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Imagining a Resilient Fitzroy Crossing: Reflections on the Fitzroy Crossing Floods January 2023 from a Traditional Owner Perspective

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Acknowledgement of Country

I acknowledge the Traditional owners of the land on which we meet and work today, Turrbal and Jagera peoples and pay my respects to their Elders past, present and emerging as well as my elders and all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people present as well as our Maori neighbours.

Warning:

**This presentation contains images of
Aboriginal people who have passed
away and this may distress some
audience members.**

In memory of Mrs Aiken

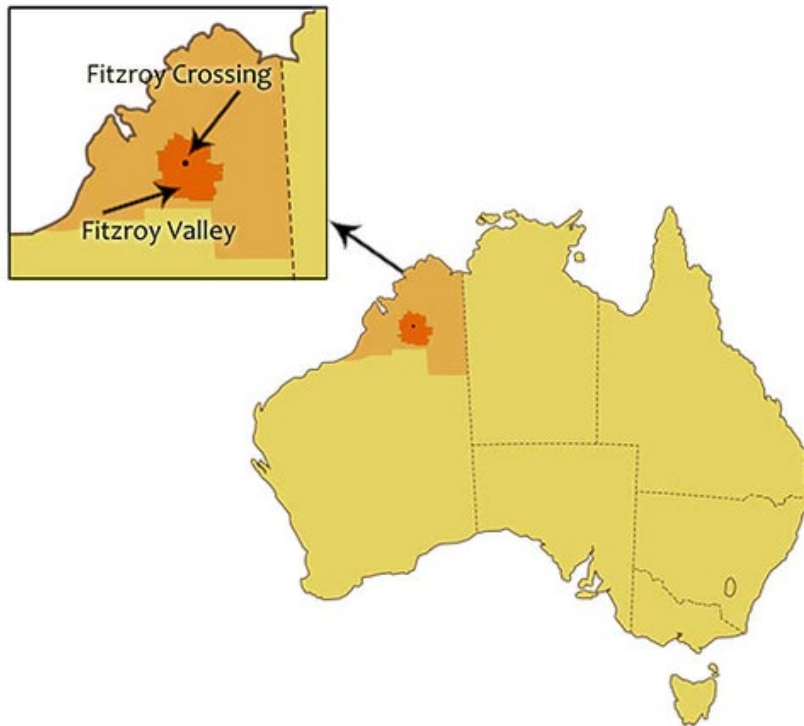




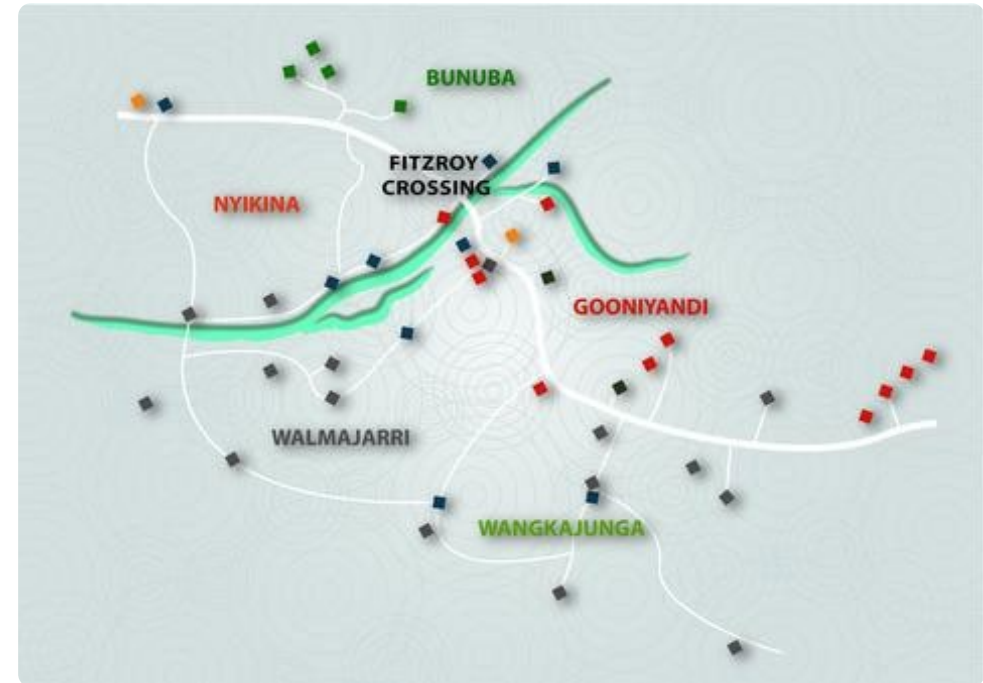
Intro and Scope

- ▶ This presentation aims to share:
 - What it was like in the first few weeks of the Fitzroy Valley floods of January 2023.
 - The recovery journey so far
 - Lessons we learned about how government and community can work together to achieve the best outcomes possible and increase community members resilience both now and into the future
