Where is Fitzroy Crossing?

Fitzroy Crossing is situated on the Great Northern Highway. It is approximately 2524 kilometres north from Perth and 400 kilometres from Broome. The town is located on the banks of the Fitzroy River, approximately three hours drive south-east of Derby.

The Department for Child Protection in Fitzroy Crossing

The Department employs approximately ten staff in a variety of child protection and support roles. The office is located at the corner of Fallon Road and Flynn Drive in Fitzroy Crossing.

About the Community

Fitzroy Crossing is a small settlement that services local stations and acts as a stopover destination for those exploring the rugged Kimberley and its nearby attractions of Geikie Gorge, Tunnel Creek and Windjana Gorge, or those en-route to the Bungle Bungles Purnululu National Park, or Kununurra and Darwin.

The population of the Fitzroy Crossing area is approximately 1200 people. The current town site has expanded recently due to mining operations 80 kilometres southeast, the growth of Aboriginal communities and the increase in popularity of the Kimberley and Gibb River Road as tourist destinations.

The majority of residents in Fitzroy Crossing are Aboriginal and there are a number of Aboriginal-run non-government organisations, including Marra Worra Worra and Bunuba Inc. The Aboriginal population of Fitzroy Crossing contains significant linguistic and cultural diversity; there are four main Aboriginal language groups: Gooniyandi, Bunuba, Walmajarri and Wangkajungka.

The Fitzroy Crossing community also consists of non-Aboriginal residents who are employed in different service industries, including health, education, administration and various other trades.

The Yungngora people are recognised as the native title holders over the Noonkanbah pastoral lease west of Fitzroy Crossing.

What services are available in Fitzroy Crossing?

Residents of Fitzroy Crossing have access to government and private services, including:

- Medical services, including hospital
- Police station
- Library
- Post office
- Schools
- Hotels and accommodation
- Recreation centre
- Caravan parks

For further information on health and education services in Fitzroy Crossing, visit:

Department of Health (Fitzroy Crossing Services)

For further information on employment opportunities with the Department for Child Protection, please visit www.jobs.wa.gov.au or contact (08) 9222 2525.
Living and working in **Fitzroy Crossing**, Western Australia

What is it like to live in Fitzroy Crossing?

Fitzroy Crossing is the closest large outback town to Broome or Derby in the vast remote Kimberley wilderness, and can also be reached via the Gibb River Road at the Windjana Gorge turnoff.

Fitzroy Crossing is surrounded by some of Australia’s biggest pastoral properties and vast flood plains of the Fitzroy River.

In summer, the average maximum temperature ranges from 36°C to 40°C, with an average minimum temperature of 24°C. During this time, Fitzroy Crossing can experience tropical storms and flooding. In winter, the average maximum temperature ranges from 29°C to 32°C, with an average minimum temperature of 11°C.

There are a variety of recreational activities that can be enjoyed in the Fitzroy Crossing area. These include fishing, boating, swimming and camping. The Geikie Gorge National Park, less than 20 kilometres from town offers both walking and boating expeditions. This spectacular 30 metre high-walled gorge was carved by the Fitzroy River through an ancient Devonian Limestone Reef and is one of the most well known gorges in the Kimberley.

For more information on the Fitzroy Crossing lifestyle, visit:

- Outback Now Fitzroy Crossing
- Fitzroy Crossing Visitor Centre
- The Kimberley travel guide

What is it like to work for the Department for Child Protection in Fitzroy Crossing?

“The Fitzroy Valley is an excellent place to develop your knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal culture and community life. I have extended my knowledge and understanding of traditional Aboriginal culture, identity and language, using innovative solutions when distance and lack of facilities mean that resources aren’t always available.”

Liz Mapstone

Relocation and housing

The Department offers relocation assistance and subsidised housing through the Government Regional Officer’s Housing (GROH) for qualifying positions where available.

The Department for Child Protection is committed to employing Aboriginal people and people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, to be more reflective of our client base so we can deliver quality service to the community.

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