

Fitzroy Crossing's New Wastewater Pipe

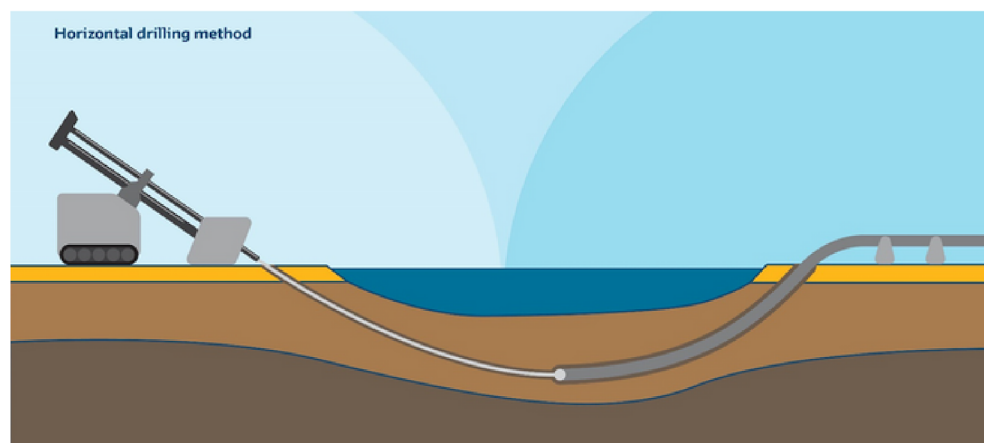
Water Corporation's wastewater pipe was severely damaged in the floods, and a new one was needed before the bridge was demolished. The new wastewater pipe was completed last week, buried 30 metres below the river bed. Water Corporation's contractors, CD Drilling, used a process called Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD) to install the new pipe. This is how it works:

1. A launch pit was dug on the western banks of the river, then a drill was inserted under the ground and steered remotely to form a tunnel called a "bore". The drill was steered to reach the surface on the banks of the other side, near the Lodge. If the drill met rock, they would pull it out and change the fixture to a stronger one that could drill through it.
2. A fixture called a "reamer" was attached to the end of the drill and dragged back through the bore to expand it and make it big enough to fit the pipe.
3. Mud was pumped through the bore during the process, so the surrounding earth didn't collapse in on it.
4. The new pipe was attached to the end of the drill and dragged back through the bore to its final position.
5. The pipe was then connected to the existing pipes on each side of the river, taking the wastewater from town to the treatment plant. The old pipe was shut off as it wasn't needed anymore.



The new pipe is now protected from flood waters and severe weather events in the future.

If you have questions about the work, or anything else to do with your water, contact Water Corporation on 13 13 85.



FITZROY RIVER BRIDGE DEMOLITION

Demolition of the Fitzroy River Bridge is still happening. The works can be watched on the south side of the bridge, near the barge landing areas – follow the signage. Stay safe as there is a lot of large equipment and traffic around.

HEAVY VEHICLES USING THE FITZROY RIVER LOW LEVEL CROSSING

Drivers of Heavy Vehicles have to contact the traffic controllers when coming up to the crossing (UHF Channel 40). Rigid trucks and Special Purpose Vehicles can access the crossing any time. All other vehicles can only go across between 7am and 5pm.

Restricted Access Vehicles cannot use the crossing unless the Roads people have given an Exceptional Circumstances permit.

Small road train breakdown/assembly areas have been set up on each side of the river to let road trains take their trailers across one at a time. Drivers of Heavy Vehicles don't need to let the Roads people know they're using the assembly areas anymore.

FITZROY CROSSING FLOOD HUB HOURS ARE CHANGING

Starting from next week the Fitzroy Crossing Flood Hub will be open from 8am to 12pm Monday to Thursday and closed on Fridays. Outreach will take place in the afternoons and on Fridays.

AVAILABLE ASSISTANCE

Freight Assistance Program

A subsidy to reduce freight costs for Kimberley businesses impacted.

Deadline: 31 December 2023

More information:

<https://www.agric.wa.gov.au/emergency-response/disaster-recovery-funding-arrangements>

Rent Relief for Pastoralists

Pastoralists in the Kimberley can apply for rent relief.

More information:

agric.wa.gov.au/kimberley-flood-recovery

Interest Rate Subsidy For Small Businesses

A 4% interest rate subsidy for small business owners.

Deadline: 30 June 2024

More information:

dfes.wa.gov.au/recovery/small-business

Water Corp Financial Assistance

Assistance with outstanding debts and all new service charges and water use charges waived until April 2023.

More information:

<https://www.watercorporation.com.au/Help-and-advice/Bill-and-account/Billing/Kimberley-floods-customer-assistance>

West Kimberley Floods Premier's Relief Payment

A \$1,000 prepaid card to replace items such as clothing, tools, household goods and other personal items.

More information:

dfes.smartygrants.com.au/PremiersFloodPayment

Fitzroy Valley Business Workshop

You are invited to attend the New Fitzroy Bridge Project Business Workshop

The Bridge Team are holding a business workshop to help Fitzroy Valley people develop and grow their businesses in the region.

Workshop presentations include:

- Information on the bridge project and opportunities for local businesses
- How to quote and express an interest in sub-contracting to the project
- An overview of how to start a business
- How to get support to grow your business
- Future business opportunities in the Fitzroy Valley

There will also be an opportunity to talk directly to the presenters throughout the day.

Everyone with a business or business idea is welcome.

Time: 9am – 4pm

Date: Wednesday 31 May 2023

Venue: Function Room, Fitzroy Valley Lodge

RVSP: By Monday 29 May on 0447 805 023

Refreshments will be provided during the day.



Fitzroy Crossing and Derby Opportunities

We Are Hiring

Administration Officers

- Level 3 – 6 dependent on experience and skills
- Working across Media, Recovery, Tourism and General Admin
- Must be able to spend time in all Shire locations
- Full and Part time roles available

Community Recovery Officers

- Supporting flood recovery project in Fitzroy Crossing
- Project and emergency management experience
- Community development knowledge
- Current drivers license

Manager of Corporate Services

- Lead the customer service, governance and administration teams.
- Manage Visitor Centre and relevant tourism functions and operations.
- Promotes a positive customer focused service.

For further information visit <https://www.sdwk.wa.gov.au/employment/>



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)

Flood Hubs

Fitzroy Crossing Visitor Centre

4 Flynn Drive

8am-12 noon

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