

FLOOD NEWS FLASH

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Artwork by Natalie Davey



Will Telfer - Fitzroy Bridge Alliance Director

This project has only been made possible by the dedication and hard work of our workers. From the crew working day in and day out in the Kimberley heat, to those behind the scenes keeping everything running, this project has truly been a team effort. It's been fantastic to see the team come together, with many local workers sharing their country, culture and favourite fishing spots with some of us newcomers.



Last month, we celebrated a huge construction milestone when the deck for the new bridge reached the eastern riverbank. This incredible progress means the new bridge is on track to open by the end of 2023, around six months ahead of schedule.

The journey so far has been a remarkable one. I cannot thank the Fitzroy Valley community enough for the support we've been shown since the project began.

From the early days, the community told us this was an opportunity to do things differently. We knew our work was not simply building a new bridge, it was about creating jobs and training opportunities, and involving the entire community on this journey.

We've held site visits with students from nearby schools, and worked with local organisations to support key cultural events such as Yajilarra Festival and Skutta Bloke Day.

I look forward to celebrating with everyone when the bridge opens, and we can reconnect the East and West Kimberley. Until then, we'll continue working as quickly and safely as we can, until the job is complete.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Event	Date
Mixed Social Netball	Every Monday - 6pm - 7pm Fitzroy Crossing Basketball Courts
Mixed Touch Football	Every Wednesday - 6pm - 7pm Fitzroy Crossing Oval

Fitzroy Valley Finalist in Tiny Towns Sustainable Communities Awards

Fitzroy Valley is a finalist in the Tiny Towns Sustainable Communities 2023 Awards in the Community Action and Well-being category!

The awards highlight and recognise regional and remote communities for their efforts in effective litter prevention activities, sustainable projects and positive environmental outcomes.

The community recovery team sent in a submission for all the hard work that has been done in the Fitzroy Valley for response and recovery after the January floods.



The submission highlighted the coordinated effort of all agencies that assisted members of the community during recovery and included key achievements such as the development of the Flood Hub, infrastructure rebuilds such as the new Fitzroy River Bridge and the many events that have contributed to supporting the community after the floods.

The visiting judges received a tour of town by our community recovery team and also a tour of the new bridge by the Fitzroy Bridge Alliance. The winners will be announced on Friday 24 November 2023 at a gala luncheon at Frasers, Kings Park in Perth.



Flood Recovery Grants Open Days

Were you affected by the flooding caused by Ex-Tropical Cyclone Ellie? Grants are available to help you with your recovery journey.

When: Tues 7th and Wed 8th Nov, 9:00am - 3:00pm

Where: Karrayili Adult Education Centre



FLOOD RECOVERY GRANTS OPEN DAYS

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- HOMEOWNERS RECOVERY & RESILIENCE GRANTS
- COMMUNITY RECOVERY GRANTS
- PRIMARY PRODUCER RECOVERY GRANTS
- ENVIRONMENT, HERITAGE & CULTURAL ASSETS GRANTS
- SMALL & MEDIUM BUSINESS RECOVERY GRANTS
- LORD MAYOR'S DISTRESS RELIEF FUND

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT THE FITZROY CROSSING FLOOD HUB 9191 0904

GRANTS PROGRAMS JOINTLY FUNDED BY THE COMMONWEALTH AND WESTERN AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENTS THROUGH THE DISASTER RECOVERY FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS



Fitzroy Crossing Aboriginal Justice Open Day

When: Tuesday 7 November 2023 at 9.00am – 4.00pm
Wednesday 8 November 2023 at 9.00am – 4.00pm
Where: Fitzroy Crossing Recreation Centre

Aboriginal Justice Open Days are a 'one-stop shop' where you can access services that can help you with identification, fines and driver's licence.

Who can help you on the day

- Department of Transport
Apply for a driver's licence, WA Photo (ID) card, driving assessments, licence status queries and other information about licencing services
Theory Test: **\$21.20**
Learner's Permit: **\$138.70**
Log Book: **\$10.70**
WA Photo (ID) Card: **\$47.50**
- Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages
Register your children's births: **Free**
Apply for Birth, Death and Marriage Certificates: **\$55.00**
Change of Name: **\$190.00**
- Fines Enforcement Registry
For queries on fines and make arrangements for time-to-pay
- Services Australia – Centrelink
Identification requirements for licencing only
- Community Services
Legal Aid, Marra Worra Worra CDP, Marra Worra Worra Driver Training, Department of Communities Flood Recovery

So that you may be assisted in the best possible way, please bring as much of the following on the day:

- Birth Certificate
- Medicare card
- Bank statement or official letter/bill from a government agency or employer that has your address and is no older than 6 months
- Either cash or credit card/debit card for payment
- Centrelink card
- Bank card

Call us for more information on **1800 671 866** [Freecall]

Note: WA has returned to baseline settings for public health and safety measures, details are available on: <https://www.smallbusiness.wa.gov.au/coronavirus/current-guidelines>

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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