- ▶ • The values that made a difference

Situating Fitzroy Crossing



<https://www.marulustrategy.com.au/pages/the-fitzroy-valley>



<https://www.oric.gov.au/publications/spotlight/strengthening-lililwans-and-bigiswun-kids>



Collective Resilience

Situating the Presenter



Introducing Marmingee Hand and Doug D'Antoine



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albomp Locals told me I was the first PM to visit Fitzroy Crossing when I met with them today - I am always inspired by the resilience and extraordinary commitment of local community members to each other. With @mark_mcgowan_mp @senator.dodson and @murraypwatt

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Comments on this post have been limited.

What is resilience?

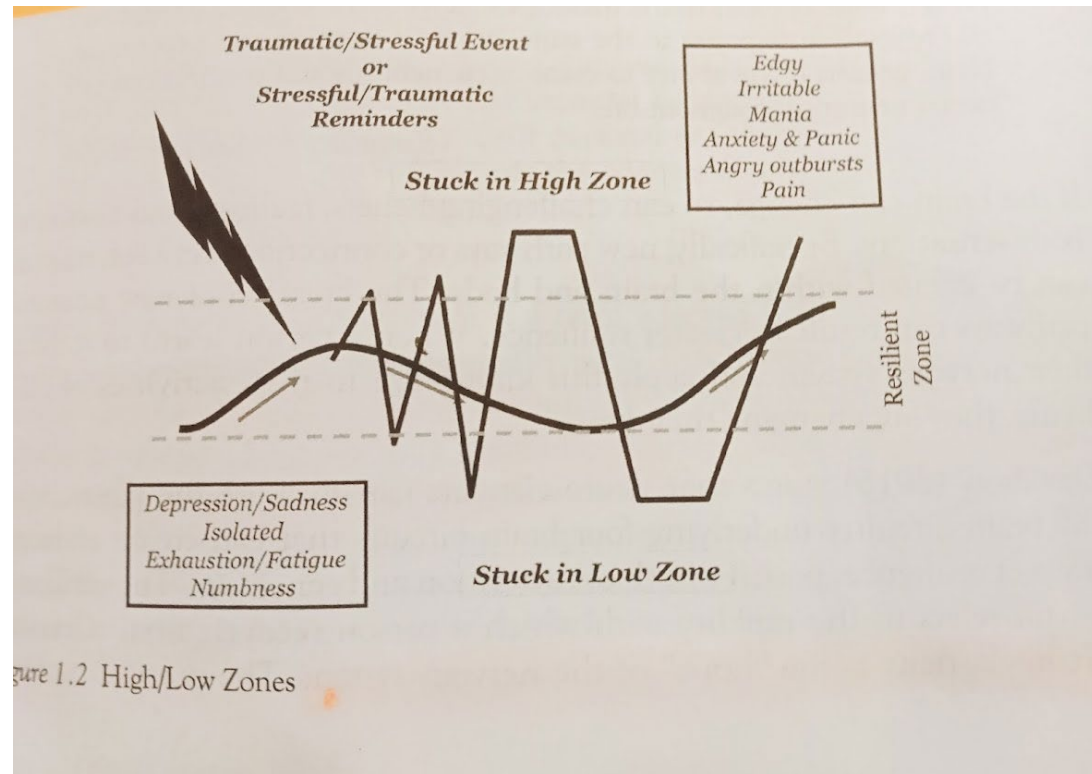
noun

1. the capacity to withstand or to recover quickly from difficulties; toughness.
"the remarkable resilience of so many institutions"
2. the ability of a substance or object to spring back into shape; elasticity.
"nylon is excellent in wearability and resilience"

Resilience...

