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**REMOTE COMMUNITY STORE BACK IN BUSINESS AFTER IT WAS DESTROYED
BY FIRE**



The Beagle Bay community store, owned by Ngarlan Store Indigenous Corporation and managed by Outback Stores, has reopened and is now fully stocked after it was severely damaged following a fire that occurred in the early hours of Friday the 3rd of October 2014.

A team of Outback Stores employees have worked hard to return the store to full retail operation as soon as possible, at a temporary location at the Women's Centre building. The recent arrival of six fridges and two freezers means perishable products such as meat, dairy, and frozen goods are now available.

The store is the primary source of food and groceries for 300 people living in the Western Australian community located 125km north of Broome, who would otherwise have had to drive more than an hour for supplies.

"It's just fantastic the way everyone has pulled together to get the store up and running, I mean, it's been two weeks," Store Manager Melissa Rankine said.

"The community is so happy. They are walking in and saying 'it looks like a store again'. It's lovely."

Outback Stores, together with the Store Managers, would like to thank the community for their support during this time.

About Outback Stores

Outback Stores provides retail services to remote stores on behalf of Indigenous communities. Set up in 2006 as a response to a need for functional and viable retail stores, Outback Stores was able to guarantee a secure, continuous supply of safe and healthy food and keep local jobs in remote communities.

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