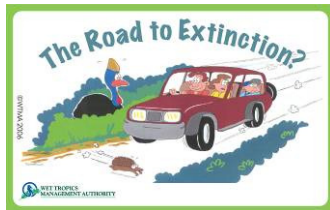


Be CASS-O-WARY post-cyclone

Our sympathies to everyone who has been affected by Cyclone Yasi - we wish you the best with your recovery. The level of concern shown for the World Heritage values of the rainforest, and in particular for cassowaries, has been amazing, and there are many ways in which you can help:



GO SLOW and drive with care

After Cyclone Larry cassowaries were disorientated and seen moving along roads and tracks more than usual in search of food, and at unusual times of day (not only dawn & dusk). At least 17 birds were hit by cars in the following year. Please drive with care and **BE CASS-O-WARY!**



DON'T FEED cassowaries

This encourages them to remain in urban areas where they are more vulnerable to vehicles and dog attacks. If they get used to being fed, individuals may become aggressive, and it is difficult to convince cassowaries to stay away from people once they associate humans with food. Too often a **fed bird is a dead bird.**



MIND THE DOG!

Cassowaries and dogs are a lethal combination. Both adults and chicks are vulnerable. At least 6 cassowaries are known to have been killed by dogs in the year following Cyclone Larry. Please keep your dog secure at home and on a leash when walking, and encourage your neighbours to do the same, particularly if they have pig dogs. With fences down, many dogs are running loose. If you've lost or found a dog call CCRC on **4030 2222.**

REPORT cassowary sightings

Report general sightings by email to QPWS: cassowary.sighting@derm.qld.gov.au

Report sick, injured, or hungry birds by phone to QPWS 24hr hotline: **1300 130 372**

You can also share your cassowary sightings with locals via the Mission Beach Cassowaries group on Facebook: www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=120942903263



VOLUNTEER

QPWS will need volunteers to help cut-up fruit for the managed cassowary feeding programme at Innisfail QPWS and Garner's Beach Cassowary Rehabilitation Facility. Please register your interest with: Jodie Eden, QPWS.

Email: jodie.eden@derm.qld.gov.au or phone: **4091 8102**

DONATE

Several conservation groups are raising funds for the feeding programme and longer-term cassowary habitat conservation and restoration. You can donate online at:

Bob Irwin Wildlife Fund: www.bobirwinwildlife.com/

C4: www.givenow.com.au/cassowaryconservation

Rainforest Rescue: www.rainforestrescue.org.au/ourprojects/save-a-rainforest-mission-beach.html

Save the Cassowary: www.savethecassowary.org.au/

EDUCATE

Visitors and recovery crews about cassowaries and what makes the Wet Tropics so special.

You can find information and *Rainforest Explorer* resources at www.wettropics.gov.au

