



# FLOOD NEWS FLASH

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## 12 Months on from the Floods

A year later, we can reflect on the extraordinary strength and unity that have defined our communities since the unprecedented floods caused by Ex-Tropical Cyclone Ellie. The journey of recovery following the record rainfall received from Ex-Tropical Cyclone Ellie has been one of both hardship and triumph.

The West Kimberley faced challenges not seen or experienced in many years and in particular Fitzroy Crossing, 11 Aboriginal communities, Camballin Township and pastoral stations were significantly impacted. Despite being in the face of adversity, the resilient spirit of the West Kimberley has shined through.

Because of the resilience of the community and the support throughout recovery, there have been significant positive developments in the last 12 months that are worth looking back on.

- The establishment of the local Fitzroy Valley Flood Hub, providing information and assistance to those affected by the floods, including outreach to Kupungarii, Camballin and Fitzroy Valley communities
- Repairs works in Kupungarri allowing families to return to their homes

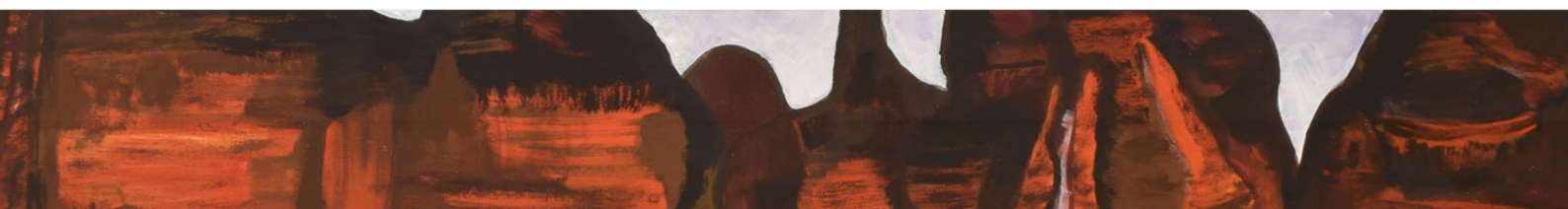


- A strengthened youth program to support young people in Derby and Fitzroy Crossing
- Temporary housing rollout in communities
- A focus on social and emotional well-being with community-led decision making and place-based solutions

- Numerous DRFA financial assistance recovery grants available
- Successful reconstruction of the Fitzroy Crossing Bridge.
- Road repairs reconnecting local communities and resealing of Bungardi and Yurabi roads



Looking ahead, we remain optimistic about the future and are dedicated to the build back better philosophy. The key priorities for the West Kimberley include reconstruction of permanent housing, restoring social and emotional wellbeing and the renewal of critical infrastructure of bridges, roads, airports and evacuation centre/multipurpose centre, all whilst promoting local employment and building resilience in our communities.





# Release of the Kimberley Floods State Recovery and Resilience Plan

Emergency Services Minister Stephen Dawson, Member for Kimberley Divina D'Anna, and DFES Deputy Commissioner Melissa Pexton were in Fitzroy Crossing this week to meet with local community members to hear of their recovery journey so far and acknowledge their resilience and determination since the floods 12 months ago. The visit accompanies the launch of the Kimberley Floods State Recovery and Resilience Plan.

Immediately following the Kimberley floods work began on the plan, and was finalised through extensive engagement and consultation with affected Traditional Owners, community representatives, businesses, local governments, and industry sector groups.

The plan outlines the coordinated and targeted recovery support that has already provided real and measurable progress over the past 12 months, and the recovery framework for the next two years to help the local government and impacted communities build back better.

To view the plan visit: <https://www.emergency.wa.gov.au/recovery> or head in to the Flood Hub.



DFES Deputy Commissioner Melissa Pexton, Emergency Services Minister Stephen Dawson and Member for Kimberley Divina D'Anna, visiting Janet and Anne Jingle in Loanbun

# Residents receiving new vehicles under the LMDRF



Financial relief is now available for those that had their vehicles damaged or destroyed in the Kimberley floods. The second round of funding through the Lord Mayor's Distress Relief Fund (LMDRF) will allow people to access up to \$15,000 for vehicle repairs and up to \$40,000 if their vehicle has been written off due to the floods.



