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Shire of Derby /  
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# SHIRE NEWS

The official newsletter of Shire of Derby/West Kimberley

## Boabs branding binds ties

Eye catching Boabs are a unique feature of our Kimberley backyard, and are now part of the branding of both the Shire of Derby/West Kimberley (SDWK) and RAAF Base Curtin.

The Shire of Derby/West Kimberley was recently presented with the new patches from members from RAAF Curtin over morning tea with Shire staff and President.

Shire President Geoff Haerewa said he was impressed with the design and will proudly wear the new Curtin RAAF design.

The successful concept, which has just been approved by Air Force Head Quarters, was to create a patch which uses the Boab as its emblem, as is used in the Shire of Derby/West Kimberley's logo.

Adam Cornish, Flight Sergeant and RAAF Curtin Site Manager - No 13 Squadron, said the subject of Curtin's identity has been discussed a number of times this year as they were trying to find a way to identify as both members of 13SQN, while still showing our continued ties to the Kimberley region.

"The colours used are a combination of the 13SQN colours (black and red) and the Shire colours," Flight Sergeant Cornish said.

"The idea of our own patch was not to set us apart from our Squadron; but rather to include the Kimberley, and in particular the Shire of Derby/West Kimberley (SDWK), as part of our identity.

"I believe this design is a great combination, identifying us as 13SQN Curtin while visually



Above: 13SQN RAAF Curtin Boabs badge.

Below: L-R Shire President Geoff Haerewa with RAAF Base Curtin members; CPL Mitchell Petty, FSGT Adam Cornish and CPL Mark Cole.



showing our tie to country. It would not have been possible without the initiative of CPL Mitchell Petty as he was the one that took it off his own bat to design the patch; this couldn't have happened without him!"

The concept was initially presented to their Commanding Officer, Wing Commander Andrew Anthony in Darwin, and with his endorsement, then sent to Air Force Head Quarters for approval.

CPL Petty has been in the RAAF for 10 years and was posted to Curtin in February this year with his wife, where he moved to take up a Mechanic position, and make the most of the opportunity of living in the Kimberley.

For more information:  
[sdwk.wa.gov.au](http://sdwk.wa.gov.au)



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# Like to contribute to your community at the local government elections in October?

The Shire of Derby/West Kimberley will have five vacancies in the upcoming local government elections on Saturday 16 October 2021.

If you are interested in contributing to your community as a councillor, you are invited to a Candidate Information Evening for anyone considering the role of councillor.

The session will be held at 5pm, Monday 9 August 2021 in the Shire Council Chambers, 30 Clarendon St, Derby.

A Candidate Information Evening will also be

held in Fitzroy Crossing at 5pm, Wednesday 11 August 2021 at the Fitzroy Crossing library.

Please register your interest for either the Derby or Fitzroy Crossing session with Neil Hartley on 08-9191 0952.

Nominations are open from Thursday 2 September and close at 4pm, Thursday 9 September 2021.

For further information on the local government election process, please visit the [Shire's website](#) or contact the Shire on 9191 0999.

## Census night counts

Census night is on Tuesday 10 August 2021.

The 2021 Census counts every person and household in Australia. The information collected in the Census helps inform important services and support for people and communities right around Australia.

Held every five years, each person in Australia needs to be included in the Census, so that Census data is as accurate as possible. This includes visitors to Australia, international students and babies.

This year the Fitzroy Crossing Visitor Centre staff will also be assisting 'free travellers', who are visitors not staying in paid accommodation or a private dwelling on Census night.

For further information on how to complete your Census, please:

- visit [www.census.abs.gov.au](http://www.census.abs.gov.au)
- call 1800 512 441, or
- call 131450 for help in your language.



## Check in now for Derby to Broome flights

Have you booked the new Aviair flight yet from Derby to Broome which launches on Monday 16 August 2021?

The 40-minute flight, will operate on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays, is \$119 each way and includes 23 kilograms of checked luggage.

Tickets can be booked through the Aviair website: [www.aviair.com.au](http://www.aviair.com.au)