



SHIRE NEWS

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COME AND SEE US AT THE

DERBY COMMUNITY EXPO

19 February 2017 2-4pm at the Sportsmen's Club

Shire representatives will be available at the Expo to provide information on the services we provide to the community. In addition:

-)] We commence the process for our next Community Strategic Plan and would like to know what you value, what Shire services are important to you and where you would like to see our focus for the coming years.
-)] Malcolm Watson - Engineering Consultant will be in attendance to discuss community questions relating to the Derby Jetty.
-)] Rangers - animal management and bushfire mitigation
-)] Mosquito management
-)] Club development advice
-)] Community funding grants - information and application forms.
-)] Free giveaways

COMMUNITY GRANTS NOW OPEN

The Shire of Derby/West Kimberley invites applications for financial assistance to be submitted between Wednesday 1 February and Friday 31 March, 2017 for its 2017/18 Community Funding Scheme. Categories are

-)] Quick Grants - up to \$500 (open all year)
-)] Community Grants - \$500 - \$10,000
-)] Development Grants - over \$10,000

WET SEASON ROAD CONDITIONS

We currently have many roads closed as a result of wet season rains. They are closed for your safety and to protect the surface of the road. Current road closures are available on our website.

When driving in the Shire please consider the following:

-)] Travel plans may need to be reconsidered due to unfavourable road conditions. Please check the current Road Condition Report from the relevant Shire or Main Roads WA prior to departure.
-)] If it's raining heavily and you can't see, pull over and park with your hazard lights on until the rain clears.
-)] Be alert and watch for hazards on the road including stray cattle and debris.
-)] Take care at crossings and floodways as river levels may rise rapidly.

-)] Do not drive into water of unknown depth or velocity as the condition of the road cannot be guaranteed due to the possibility of washouts.
-)] Exercise caution in flooded areas and take care when driving on gravel roads. Surfaces may be slippery, muddy or non-existent and vehicles could become bogged or swept away.

MOSQUITO MANAGEMENT



Residents of Derby and surrounding communities are reminded that the activity of disease carrying mosquitos could increase with the recent wet season activity.

In WA, mosquitos can transmit Ross River, Barmah Forest, Murray Valley Encephalitis (MVE) and Kunjin (KUN) viruses. There are no cures or vaccines for any of these diseases.

THE ONLY WAY TO PREVENT INFECTION IS TO AVOID GETTING BITTEN BY MOSQUITOS

AVOID. Stay indoors particularly around dawn and dusk to avoid being bitten

COVER UP. Wear long, loose fitting, light coloured clothing, covering as much of the body as you can. Also make sure children are appropriately covered up.

REPEL. Apply insect repellent containing picaridin or DEET evenly to uncovered skin. Repellents containing up to 10% DEET can be used on children from 12 months of age.

CLEAN UP. Stop mosquitos breeding around your home by following some simple steps:

-)] Empty out or discard containers and rubbish that can hold water.
-)] Empty pot plant drip trays at least once a week or fill the tray with sand.
-)] Empty and refill bird baths, stock troughs and outdoor pet water bowls at least once a week.
-)] Empty wading pools at the end of each day.
-)] Keep swimming pools properly maintained and free from debris.
-)] Stock garden ponds with fish to eat mosquito larvae.
-)] Repair broken or cracked septic tanks.

Further information regarding mosquitoes can be obtained by calling the Shire of Derby/West Kimberley Environmental Health Services on 9191 0999.