

# FLOOD NEWS FLASH

6th April 2023

## FERRY SERVICES

The 4WD ferry service across the Fitzroy River is now fully booked. Bookings or waitlist requests cannot be made until further notice.

The passenger ferry is still running daily including over the Easter weekend. To view the ferry and bus times, go to [mainroads.wa.gov.au](http://mainroads.wa.gov.au)

## FLOOD HUB OPENING HOURS

The Broome, Derby and Fitzroy Crossing Flood Hubs will be closed this Friday and Monday for Easter. The hubs will reopen on Tuesday 11 April at 8am in Fitzroy Crossing and 10am in Broome and Derby. For flood help information, visit [dfes.wa.gov.au/kimberleyfloods](http://dfes.wa.gov.au/kimberleyfloods) or call the Disaster Response Hotline on 1800 032 965.

## HOUSING REPAIR WORKS

Repair works and yard clean-ups are underway for the flood-damaged Government homes in Kupungarri. Repair works are also underway in Camballin and Fitzroy Crossing.

Cleaning and hygiene works have commenced in Burawa and Bungardi, along with septic pump outs in Bungardi.

## MOSQUITOS

Mosquito bites can make you sick.

Here are some tips to protect yourself:

- avoid being outdoors at dawn and early evening
- cover up with loose-fitting, light-coloured long sleeves and pants
- use mosquito spray or cream every 2-6 hours and follow the label
- use bed nets at night
- use mosquito coils and mosquito lanterns in outdoor areas
- keep grass and weed short

## LOW LEVEL CROSSING – TEMPORARY CLOSURE

Due to rising river levels, the Roads people have temporarily closed the low level river crossing in Fitzroy Crossing. River levels are being monitored and the crossing will re-open when it is safe. For the latest updates, check the travel map on [mainroads.wa.gov.au](http://mainroads.wa.gov.au)

The Roads people are also working on a second river crossing that will let more vehicles go across including larger vehicles like freight trucks. The crossing should be open in May 2023 depending on the weather and river conditions.

## FX TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION HUB

16 huts are onsite at Tarunda Caravan Park. They now have furniture and people will be moving in very soon.



## Douglas D'Antoine

### Fitzroy Valley Flood Recovery Working Group Executive Officer

I am a Bardi/Jawi man from Bulgin north of Broome and I have been working in the Fitzroy Valley since the middle of November 2022 as the Bunuba CEO, then the Fitzroy Crossing community advocate following the flood and now the Executive Officer to the Fitzroy Valley Flood Recovery Working Group under Rob Cossart, the State Recovery Coordinator.

The Working Group was created by community and has two representatives from each of the five language groups that provides feedback and guidance regarding the immediate and medium term needs of the Fitzroy Valley resulting from the impacts of the flood and it also provides feedback and guidance regarding the initiatives that are to create social and economic benefits to make the Fitzroy Valley better.

Since the floods, I have observed two very important things.

Firstly, I have a true appreciation for how highly resilient the community in the Fitzroy Valley is having experienced an extremely traumatising event. The leadership of the people of the Fitzroy Valley needs to be acknowledged and embraced going forward. The Working Group is a good example of this.

Secondly, I would also like to acknowledge the good things done by the government agencies involved in the response and recovery stages of the flood. There were things that could definitely have gone better but I cannot ignore the good things that have happened which I hope continue.

Personally, I appreciate the support I have been provided by the Fitzroy Valley community and the guidance you have provided to me. I am here to help and please come to the Hub if you would like to speak to me.



# 3 x Positions Available

## **Seeking - 1 x Community and 2x Business representatives to join the Fitzroy Valley Flood Recovery Working Group. (The Working Group)**

The Working Group is a working group of the State Government, providing advisory direction and leadership in regards to the region's recovery from Ex Tropical Cyclone Ellie & Associated Flooding AGRN 1044.

The Working Group is an interim working group of approximately 2 years duration. The working group has been established to ensure that local people and business has a voice in the recovery, including the rebuild opportunities from this significant disaster. The purpose of the working group is to provide advice, inclusion and local engagement including but not limited to:

- Identify immediate and medium-term recovery needs of the Fitzroy Valley in relation to direct and indirect personal, community, economic and infrastructure impacts caused by ex-tropical cyclone Ellie & associated flooding.
- Identify long-term initiatives to build local community capacity and social and economic resilience of the Fitzroy Valley.
- Monitor and provide feedback on the ongoing recovery implementation.

The Working Group meets monthly unless agreed by the group, Sitting Fees and Travel Costs are paid for.

Lodgement: Applications (telling us why you would be a good representative of the Community) may be lodged by email: [dantoinedouglas0@gmail.com](mailto:dantoinedouglas0@gmail.com) (preferred method); or can be hand delivered to the Fitzroy Recovery Hub, 4 Flynn Drive, Fitzroy Crossing WA.

Applications will be accepted up until close of business 5:00pm on 11 April 2023. Late submissions will not be accepted.

**Please note: All applicants must be a resident of the Valley.**



# Contact Information

## Department of Communities Disaster Response Hotline

**1800 032 965**

### Mental Health Help - Fitzroy Crossing

**9166 1700**

### Mental Health Help - Derby

**9193 3605**

### After Hours - Mental Health Support

**1800 552 002**

## Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Crisis Support (24/7)

**13YARN (13 92 76)**

## Next Community Meeting

**Fitzroy Crossing Recreation Centre - Tuesday 18th April, 2pm**

Updates from Main Roads, Dept of Communities and many more

## Flood Hubs

### Fitzroy Crossing Visitor Centre

4 Flynn Drive  
8am-4pm Monday -  
Friday

### Broome Boulevard Shopping Centre

106 Frederick Street  
10am-2pm  
Monday - Friday

### Derby Housing Office

16-22 Loch Street  
10am-2pm  
Monday - Friday

**\*Closed Fri 7 April and Mon 10th April for Easter\***

**Do you have a story to share or updates from your area? We want to hear from you! Contact us by phone (08) 9191 0999 or email [media@sdwk.wa.gov.au](mailto:media@sdwk.wa.gov.au)**