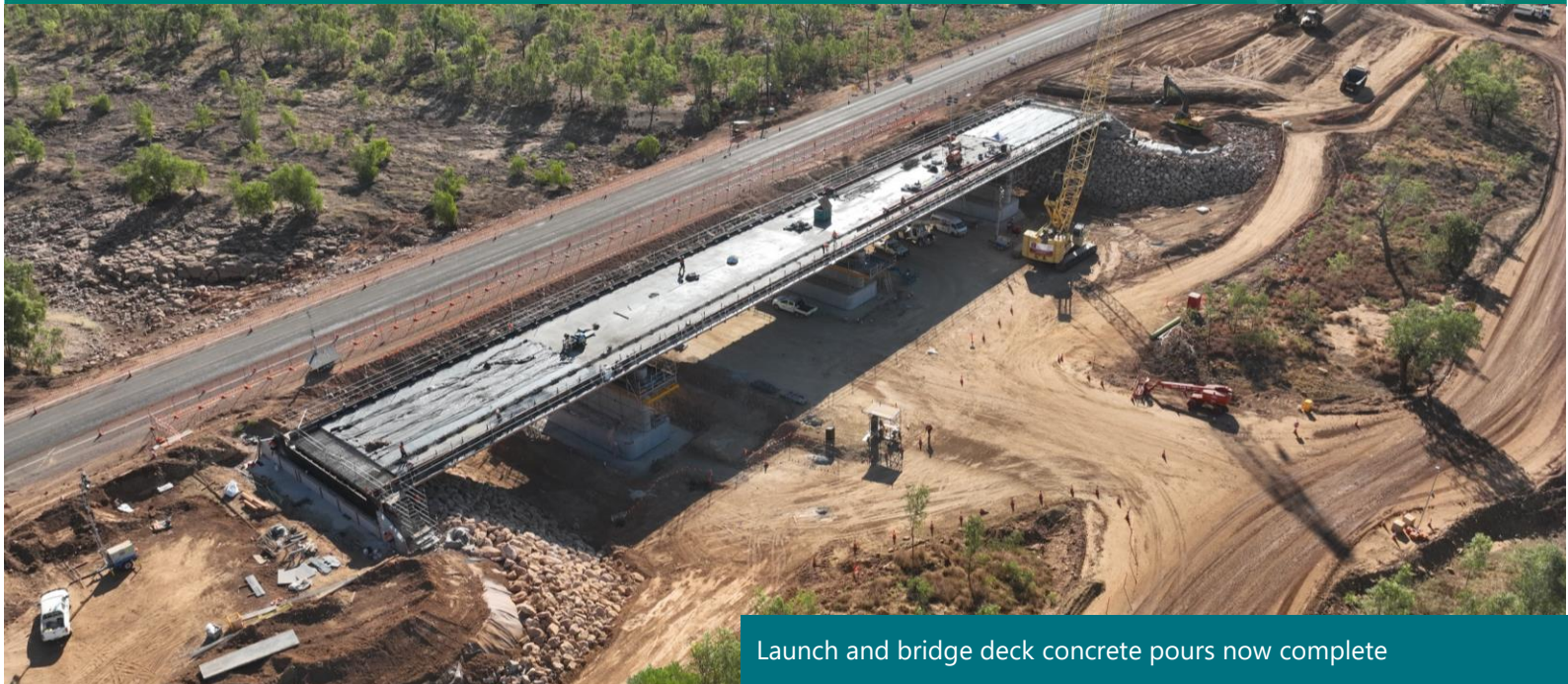


New Brooking Channel Bridge



Launch and bridge deck concrete pours now complete

New Brooking Channel Bridge on track for completion in late-2024

The New Brooking Channel Bridge project continues to make great headway, with the bridge launch and concrete pours for the deck now complete. The bridge is on track to open to traffic in late-2024, ahead of the wet season. Construction of the road embankments to tie in both bridge approaches is underway. Following this, the kerbing and barriers will be installed and pavement works, including asphaltting and line marking, will begin. Once the bridge is operational, the side access track will be removed.

Local training and employment opportunities

Providing training and jobs on the project remains a key focus for the team, with security training now complete and construction and hospitality training nearing completion.

Recently, eight local Fitzroy Bridge Alliance security employees, working with Core Security on-site, completed their security training. The course included training in duty of care, self-defence, security patrols, first aid and property protection. Course participants are now able to obtain roles as Security Officers or Community Wardens.



Security trainee graduation event



Work placements at a local hospitality venue.

As part of the project, several local workers are completing a Certificate III in Hospitality. The workers currently provide important kitchen, housekeeping and site maintenance support to the project.

Recently, the project partnered with the Fitzroy River Lodge to offer placement opportunities for workers undertaking this training. This opportunity provides invaluable work experience in the hospitality industry, to further enhance the workers' skills and training.

Currently, there are more than 120 local workers on the project, working in a range of roles including Operators, Traffic Control, Construction Labourers, Hospitality, Security and Community Engagement.

In the community

Bayulu Remote Community School site visit

In August, the project team welcomed students from Bayulu Remote Community School to the worksite. The students had a wonderful time touring the site and painting the launch nose for the bridge. The brightly painted launch nose was lifted onto the front of the bridge and used as part of the bridge launch.

Celebrating Elders on Seniors Day

The team recently joined the Shire of Derby – West Kimberley, Nindilingarri Cultural Health Services, the Department of Parks and Wildlife and the local community at the Guwardi Ngadu Residential Aged Care in Fitzroy Crossing for Seniors Day. It was a day to celebrate the local Elders who enjoyed activities, music and a community lunch.

Skutta Bloke Day at Fitzroy Valley District High School

In September, the project took part in Skutta Bloke Day at Fitzroy Valley District High School. It was a day to celebrate the students' male role models, family and friends. Students and families watched a slide show of photos of local workers, tried their hand at operating a remote-control crane and even got to see a large dump truck up close.

Further information

For further information, please call 138 138, email enquiries@mainroads.wa.gov.au or visit <https://www.mainroads.wa.gov.au/new-brooking-channel-bridge>



Bayulu school kids visit site



FBA team at Skutta Bloke Day