- ▶ “infused with an overarching stance of embodied compassion and empathy”
 - ▶ “cultivate empathy remembering assets and strengths”
 - ▶ “Hope, optimism, solution focused perspectives”
 - ▶ “Embrace diversity of community and listen to their views”
- ▶ *Building Resilience to Trauma: The Trauma and Community Resilience Models, 2nd edition – Elaine Miller - Karas*

Resilience Zone



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Before the Floods







January 2 2023





Early Days... January 3 - 6 2023



Small Town: Multiple Roles: The Rescues...







It has to get better than this...





And it did...Commitment
January 7 2023

Multiple Roles: The Info Gathering...

Gillarong Community
 House 2 - 5 Adults, 2 Kids
 House 3 - 1 Adults, 2 Kids.
 House 14A - 2 Adults, 1 kid, 1 infant
 House 14B - 2 Adults
 House 4 - 2 Adults, 4 Kids, 1 infant.

Mimbi Community
 House 1 - 2 Adults, 1 Kids

Ngalingji Community
 House 3 - 2 Adults, 4 Kids
 House 4 - 2 Adults
 House 9 - 2 Adults, 2 Kids
 House 11 - 2 Adults, 1 kid
 House 12 - 2 Adults, 1 Kids
 House 13 - 2 Adults, 1 Kids
 House 10A - 1 Adult
 House 10B - 2 Adults

List of People
Bayulu Community - ①
 House 150 - 4 Adult, 4 Kids & Infant.
 House 151 - 4 Adult, 1 infant.
 House 152 - 6 Adults, 2 Kids, 1 infant
 House 154 - 2 Adults, 2 Kids
 House 156 - 1 Adult
 House 26 - 4 Adult, 2 Kids, 1 infant (new born).
 House 24 - 3 Adults
 House 19 - 4 Adults
 House 20 - 4 Adults, 2 Kids
 House 21 - 1 Adult
 House 23 - 3 Adults, 3 Kids
 House 22 - 2 Adults, 1 infant.
 House 75 - 2 Adults, 1 Kids
 House 76 - 3 Adults (1 new born)
 House 35 - 1 Adult
 House 34 - 4 Adults, 3 Kids
 House 33 - 2 Adults, 3 Kids
 House 32 - ~~2 Adults~~ 1 Adult, 2 Kids
 House 31 - 3 Adults, 7 Kids, 1 infant
 House 133 - 1 Adult, 1 Kids
 House 28 - 2 Adult, 2 Kids.
 House 29 - 1 Adult
 House 2 - 4 Adults, 4 Kids
 House 184 - 6 Adults
 House 185 - 3 Adults, 1 Kids
 House 11 - 3 Adults, 3 Kids, 1 Infant.
 House 15 - 4 Adults, 1 infant
 House 16 - 1 Adults, 2 Kids.

Bayulu Community - ②
 House 17 - 2 Adults
 House 12 - 1 Adult
 House 9 - 2 Adults
 House 14 - 2 Adults, 1 Kids
 House 1 - 2 Adults - 3 Kids
 House 3 - 2 Adults, 3 Kids, 1 Infant
 House 4 - 3 Adults, 1 infant.
 House 45 - 2 adults,
 House 40 - 1 Adult, 4 kids.
 House 37 - 4 adults.
 House 44 - 4 adults.
 House 45 - 6 Adults, 5 kids.
 House 37 - 2 Adults, 3 infant.
 House 47 - 7 Adults.
 House 55 - 2 Adults, 6 kids.
 House 48 - 4 Adults.
 House 47 - 7 Adults, 1 kid, 1 infant.
 House 54 - 2 Adults.
 House 53 - 2 Adults
 House 30 - 3 Adults, 2 Kids
 House 56 - 2 Adults, 2 Kids.
 House 58 - 2 Adults, 4 Kids, 2 infant.
 House 57 - 2 Adults
 House 62 - 2 adults
 House 67 - 3 adults, 5 Kids
 House 61 - 1 Adult
 House 60 - 2 Adults.
 House 63 - 3 Adults, 3 Kids.

