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Crocodile removed from Leanyer Drain

The Department of Natural Resources, Environment, The Arts and Sport (NRETAS) urges the public to continue to **BE CROCWISE** following the removal of a 1.8 metre female estuarine (saltwater) crocodile from a drain in Leanyer.

Northern Territory Parks and Wildlife Service Wildlife Ranger Joey Buckerfield said that this is the third crocodile to be pulled from the same permanent trap this year.

“The trap is located in the drain behind the Leanyer Recreation Park with the latest crocodile found in there today,” Mr Buckerfield said.

“It is yet another example of crocodiles having moved about during the heavy wet season.

“Due to the large amount of rain that we experienced, crocodiles were quite easily able to move between lagoons and dams to swollen creeks, rivers, storm water drains and low-lying areas that were subject to flooding.

“This is the sixth crocodile we have removed from Top End waterways in the last week.

“We urge all members of the public to use caution when in or near any bodies of water within the Northern Territory. **BE CROCWISE** and remember that croc danger is real, so don't risk your life.”

For more information go to www.nt.gov.au/becrocwise

To report sightings of estuarine (saltwater) crocodiles in the Darwin region phone 0419 822 859 or in the Katherine region phone 0407 958 405.

**Media Note – for further information contact Joey Buckerfield 0419 822 859
No photos available**

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