



Raining on the Rocks Program: Week 1!

The first community visit for the Raining on the Rocks Program was held in Yiyili after the long weekend in June. Throughout the week there was music, sport and a good old fashioned camp fire BBQ to help raise the spirits after COVID-19 and the Fitzroy Floods.

Veteran 'Singing up the Country' song writing and music recording specialists Chaz Garnett and Anna Pemberton spent three days and four nights working with the kids and muso's from Yiyili to help entertain the community at a camp fire concert on the last night.

Also on the program were footy and basketball sessions and games for the kids organized by the Garnduwa staff Lyeesha and Latrell from Broome and Riley [soon to be Fitzroy] from Halls Creek.

Keeping all the muso's and sports people happy were an excellent team of caterers Susan and Callum from the Shire of Derby West Kimberley. Callum shared his thoughts on the program:

"Susan and I had the privilege of witnessing the remarkable teaching practices of the school and the kids' enthusiasm to learn, write music, and play sport. This program is a great initiative and I encourage people to attend the larger Fitzroy Crossing event in the coming weeks."

Monty, Yiyili's principal thanked all the Raining on the Rocks team for their great work done to get the kids and community engaged. When asked if he thought it was a good idea to do this sort of thing more regularly he was enthusiastic in his support for a similar event annually.

Raining on the Rocks coordinator Geoff Davis thanked the Yiyili school for hosting the event and also gave special mention to Garnduwa, Munderoo, the Shire of Derby West Kimberley, Nindillingarri, GYU, Wangki Radio and West Kimberley Futures for their support in making the visit possible.

FITZROY RIVER BRIDGE UPDATE

Following the successful demolition and removal of the old bridge in late May, the program of works for constructing the new Fitzroy River Bridge has started. Thirty-four piles are currently being driven into the riverbed to support the new bridge piers. Each of the seven piers will consist of four piles, while three additional piles will be located at each abutment (end of bridge).

The team is installing one pile at a time in the riverbed. Each pile consists of two pile casings which will be welded together on site and infilled with concrete. The concrete pile caps and piers then sit on top of the piles, supporting the bridge. The piling works will continue until August. Residents may hear noise and vibrations during this time.

For more information, a fact sheet is available at www.mainroads.wa.gov.au/new-fitzroy-river-bridge.

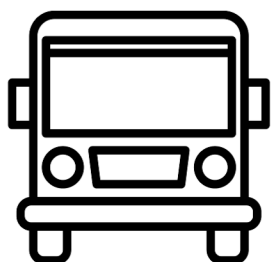


NEW FITZROY CROSSING LOCAL BUS SERVICE

Fitzroy Crossing Buses and the Shire are operating a local bus service for Fitzroy Crossing Town and surrounding local communities.

The service will be running twice a day from Monday through to Friday (AM and PM).

Passengers to be ready at the designated time and place for pick up.



Fitzroy Crossing East Side Bus	
Bus Two Locations	Bus Times Monday to Friday (AM/PM)
8 Mile	08:45AM/05:45PM
Bayulu	09:00AM/05:30PM
Gillarong	09:15AM/05:15PM
Muludja	10:00AM/04:30PM
Loanbun	10:45AM/03:45PM
Visitors Centre	10:50AM/03:40PM
IGA	10:55AM/03:35PM
Hospital	11:00AM/03:30PM

Fitzroy Crossing West Side Bus	
Bus One Locations	Bus Times Monday to Thursday (AM/PM)
Bungardi	08:30AM/02:00PM
Darlingtonaya	08:40AM/01:50PM
Junjuwa (Old Bakery)	08:50AM/01:40PM
Burawa	09:00AM/01:30PM
Hospital	09:10AM/01:20PM
IGA	09:20AM/01:10PM
Visitors Centre	09:30AM/01:00PM

Fitzroy Crossing West Side Bus	
Bus Locations	Bus Times Friday (AM/PM)
Bungardi	08:30AM/02:30PM
Darlingtonaya	08:40AM/02:20PM
Junjuwa (Old Bakery)	08:50AM/02:10PM
Burawa	09:00AM/02:00PM
Hospital	09:10AM/01:50PM
IGA	09:20AM/01:40PM
Visitors Centre	09:30AM/01:30PM

The new flood hub logo artwork by Natalie Davey



Natalie Davey is a Fitzroy Crossing local and custodian from Bunuba Dangu Muwayi, with Bunuba, Walmjarri, Scottish and English heritage. Natalie was born in Derby and has lived between Derby and Broome throughout her life, spending the first five years at Noonkanbah where she was raised. Natalie now works with Mangkaja Arts Resource Agency in Fitzroy Crossing, an art centre that represents artists across language groups within the region. Natalie has been creating art since she was young and loves creating through building, art, writing and storytelling.



"Art is a vital practice for me as it helps me remember better, work through ideas and/or issues and creates understanding and beauty in my world."

Natalie's artwork (pictured left) depicts a part of Dangu Gorge, called the west wall. The gorge is on Bunuba country and was formed by the Fitzroy River cutting through a Devonian reef. The license for Natalie's artwork has been purchased by the Shire and will be used as branding for the Flood Hub. Look out for Natalie's artwork on social media posts, the newsletter and around the Flood Hub!

Applications for the Premier's Flood Relief Payment are still open

A reminder to anyone who had any part of their home damaged by flood waters, you may be eligible to receive a \$1000 prepaid card to help pay for the replacement of items like clothing, tools, household goods and other personal items.

You can make an application for the Relief Payment by visiting the Flood Hub at the Fitzroy Crossing Visitor Centre – it's open Mon to Thurs between 8am and 12pm.

Identification and proof of address are required with every application, and evidence of damage to your home will also help the team assess your eligibility - please bring it with you when you visit the Hub to help with the application process. The Flood Hub people can also visit your community if you can't come into the Hub.

Last week the Department of Fire and Emergency Services team visited the Muludja Community to help community members with their Premier's Relief Payment applications. Around 20 people applied for the funding with assistance from DFES staff Kate, Mel and Rhonda.



DFES Grants Officer Mel helping Muludja community members with applications



DFES Community Engagement and Recovery Coordinator Rhonda with Mervyn and Helen

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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Road Updates

- For information on road updates you can view the latest road report on the Shire of Derby West Kimberley website here: <https://www.sdwk.wa.gov.au/>
- For the latest travel advice on state roads, visit the Main Roads Travel Map at <https://travelmap.mainroads.wa.gov.au/Home/Map> or call 138 138
- For more information on Main Roads' Kimberley Flood Response, visit <https://www.mainroads.wa.gov.au/travel-information/driving-in-wa/kimberley-flood-response/>

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