3-Mile Community
 House 1 - 2 Adults
 House 2 - 3 Adults
~~House 3~~
~~House 4~~

8-Mile Community
 house 1 - 4 ~~Adults~~ Adults
 house 2 - 3 ~~Adults~~ Adults
 house 3 - 2 Kids 1 Adult
 house 4 - 2 Adults 6 Kids
 house 5 - 4 Adults 2 Kids
 house 6 - 1 Adults
 house 7 - 4 Adults 2 Kids
 house 8 - 5 Adults 1 Kids.
 house 9 - 2 Adults
 house 10 - 2 Adults.
 office area - 1 Adults 3 Kids.

COMPASSION



Multiple Roles: Food Distribution - Care

Multiple Roles: Communication



Road trip, east to west Fitzroy Crossing - Sat 7th Jan

<https://fb.watch/mB18wj8OZZ/>

 Wangki Yupurnanupurru Radio
January 8 · 🌐 Following ⋮

Overview Comments

Wangki Radio's Natalie Davey and Andrea Myers took a little road trip around Fitzroy Crossing yesterday, and wanted to share what they saw!

They drove from Plum Plain on the west side to Great Northern Hwy on the east, and on to Brooking Channel bridge.

This video is from 8am, Saturday 7th January, 2023.

Fitzroy and community mob, please send us any photos or videos you would like to share.

[See less](#)

Most relevant ▾

 Dianne Tucker
Well done ladies! ❤️



Bringing people home...



The much needed dentist...

Coming to listen and help...RESPECT



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OUR MEDIA IS PRESERVING OUR LANGUAGES

OUR MEDIA IS ARCHIVING OUR HISTORY

It's about time you took the time



Working together... Bunuba Rangers, DFES and SES



TEAMWORK



Initial Community Leadership Group... DETERMINATION...







JOY

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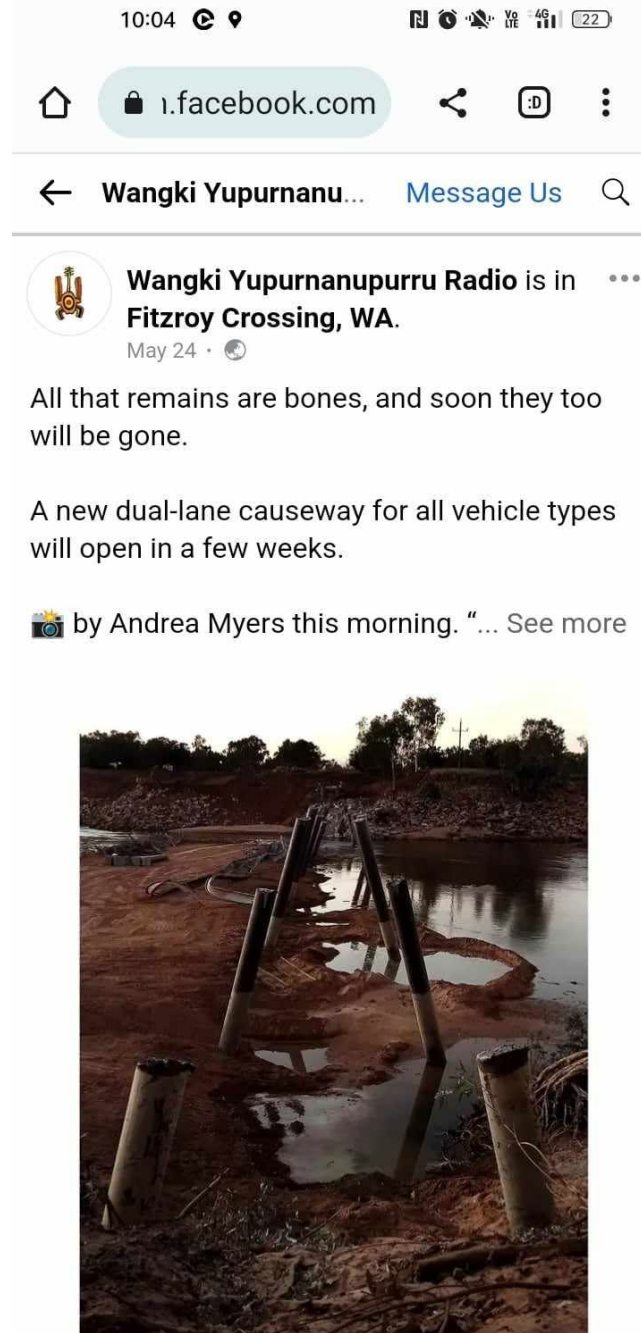