"This is the worst flood we've had. We couldn't believe it," says Kevin Brooking from Bungardi who has had his car replaced by the disaster fund. Mr. Brooking also lost his home in the devastating floods in late December 2022 and early January last year. Although he is happy he has been able to replace his car, Mr. Brooking says there is still a lot to be done. "We've got contractors in here taking out the tiles and walls," he says about the rebuilding efforts currently underway on his house. Mr. Brooking says in February they will start rebuilding efforts to make the home a little higher to hopefully withstand any future floods.

This round of LMDRF funding will help with those financial impacts including repairs and replacements from the floods as a part of the \$6.2 million allocation made in June.

Applications for this round of funding can be made in person to the Shire of Derby/West Kimberley at the Flood Hub in the Fitzroy Crossing Visitor Centre. You can contact the Flood Hub at 9191 0904 or in person on Corner of Forest Rd and 4 Flynn Drive from Tues-Thurs 8am-12noon.

# FITZROY CROSSING JANUARY HOLIDAYS



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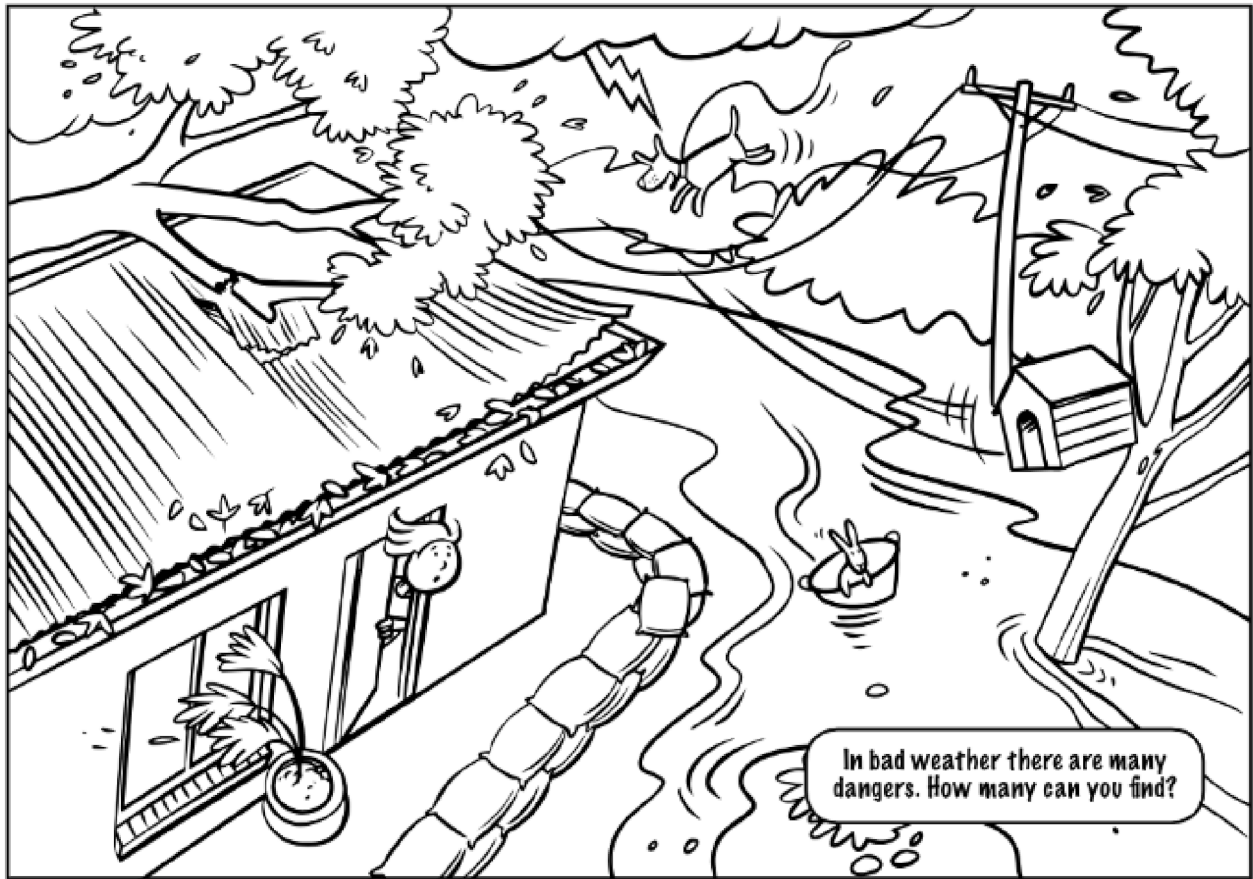


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