

FLOOD NEWS FLASH

27th July 2023

Artwork by Natalie Davey

RECENT EVENTS

Check back each week to see what has been happening in the community and any upcoming events!

CAMBALLIN COMMUNITY MEETING :

Wednesday 19th July

A monthly community discussion covering a breadth of topics on flood recovery in Camballin

Below: Reps from Dept of Fire and Emergency Services, Dept of Communities, Small Business Development Corporation, SDWK staff, Camballin residents



UPCOMING EVENTS

Event

Date

SDWK and Nindilingarri Open Mic Night

Thurs 27th July, 2:30pm-5:30pm
Fitzroy Crossing Visitor Centre

FX Flood Hub Markets

Sat 29th July, 9am-11am
Fitzroy Crossing Visitor Centre

Community Meetings this week in Derby and Fitzroy Crossing

Department of Communities held community meetings in Derby and Fitzroy Crossing this week to talk about when people can go home.

Purple shirts cooked a feed while we had a yarn about help available.

If you want to talk to someone, purple shirts can help you at Flood Hub in Fitzroy Crossing or Derby.

You can also call the Disaster Response Hotline on 1800 032 965.

Information about flood assistance is online at: www.emergency.wa.gov.au/recovery



Small and Medium Business Recovery Grants now open

Reimbursement grants of up to \$50,000 for eligible small businesses and \$75,000 for eligible medium businesses are now available to assist with the costs of cyclone-related clean-up and reinstatement for businesses directly impacted by damage from Ex-Tropical Cyclone Ellie and Tropical Cyclone Ilsa.

Visit the Small Business Development Corporation website to learn more and apply: <https://www.smallbusiness.wa.gov.au/recovery>

These grants are jointly funded through the Commonwealth-State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements.



TWO LANE CROSSING NOW OPEN

The Fitzroy River two-lane low-level crossing is now open to all vehicles.

For more information visit Main Roads Kimberley Flood Response: <https://www.mainroads.wa.gov.au/travel-information/driving-in-wa/kimberley-flood-response/>



FITZROY RIVER BRIDGE UPDATE

Project welcomes new local employees

The team continues to welcome new local employees to the project. Our workforce now comprises more than 100 local employees from the Fitzroy Valley working across machine operations, site maintenance, administration and more.

Marlene is one of our new starters on the project, supporting with administration and recruitment. Marlene brings a wealth of professional experience and local knowledge to the team.



Above: Marlene processing local employment documents.

Schools program

The project is developing a dedicated high school program to provide local students with a behind the scenes look at what goes into a major construction project. In July, students will have the opportunity to attend a Careers Day and hear from safety specialists, engineers, surveyors and more. In the months ahead, students will be able to visit the work site to learn more about the design and construction of the bridge.

Construction progress

Construction continues to make good progress despite rare dry season rain which resulted in the temporary closure of the low-level crossings and restricted access between the east and west Kimberley.

Right: Fitzroy River flowing over the dual lane crossing prior to closure





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

