

# FLOOD NEWS FLASH

28th September 2023

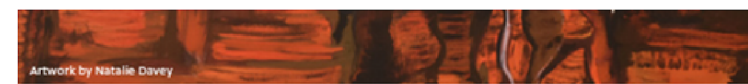
Artwork by Natalie Davey

## Stronger together: A Celebration Event - Invitation to Submit Artwork and Photos

A reminder to save the date for the commemoration event in Fitzroy Crossing on Saturday 7th October, 2023 starting at 2:30pm. There will be live music, interactive stage shows, children activities, inflatable fun, a Dream Time Drone Sky Show and much more!

We are calling all artists that are interested in exhibiting their artwork! We want to showcase your artwork in our art exhibition to be held at the Stronger Together event on Saturday 7th October.

If you are interested, please contact Mangkaja Arts on 9191 5833 or at Bell Road, Fitzroy Crossing.



# STRONGER TOGETHER

WE'RE ALL PART OF THE STORY

2:30PM UNTIL 10:30PM SATURDAY OCT 7TH

**BAKER BOY**  
**DREAMTIME DRONE SHOW**  
Mitch Tambo Flaming Gallahs  
Art Workshops Food Trucks Kids Activities  
Inflatable Kids Activities

PHOTOGRAPHY: TODD BELFS

ALL AGES | FREE ENTRY  
ALCOHOL FREE | DINNER PROVIDED

GUEST MC - PETE ROWSTHORN

**FITZROY CROSSING, TOWN OVAL  
MARTUWARRA**

We are still needing as many flood-related photos as possible to showcase at the art exhibition!

Send in your photos by scanning the QR code or see the Flood Hub staff for assistance.

**SHARE YOUR STORIES THROUGH  
FLOOD-RELATED PICTURES**

**STRONGER TOGETHER!**

We are commemorating and celebrating our resilience and how far we have come with recovering from the impacts of Ex TC Ellie and associated flooding. We would love you to share any photos you may have, which might be displayed at the "Stronger Together" event held on October 7th.

If you need any assistance with uploading your photos, please ask our friendly staff at the Flood Hub or call 9191 0904



## RECENT EVENTS

### SDWK CUPPA CIRCLE PROGRAM - Muludja Community

On Thursday, the 14th of September, the Community Development Team from the Shire of Derby/West Kimberley was warmly invited to the Muludja Remote Community School to conduct their much-anticipated 'Cuppa Circle' program. The Shire staff prepared a delightful afternoon tea, setting the stage for warm conversations and shared experiences. Also, the Shire presented over nine boxes filled with brand-new donated items. These were laid out for community members to peruse and pick. The overwhelming gratitude and sheer amazement from the community were evident as nearly every item found a new home by the program's conclusion.



### FITZROY VALLEY DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL - SKUDDA BLOKE EVENT 2023 (FATHER'S DAY EVENT)

On Wednesday, September 20th, 2023, Fitzroy Valley District High School became a hub of festivity and appreciation, as the Skutta Bloke Day 2023 event was held with great fervor. A celebration designed to honor and recognize all the 'skutta blokes' of the community for their hard work and influence, the day stood as a testament to their impact on the lives of those around them. There was speeches as well as activities of face painting, cookie decorating, slushie machines and much more!



## New Fitzroy River Bridge Taking Off!

The New Fitzroy River Bridge has now launched over halfway across the Fitzroy River. The team are working 24 hours a day to get the bridge built as quickly as possible.

Throughout the project, more than 160 local workers from the Fitzroy Valley have helped build the bridge, including Gordon from Wangkatjunga who is working with Russ on the fourth bridge launch.



# Installation of Family Temporary Accommodation Underway

The installation of family-friendly temporary accommodation for flood-affected Fitzroy Valley communities is underway, with Minister Dawson, Minister Winton and Member for Kimberley Divina D'Anna visiting the Bungardi Community last weekend to see some of the works being carried out.

Families whose flood-damaged homes require either major refurbishment or rebuilding will have access to improved temporary accommodation options in coming weeks, ahead of the 2023-24 wet season.

A minimum of 40 temporary accommodation units are being provided, which are fully furnished and designed to suit family living, each made up of two demountable-style modules connected by a central verandah.



Modules will include two- or three-bedroom configurations with either self-contained or adjoining ensuites and kitchen, laundry and living spaces. The temporary accommodation units being installed are at a height to withstand a one-in-50-year flooding event. Access roads to communities are also being repaired and upgraded to enable heavy haulage to support delivery and installation.

Major repair works to flood-damaged Western Australian Government-owned properties are also underway, including the raising of approximately 23 properties to the new standard of a metre above the one-in-100-year flood event level. Bungardi Community members were on hand over the weekend to watch the raising of the first property in their community.

Rollout of the temporary accommodation commenced in early September with installation works underway in Bungardi, DarIngunaya, Burawa, Fitzroy Crossing, Karnparmi, Loanban and Yurabi.

"Fitzroy Valley community members will soon have a more permanent temporary place to call home before the wet season, while their flood affected homes are refurbished or rebuilt". said WA Minister for Community Services, Sabine Winton.

"While the Cook Government continues to support the communities across the Fitzroy Valley to recover from the flooding, we're also putting measures in place to prepare for the upcoming wet season.

Completion of raised temporary residential accommodation will enable flood-affected community members to remain living on country over the wet season and supports cultural and spiritual connection with their land and waterways." said WA Minister for Emergency Services, Stephen Dawson.

This future-proofing of homes complements the installation of the temporary units as part of the commitment by the Albanese and Cook Governments to help flood-impacted Kimberley communities prepare for the coming wet season. The installation of temporary accommodation has been made available through the jointly funded Commonwealth-State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements.





# 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)**

