclone Marcia in early 2015.

As you may know, as well as in Gladstone, QER has kerogen shale deposits in a number of Central Queensland locations – Nagoorin, Lowmead, Duaringa, Yaamba, Herbert Creek and Proserpine. Over the years we have met and worked with many great people in those areas – on the land and in the towns. At the best of times it can be a tough living, and disasters like this one hit particularly hard. Many of those places have been battered and our neighbours in places like Rockhampton and Yaamba have an anxious and frustrating time ahead of them.

There's no doubt however, that times like this also bring out the best in humanity. There are so many stories of resilience and stoicism as people face personal loss with calmness and determination to bounce back. There are also many stories of courage and generosity of spirit, which have also come to light in the aftermath of the storm.

On behalf of QER I want to express our support for those facing the difficult recovery period ahead and let you know that you are never far from our thoughts.



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