## FLOOD NEWS FLASH

1st June 2023

# Community Events in Fitzroy Crossing

Community groups, government organisations and service providers are working hard to support the community during Flood Recovery efforts in Fitzroy Crossing. Here are some community events that went on just this last week.



National Reconciliation Week - 25th May



Flood Hub Markets - 27th May



Biggest Morning Tea - 26th May



Volunteer Week Dinner - 27th May

#### SHIRE OF DERBY/WEST KIMBERLEY ROAD UPDATES

- GNH-Gee Gully: Open Gee Gully creek crossing damaged but accessible
- Nerima, Kalyeeda, Dampier Downs, Mowla Bluff, Udialla/Manguel Creek roads: Open
- Camballin and Mt Anderson Roads: Open
- Mt Hart, Silent and Bells Gorge Roads: Open
- Milliewindie, Lennard, Mornington, Charnley River Station, Tablelands and Marion Downs: Currently being worked on to open the roads up and repair the damage
- **Camballin Road**: Re-sheeting works should be complete by next Thursday and then flood damage works to commence
- **Camballin to Myroodah crossing:** Open to all vehicles, there is some damage at the crossings both at snake creek and the Fitzroy River
- Myroodah to Nerrima: Open to all vehicles
- **Noonkanbah road:** Re-sheeting almost complete and flood damage works to proceed.

Grading works are currently in progress on various roads, please take caution when driving and obey traffic management.

#### SUPPLIES AVAILABLE AT THE FLOOD HUB

Food hampers and cleaning/disinfectant kits are available in the Flood Hub for community members. There are also donated clothes available in front of the visitor centre for community members.

#### **NOISE NOTICE - FITZROY CROSSING BRIDGE UPDATE**



The Bridge Team are now focused on driving the piles for the new bridge piers into the riverbed. The construction of the piers will be staggered, one pier constructed at a time, in situ, to ensure materials are not stockpiled in the laydown yard. Each of the seven piers comprise of 4 piles, and each pile consists of two pile casings which will be welded together on site and infilled with concrete.

This work will be ongoing until early/mid August.

This work can be noisy, so local residents may experience some noise and vibrations during this time.

## Councillors in FX for May Council Meeting

On Thursday 25th May, Councillors and Shire of Derby/ West Kimberley senior staff attended the May council meeting in Fitzroy Crossing while witnessing the ongoing recovery efforts. Councillors and staff attended the live broadcast put on by Marra Worra Worra Aboriginal Corporation and the Shire of Derby/West Kimberley and were briefed on the recent refurbishment of the Fitzroy Crossing pool. The members also viewed the location of the new service workers camp and witnessed the ongoing work conducted by Main Roads from the bridge viewing platform.

Following the tour, Councillors discussed with Chairperson Marmigee Hand and CEO Emily Carter from Marninwarntikuura the importance of appropriate engagement, decision making and respecting local voices across the Valley. Also, Rene Dingo and Stefan Thielemans from Gurama Yani U Inc discussed their plan for local employment over the next three years and following the presentation, the Shire committed to inprinciple support for GYU's gateway program and will collaborate going forward to develop a formal working partnership.

The Shire of Derby/ West Kimberley is committed to supporting the recovery effort in Fitzroy Crossing and this visit was a fantastic opportunity for Councillors to connect with the town and see the work happening on the ground.



From left: Cr Peter McCumstie, Cr Rowena Mouda, Amanda Dexter, Cr Paul White, Cr Geoff Haerewa



From left: Christie Mildenhall, Wayne Neate, Cr Geoff Davis, Cr Rowena Mouda, Cr Geoff Haerewa, Cr Paul White, Cr Andrew Twaddle

## Two-lane low-level crossing now open!



A new, sealed, two-lane low-level crossing across the Fitzroy River, at Fitzroy Crossing, is now open!

The crossing, located approximately 200 metres upstream from the flood damaged bridge, forms part of a temporary detour of Great Northern Highway. It will be in operation over the dry season while the new bridge is being constructed. The crossing is open to all vehicles, including road trains and oversize vehicles, at all times. A footpath is also being established to provide safe access for pedestrians.

For more information on Main Roads' Kimberley Flood Response, visit <a href="https://www.mainroads.wa.gov.au/travel-">https://www.mainroads.wa.gov.au/travel-</a>

information/driving-in-wa/kimberley-flood-response/

## **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)

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#### **Flood Hubs**

## Fitzroy Crossing Visitor Centre

4 Flynn Drive 8am-12 noon Monday - Thursday (08) 9191 0904 Broome Flood Help Call 0476 897 424 If you're in Broome and need help **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