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Flood News Flash



Artwork by Natalie Davey

New Brooking Channel Bridge

The Brooking Channel Bridge will be replaced as part of a major new resilience program for Western Australia's Kimberley region.

The Fitzroy Bridge Alliance, working in partnership with Main Roads, will replace the Brooking Channel Bridge, maintaining a focus on maximising opportunities for local workers and businesses.



Initial site works at Brooking Channel are underway, with more substantive construction works, including the demolition of the old bridge, to begin in May. The new bridge is scheduled to open to traffic in late 2024, before the next wet season.

The new 127-metre bridge will feature two lanes to allow travel in both directions. It will be capable of supporting large loads including road trains and heavy goods vehicles. There will also be a new footpath on the bridge to allow easier access for pedestrians.

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Fitzroy Crossing Department of Transport

A reminder that Department of Transport services in Fitzroy Crossing are still unavailable until further notice.

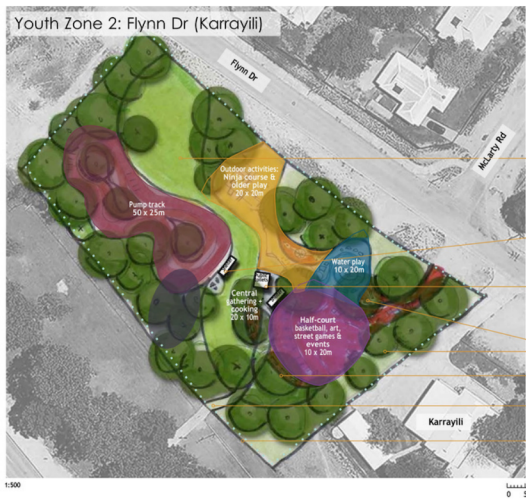
Keep an eye on the Shire's Facebook page and website for more updates.

Water Corporation Works



Water Corporation are undertaking inspections of the wastewater systems in Fitzroy Crossing. There will be no impact to your water however you may notice activity in the area and you may be contacted to access your property.

The work will be completed Mon-Fri 7am to 6pm, from 6 May to the end of May.



Concept Designs for the new Youth Precinct in Fitzroy Crossing are here!

The Project Team have been working hard connecting with the Fitzroy Valley community to get your input on the new Youth Precinct proposed in Fitzroy Crossing. The project aims to develop a safe and engaging space for youth and families to come together. Anyone who has not been able to provide their feedback on the proposed concept designs can scan the QR code and fill out the survey.

Follow Future FX - Building Tomorrow Together on Facebook for more project updates. You can also contact Peta Clavis by email: commpro.22@gmail.com or on 0437 739 904.



Fitzroy Crossing Bus Service Discontinued

We regret to inform the community that the Fitzroy Crossing Bus Service will cease operations after Friday, May 3, 2024. The bus service was initially established to operate while communities remained isolated and had limited means of transport, however with the completion of the Fitzroy Crossing Bridge and upgrades to access roads, along with funding available for flood-affected residents to repair vehicles, the service is no longer deemed necessary.

We would like to thank the State and Commonwealth for funding this initiative to support the community.



KALACC Women's Camp providing women a space to connect, discuss and heal

A positive spotlight over Kimberley Aboriginal Law and Culture Centre who hosted a women's camp held over three days at Mimbi Caves. The camp hosted over 200 women from across the Kimberley to share knowledge, celebrate culture and take part in important discussions.

They days were full with cultural activities, healing programs, a bush cook up, story sharing around the fire, dancing and important discussions about creating a better future for our young people.



Gurama Yani U's exceptional commitment to the Fitzroy Valley showcased at awards night

Gurama Yani U has received CCF WA's Aboriginal Enterprise of the Year Award for 2024. The award recognises outstanding achievement in business and capability development by a majority Indigenous-owned company operating in the civil construction industry.

The CCF judging panel recognised GYU for their exceptional commitment to supporting the Fitzroy Valley community through facilitating employment and training in 2023. A huge congratulations to GYU on this achievement and for all their tireless efforts in the past year.

Funding Assistance Closing Soon

Homeowners Recovery and Resilience Grants up to \$50 000 - closing 30 June 2024

Small Business Interest Rate Subsidy - closing 30 June 2024

Small Business Recovery Grant up to \$50 000 | Medium Business Recovery Grant up to \$75 000 - closing 30 June 2024

Primary Producer Recovery Grant up to \$75 000 - closing 30 June 2024

Head to www.emergency.wa.gov.au or visit the Fitzroy Flood Hub for more information and assistance in applying.

