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Shire of Derby /
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SHIRE NEWS

The official newsletter of Shire of Derby/West Kimberley

Isaiah Firebrace in Fitzroy Crossing

150 excited community members gathered in Fitzroy Crossing on Wednesday when Isaiah Firebrace came to town. The X Factor winner and Eurovision Song Contest Finalist engaged the audience and spread the message about being proud of your community and who you are.

The community event was presented by the Shire of Derby/West Kimberley and supported by Marra Worra Worra, Mangkaja Arts, Wangki Radio, Fitzroy Valley District High School, Men's Shed, Nindillingari and the RSAS Team.



Jimmy (Dillon) Andrews and Kristen Andrews started the night with a welcome to country and smoking ceremony. The community concert was presented by Dylan Storer, Hozaius Clare and Lenny Nalgood and Wangki Radio organised a live broadcast of the event.

Throughout the day, Isaiah held workshops with the students from Fitzroy Valley District High School (FVDHS) and spoke about his journey and how he overcame diversity to reach his dream.

As a leading Indigenous mentor, Isaiah shared his 'no shame' message with kids so they can follow their creative paths with confidence.

Special thank you goes to the organisations and community members who supported this great community event. Head to the Shire's website for more photos of the event.

Derby Boxing Club's new home

On Tuesday 24 September, the Shire of Derby/West Kimberley and the Derby Boxing Club signed a User Agreement to establish a permanent home for the Club for the next two years. One of the squash courts at the Derby Recreation Centre will be set up to accommodate boxing classes, which is an exciting step for the Club and community.

Pictured below: Paul Mackie, Gerry Mungall, Paul Webb, Michael Donation, Greagan Maher, Madison Church, Jake Peacock and Shire President Geoff Haerewa.



October School Holiday Programs

It's not too late to take part in School Holiday Programs. Junior and Senior Programs run until Friday 11 October.

Find more information on our website or via the Shire's Facebook Page.

facebook.com/ShireofDerbyWestKimberley or sdwk.wa.gov.au/our-community/facilities/youth-centre-and-services

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New Council Chambers and Derby Library

The Shire of Derby West/Kimberley has relocated the Council Chambers to the Derby Public Library. The lease finalised in September for the office space and old Council Chambers at 68 Clarendon Street, which provided an opportunity for the Shire to review facilities, reduce costs and use excess floor space at the Derby Library. Council resolved to relocate the Council Chambers at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 29 August 2019.

The Library is now to the left as you walk in the front door and the Council Chamber occupies the space to the right. The Library continues to provide a Children's activity area, public computers, reading and study spaces. The new Council Chamber facilitates a large space for formal Council meetings with a gallery and allows for the setup to be left in place. Due to the vicinity to the Administration building, access to a secure WiFi network is now available.

The Council is looking to source funds to update the toilets and to create a buffer between the two facilities so that in future, the Council Chambers could also be used as a public meeting space.



More information can be found on our website
sdwk.wa.gov.au

2019 Kimberley Economic Forum

The Kimberley Economic Forum 2019 was held in Derby over the 29th and 30th of September. The Shire of Derby/West Kimberley proudly sponsored the event which was hosted by the Derby Chamber of Commerce. Over one hundred local and regional business and government stakeholders came together to share their experiences, celebrate current successes and discuss future opportunities to work together regarding development in the Kimberley.

Pictured below: Hon. Ben Wyatt – Treasurer, Minister for Finance, Aboriginal Affairs and Lands, Shire President Geoff Haerewa, CEO Amanda O'Halloran, James Brown, Chairperson Kimberley Development Commission and Jeff Gooding, Chief Executive Kimberley Development Commission.

