KIMBERLEY FLOODS COMMUNITY UPDATE

This update provides the latest information on what is happening in response to the Kimberley floods.

To access info online, join the DFES Kimberley Floods Facebook Group.

LOW LEVEL CROSSING TEMPORARY CLOSURE

Due to rising river levels, the Roads people have temporarily closed the low level river crossing in Fitzroy Crossing. River levels are being monitored and the crossing will re-open when it is safe. For the latest updates, check the travel map on **mainroads.wa.gov.au**

The Roads people are also working on a second river crossing that will let more vehicles go across including larger vehicles like freight trucks. The crossing should be open in May 2023 depending on the weather and river conditions.



\$38 MILLION OF FUNDING ANNOUNCED FOR NATURAL DISASTER RECOVERY IN WA

The WA Government has set aside \$38.3 million of funding in the State Budget to fund WA's biggest-ever dedicated recovery team. As part of this funding, there will be a taskforce to manage and support the ongoing recovery following flooding caused by ex-Tropical Cyclone Ellie.

FLOOD HUB OPENING HOURS

The Broome, Derby and Fitzroy Crossing Flood Hubs will be closed this Friday and Monday for Easter. The hubs will reopen on Tuesday 11 April at 8am in Fitzroy Crossing and 10am in Broome and Derby. For flood help information, visit **dfes.wa.gov.au/kimberleyfloods** or call the Disaster Response Hotline on 1800 032 965.



FERRY SERVICES

The 4WD ferry service across the Fitzroy River is now fully booked. Bookings or waitlist requests cannot be made until further notice.

The passenger ferry is still running daily including over the Easter weekend. To view the ferry and bus times, go to **mainroads.wa.gov.au**



Repair works and yard clean-ups are underway for the flood-damaged Government homes in Kupungarri. Repair works are also underway in Camballin and Fitzroy Crossing.

Cleaning and hygiene works have commenced in Burawa and Bungardi, along with septic pump outs in Bungardi.

FITZROY CROSSING TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION HUB

16 huts are onsite at Tarunda Caravan Park. They now have furniture and people will be moving in very soon.



MOSQUITOES

Mosquito bites can make you sick. Here are some tips to protect yourself:

- avoid being outdoors at dawn and early evening
 cover up with loose-fitting, light-coloured long sleeves and pants
- use mosquito spray or cream every 2-6 hours and follow the label
- use bed nets at night
- use mosquito coils and mosquito lanterns in outdoor areas
- keep grass and weeds short

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO UPDATE ISSUED THIS FRIDAY OR NEXT MONDAY.

FLOOD HUBS

- Fitzroy Crossing Visitor Centre 4 Flynn Drive 8am-12.30pm Mon-Fri
- Broome Boulevard Shopping Centre
 106 Frederick Street
 10am-2pm Mon-Fri
- Derby Housing Office
 16-22 Loch Street
 10am-2pm Mon-Fri

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

- Disaster Response Hotline
- (Mon-Fri, 9am-4pm): 1800 032 965 • Police (non-emergency): 131 444
- Emergency (life-threatening): 000

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT

- Fitzroy Crossing 9166 1700
- Derby 9193 3605
- After hours 1800 552 002
- Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Crisis Support (24/7): 13YARN (13 92 76)

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