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Flood News Flash



Artwork by Natalie Davey

Upcoming Demolition of Brooking Channel Bridge

Work is underway to construct a new two-lane bridge including a pedestrian pathway, over Brooking Channel. From Monday 10 to Thursday 13 June, the existing Brooking Channel Bridge will be demolished to enable the construction of the new bridge. This work will take place between 6am and 8pm, using specialised equipment. Nearby residents and businesses may experience some noise during this time. A viewing area will be set up for the community to safely watch the demolition take place.



A temporary crossing has been built alongside the bridge. The temporary crossing is dual-lane and sealed to ensure safe access over Brooking Channel for vehicle and pedestrians, including heavy vehicles. The temporary crossing has been constructed at a height and strength that will reduce the risk of closure in the event of unseasonable rain and flooding.

The temporary crossing will be open 24 hours a day and remain in place until the bridge opens to traffic in late 2024. Traffic management will be in place throughout this time. Please drive carefully.

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Fitzroy Crossing Flood Hub Closure



The Flood Hub team would like to advise that the Hub will be closed from 10th-14th June due to training requirements of staff.

The Hub will be open as normal the following week (Tues-Thurs 8am-12pm). We thank you for your understanding.

Fitzroy Flood Recovery Working Group Update

The Fitzroy Valley Flood Recovery Working Group (Working Group) continues to provide ex-tropical cyclone Ellie flood recovery guidance. Our first meeting occurred in February 2023, and we have had 16 meetings since then with still a lot of work to do.

For those that are unaware, the Working Group comprises two representatives from each of the five main language groups in the Fitzroy Valley, one community and two business representatives, and the Local Recovery Coordinator.

The Working Group does not make any decisions, it does not allocate funding, and it does not speak for any of the PBCs or the other organisations and businesses within the Fitzroy Valley.

Our last meeting was on the 14th of May where we received a refurbishment and rebuild housing update from the Department of Communities, a Brooking Channel Bridge rebuild update from the Bridge Alliance, a State Digital Connectivity Network Plan update from the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development and lastly, we turned our minds to the Local Operational Recovery Plan that the Shire of Derby West Kimberley is responsible to implement as the lead flood recovery agency.

If you have any queries regarding the Working Group or would like to discuss the flood recovery, please feel welcome to visit the flood recovery hub located at the Visitor's Centre, Fitzroy Crossing.

Douglas D'Antoine
Recovery Executive Officer



Danggou Gorge still closed after flood damage

Heavy rainfall in late-December 2022 and early-January 2023 associated with ex-Tropical Cyclone Ellie resulted in record flooding of the Fitzroy catchment, and major impacts in Danggou Gorge National Park.

The park is currently closed, recovery works are on hold for the wet season and there are plans to reopen the park in late 2024 with limited facilities.

Read more about the Danggou Geikie Gorge Recovery Project at <https://www.dbca.wa.gov.au/management/parks/danggou-geikie-gorge-recovery-project>



Volunteer Week - Fitzroy locals heading overseas for volunteering

Charlie and Liz Moylan have been Fitzroy Crossing and Derby locals for several years and have become well-known in the community, with Charlie supporting Garnduwa as Football Operations Manager. Now, they're embarking on a journey to Spain for the Camino Santiago de Compostela. Their mission? To offer invaluable assistance to individuals with disabilities during the final 100km stretch of the walk.

The walk brings together people from all over the world through community spirit and coinciding with Volunteer Week just passed. Their journey is nothing like a regular honeymoon, but a testament to their selflessness and commitment to making a meaningful impact. Congrats to Charlie and Liz and good luck!

Legal Aid Cuppa Circle

The Flood Hub Team as well as Legal Aid have been conducting Cuppa Circles in various communities and at the Visitor Centre as part of outreach and community development.

The Cuppa Circle at the Visitor Centre was a hit, with many people coming out to enjoy good food and chat with the Flood Hub team as well as the Legal Aid team.

Look out for community notices about upcoming Cuppa circles and where we will be coming to next!



Events Calendar - June

Event	Date and Time	Details
Friday Night Footy	Friday nights from 4:00pm - 6:00pm Fitzroy Crossing Oval	Bring your energy, bring your passion, and let's make Friday nights deadly with local footy. Dinner and drop-offs provided
FX Rodeo, Challenge and Campdraft	Thur 27th - Sun 30th Fitzroy Crossing Rodeo Grounds	Grab your hat and shine up your boots Fitzroy... the rodeo is back in town again for 2024! The FVRC will be holding their Annual Rodeo, Challenge & Campdraft on the 27th, 28th, 29th & 30th June 2024.
Auskick	Wednesdays and Fridays, 4:00-5:30pm Fitzroy Crossing Town Oval	Run by Garnduwa, come down to the oval every Wednesday and Friday for Auskick! Fresh fruit and cold water at each session, learn new skills and enjoy deadly afternoons of footy!

Lord Mayor's Distress Relief Funding

A reminder that applications are open for vehicles, fixtures and contents that were damaged in the Kimberley Floods, with assistance of up to \$15,000 for vehicle repairs and up to \$40,000 for written off vehicles and 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.



Statistics

The LMDRF has supported the Fitzroy Valley through:



33 vehicles replaced



6.39 million dollars worth of funding distributed



127 Lord Mayor's home and contents applications approved

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea - Fitzroy Crossing

Massive thank you to everyone who donated at the Biggest Morning Tea event - together, we raised an incredible \$490.00 for the Cancer Council! Your generosity will make a real difference in the fight against cancer. 🙌

A special shout out to Fitzroy Valley District High School for their delicious contributions - homemade pizza scrolls, apple rose tarts, choc chip cookies, and coconut balls! 😊 And let's not forget the amazing BBQ breakfast burgers made by our lovely Shire Staff 🍔

Massive thank-you to everyone who came down to support and donate to the cause.



You can register to do business with the Shire on our website:

TBD

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.