

# FLOOD NEWS FLASH

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## Good News Stories: Voyd Green - Remote Area Plumbing

My name is Voyd Green and I'm the director of Remote Area Plumbing. I was born and raised in Fitzroy and been here ever since. Fitzroy to me is home. It's where it all started and what I am doing now is my way of giving back to all that I have received in my time.

I have been a plumber since 2006 where I started helping out my brother on weekends until I got offered an apprenticeship. After three years working I transferred to the East Kimberley, completed my trade and did FIFO work before realising I could do the work on my own and studied hard to start up my plumbing business.

In the beginning of the floods we started helping with the evacuations and general tidy up of houses and debris. We then started installing the workers camps and now just trying to get people back into their homes through plumbing and installation. We have been so busy since the floods that we have not stopped and we now have 7 employees that consist of plumbers and support workers.

This year when the floods came it was a different kind of season. Usually we go out fishing and hunting while the rain comes as its the best time of the year, but not this year. All I could think about was what I could to help out as I did have a boat and tried my best to transport people and animals back and forth during that time. We also helped out with businesses like IGA and Ghostgum, doing whatever was needed to help out.

I helped out the community as best I could because this is what community is all about, even though I wasn't directly affected by the floods I can help those less fortunate than I am.

At the moment, day-to-day life is scheduling works, making sure tools and materials are ready for whatever job arises and helping out with whatever jobs are being done during the day.

We would love to get our profile out there that there is business in Fitzroy and we would love to help out wherever we can. There is also lots of opportunity for more people to start up businesses here and get involved in the community as much as possible.

## RECENT EVENTS

### STUDENT'S MURAL ON THE BRIDGE



Last week, talented art students from Fitzroy Valley District High School visited the bridge worksite to paint a mural on the launch nose for the new bridge. The mural shows the wet and dry season, the five language groups in the Fitzroy Valley and the native fauna. You can see the new artwork over the coming months as the bridge is pushed across the river.



## UPCOMING EVENTS - AUGUST

Event	Date
KALACC - Dance Festival - Mindi Rardi	Tues 22nd & Wed 23rd Aug
WA Police Laser Tag - Bayulu	Fri 25th August 4:30-8pm
Flood Hub Markets, Visitor Centre	26th August 9am-11am

## NIGHT WORK AT THE NEW BRIDGE

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.



## DISASTER RECOVERY ASSISTANCE PACKAGES

Seven recovery packages were announced on 7 July to support individuals and communities affected by the Kimberley Floods.

Jointly funded through the Commonwealth-State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements, these packages provide financial support for ongoing recovery across the Kimberley. The latest round of assistance includes funding for the following programs:

- Repair and Rebuild of Government Housing and Damaged Community Access Roads
- Homeowners Recovery and Resilience Grants
- Primary Producer Recovery Grants
- Small Business Recovery Grants
- Medium Business Recovery Grants
- Stage Two Temporary Residential Accommodation
- Temporary Workers Accommodation

For more details you can read the joint media statements on the WA State Government website, or head to the Emergency WA website: [emergency.wa.gov.au/recovery](https://emergency.wa.gov.au/recovery)



# 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](http://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](mailto:media@sdwk.wa.gov.au)**

