

Fuel for Thought

The Day Marcia Came to Town



QER's visitors centre lovingly wrapped in masking tape.

Well, last weekend was quite something. Most of us in Gladstone are very happy to have come through Cyclone Marcia relatively unscathed. Our thoughts are with our friends in Rocky, Yeppoon and the many small communities affected by the wind and the flooding.

These hard times are times that also bring our community together. We've been out helping our neighbours where we can and have offered our help in Rocky, Biloela, Yarwun and Gladstone. We've been impressed by how people have come together, as always, to support the people affected and to lend a helping hand.

Our site at QER has come through unaffected. Like most people we took the preparations very seriously...using up our stocks of masking tape quite quickly. There was virtually no damage other than a few trees down around the site to serve as a reminder for a few years to come.

We've also been heavily involved in water monitoring. During these periods and whenever water flows through our site, we regularly sample and check the water quality to ensure it is similar to the quality of other creeks in the area. I'm pleased to say that as always, we have met all our strict licence requirements.

Let's hope that Marcia is our last extreme weather event this season and from QER to all those affected by the cyclone, we hope you are back on the grid and back "on your feet" very quickly.



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