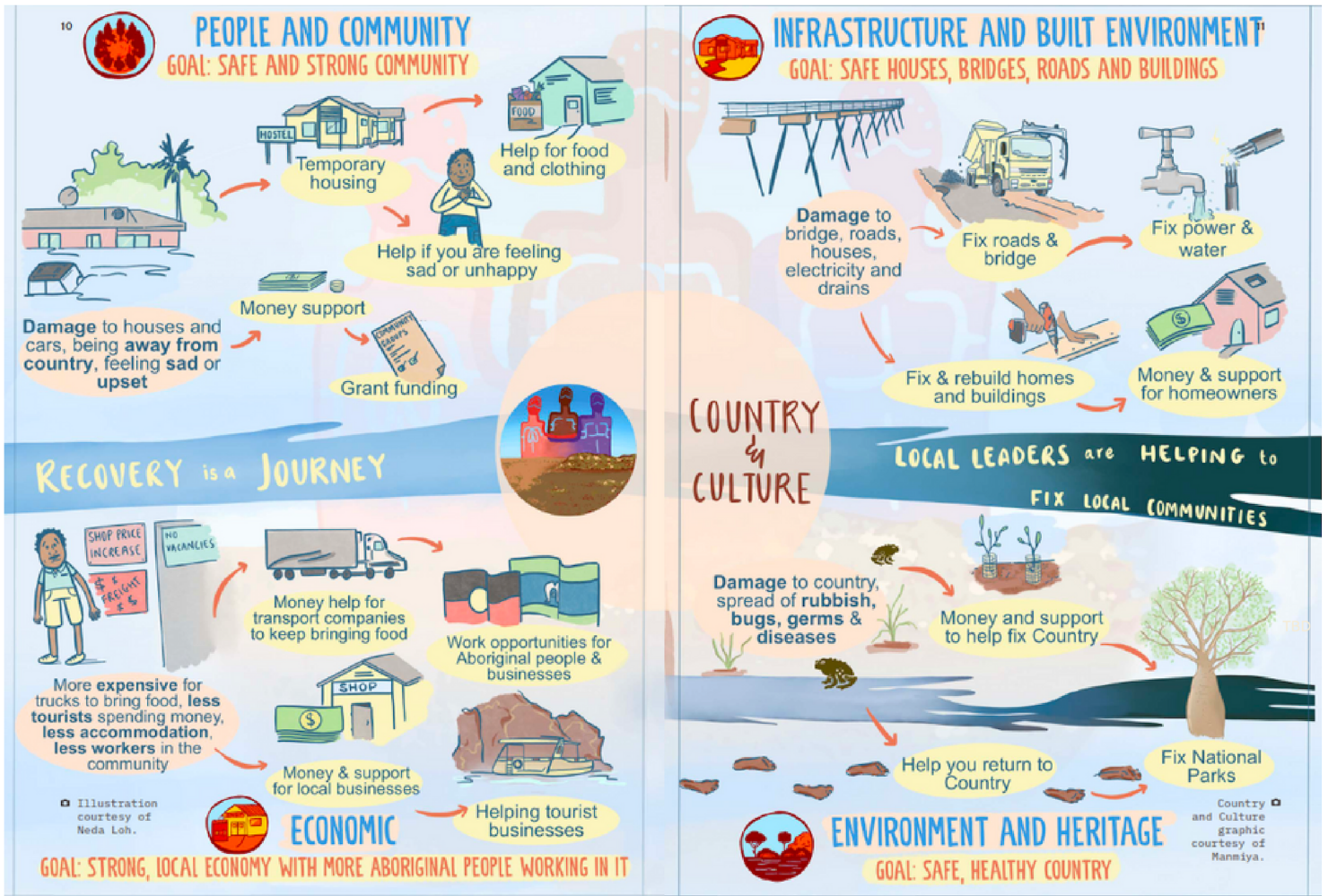
Events Calendar - May

Event	Date and Time	Details
Friday Night Footy	Every Friday night - May Dates - 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st 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
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.
Australia's Biggest Morning Tea	Sat 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.

Recovery is a Journey

Our team at the Flood Hub are working hard to support you, your family and the community through flood recovery services. The Hub is a combined space that hosts organisations involved in Flood Recovery and aims to create an environment for those that are flood impact to only have to tell their story once. The goals of the Flood Hub is for community members to feel safe and be able to meet their needs.

The goals of the Hub and the recovery journey are also set out in the Kimberley Floods State Recovery and Resilience Plan. Please come and see us in the Hub and we can provide any assistance that you might need.



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.

Fitzroy Crossing Flood Hub

Come and see the team at the Flood Hub Tues - Thurs 8am-12pm inside the Fitzroy Crossing Visitor Centre.