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Temporary Closure for Museum of Central Australia

The Museum of Central Australia has been temporarily 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 water had leaked into the roof of the Museum during the storm.

“While we’re still assessing the damage, the water only entered the upstairs area of the Museum near the Museum shop,” Mr Rollason said.

“There was no damage to any collections or stock from the Museum of Central Australia or the Strehlow Collection which is also housed in the Museum.

“A full investigation is currently taking place but from our initial assessment there is damage to the roof area at the western side of the building as well as damage to carpets.

“We have informed local tourist operators about developments here at Araluen, and will continue to keep them and the public up to date with further news as to 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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Media Note – for more information contact Tim Rollason on 8951 1126

Image – Entrance to Museum of Central Australia

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