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Creativity





← Wangki Yupurnanu... Message Us 🔍

 **Wangki Yupurnanupurru Radio** is in **Fitzroy Crossing, WA.**
May 24 · 🌐

All that remains are bones, and soon they too will be gone.

A new dual-lane causeway for all vehicle types will open in a few weeks.

📷 by Andrea Myers this morning. "... See more



Recovery Working Group Set Up



Loss and Disconnection





Assessing the Damage...



January



February



March









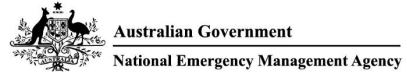
Andrea Myers

January 27 · 🧑🏻

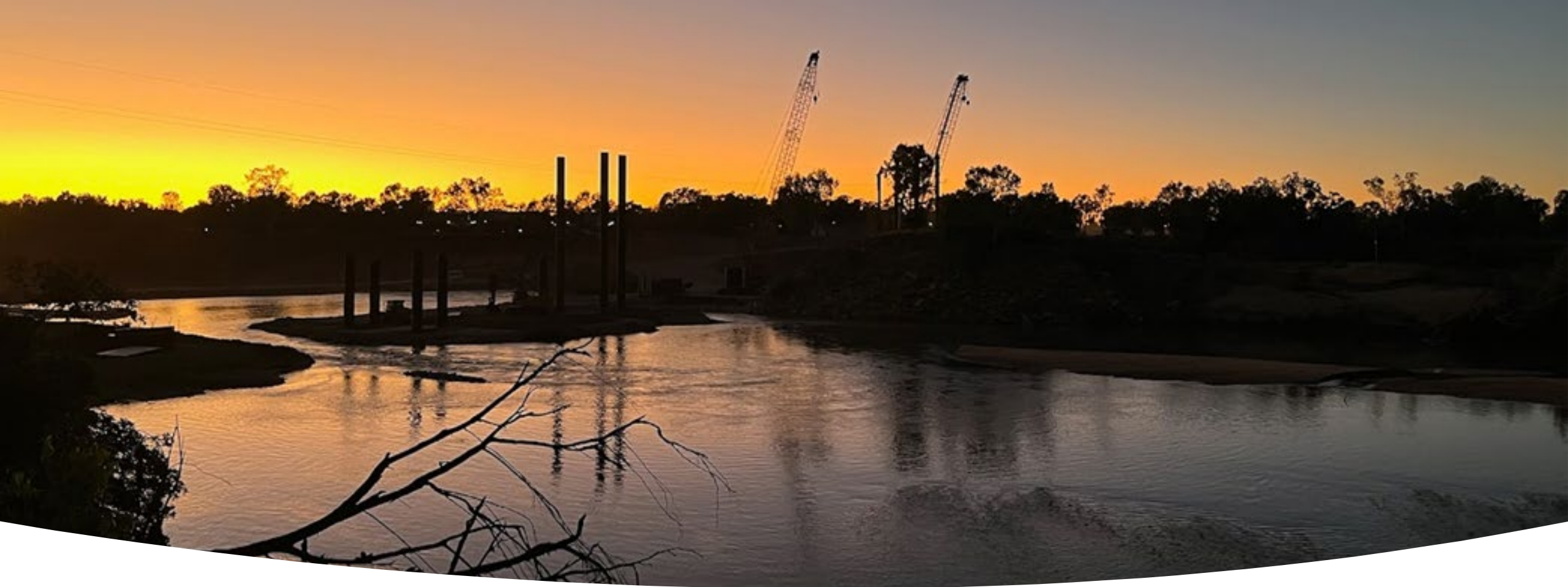


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RECOVERY





Andrea Myers

June 4 · 🧑🏻‍🦱



Today for the first time ever I was able to run an entire lap around the river, crossing at the double lane crossing near bridge works and then at the low level crossing near old crossing.

