



Cyclone Debbie – Possible Aftermath

The Bureau of Meteorology has warned that rain falls well in excess of 100mm remain possible particularly on Friday when the tropical low is expected to come into conflict with a strong southerly change. There will be heavy showers on the Sunshine Coast on Friday as the decaying low comes into south east Queensland.

Those who experienced the rain events of 2013 will remember the damage caused to Body Corporate property.

This is a timely reminder to ensure that all gutters and downpipes are clear and able to cope with extra rainfall, that sump pumps and generators are in good working order and that sufficient fuel is available if required, and that balcony and pool furniture has been secured or put away.

Do the residents in your building know how to operate the garage door in manual mode? It is important that the door can be opened in the event of loss of power.

If your building has a lift, please advise all users of your lift equipment that the equipment should not be used before or during a cyclone or flooding. Be proactive and turn the equipment to fire service inside the lift car. Do not park the lift at the bottom level. Park the lift(s) at an intermediate floor preferably in the upper part of the building to minimise possible damage due to flooding or water build up in the lift(s) pit. **Do not turn off at the mains.** This can cause more problems after the event.

If your lift shaft is subject to water entry either via a vent at the top of the lift shaft or if around the landing doors of the lift entrances are open to the weather, it would be advisable to park the lift(s) (preferably with the doors closed) at the top of the shaft(s) to minimise potential damage. If there is no levels where the lift is not exposed to the weather - only in this situation is it best to turn off the lift at the mains and manually pull the doors closed.

Don't forget in an emergency situation call:

- Flood/Storm Emergency – call SES on 132 500
- Life Threatening Emergency – call 000
- Non-Emergency SES Enquiries – [click here](#)

Handy Links to further information:

- [Maintenance – BCP Strata website](#)
- [Bureau of Meteorology \(BOM\)](#)
- [KONE Elevators – Don't get stuck without a plan – Cyclone & Flood Lift Preparations](#)

