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Flood News Flash



Artwork by Natalie Davey

Local Recovery Coordinator Update - Catherine Feeney



The Flood Hub continues to play a key role in our recovery journey. The multiple agencies on site aim to provide a face to face presence for community members to access recovery resources and have locally accessible support and advice.

We understand that some flood impacted individuals and communities are outside of those able to easily access the Fitzroy Crossing Hub and the team continue to conduct outreach.

As always, I am keen to hear feedback on how best we provide the information and help the community as a whole rebuild and taking charge of their individual recovery journey and building resilience for the future.

Looking ahead, our priorities for this year are clear. We are committed to prioritizing social well-being, providing access to essential resources such as legal and financial assistance, and undertaking the rebuilding of over 30 homes across various communities.

We aim not only to rebuild but to build back better for the future, including supporting local organizations in their goals for flood recovery.

Your continued support and engagement are vital to the success of our recovery efforts. Let's work together to make this year a testament to our collective strength, growth, and community spirit.

Reflecting on the past year as the Local Recovery Coordinator it has been a hugely rewarding experience. Seeing the remarkable resilience and strength of the community to overcome the challenges throughout recovery and move towards the new normal.

Rebuilding and repairing has been at the forefront of the journey, with key milestones such the construction of the new Fitzroy River Bridge reconnecting communities across the river and the installation of the on country temporary accommodation units.

"It has been really important to me to see individuals and families return home and reconnect after the floods.

It is remarkable what can be achieved in a short time period when there is a whole of government approach and connecting people back to country is a key driver."





UPCOMING OPEN DAYS AND EXPOS

GRANTS OPEN DAY

The Flood Hub team will be available at the Fitzroy Crossing Recreation Centre to provide information on recovery grants, answer any questions you have and help you make an application.

Recovery grant programs are jointly funded through the Commonwealth-State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements.

Details

-  Wed 20th & Thurs 21st March
-  9am - 4pm
-  Fitzroy Recreation Centre

ABORIGINAL JUSTICE OPEN DAY

Department of Justice is hosting a 'one-stop shop' open day, where you can access services that can help you with identification, fines and driver's license enquiries.

Details

-  Wed 20th & Thurs 21st March
-  9am - 4pm
-  Fitzroy Recreation Centre


JOBS EXPO

Come down to the jobs expo and get access to job and training information as well as job opportunities.



Details

-  Wed 20th & Thurs 21st March
-  9am - 3pm
-  Fitzroy Crossing Basketball Courts

 For more information head into the Flood Hub or give the team a call on 9191 0904.

More residents receiving funding under the LMDRF

Another resident in Fitzroy Crossing, Joanne Holman has received funding under the LMDRF for a new vehicle after hers was damaged in the floods in January.

In the wake of the floods, Joanne Holman was told her Mazda was damaged beyond repair. Without having a means of transportation, Joanne immediately put in to buy a new car.

After talking to the team at the Flood Hub, Joanne applied for funding under the LMDRF, despite being sceptical about her chances.

"I didn't even think I would get the funding because I had insurance and I hadn't gone about it you know the normal way so it was such a shock when they said yes".

"I was so shocked and grateful I sent an email straight back thanking them and that it was a wonderful surprise.

I also put in there that I am so thankful for the people who donated who made this all possible because without them this funding wouldn't exist."

Joanne encourages anyone in the Fitzroy Valley who has lost their car through the floods to put their name down and have a go.

"You know, I didn't think that I was going to get it, but here we are and it is such a help to have this go through".

Joanne has also just recently received notification that she has also been approved for funding for fixtures and contents under the LMDRF.

Applications are open for vehicles as well as fixtures and contents that were damaged in the Kimberley Floods. People can apply for assistance of up to \$15,000 for vehicle repairs and up to \$40,000 if their vehicle has been written off. People can also apply for assistance of up to \$15,000 for fixtures and contents.

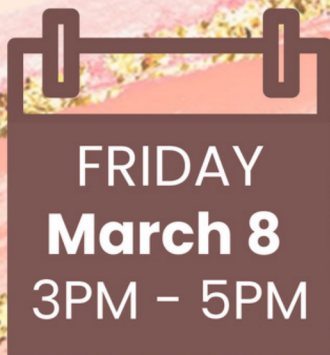
Applications for both these rounds of funding can be made in person to the Shire of Derby/West Kimberley at the Flood Hub in the Fitzroy Crossing Visitor Centre.

Contact the Flood Hub at 9191 0904 or in person on Corner of Forest Rd and 4 Flynn Drive from Tuesday to Thursday 8am to 12pm.



International Women's Day

Let's come together to celebrate the strength, resilience, and diversity of women in our community. Don't miss this opportunity to connect, create, and commemorate International Women's Day in a truly special way. Dinner and drinks will be provided.



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WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTRE



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