

The Department of Corrective Services (the Department) has advised:

There are a number of measures in place at Roebourne Regional Prison to manage or mitigate the extremes in heat which are:

- Air-conditioning is currently installed in all wing three cells (maximum rated), all wing four cells and all work camp cells.
- All mainstream (minimum and medium) cells are fitted with ceiling fans and have opening windows and it is current practice to leave windows open during the night, provided there is no risk of a cyclone.
- Subject to operational requirements, all meals are served and consumed in an air-conditioned dining room.
- Refrigerated water coolers are located in wings and common areas.
- Fridges and freezers are located in all dayrooms in which prisoners can store bottles of cold/frozen water.
- Electrolyte replacement powder is provided to the industries areas during the summer period (October to April), and prisoners can purchase electrolyte drinks from town spends.
- Small eskies, ice blocks, water flasks and desk fans are available for purchase in the canteen, which prisoners can have in their cells, and sunscreen and hats are provided to all prisoners.
- Awareness of heat stress and strategies to address this are created through Prisoner Notices and posters around the prison in relation to 'SunSmart' and general conversations with prisoners by staff.
- Alsynite sheeting has been erected on external breezeways which transmits diffused natural light while deflecting solar heat.
- Prison and work routines are adjusted when the temperature is forecast to reach, or does reach, mid to high 40 degrees.
- Non-essential work party prisoners return to work units when the temperature exceeds 45 degrees, and work party prisoners are permitted to sleep in the air-conditioned transit cell when major physical works, such as concreting, are being undertaken.
- Shade sails have been reinstalled in Unit One and the Cultural Area.
- The installation of a permanent shade structure between the basketball court and Reception/Healthcare building was completed in March 2016.