



COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT, 1 July 2013

Onslow Supermarket Services

Due to fire damage the Onslow Supermarket will not be open for business over the next few weeks.

A fire broke out early hours this morning in the freezer and fruit & vegetable section of the building causing significant smoke and water damage. The local Volunteer Rescue Workers were able to put the fire out and stop it from spreading into other sections of the supermarket.

A Coordination group has been formed to respond to the community's needs and to ensure that services are available as soon as possible.

The Coordination group includes Onslow Supermarket, Shire of Ashburton, Onslow Police, Emergency Services, Chevron, Bechtel, Thalanyji and Nikki's Restaurant.

Immediate Response – Today

- **Essential Supplies** such as milk, bread, eggs, butter and cheese will be available from the hardware store from 2.30pm – 6pm today.
- For those who require **essential supplies** other than those available at the Hardware – parents of babies and small children or those with medical and health needs please register at the Shire 9184 9300. Arrangements will be made to support your needs where possible.
- Power Cards and Phone Top Ups will be available from the Hardware Store which will be open until 6pm today.
- Unfortunately Cash/ ATM services will not be available from the supermarket – alternative sources are:
 - Posties – All banks except Westpac and ANZ
 - Beadon Bay Hotel ATM – customers only

Medium Term Response – next few days

- Alternative Sites to operate the Supermarket (essential grocery supplies and some bottle shop services) are being investigated and it is hoped that a location will be secured and operational within the next two days .
- We are currently looking into alternative options for Cash/ ATM services.

A further update will be provided as alternative arrangements have been confirmed. We ask for everyone to work together, perhaps share with neighbours and friends where appropriate over the next few days.

Media Contact:

Amanda O'Halloran, Executive Manager Strategic and Economic Development 0419932307