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## Flood News Flash



Artwork by Natalie Davey



# Shire President Update Peter McCumstie

It is with a sense of both gratitude and reflection that I address you today, just past the one year mark of our community's journey through recovery after the devastating floods of January 2023.

The challenges we faced were unprecedented, and yet, the response from each one of you was nothing short of extraordinary. The unwavering spirit of the Fitzroy Valley is truly remarkable.

There have been many significant key milestones throughout recovery that have been fantastic to see.

A highlight for myself was attending the opening of the Fitzroy River Bridge in December of 2023 and witnessing the community's celebration of this vital piece of infrastructure that connects communities across the river was heartwarming.

As Shire Council, we are continuing to support the flood recovery efforts through the rebuild process, including working through tenders and plans to get roads and structures rebuild.

We are extremely committed to ensuring the community has the fundamental needs met through infrastructure and ensuring these projects involve the community as much as possible, including local business and employment is very important to us.

This month we had our Ordinary Council Meeting for March in Fitzroy Crossing and this was a great opportunity for councillors to connect with our flood recovery team and the community and witness first hand the amazing work that has been done.

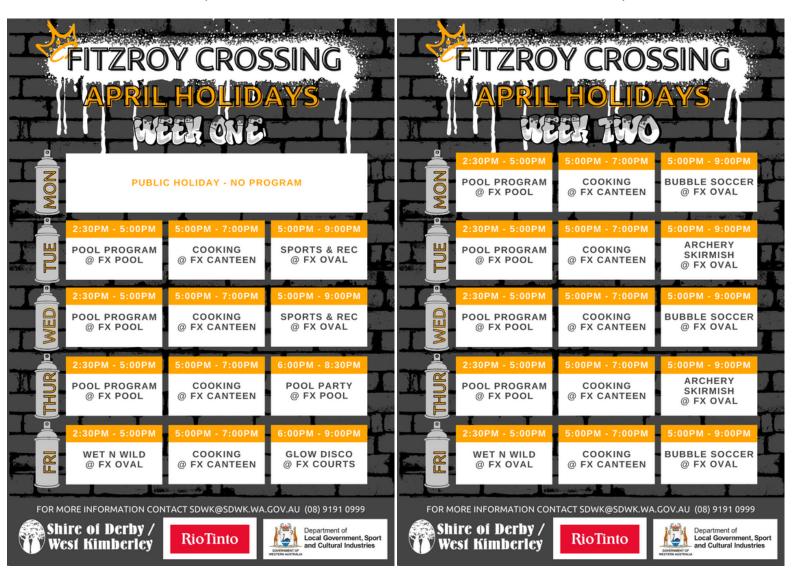
I would like to acknowledge this fantastic work that is being done by all agencies in the Fitzroy Valley and we look forward to supporting you as Shire Council throughout the flood recovery journey and into the future.

### **April School Holiday Program**

Get ready to dive into an epic 2 week Fitzroy Crossing April School Holiday Program brought to you by the Shire of Derby/West Kimberley!

Week 1: Tues 2nd - Fri 5th April

Week 2: Mon 8th - Fri 12th April



#### Weeks 1 & 2:

**2:30pm-5pm**: Join us at the FX Pool for splashes of fun with Royal Life Saving WA! Dive into activities that are all about fun and engagement.

**5pm-7pm**: Whip up some deliciousness in our famous Youth Cooking Program. Who's ready to become the next master chef of Fitzroy Crossing?

And guess what? Dinner is on us for the youths attending each night! Plus, we've got your ride home sorted with the Shire and Marra Worra Worra Youth Connextions. Don't miss out on this jam-packed holiday program.

For more info, reach out to Megan Neshoda at the Shire of Derby/West Kimberley on 9191 0999 or sdwk@sdwk.wa.gov.au. A big thank you to Fair Game Australia, Royal Life Saving WA and Marra Worra For their support.

## Service Delivery Reminder - Where to get help

Your flood recovery journey is important to us and there is support available for all residents in the Fitzroy Valley.

The Fitzroy Crossing Flood Hub is a one-stop shop for the community to access flood recovery support services. The Hub is a combined space that hosts multiple agencies involved in flood recovery and aims to create an environment for those that are flood impacted to only have to tell their story once.

There are also various other support services that can guide you through your recovery journey, including social and emotional wellbeing services, crisis support and support hotlines.

The table below provides a brief snapshot of available services across the Fitzroy Valley:

Support Service	Agency	Contact
Flood Hub Grant Applications, Flood recovery advice, case management	Various	Fitzroy Crossing Visitor Centre 9191 0904
Social and Emotional Wellbeing	KAMSC	Email er.sweb@kamsc.org.au or call 0484 743 646
Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Crisis Support	13YARN Support Line	13YARN
Power/Electricity	Horizon Power	1800 931 207
Water	Water Corporation	Check for outages online or call 13 13 75 for emergencies
Disaster Response Hotline	Department of Communities	1800 032 965
Health Service	Nindillingari Health Services	9193 0093
Marra Worra Worra	MWW	9193 0600

## **Easter Maze**

