

## **MEMO 11 - 25**

To: Darling Downs Clubs

From: Football Queensland

**Subject:** Update on Suspension of Football Activity

**Date:** March 10, 2025

## **Dear Clubs**

Our thoughts are with each of you who have been impacted by Tropical Cyclone Alfred in recent days.

Whilst we are still assessing the full extent of the damage sustained to clubs across the Darling Downs region, we have enough information to confirm the <u>further suspension of all football</u> <u>activity</u> until at least this Wednesday, 12 March when another update will be issued.

The decision to extend the suspension of all football activity has been made to prioritise the ongoing safety of all members of the football community and to support impacted clubs in their recovery efforts.

In some cases, local councils may not permit access to grounds and will keep grounds closed. Clubs are reminded of the requirement to follow advice from local councils regarding access to council grounds.

This update on the suspension of football will be published across the FQ website and FQ Darling Downs social media channels at 5:30pm today, Monday 10 March, and is **embargoed until this time**.

To assist Football Queensland in determining a suitable plan for the resumption of competitions and fixtures in each impacted region, **all clubs** are asked to <u>complete the club damage report form</u> on FQ's Disaster Recovery Hub as soon as it is possible and safe to do so. This will be crucial in determining each club's readiness to recommence and host fixtures and other forms of activity including training.

Clubs who did not sustain damage or flooding are also asked to complete the damage report form to assist FQ to determine the potential of each unaffected club to partially recommence training sessions or to host teams from nearby impacted clubs as appropriate.

In addition to completing the club damage report form, clubs are encouraged to visit the <u>Disaster Recovery Hub</u> on the FQ website to view important updates on grants and funding support as they become available and to connect with volunteers who are ready to offer assistance.

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Football Queensland will continue to work closely with Darling Downs clubs regarding the resumption of football activity and the rescheduling of impacted fixtures as appropriate and wishes all impacted clubs the best as they commence clean-up and recovery efforts in the coming days.

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