

Shire of Cocos (Keeling) Islands

ROAD CLOSURE NOTICE

LOCATION

South Road, West Island – from Scout Park to Yacht Club

REASON

Flooding caused by king tide events

STATUS

ROAD CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC

Situation Overview

Due to ongoing king tide activity, seawater has flooded sections of **South Road from Scout Park to Yacht Club**.

Driving or walking through floodwaters can be dangerous. Risks include hidden damage to the road surface, vehicle engine failure, debris, strong water movement and vehicle damage caused by saltwater.

Key Instructions for Residents and Visitors

- **Do not drive or walk through floodwaters.** Water depth can be difficult to judge and changing tides and water movement may create additional risks.
- **Avoid the area.** Please restrict travel along the southern section of South Road to essential and emergency access only.
- Do not attempt to bypass road closure barriers or enter flooded sections of the road.

Detours and Access

There are **no direct alternative vehicular routes south of Scout Park** while South Road is affected by flooding.

Residents and visitors are asked to delay non-essential travel to the southern end of the island until water levels have receded and the road has been inspected and confirmed safe for use.

Monitoring and Reopening

The Shire's public works team and local emergency services will continue to monitor tide conditions and assess the road and surrounding area.

The expected closure periods are:

Day/Date	High Tide (approx.)	Road Closure Time
Friday, 11 September 2026	5:00 am	All day
Saturday, 12 September 2026	5:30 am	All day
Sunday, 13 September 2026	6:00am	All day

Updates and Emergency Information

- **For updates:** Please check the Shire's website and official communication channels.
- **In an emergency:** Contact local emergency services immediately.

Please do not put yourself or others at risk by attempting to travel through floodwaters.

For further information regarding the road closure, access arrangements or road conditions, please contact:

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