

The River Report

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Natalie Davey

The River Report, 2024

digital video

10 mins

Natalie Davey's short film *The River Report* documents the flooding that struck the small town of Fitzroy Crossing in Western Australia in 2023. Although this flooding occurred during the typical Yitilal (wet season), an unprecedented rainfall led to disaster and displacement in the area. Spanning a five-day period, Davey captures the local community's experiences in real time as the swollen Fitzroy River carries away cattle, inundates homes, and destroys property.

Artist bio

Natalie Davey is a multidisciplinary artist from Fitzroy Crossing in the Kimberley region of Western Australia. Of Bunuba, Walmajarri, Scottish, and English heritage, she is a custodian of Bunuba Danggu Muway and is deeply connected to her culture and community.

Natalie's practice spans photography, soundscapes, painting, and multimedia art. She spends much of her creative time at Mangkaja Arts and recently won the Multimedia Award at the 2024 Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Awards (NATSIAA) for her work "River Report," which reflects on the 2023 Fitzroy Crossing flood disaster.

As a producer and broadcaster at Wangki Radio 936AM, Natalie works alongside her father to present the award-winning morning language program "Danggujarra," furthering her commitment to preserving and sharing her culture.

From a young age, Natalie has been drawn to the camera, using it as a tool to explore the natural world and document her surroundings. Her art serves to process and understand her experiences, combining seasonal observations, language, and multimedia storytelling. Through her work, Natalie strives to foster cultural understanding and bring people together, blending artistic exploration with community healing and connection.

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