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## **STRUCTURAL FIRE AT BEAGLE BAY COMMUNITY STORE**



Outback Stores is helping to set up a temporary store at the remote community of Beagle Bay in Western Australia after a fire destroyed the community store earlier today.

Beagle Bay Community Store was severely damaged following a fire that occurred in the early hours on Friday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of October 2014.

The fire has caused significant structural damage to the store, however, no one was injured in the incident and fire investigators are currently at the scene. The cause of the fire is currently unknown.

Beagle Bay is 125km north of Broome and the community store, which is managed by Outback Stores, is the primary source of food and supplies for the community of nearly 300 people.

A team from Outback Stores is expected to arrive in the remote community this afternoon. Authorities have cordoned off the site while they investigate the cause of the fire.

Outback Stores, together with the store owners, are focusing all efforts to establish a temporary store as soon as possible, to ensure food and supplies continue to be available in the community.

New supplies have already been ordered to be delivered to the community as soon as possible.

Outback Stores has managed the Beagle Bay Community Store since March 2014 after the store owner, Ngarlan Store Indigenous Corporation, asked Outback Stores to take over managing the store after coming out of special administration.

### **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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