

Residents within the Fitzroy Crossing Catchment flood area who require resupply and/or relocation assistance can contact 132 500. DFES is not currently undertaking any forced evacuations. Evacuations would only be done in consultation with community leaders and agencies. ⚠️

! WHAT TO DO: !

- Watch for changes in water levels so you are ready if you need to evacuate.
- Pack an emergency kit, including warm clothes, valuables, important papers, canned food and water in waterproof bags.
- Ensure you have supplies and medication for an extended period.
- Make sure everyone in your family is wearing strong shoes and suitable clothing.
- Disconnect power, water and gas supplies.
- Secure loose objects and outdoor equipment.
- Relocate equipment and livestock so they do not get caught in floodwaters.
- Prepare pet food or stockfeed in case you cannot return home for a few days.
- Never walk, swim or play in floodwaters as they are dangerous.
- Do not go near storm drains and pipes, ditches and ravines, as they are dangerous.
- Stay out of rivers, this includes no swimming or kayaking.
- If you are a traveller do not park or camp adjacent to rivers.
- Follow directions from emergency services personnel.

IF DRIVING:

- Floodways and river levels may rise rapidly so be careful at crossings.
- Obey road closure signs and do not drive into water of unknown depth and current.
- Take care on gravel and unsealed roads as they may be slippery and muddy, and you could get bogged.
- If your car stalls in rising water, abandon it immediately and seek shelter above floodwater.

📘 For more information visit www.emergency.wa.gov.au

🚧 ROAD CLOSURES: 🚧

Roads have been closed including:

- Gibb River Road between Meda Turnoff, West Kimberley and Great Northern Highway, East Kimberley.
- Great Northern Highway between Sandfire and Roebuck Roadhouse.
- Great Northern Highway between Fitzroy Crossing and Halls Creek at Two Mile and Blue Bush.
- Great Northern Highway between Derby / Great Northern Highway intersection and Fitzroy Crossing.
- Great Northern Highway between Brooking Channel Bridge and - - Fitzroy Crossing Lodge. Do not cross Fitzroy Crossing bridge.
- Great Northern Highway (Derby/Broome Highway) between Roebuck and Willare
- Other parts of Great Northern Highway may also be impacted over the next 48 hours.
- Numerous local roads.

Roads open but monitor conditions and exercise extreme caution due to water/debris over road:

- Broome Highway between Broome - Cape Leveque turn off and Roebuck Roadhouse.
- Broome-Cape Leveque Road between Manari Road and Beagle Bay.
- Port Drive between Decastilla Street and Kavite Drive.

Broome-Cape Leveque Road Buddies Crossing - vicinity of Beagle Bay turn-off.

- Take extra care on the roads and do not drive into water of unknown depth and current.

Road information may also be available from Main Roads WA by calling 138 138 or visiting Travel Map or by contacting your Local Government Authority.

HEALTH

Health dangers of flood waters:

- Ensure prevention of diseases and/or infection through use of personal mosquito repellent and wearing long pants and shirts as appropriate.
- Assume anything touched by floodwater is dirty.
- Wear closed shoes, especially outdoors, if possible.
- Wash your hands and affected areas of the body thoroughly with clean warm water and soap or use hand sanitiser, especially before eating.
- Wash any wounds that come into contact with floodwater as soon as possible with clean water.
- Cover cuts and abrasions, preferably with waterproof dressings.
- Remove clothes that are dirty from the floodwater.

If possible, wash and dry feet (and footwear) if you have walked in floodwater.

Medical treatment:

- Contact your doctor or local health centre immediately if you experience any serious illness. If you're not seriously unwell, but need health advice, call HealthDirect on 1800 552 002.
- In the event of emergency, call 000.

Food and medicine:

- Throw out any food or medicine that has come into contact with floodwater and might be dirty.
- If the power goes out, refrigerated food can be used for up to four hours; after this it will have to be thrown out. Frozen foods last for up to 24 hours after the power goes out.
- If the power goes out for more than four hours contact your medical clinic for advice about any medicines that need to be stored in the fridge.

POWER:

- Public is warned to stay away from power supplies within flooded areas. All power supplies should be considered live – extreme care should be taken. This warning is also relevant to people using boats in the area.
- To report a fault or issue call Horizon Power on 13 23 51

WATER:

The Water Corporation advises that residents and communities affected by floods should avoid contact with floodwaters which may have been contaminated by wastewater due to heavy rainfall. Should contact occur, follow advice in the HEALTH section.

PHONE:

Telstra has advised landline phones and mobile networks in the Kimberley region have been disrupted. Check the Telstra outages website for outages in your area. If you are not a Telstra customer contact your service provider for help. Phone services have been impacted across the following areas:- Durack, Lake Argyle, Mueller Ranges, Willare, Wyndham and Ord River.

REGISTER.FIND.REUNITE

Register with Register.Find.Reunite to let your family and loved ones know you're OK and where you will be relocating to via register.redcross.org.au from any computer or mobile device or in person at the temporary evacuation centre. If you are unable to contact a loved

one who may have been planning to be in the area, enquire about their whereabouts through the online Register.Find.Reunite system at register.redcross.org.au.

🚨 BROOME

- Broome Airport is now open.

