

Magistrates Courts

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Temporary closure of Weipa and Cooktown registries

Rule 976 of the *Uniform Civil Procedure Rules 1999* provides that:

- (1) The Registry must be open between 8:30am and 4.30pm on each day other than a Saturday, Sunday or court holiday.
- (2) However, the court or the registrar may direct that the registry is to be opened or closed at other times.

In light of the warnings issued by the Bureau of Meteorology in relation to Tropical Cyclone Narelle, for the purposes of that rule I direct that the offices of the Weipa and Cooktown Magistrates Court Registries be closed on Friday 20 March 2026.


Judge Janelle Brassington
Chief Magistrate
19 March 2026