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Museum of Central Australia Remains Closed

The Museum of Central Australia remains closed to visitors due to water damage caused by a rain storm in Alice Springs on the night of Tuesday, 18 November 2008.

Araluen Cultural Precinct Director Tim Rollason, said an assessment of the area will be completed this week, after which a date to reopen to the public would be announced.

“While the full assessment is still to be completed we can confirm that there was no damage to any collections or stock from the Museum of Central Australia,” Mr Rollason said.

“The display of the life and work of Professor TGH Strehlow, which is also housed in the Museum, remains intact and untouched by the water damage,” Mr Rollason said.

The Museum of Central Australia offers exhibits and displays on the evolution of the landscape and the creatures that inhabited it, including meteorite fragments, fossils and interpretive displays on the geological history of Central Australia, and Central Australian mammals, reptiles and insects.

“The Museum is an interpretive centre for Central Australia’s unique natural history and we’re very pleased that the actual collection and exhibits were not damaged whatsoever,” Mr Rollason said.

“Access to the Strehlow Research Centre, its collections and research library remains by appointment.

“Tourism operators and the general public will be informed of any new developments and be kept up to date of when the Museum of Central Australia will re-open.”

The remaining attractions at the Araluen Cultural Precinct including the Araluen Arts Centre, Central Australian Aviation Museum, Alice Springs Memorial Cemetery, Central Craft and Yeperenye Sculpture will be operating as normal.

The Araluen Cultural Precinct closes over the Christmas period from 25 December 2008 and re-opens Thursday, 8 January 2009.

For more information about upcoming events at the Araluen Arts Centre go to www.araluen.nt.gov.au

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