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Flood News Flash



Artwork by Natalie Davey

New homes arrived in DarlNgunaya

Another significant milestone has been reached in the reconstruction efforts the flood-damaged Government-owned or managed homes of Fitzroy Valley residents.

Brand new homes, made up of modules, were trucked into the community of DarlNgunaya on Bunuba country and are now being installed at a higher flood level.



The four new homes are the first of twenty-two being built in flood-affected communities as part of the Department of Communities Kimberley Floods Housing Repair and Rebuild Program. Installation and construction of rebuilt homes is scheduled to also commence in Burawa, Fitzroy Crossing, Karnparmi, Loanbun, and Muludja, in the coming months.

The Kimberley Floods Housing Repair and Rebuild Program is jointly funded through the Commonwealth-State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements.

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NOTICES

Fitzroy Crossing Department of Transport is now open!



All Fitzroy Crossing Department of Transport services and systems are operational, thank you for your patience.

Operating times are 9am - 2pm Mon - Thur.

Any questions please come and see our friendly staff at the Visitors Centre Reception.

Next Fitzroy Crossing Council Meeting



A reminder the next Council meeting for the Shire of Derby/West Kimberley is in Fitzroy Crossing on Thurs 30 May at 11am at Karrayilli Adult Education Centre.

All community members and visitors are welcome and encouraged to attend. Have a chat to a Councillor, listen to this month's agenda items or just check in with us!

New Recovery Funding Available for Aboriginal businesses and workers

New funding to help increase the participation of Aboriginal-owned businesses and workers to undertake recovery and reconstruction works has been announced by Minister for Emergency Services Stephen Dawson.

The Aboriginal and Local Business Participation in Recovery Program will include funding to deliver business support and a grants program for existing small businesses and sole traders that are either Aboriginal-owned or employ First Nations people. Support also extends to start-ups and businesses that wish to expand operations.

Funding will also be provided for employment support and services that help connect contractors with local Aboriginal businesses and workers and enable them to participate in the opportunities created by flood recovery activities.

Grants to help cover non-capital business costs, such as insurance, business accreditation and training, as well as the purchase of specialist assets or items to undertake recovery works delivery, will also be available.

This support is in addition to other jointly funded recovery assistance measures that PBCs are eligible for, including grants for social and environmental recovery projects, as well as grants to assist with the clean-up and repair of their business premises.

This assistance is jointly funded by the Commonwealth and State government under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements. To find out more visit www.emergency.wa.gov.au/recovery



More residents receiving new cars under LMDRF

Carolyn Davey was seen smiling ear to ear as she has received a new vehicle through the LMDRF. Carolyn said she is extremely thankful for the support that she and her family have received.

Carolyn and her family were seriously impacted by the flooding associated with Ex-TC Ellie last year and lost their home, contents and vehicles. The last 15 months have been incredibly challenging for them as they continue to navigate through their recovery journey.

Both SDWK & LMDRF continue to support local residents in their recovery through the Fitzroy Crossing Flood Hub with both the Vehicle and Fixture's & Contents grants.



Aboriginal Justice Day setting records across WA

A positive spotlight over Fitzroy Crossing, where the Aboriginal Justice Open Days, held on Wed 20th and Thur 21st March at the Rec Centre had the most attendees in history across the state of WA! A whopping 119 people came out to the first day, as well as 96 on the second day.

A big thank you to Department of Justice for putting on these events and supporting our community in accessing services for identification, fines, driver's licenses and much more.

We look forward to more events like this in the future!

Youth Cooking Program a rising success across Fitzroy Crossing

As part of the Shire's Youth Program, the Fitzroy Crossing youth cooking program has been consistently feeding hungry mouths as well as providing our next generation with essential skills for the future. Each week, the young chefs make new dishes, savoury and sweet, learning new skills in cooking, teamwork, patience and resilience as well as trying and learning about new foods and different cuisines.

The feedback from attendees had been consistently and overwhelmingly positive, ranging from curiosity about cooking for adults to proud declarations of newfound cooking skills. One eager participant even inquired about the possibility of another cooking session the following night, unable to contain their excitement.

The cooking program has even gotten external, being featured on the radio and in Broome Advertiser!



Lord Mayor's Distress Relief Funding

A reminder that 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.

Head into the Flood Hub for assistance in applying for these rounds of funding or call 9191 0904.

Events Calendar - May

Event	Date and Time	Details
Friday Night Footy	Every Friday night at the Fitzroy Crossing Oval May Dates - 17th, 24th and 31st 4:00pm - 6:00pm	Bring your energy, bring your passion, and let's make Friday nights deadly with local footy. Dinner and drop-offs provided
Fitzroy Crossing Community Expo	Sat 18 May 2:00pm - 5:00pm Fitzroy Crossing Recreation Centre	Join us at the Expo for a day of engaging activities, informative exhibits, and opportunities to connect with fellow residents and local organisations. There will be a free community BBQ from 4pm.
Because of Her You Can Day Event	Wed 22 May 9:00am - 12:00pm Fitzroy Valley District High School	Mother's Day Event at the Fitzroy School. Fun activities, information stations, games, raffles and prizes for all to enjoy!
Australia's Biggest Morning Tea	Thur 23 May 10:00am - 2:00pm	Join us in our effort to surpass last year's fantastic turnout and raise even more funds for the Cancer Council at this year's Biggest Morning Tea out front of the Fitzroy Crossing Visitor Centre.



Fight the Bite and protect yourself from mosquito-borne diseases

There is an increase in Mosquito borne diseases such as Ross River Virus and Murray Valley Encephalitis.

We all can do our part by increasing awareness and protecting ourselves from being bitten - cover up, put on repellents and wear long sleeves and pants.

DID YOU KNOW? **You can register to do business with the Shire on our website:**

The Shire Of Derby/West Kimberley has streamlined its internal quotation process to utilise an online request for quotation (RFQ) portal where local suppliers will form part of an established panel arrangement through [Local Buy Vendor Panel/eQuotes](#).

Shire of Derby/West Kimberley's goal is to help Shire purchasing staff engage with local suppliers using a transparent and simple process. If you have any questions or want to register your business on Vendorpanel please contact sdwk@sdwk.wa.gov.au or visit our website sdwk.wa.gov.au.

TBD

Council responds to Community Concerns

At April's Ordinary meeting of Council an item was presented to discuss the matter of further street lights being installed in Fitzroy Crossing.

Horizon power has been consulted with and a quote was developed for the installation which Council agreed to put in the Budget.

Shire President Peter McCumstie stated "Council has responded to concerns raised about various "dark spots" by agencies in Fitzroy Crossing including staff from the local school, hospital and Nindilingarri Cultural health services. All of these services are vital to the support of people in the town and if we can make them feel supported in the services delivered I think it is an important outcome."

Mr McCumsite said Horizon Power have been issued the paperwork for the work to begin in Fitzroy Crossing and I imagine the lighting will probably be installed later this year.

Further updates may be provided at a later date when construction time frames are known.

