



Shire of Derby /
West Kimberley

SHIRE NEWS

The official newsletter of Shire of Derby/West Kimberley

Shire election results

Cr Geoff Haerewa has been elected Shire President and Cr Peter McCumstie as Deputy, at a Special Council Meeting on Monday 18 October 2021.

After an extremely close election for the Shire of Derby/West Kimberley on Saturday 16 October 2021, the following five Councillors were elected:

- HAEREW, Geoff
- DAVIS, Geoff
- McCUMSTIE, Peter
- EVANS, Lynette (Linda)
- TWADDLE, Andrew

The new Councillors were sworn in at the Special Council Meeting on Monday evening; and the new Shire President and Deputy Shire President were both elected by the Council for a-two year period.

Newly re-elected Shire President Geoff Haerewa said that he appreciated the support shown by Councillors in electing him as President, and that he is committed to continue to work hard for the community of the district.

“I am also keen to continue making a contribution to the numerous projects the Shire is already progressing, and to also look for new beneficial initiatives to pursue,” Cr Haerewa said.

Shire CEO Amanda Dexter said that she was excited for what the future holds.

“Cr Haerewa and I have proven that we are committed to improved outcomes for the Shire and I am looking forward over the next two years, to where I hope to see physical and structural examples of where we are achieving



The SDWK Councillors and CEO following the Special Council Meeting on 18 October 2021 for the swearing in ceremony and election of the Shire President and Deputy.

this for the Shire’s communities and residents,” Mrs Dexter said.

After the close of the polls on Saturday at Fitzroy Crossing and Derby, the counting of votes commenced and count results saw only two votes separating the two candidates seeking the final Councillor seat.

With such a tight result a confirmatory recount was required, but there was no change to the original ballot count figures at the conclusion of the recount process.

See here for the final results:
<https://www.elections.wa.gov.au/elections/local/election...>

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Shire makes successful Sculptures on the Marsh grant application

The Shire is delighted with the announcement last month by the Federal Member for Durack, Melissa Price MP, of the Shire's successful grant application for four new sculptures as part of its Sculptures on the Marsh project.

Shire President Geoff Haerewa said the Shire was successful in applying for the full amount of its \$110,000 grant application.

"This will be a great boon for tourism and economic development and leverages the popularity of existing sculptures by local artist Mark Norval, which are already a unique and much-loved Derby attraction," Cr Haerewa said.

"We thank the Federal member and are delighted that our application under the Building Better Regions Fund – Infrastructure Projects Round 5, made in March earlier this year, has had a positive outcome.

"The project is based on the demonstrated success of the two trial sculptures erected on the marsh in 2019, Contemplation and Outback Football, which reflect the North West outback lifestyle and are particularly impressive at sunset.

"The Sculptures on the Marsh is a tourism destination initiative, designed to entice visitors to Derby by incorporating a trail of impressive sculptures erected around the marsh. They depict local culture, are designed by local artists, and strategically placed to maximise the magnificent Derby sunset.

"Furthermore, the project will showcase Derby's culture, Indigenous artists and natural assets, bringing a sense of identity to the community and driving economic growth and job creation by attracting more visitors on their Gibb River Road adventure to visit and stay overnight in Derby.

"Our vision for the six sculptures in total will certainly help us towards achieving this ambition."



Quick Grants program open

Did you know that if you represent an eligible community group or not-for-profit organisation, you can apply for one of the Shire's Quick Grants throughout the financial year?

Small amounts up to the value of \$500 (ex GST) may be considered, although please note that the grant application must be submitted at least eight weeks before the event or project commences.

For more information about the Shire's Community Quick Grant program, please contact the Shire's Community Development team by:

- phone 9191 0999
- email at sdwk@sdwk.wa.gov.au
- or visit our website

<https://www.sdwk.wa.gov.au/community/grants.aspx>