



The Flood Hub - Fitzroy Crossing

Over the last few months we have had the Flood Hub working tirelessly to support the Fitzroy Valley. During the past week we have had over 80 people attend the centre and receive assistance for the damage caused by the floods. The Flood Hub team have provided services from returning home advice and grant assistance to guidance on where to get help when you aren't feeling well mentally.

The Flood Hub team has representatives from Department of Fire and Emergency Services, Department of Communities, Fitzroy Valley Men's Shed, Shire of Derby/West Kimberley, National Emergency Management Agency and Legal Aid to guide you to the answers you need. We are also available by phone if you can't make it into the Flood Hub, on (08) 9191 0904.

The Flood Hub in Fitzroy Valley is located in the Fitzroy Crossing Visitors Centre at 5 Flynn Drive, Fitzroy Crossing. You enter through the front door where the team will take your details and connect you to the best suited service to help you out. You can sit down and talk about what is currently available for your needs and the team will have the most updated information there for you.

On Wednesday 3 May the Commonwealth and State governments announced joint funding for Community Recovery Officers and Cultural Navigators to be placed in Fitzroy Crossing and Derby Community Recovery Hubs, as well as pop-up hubs and outreach services in Bayulu, Kupungarri, Camballin and other impacted communities.

To read the full media statement please visit the below website:

<https://www.mediastatements.wa.gov.au/Pages/McGowan/2023/05/Joint-media-statement-More-support-delivered-to-strengthen-Kimberley-flood-recovery.aspx>

This is great news for the Fitzroy Valley Flood Hub as it ensures we can continue to support all residents over the next few years to return to pre-flood conditions as soon as possible. So pop in, give us a call and encourage your neighbours to visit and get connected to the services that want to help you.

FERRY SERVICES HAVE NOW STOPPED

The passenger and 4WD ferry services across the river have now both stopped. Bus services are still running between Fitzroy Crossing and nearby communities east of the river.

LOW-LEVEL CROSSING

The low-level crossing across the Fitzroy River is open to vehicles up to Rigid Heavy Vehicles (three or more axles and a gross vehicle mass more than 8,000kg).

The crossing may close at short notice if river levels rise. Semi-trailers can use the crossing during daylight hours (7am -5pm). For more info, visit the Main Roads WA Travel Map on mainroads.wa.gov.au.

ROADS AND NATIONAL PARK UPDATES

The roads people have given a report on all the open and closed places:

- **Gibb River Road:** Open to 4WDs with high clearance and trucks under 15 tonnes.
- **Walarra Mindi:** Only Mt Hart Homestead and campground is open. Walarra Mindi day use sites are still closed. Mt Hart Road is currently open to 4WD and 4WD caravans. The road is rough, but should be improved sometime next week.
- **Purnululu National Park:** Open to 4WDs with high clearance only because of washouts and water still flowing over creek crossings. Dual axle caravans and trailers are not allowed.
- **Mitchell River National Park:** Will open once Gibb River Road is safe.
- **Danggu Geikie Gorge National Park:** Closed for 2023 (including boat tours).

CURRENT ROAD REPAIRS

- **Dulundi (Silent Grove), Dalmanyi (Bell Gorge) and Lennard Gorge:** Roads to these areas have been badly damaged. There should be more news by the end of this week.
- **Fairfield-Leopold Road (Windjana and Tunnel Creek National Parks):** Grading should be finished by 15 May. There is a lot of damage on this road.
- **Dimalurru (Tunnel Creek):** Being repaired and should be open once Fairfield Leopold Road opens.
- **Bandilngan (Windjana Gorge):** Still closed, and is being worked on.

Community Engagement Sessions

Next week the housing people will be in Broome, Derby and Fitzroy Crossing to talk about repairing and rebuilding homes:

Date	Community	Session Time	Session Venue
Monday 8 May	Various*	8:30am-9:30am	Broome Housing Office
	Various*	12:30pm-2:30pm	Derby Hostel
Tuesday 9 May	Bungardi	9:00am-11:00am	Marra Worra Worra Aboriginal Corporation
	Burawa	2:00pm-4:00pm	
Wednesday 10 May	Daringunaya	9:00am-11:00am	
	Galeru Gorge	2:00pm-3:00pm	
	Loanbun	3:00pm-4:00pm	
Thursday 11 May	Junjuwa	8:00am-9:00am	
	Fitzroy Crossing*	9:00am-11:00am	

**All communities welcome*

Premier's Flood Payment



The team in the Flood Hub can help you apply for the Premier's \$1,000 Flood Payment.

Go to your nearest Flood Hub and they can check if you're eligible and help you with your application.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- Your home was damaged or destroyed by the floods.
- You are 18 years old on or before 10 January 2023.

You can also apply online at dfes.smartygrants.com.au/PremiersFloodPayment or by calling the Disaster Response Hotline on 1800 032 965 (9am – 4pm).

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 9th May 2pm

Updates from Main Roads, Dept of Communities and many more

Flood Hubs

Fitzroy Crossing Visitor Centre

4 Flynn Drive

8am-4pm

Monday - Thursday

(08) 9191 0904

Broome Boulevard Shopping Centre

106 Frederick Street

10am-2pm

Monday - Friday

Derby Housing Office

16-22 Loch Street

10am-2pm

Monday - Friday

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