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Flood News Flash



Artwork by Natalie Davey



New Lights at the Fitzroy Oval!

The Fitzroy Crossing oval will soon be lit up by new lights and technology thanks to a \$4 million project funded by the State Government through the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries as part of the election commitment grant program.

The new system will be able to be operated remotely and boasts an increase in brightness to 200 lux with new LED lighting.

Shire of Derby/West Kimberley President Peter McCumstie says having the latest lighting technology will bring the oval up to modern standards.

DID YOU KNOW?

The new lights will have 68 globes and will sit 28 metres above playing level.

That's about as tall as 5 giraffes!



“Night sport is a popular part of life in the Fitzroy Valley and the new lighting will enhance the quality of the Shire’s premier sporting facility” says Mr. McCumstie.

Construction is expected to start within the next few weeks with an approximate completion in June. Plans are also in the works to replace the fencing around the oval precinct – which has also been funded by the State Government.

The Shire has established a stakeholder working group with key sporting groups and other community groups to keep everyone up to date – including the Central Kimberley Football League to make sure construction doesn’t interfere with fixturing in their upcoming 2024 season.

If you wish to join the group, please get in touch with Elizabeth Mason, Project Manager via Elizabeth.mason@sdk.wa.gov.au or by calling 9191 0999.





Youth Cooking Program keeping hungry mouths fed

Week 1 of the Shire of Derby/West Kimberley youth cooking program has been a huge success! Our amazing young chefs had a blast in the kitchen on both Thursday and Friday nights, honing their cooking skills and preparing delicious dinners. These mouth-watering meals were then served to the youth attending our Shire youth programs.

We would like to say a massive Thank You to Centurion Transport, who generously donate \$700 each week to support local stakeholder in the Fitzroy Valley who deliver youth programs at night. These funds allow stakeholders to purchase essential food supplies from IGA which is used to ensure the youth are well nourished and actively engaged!

The Shire Cooking Program will be running every week throughout Term 1, taking place on Thursdays and Fridays from 4:30 PM till 7:00 PM.



Cuppa Circle Program a hit in Fitzroy Crossing

Last week, The Shire of Derby/West Kimberley hosted our first Cuppa Circle Program for the year outside the Fitzroy Crossing Visitor Centre, inviting the community to join us for a morning tea consisting of assorted sandwiches, banana bread, carrot cake, and fruit platters, all accompanied by an abundance of tea and coffee.

This gathering also served as an opportunity for community members who have funding applications or questions for the Flood Hub team to address their queries.



At this week's Cuppa Circle, we had the privilege of joining Edna Cherel on a foraging expedition to collect bloodwood sap for our first bush dyeing workshop.

We extend a warm invitation to everyone to join us from 10am-12pm on Wednesday the 21st February for the next Cuppa Circle. We will provide tea, coffee, and morning tea for all attendees.





Danggu Geikie Gorge National Park could reopen to visitors this year after flood damage

Danggu Geikie Gorge could reopen in time for the 2024 dry season after the park's facilities were damaged by flooding during the January floods.

The Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions recently announced the Recovery Project and outlined tentative plans to open the park to day users this year.

There was significant loss of cultural sites for Bunuba Danggu Traditional Owners and as a result, the park is currently closed while plans for clean up and new infrastructure are ongoing . Due to the severity of the damage, planning dates are flexible and could change, in respect of letting nature heal itself.



Fitzroy Crossing Flood Hub Closure

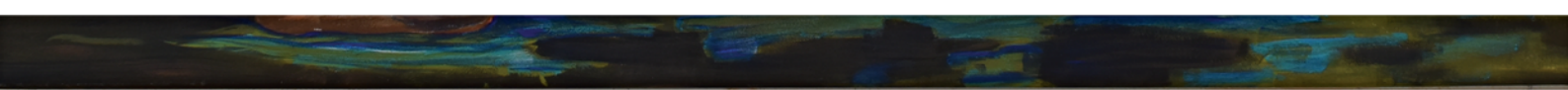


The Fitzroy Crossing Flood Hub would like to advise that it will be closed on:
Mon 12th, Tues 13th and Wed 14th Feb

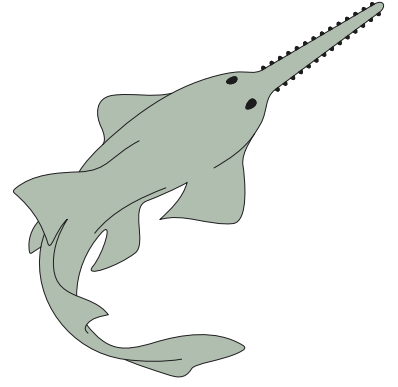
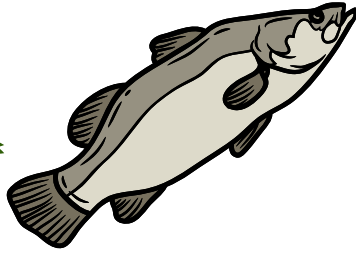
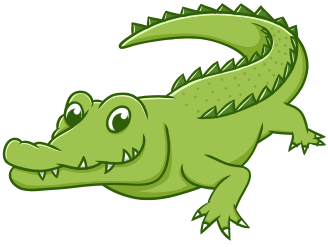
Staff will be undergoing training and development and will be unavailable to assist on these days.