It took me a little longer because I stopped and took photos x

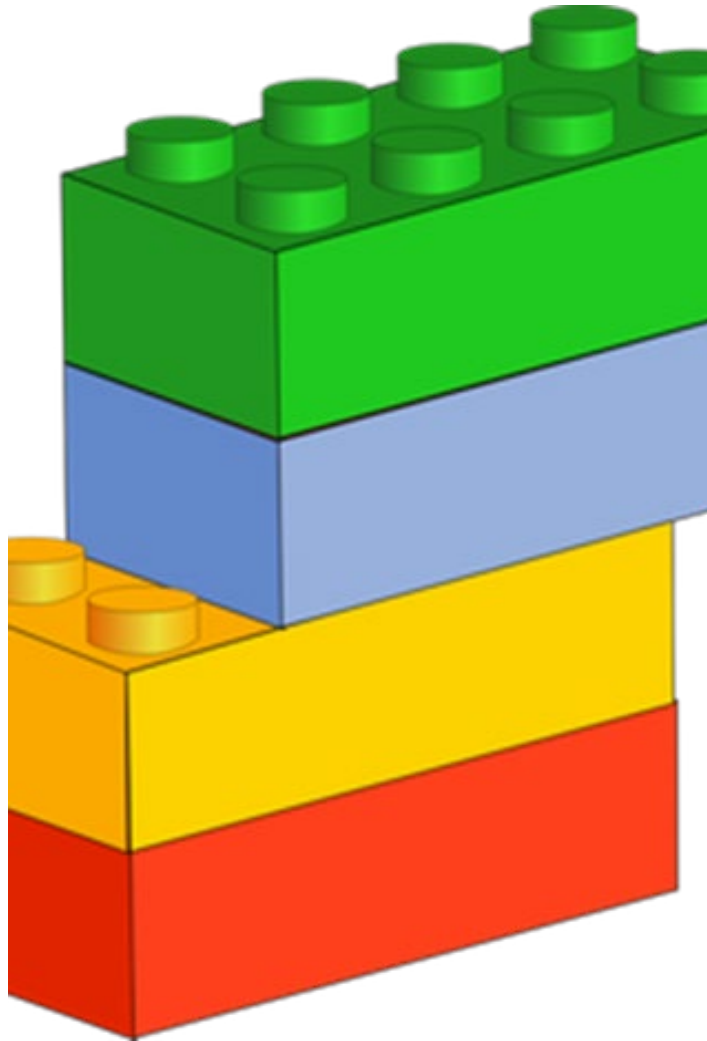




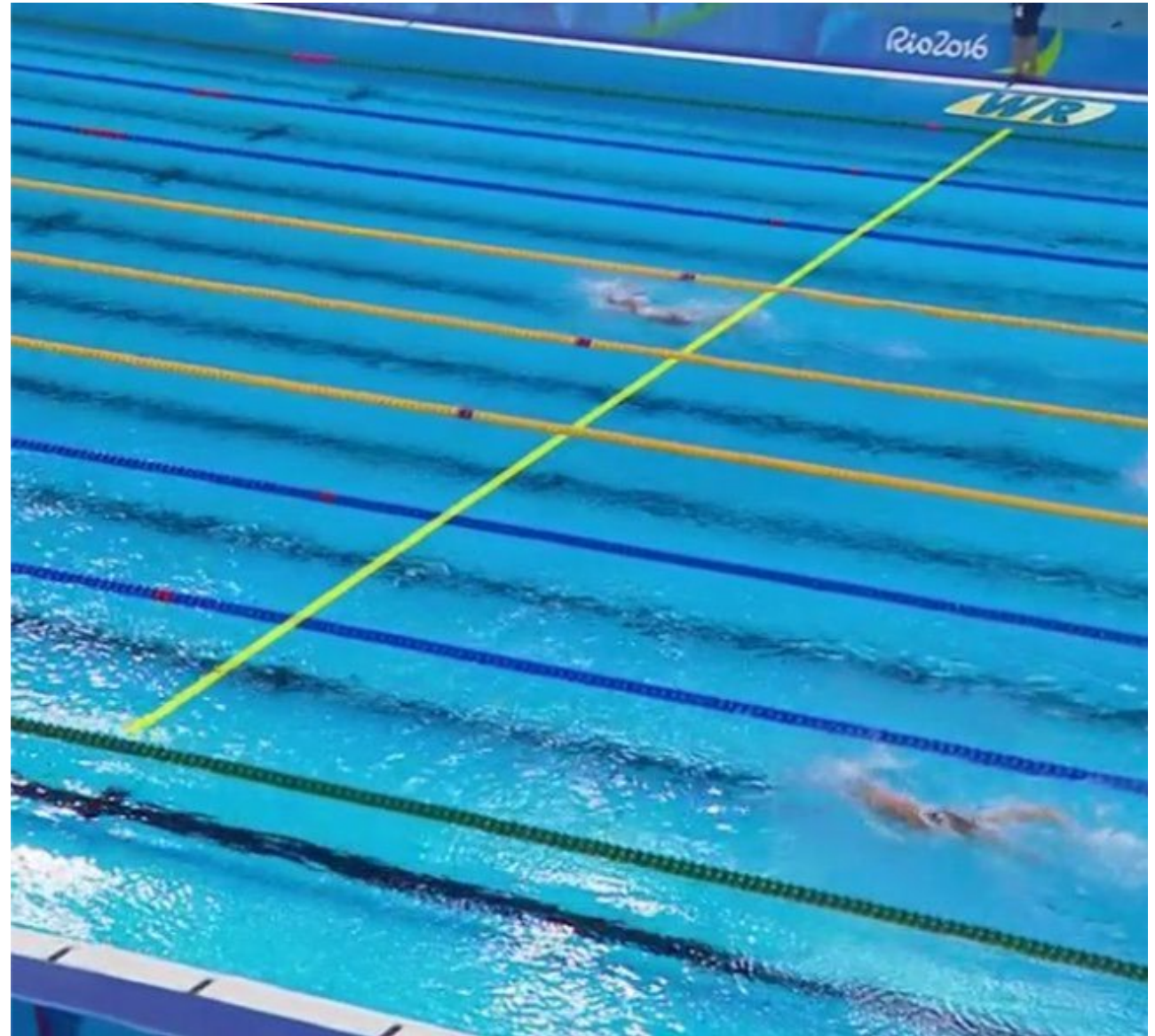
New era dawning?

A New Bridge to a Sustainable Future?





VS





Resilience coming to life...







Imagining a Resilient Future...











August 20 2023: Bunuba National Park formally declared Bandilngan Windjana Gorge reopened.



Photo: DBCA



Keithy Andrews
Yesterday at 9:17 AM · 🧑
Was good being back on Our very own BUNUBA COUNTRY 🍀🍀🍀🍀
With my Boys 🙌

Values and Principles:

Respecting elders is a priority and locals know how their community works

Kindness and Compassion

Persistence

Fun and Creativity

Detnation and Commitment

Teamwork

Trust

Respect

What worked...

Working together

Listening to local and diverse voices

Becoming and staying connected

One key source of info "the list"

Remembering what keeps us strong and doing it.

Commitment and keeping what's important in mind.



Questions

