

SHIRE NEWS

The official newsletter of Shire of Derby/West Kimberley

Be a Vocal Local in the upcoming local government elections

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

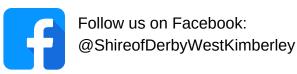
For further information on the local government election process, please visit the Shire's website or contact the Shire on 9191 0999.



Current team of Shire Councillors with CEO Amanda O'Halloran on left.



For more information: sdwk.wa.gov.au



Diving into the beautiful Derby Drift mural

The Shire of Derby/West Kimberley is very proud of the *Derby Drift* mural at the Derby Memorial Swimming Pool that was unveiled at a community event of about 100 locals, hosted by Horizon Power last month. The unveiling by Horizon Power CEO, Stephanie Unwin, and Minister for Energy, Hon Bill Johnston MLA at the Derby Memorial Swimming Pool, was to celebrate some exciting Renew the Regions milestones and the opening of Horizon Power Hut, the pool's new solar shade.

Thirteen of the Shire of Derby/West Kimberley's buildings now have their very own rooftop solar systems, collectively reducing the Shire's annual greenhouse gas emissions by more than 230 tonnes per year (that's the equivalent of taking 50 cars off the road!). Horizon Power Hut is home to a 40kW system that will help to reduce the pool's operating costs and provide plenty of cool shade to the 20,000 annual visitors throughout the year.

The new structure also frames the *Derby Drift* community artwork, a colourful 7-metre mural by local artist Jessica Bidewell and over 50 of Derby's children, which depicts the underwater wildlife of the area.



L-R: At the unveiling event were Shire President Geoff Haerewa; Horizon Power CEO, Stephanie Unwin; Lisa and Duane Russ owner/operators from Remote Solar Solutions; and the Hon Bill Johnston MLA.

The art project was a collaboration between Horizon Power, Jessica Bidewell, the Derby Youth Centre, and Derby's young artists. The Shire President Geoff Haerewa thanked Horizon Power, the State Government and all the Derby locals, businesses and artists who contributed to the community art project and the solar energy installation at the Horizon Power Hut. "We are very proud of the legacy this entire project will leave for future generations," Cr Haerewa said.

Find out more about this exciting project at bit.ly/DerbySolar.

Winner drawn



L-R: Councillors Keith Bedford, Geoff Haerewa and Pat Riley with the People's Choice Voters Award, sponsored by Aviair.

Broome resident Hayley Harris was the lucky winner of the Aviair Derby to Broome return flight door prize raffle, sponsored by Aviair, drawn during the Kimberley Art and Photographic Prize (KAPP) in July 2021.

Next verge collection

Cleanaway will be undertaking the next residential verge side collection in Derby for the Shire on Monday 6 September 2021, from 6.30am-4.30pm. Some delays may be expected on Loch Street/Derby Highway. For further information, please call Cleanaway on 9161 6400.



Flight launch takes off from Derby to Broome

Around 75 people celebrated the launch of the first Derby to Broome Aviair flight on Monday 16 August 2021.

It was jointly opened by the Hon Rita Saffioti, Minister of Transport; Member for Kimberley, Divina D'Anna MLA; and Michael McConachy, Managing Director of Aviair.

The VIPS were joined by the Derby community, businesses, Shire representatives and VIPS from the Department of Transport.

The flights mark a major milestone for the Shire of Derby/West Kimberley which has been advocating for about five years for affordable flights to be available to keep the local community connected to vital services.

Stewart Milne from Optitax was the lucky winner of the door prize, a return flight from Derby to Broome, provided by Aviair.

Shire staff members were amongst those making the most of the first flight, and we encourage everyone in the community to get on board.

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

Sunset over a Century

Join us for the Sunset over a Century celebration on Saturday 18 September 2021 at the Derby Airport Terminal from 3pm.

The event commemorates the centenary of the first airmail service in Australia on 5 December 1921, by Sir Norman Brearley.

Planes from the Royal Aero Club of WA are recreating the flight from Geraldton to Derby in honour of the 100th anniversary of the first commercial flight in the southern hemisphere



L-R: Divina D'Anna MLA, Michael McConachy, Hon. Rita Saffioti and Shire CEO Amanda O'Halloran. Other photos below taken during the first flight.







Major Norman Brearley and his pilots in front of a Bristol Tourer in December, 1921. L-R: Charles Kingsford Smith, Robert Fawcett, Norman Brearley, Len Taplin and Val Abbott.