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SHIRE NEWS

The official newsletter of Shire of Derby/West Kimberley

SDWK President welcomes \$5.21 million investment in renewable energy projects by State Government in Derby and West Kimberley

The Shire of Derby/West Kimberley welcomes the recent announcement by the State Government to invest \$5.21 million in renewable energy projects across Derby and the West Kimberley community.

Shire President Geoff Haerewa said he was thrilled with the announcement, which is part of the WA McGowan Government's Kimberley Recovery Plan and the State response to the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The McGowan Government has unveiled a \$110.9 million package for the Kimberley to help drive economic and social recovery and create local jobs.

Shire President Haerewa said the investment would see the installation of solar PV systems on Council buildings; the replacement of street lights with energy efficient LEDs, and a large-scale solar panel and battery at Derby Health Campus.

"I would particularly like to thank Horizon Power and the State Government for helping to make this a reality," Cr Haerewa said.

"The investment in solar will allow us to improve the Shire's renewable energy footprint, allowing more money to be available for community programs and services.

"The energy efficient LED smart lighting will also improve security on our streets and help keep the community safe."



Photo: L-R Shire of Derby/West Kimberley Shire President, Geoff Haerewa with Premier Mark McGowan and CEO of Horizon Power, Stephanie Unwin, at the Kimberley Recovery Plan announcement.

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Have your say on the future of the West Kimberley

Last week the Shire launched the start of the Strategic Community Plan process, and we would now like to hear from as many community members as possible over the next few months.

There are lots of different ways we can talk to you and get your feedback including through online and hard copy surveys. You can pick up a copy of the survey from the Shire Administration Buildings in Derby and Fitzroy Crossing or complete the survey online - there is a link on the Shire's website, sdwk.wa.gov.au.

All feedback we receive is anonymous.

The purpose of the Strategic Community Plan is to ensure Councillors are able to make informed decisions about meeting the needs of the district, what will be provided, when it will be provided and how it will be resourced.

For more information about the SCP and how you can get in touch, please see our website or chat to our Councillors and team.

The SDWK is a great place to live – let's make it even greater and #embraceourfuture.

Welcoming our new citizens

Rawina Marino (Derby), Marcus Chibisa (Fitzroy Crossing) and Shane O'Brien (Derby) were welcomed as Australian citizens at a Citizenship Ceremony in Derby on Thursday 30 July.

It was an extra special celebration as it the first in-person citizenship ceremony since February. COVID-19 restricted new citizens from attending in-person ceremonies, instead citizens had attended ceremonies online. Please join us in welcoming the Shire's newest Australian citizens!



Photo: L-R Shire President Geoff Haerewa, Shane O'Brien, Rawina Marino and Marcus Chibisa

Shire Facility needing repair? Report it.

The Shire has undergone some internal changes to staffing and are looking forward to engaging users and the general community in how we report issues.

If you as a member of the public or the user of a facility notice anything that requires repair or maintenance please report it by contacting reception on 9191 0999 or via email at reception@sdwk.wa.gov.au. The item will be logged and followed up by our staff at the earliest possible convenience.