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WEATHER WATCH

Week ending Monday, September 16.

Temperature

This week's highest maximum: 32.7C, September 9

September highest maximum: 41.3C, September 30, 1989

September average maximum: 31.8C

This week's lowest minimum: 15.9C, September 16

September lowest minimum: 08.9, September 1, 1943

September average minimum: 18.5C

Rainfall

Total yearly rainfall to September 16:

712.2mm on 43 days

September rainfall so far: 0.8mm on 0 days

September average rainfall: 1.7mm on 1 days

Average annual rainfall: 606.8mm on 48 days

Total 2012 rainfall: 688mm on 62 days

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The Department of Parks and Wildlife (DPAW) sets a trap at Dampier Creek following further estuarine (saltwater) crocodile sightings last week. Picture: DPAW

Traps set to snare crocodiles

■ Glenn Cordingley

A trap has been set following several sightings of a saltwater crocodile around boat launching ramps and popular swimming spots in Broome, including iconic Cable Beach.

Two crocodiles — about 3.5m and 2.5m long — were reported at Dampier Creek on

Cable Beach on Monday, September 9.

The Shire of Broome closed the famous strip as a precautionary measure and reopened it last Wednesday.

Department of Parks and Wildlife officer Peter Carstairs said since the beginning of September, crocodile sightings had occurred in pop-

Entrance Point and Dampier Creek.

"Temporary warning signs have been installed at these locations and the department and Shire of Broome rangers are monitoring the situation," he said.

"People are strongly advised to exercise caution in and around the waters, beaches and mangroves of Broome;

between Dampier Creek and Entrance Point; including Town Beach, Reddell Beach, Demco Beach and Streeters Jetty."

Mr Carstairs said the increase in activity was due to warmer water temperatures leading into the wet season and crocodile breeding patterns. "Broome area lies within the geographical range of