🚨 BIDYADANGA COMMUNITY AND ROEBUCK PLAINS

- Great Northern Highway is closed between Sandfire and Roebuck Roadhouse.

- Residents are asked to continue monitoring Main Roads Travel Map and Emergency WA for flood updates.

💧 FLOOD DETAILS: 💧

As at 09/01/2023 10:55:00 the Bureau of Meteorology advises

FLOODING IS CONTINUING IN THE WEST KIMBERLEY DISTRICT.

- Rainfall has eased across the catchment. Ex-Tropical Cyclone Ellie is located over the southern Northern Territory.

- In the 24 hours to 9:00 am Monday, rainfall totals up to 25 mm have been recorded in the West Kimberley District.

- Daily rainfall totals of 5 to 20 mm with isolated totals up to 50 mm are possible over the West Kimberley District in the next few days.

- West Kimberley District: Heavy rainfall has already caused significant river level rises and areas of flooding. Widespread disruption to road network is continuing, including to the Great Northern Highway. Disruption to the road network is expected to continue in the coming days. Some communities may remain isolated.

- Flooding impacts around Roebuck Plains are expected to be similar to those experienced in February 2018, including extensive localised flooding and road impacts. It is possible that rainfall amounts exceeded those seen in February 2018, and flooding impacts may be more extensive and prolonged.

Current river levels are available from the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation.

For the latest flood information visit www.bom.gov.au/wa/flood or call 1300 659 213.

🚒 WHAT EMERGENCY SERVICES ARE DOING: 🚒

DFES continues to meet and work with communities across central and outer Kimberley communities in regard to resupply (medical, food and general supplies) and relocation requests. As of 7 January 2022 the following communities have received supplies – Moongardie, Bayulu, Kupartiya, Karnparmi, Gillaroong, Yittamala, Joy Springs, Muludja, Bawoorrooga, Gilly Sharpe, Ngalinkadj, Jimbalakudunj and Ngurtawarta.

- DFES has received 54 Requests for Assistance since Monday afternoon including people stranded by flood water and property damage.

- 17 Aircraft from multiple agencies have been engaged to assist in Flood operations within the Kimberley region. Never fly a drone, model aircraft or multicopter near incidents. Doing so poses a major safety risk to emergency services personnel in the air and on the ground, and forces aircraft to be grounded or redirected, hindering aerial support efforts.

- Approximately 85 DFES staff and SES/VFES Volunteers are assisting in the affected communities.

- Over 30 agencies are working together to support the flood operations.

- Emergency Services agencies have assisted in the voluntary relocation of approximately 230 people impacted by floods.

DFES and DPIRD (Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development) are working towards providing stock feed to affected areas.

📞 IMPORTANT NUMBERS: 📞

For SES assistance call 132 500.

In a life threatening situation call 000.

For the latest flood information call 1300 659 210 or visit bom.gov.au/wa/flood.

EXTRA INFORMATION:

- An Emergency Situation has been declared. For more information visit the DFES website.
- People who planned to travel to central or eastern Kimberley over the coming weeks are recommended to reconsider or delay their travel plans.
- Residents should prepare for the loss of electronic banking and services.
- An increase in aircraft support has been engaged by various agencies to assist in flood operations within the Kimberley region.
- Never fly a drone, model aircraft or multicopter near aircraft. Doing so poses a major safety risk to emergency personnel in the air and on the ground, and forces aircraft to be grounded or redirected, hindering emergency efforts.

COMMUNITY SAFETY

- Hazards in flood waters to community inclusive of sewerage, debris, dead livestock and other risks to be managed by remaining outside of water whenever possible.
- Hazards of driving through flood waters to be managed by ensuring only attempted when road depths are known and are safe to do so.
- Take precautions with wildlife including snakes, domestic including wild dogs, or livestock animals disturbed by flood waters.
- The Lord Mayor's Distress Relief Fund appeal for the Kimberley Floods will be open for public donations from Monday, 9 January 2023. You can make donations at

<https://appealswa.org.au/current-appeals/>

KEEP UP TO DATE:

Visit Emergency WA, call 13 DFES (13 3337), follow DFES on Twitter, Facebook, listen to ABC Local Radio, 6PR, or news bulletins. During a power outage, your home phone, computer or other electronic devices connected to the NBN will not work. Include a battery powered radio in your emergency kit.


Updates will be provided when the situation changes.


 For more information visit www.emergency.wa.gov.au


DONATIONS – KIMBERLEY FLOODS

It is incredibly heartening to see the number of people offering to help community members impacted by the Kimberley Floods. Compassion has always been a pillar of the Western Australian spirit.

Those who have been relocated from flood-affected areas are being provided with everything they need in the short term such as food and clothes. Barges with more than 260,000 kilograms of food and other emergency supplies will arrive in Broome on Tuesday and Wednesday. Supplies from these barges will be distributed to communities across the region. You can show support in other valuable ways:

 Lord Mayor's Distress Relief Fund appeal for the Kimberley Floods is now open for public donations. All funds raised will be used to support affected communities. You can make donations at <https://appealswa.org.au/current-appeals/>

 Volunteering WA have set up a registration point for those wishing to provide support. Register at <https://emergency.volunteer.org.au/#kimberley-flooding> to be matched with organisations needing assistance in the Kimberley region.

 Keep up to date with the latest flood warnings at www.emergency.wa.gov.au