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Shire of Derby /
West Kimberley

SHIRE NEWS

The official newsletter of Shire of Derby/West Kimberley

Fun summer events planned for all to enjoy

School holiday program

The school holidays are fast approaching with the last week of school finishing on Friday 18 December 2020. To keep children and young people entertained, the Community Development team has a range of fun school holiday activities planned commencing in January 2021 including:

- the junior school holiday program with the Aquatic and Recreation team,
- the youth school holiday program with the Youth Services team, plus
- pop-up discos and pool parties for the community to enjoy during the holiday break.

Christmas Day lunch

The Shire is proud to be supporting the Christmas Day lunch organised for Friday 25 December 2020, from 10am to 2pm, at the Derby Basketball Courts.

The lunch is open to anyone who wants have a yarn and celebrate the year that has been.

You are welcome to bring your family or just come by yourself and be among friends.

Any member of the community who is available to volunteer to help out at the function, should call Mal or Pingy on 0430 017 516.

Australia Day Community Breakfast

The Australia Day Community Breakfast will be held on Tuesday 26 January 2021 from 7am to 9.30am at the Derby Sportsman's Club. This event will include:

- a New Citizenship Ceremony
- the Premier's Active Citizenship Awards announcement, plus
- Face painting, family fun and games.

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Christmas Closure

23 December 2020 - 3 January 2021 (inclusive)

- Derby & Fitzroy Crossing Administration Centres
- Fitzroy Crossing Visitors Centre & Library
- Work Depots
- Derby Youth Centre
- Derby Library

The Derby Memorial Swimming Pool will be open over the festive season except public holidays and early closing at 4pm on Xmas Eve and New Year's Eve. Shire Officers will be on call over the festive season. For emergency assistance, contact 08 9191 0999.



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Making a splash

Braving the sweltering humidity and an early 6am start, Derby's Dash and Splash on 8 November 2020 attracted 25 plucky participants.

The event was hosted by the Derby Memorial Swimming Pool. Competitors enrolled in either a short or long course.

The short course consists of a 3km run and 250m swim; with the long course incorporating a 5km run and 500m swim (as solo or in pairs).

The race began with the running component at the Jetty exercise track before rounding back to the Derby Memorial Swimming Pool to finish off with the swimming.

Shire of Derby/West Kimberley President Geoff Haerewa said all the participants are to be congratulated on their amazing effort.



Dash and Splash competitors earning their refreshing swim after an early morning run in sweltering conditions.



"This popular event, the second for 2020, looks set to return in early 2021 so get into training now," Cr Haerewa said.

We remember them at Derby memorial service



Wreaths laid at the Lions Park War Memorial in Derby to commemorate Remembrance Day 2020.

About 50 people attended the Remembrance Day service in Derby on 11 November 2020 at the Lions Park War Memorial in Loch Street, with the ceremony commencing at 10.45am.

Led by the Derby RSL President Dennis Dillon, the service was attended by veterans and current Defence personnel; local school children; community members; police, prison and emergency service representatives; and Shire of Derby/West Kimberley staff and Councillors. After the Welcome to Country, Shire President Geoff Haerewa gave a speech in honour of the sacrifice and contributions made by all Australians since World War One.

Remembrance Day has been commemorated around the world on the 11th hour of the 11th month every year since 1918 when the guns of the Western Front fell silent after four years of continuous warfare.

Shire joins Showerhead Swap campaign

Derby and Fitzroy Crossing have joined the Water Corporation's Showerhead Swap initiative which runs until 31 May 2021.

Showers make up 22% of total household water use.

Shire of Derby/West Kimberley President Geoff Haerewa urged residents to participate in the free Showerhead Swap initiative.

"By simply switching to more water efficient showerheads, households can save up to 20,000 litres of water each year," Cr Haerewa said.

"Customers are eligible to swap up to two old inefficient showerheads for new water efficient models for free."

Please contact the Shire offices during business hours to make the swap, or visit Water Corporation online for more details: www.watercorporation.com.au/Waterwise/Waterwise-offers/Showerhead-swap



Derby

Shire of Derby/West Kimberley
30 Loch Street, Derby
Monday to Friday
8:30am - 4pm (excludes public holidays)
Ph: (08) 9191 0999

Fitzroy Crossing

Fitzroy Crossing Visitors Centre
Corner Forest Road and Flynn Drive,
Fitzroy Crossing
Monday to Friday
8:30am - 4pm (excludes public holidays)
Ph: (08) 9191 5355

Christmas lights competition all lit up

The Christmas lights competition is now open in Derby and Fitzroy Crossing.

Participants will be judged on their creativity with judging taking place on 17 December in Fitzroy Crossing and 18 December in Derby.

For those residents who would like to follow the Christmas lights trail, please collect a map from the Shire administration offices or website www.sdwk.wa.gov.au

Local creeks map completes Derby Wharf signage aimed at improving marine safety



Photo above: All the signs at the Derby Wharf, including the map. L-R: Tony Edwards, Commodore DVMRG; Kieran Bangmorra, Dambi Ranger; Councillor Andrew Twaddle; Edmund Jungine and Pedro Palacios, both Dambi Rangers.

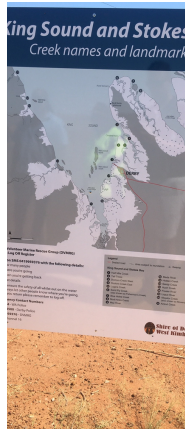


Photo far right: The local creeks map completes the Derby Wharf signage project.

The sign project at the Derby Wharf was completed in November 2020 with the installation of the final panel; the local creeks map.

Shire of Derby/West Kimberley President Geoff Haerewa said the local creeks map sign will assist the Derby Volunteer Marine Rescue Group (DVMRG) by providing the public vital information about logging on to register important details via SMS before trips are taken.

"The map also includes names of popular fishing spots to save confusion in times of an emergency," Cr Haerewa said. "A big thanks to everyone from the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions, along with the Dambimangari Rangers, for their work on the sign project."

Shire supports road safety campaign focus on zero this holiday season



Imagine a future where road crashes resulting in death or serious injury are eliminated – that's what the 2020 *Road Ribbon for Road Safety*® campaign is asking all of us to do.

The WA Local Government Association has championed the road safety ribbon campaign every year since 1996, and this year the campaign is firmly focused on how we can 'achieve zero' and eliminate road crash deaths and serious injuries from our roads. "WALGA President Mayor Tracey Roberts said that whilst significant gains had been made over many years in Western Australia, there was still work to be done in order to improve the State's road safety journey.

"It is very important that we raise our expectations and pin our focus on zero."

Shire of Derby/West Kimberley President Geoff Haerewa reiterated his support for the road safety vision of zero fatalities or injuries from road trauma. "This is important at all times of the year, and even more so over the holiday season when more of us are travelling on the road," Cr Haerewa said.