

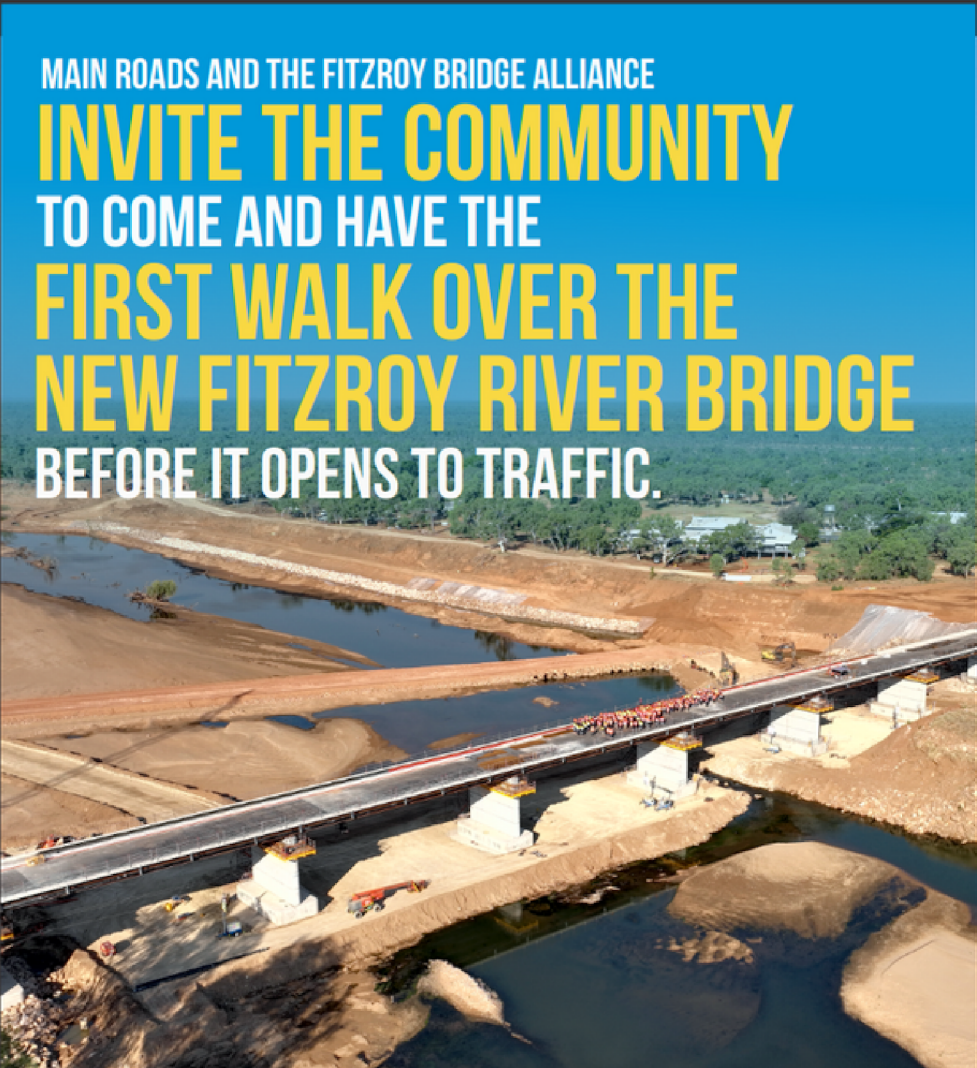
FLOOD NEWS FLASH

30 November 2023

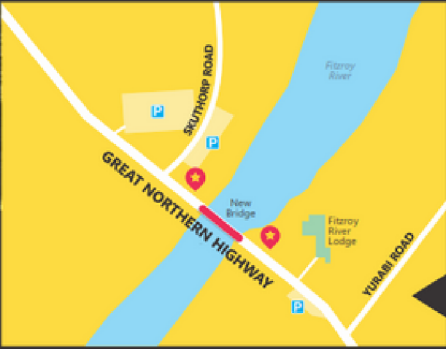
Artwork by Natalie Davey

New Fitzroy Bridge Opening 10 December


The New Fitzroy River Bridge will be open to traffic on Sunday 10 December! Well done to all the workers from Main Roads and the Fitzroy Bridge Alliance for the amazing achievement of delivering this project more than six months ahead of schedule. Come down and have the first walk over the New Fitzroy River Bridge before it opens to traffic.




MAIN ROADS AND THE FITZROY BRIDGE ALLIANCE
INVITE THE COMMUNITY
TO COME AND HAVE THE
FIRST WALK OVER THE
NEW FITZROY RIVER BRIDGE
BEFORE IT OPENS TO TRAFFIC.



Meet the workers and celebrate the completion of this important project.

 Sunday
**10th
December**

 **7am-9am**

Parking areas are available on the western and eastern sides of the river. Pedestrian access via Great Northern Highway.



Fitzroy Valley Recovery Team at the Tidy Towns Awards

On Friday, 24th Nov the Fitzroy Valley Recovery team consisting of Marcelle Coakley, Colleen Garner as well as Keith Andrews (Countryman Rubbish Removal), Fiona Bell (Fitzroy Bridge Alliance) and Willigan Ross were in Perth for the 2023 Tidy Towns Sustainable Communities Awards.



This year, the Fitzroy Valley was put on the map as a finalist in the Community Action and Well-being category, for the remarkable work that has been done as part of the recovery after Ex-Tropical Cyclone Ellie and Associated Flooding.

Unfortunately, the top prize was not taken this time, but as a finalist, the Fitzroy Valley was recognized and commended for its achievements in recovery. The community response and collaboration efforts as well as the increase in employment opportunities and the overall resilience that has fostered the reconstruction of the Valley was much-admired by the judges.

The importance of community spirit in the success of projects such as the development of the Flood Hub, the new Fitzroy River Bridge and the ongoing infrastructure works on roads and houses were highlighted in the recovery project.

These awards highlight and recognize regional and remote communities for sustainable projects and positive environmental outcomes as well as community response. Keeping our town tidy can be as simple as picking up litter or taking out the rubbish or it can involve bigger projects that help reserve the beauty of the Fitzroy Valley.

The Fitzroy Valley District High School is keeping our town tidy by creating the FVDHS 2023 Rubbish Sign Project. In a proactive step towards environmental conservation, students from Year 4, 5, and 6 at Fitzroy Valley District High School are creating an anti-littering sign for the old crossing.



This initiative was set in motion by their teacher, Ms. Sally Dix, and her colleague, following their collection of a considerable amount of rubbish from the old crossing area. This incident, highlighting the severe littering problem, was shared with the students, leading to discussions on environmental responsibility.

The project aims to increase awareness about littering and its impacts on our country, and has received support from the Shire of Derby/West Kimberley. The installation of the sign at the old crossing, expected in the next couple of weeks, represents a significant step in the school and community's efforts to preserve the local environment.

Community Engagement Sessions - Fitzroy Youth Precinct

This week the Shire Project team as well as an architectural designer were in Fitzroy gathering important community feedback on their thoughts and ideas around a potential new youth precinct for Fitzroy Crossing!

If you missed us and would like to have your say click on the following link and complete the survey below or by scanning the QR code:

<https://form.jotform.com/233191244835052>





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

