

# FLOOD NEWS FLASH

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## RECENT EVENTS

### FITZROY FLOOD HUB MARKETS

Saturday, 26th August 2023

Held at the Fitzroy Crossing Visitor Centre, this month's markets had a great turn out, with over 80 breakfasts and donated clothing from DOCS. Marninwarntikura Women's Resource Centre also brought down donated clothing and other attendees brought household goods.



## UPCOMING EVENTS - SEPTEMBER

Event	Date
FASD Day Event 2023 - Fitzroy Crossing Visitor Centre	Wed 13th September 9am-12pm
Skuttabloke Day - Fitzroy Valley District High School	Wed 20th September 9:30-11:30am



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## APPLICATIONS FOR PREMIER'S FLOOD RELIEF PAYMENT CLOSING 27TH SEPTEMBER

Applications for the \$1,000 pre-paid card will close on 27 September 2023. If your primary home was damaged by flood waters (and you were at least 18 years of age on 10 January this year), you still have time to apply for the card to fund the replacement of clothing, tools, household and personal items.

There are three easy ways to apply:

1. In person at the Flood Hub located at the Fitzroy Crossing Visitor Centre which is open Monday to Thursday between 8am and 12pm.
2. Online at <https://dfes.smartygrants.com.au/PremiersFloodPayment>
3. Call the Recovery Grants Team on 1800 490 678 Monday to Friday.

You can also chat to Flood Hub team members when they visit your community. When you apply, you'll need identification and proof of address so make sure you have it handy.

## FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENT TO BOOST SUPPORT FOR SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL WELLBEING

This week the Commonwealth and State governments jointly announced funding to boost support for social and emotional wellbeing for people and communities in the Kimberley that have been impacted by the January floods.

The Community Social Recovery Program provides funding and resources to boost services and programs that are available in the region to support you and your family with social and emotional wellbeing. The program also funds legal assistance and grants for local recovery initiatives.

The types of assistance funded through the program include:

- Wellbeing, mental health and other psychosocial services.
- Case management for individuals and families.
- People dedicated to giving you legal help.
- Grants that help local service providers and community organisations to clean-up and restart their businesses, as well as to host resilience activities and events.

The program is being delivered by Department of Communities, Department of Justice, and Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries and is jointly funded through the Commonwealth-State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements.

For more information, visit <https://www.emergency.wa.gov.au/recovery>



# REOPENING OF ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH IN FITZROY CROSSING

Last Saturday night the Assembly of God Church was reopened, drawing a large crowd of 150 people who travelled from all across Western Australia including the Kimberley region to celebrate. A great feed of ground oven pork and beef with salads were provided to those in attendance.

Pastor Warren Luscombe completed a small service and thanked various people for their support after which the community was presented with a slideshow of photographs from the events of the floods.



After the Assembly of God Church was significantly impacted by the floods, a number of people from the Fitzroy Crossing Valley and individuals from churches all across Australia provided assistance to rebuild the Church which is located on McLarty Road. Many hours of hard work and commitment by Warren, his wife Sheena and their son Thomas together with tradespeople stripped the building, completed electrical work, rebuilt walls, reinstalled plumbing and attended to an overall renovation the building. This work only being completed the Friday night before the event with some final touches.

Prior to completing works at the Church, Warren has been holding church services under the trees at the Fitzroy Crossing oval and other recreational areas, and this event was the first time a congregation was held at a Church since the floods.

Warren and Sheena will continue working on the Church after now being able to take a well-deserved break to see family in QLD.

Without the dedication and resilience shown by Warren, Sheena and Thomas, this project would not have been able to be completed so quickly, and it is a true reflection of our community to leave a lasting and positive impression for Fitzroy Crossing while navigating the impacts of the devastating Kimberley Floods.





# 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)**