We apologies for any inconvenience this may cause. The Hub will reopen on Thurs 15th Feb, please come and see our friendly team for any recovery assistance.

Please note the Fitzroy Visitor Centre and Shire Administration will remain open for all visitor and Shire inquiries.



What animals can you usually find in Danggu Geikie Gorge?



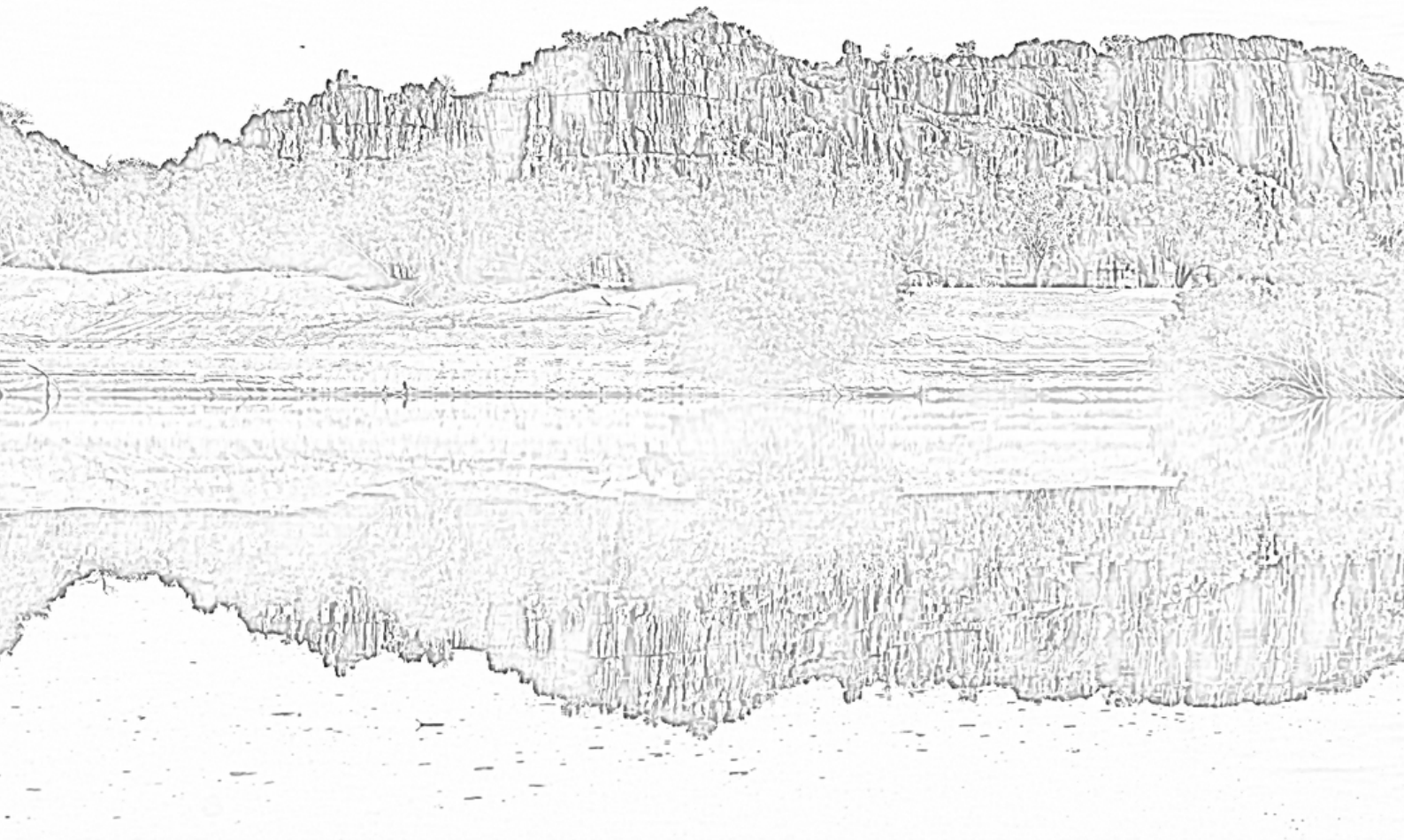
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Have a go at colouring in the gorge!



Keep an eye on this section of the newsletter as there will be something fun each week!