

FLOOD NEWS FLASH

20th July 2023

Artwork by Natalie Davey

Edward Ishigushi: Jaxx and Maxx Services

My name is Edward Ishigushi and I've lived in Fitzroy for 16 years, although I am originally from Broome.

As I was in town when the floods came, I saw it all unfold as people's anxiety built. Initially, I volunteered my time to save some of the assets at Marra Worra Worra while also providing accommodation for some family members who had been affected. After that, I used my existing gardening business to do odd jobs around town to help out.

Initially, it was just myself doing the work but now we have more employees to support the community. Recently, we cleared land so that the Humanihuts could be installed in Bungardi and I really enjoyed this as I got to help those people get back on country.



I love the work that I do because I get to employ people who don't have the qualifications or skills to work elsewhere. It makes us feel good that we see our employees go to the shops and get what they need to support their families. We want to support people by giving them an opportunity to work and we actually help them through personal challenges. Although the disaster brought negativity and hardship to town, we have gotten something positive out of it by changing young people's lives and lifting people's spirits up while we are doing it.

Fitzroy is very special to me because after the disaster the whole community came together to lift the town back up and get the place back together again. All the language groups and everyone came together and acted as one to support each other through the tough times.

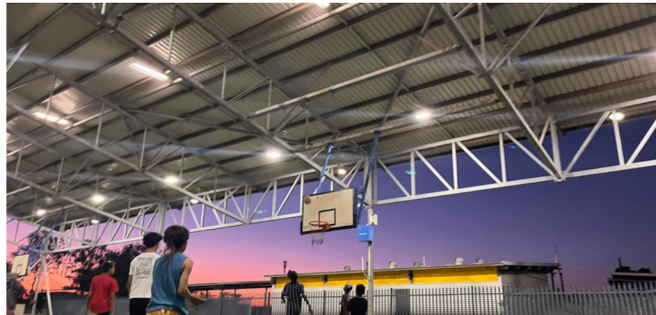
I am very grateful to the Shire and the people in Fitzroy Crossing as the work they have done and the support that has been given to me, I have been able to continue my business and positively impact the lives of the community.



RECENT EVENTS

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM:

Mon 10th - Breakfast, Laser Tag
 Tues 11th - Breakfast, tie-dyeing, girls-only program, basketball, touch rugby
 Wed 12th - Breakfast, engaging in arts and crafts, volleyball, bracelet making



YAJILARRA FESTIVAL:

Friday 14th - A theatrical performance of the tradition Bunuba dreamtime story with Bunuba performers and artists from Theatre Kimberley. There also was corroboree, music and choir.
 Saturday 15th July - Performances by Kasey Chambers, Mama Kin Spender, Neil Murray, Kankawa Nagarra, Fitzroy Xpress, Danny Marr, Back Tracks, Traxs



UPCOMING EVENTS - JULY

Event	Date
Community Open Mic Music Event	Thurs 27th
FX Markets	Sat 29th

NIGHT WORK AT THE NEW BRIDGE

From this Thursday night (Friday morning), the bridge project will be doing some night work on the west side of the river. This work involves pouring concrete which needs to be done during the early morning as it is coolest time of the day.

There may be some noise from vehicles and machinery in the area.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

If you want more information about when you're getting back home, come for a yarn and a feed at one of the times below.

The Department of Communities will be around to talk to you about your Journey Home.

Derby Hostel
24 July
1pm-3pm

Tarunda Caravan
Park
25 July
9am-11am

Bungardi
HumaniHut Hub
25 July
3pm-5pm

Fitzroy Crossing
Hub
26 July
9am-11am





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)

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/>

Kimberley Floods Recovery Information

For Kimberley Floods Recovery Information please visit www.emergency.wa.gov.au/recovery

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

