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Have your say on SDWK's future during Strategic Community Plan consultation

The Shire of Derby/West Kimberley is currently in the middle of a very exciting community engagement program as part of developing its next 10-year Strategic Community Plan for 2021, and wants you to have your say.

Shire President Geoff Haerewa said the Shire is trying to reach the 8000 residents and ratepayers of the Derby and Fitzroy communities.

“Keep an eye out for the many opportunities to provide feedback whether an online survey; or face-to-face at the shops, markets, and community and business events, Cr Haerewa said. Our feedback postcards have also proven very popular as an easy way to have your say for those who prefer.

“The SCP engagement activities began in July with the community launch events in Derby and Fitzroy Crossing.

“All local governments in WA must have a Strategic Community Plan and we want all members of our community to embrace their future and provide their feedback. This is a unique opportunity for all residents, ratepayers, employees, visitors and stakeholders to have their say on the Shire’s future aspirations and priorities.

“Once we’ve analysed the feedback from this initial round, we’ll then go back to the community to make sure we’ve got it right before the Strategic Community Plan is officially adopted by Council.”

For more information:
sdwk.wa.gov.au



Photo: Shire officers, Sarah Smith and Isaac Buckle, engaging the Derby community in August as part of the Strategic Community Plan consultation

Rangers launch innovative reward program

Derby's Rangers have launched an exciting initiative which focuses on rewarding responsible dog owners.

Shire President Geoff Haerewa said the six-week campaign, which runs until end of September, was a WA first.

"Throughout the campaign, whenever a Shire Ranger notices a member of the public in full control walking their registered and micro-chipped dog on a leash, they will receive a complimentary gift bag full of treats for both the owner and dog.

"Although dog owners are required to register and microchip their dogs under the Dog Act 1976, however not everyone complies but rather than focusing on infringements, our Rangers decided on a different tactic – of rewarding responsible dog owners in the hope that others may see this and head to the Shire office to register their pets.

"There have been several winners to date including locals and visitors to Derby.



Photo: Derby locals, Kim & Gary, were spotted by the Shire Rangers while out walking dog 'Arlo' at the Jetty

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Cockatoo Island proposed deep water multi-user facility to bring jobs

The Shire of Derby/West Kimberley is very keen to see the proposed multi-user facility at Cockatoo Island progress and is excited at the many potential economic and tourism benefits that will flow on to Derby as it becomes operational including on jobs.

Shire President Geoff Haerewa welcomed the Kimberley Technology Solutions' estimate that 200 jobs that would be created during construction in the first phase of the project, with an additional 110 during operations. "We are particularly pleased with the focus on local and regional employment," Cr Haerewa said.

Shire President Haerewa said that he had written to Premier Mark McGowan in support of the development. "We would like to see the Cockatoo Island multi-use deep-water supply base progress as quickly as possible as it would promote exploration in the region and associated jobs," Cr Haerewa said.

"KTS is to be congratulated for working collaboratively with all stakeholders on the project since achieving the WA government's acceptance as a major project under the Lead Agency Framework and we now look forward to working with all stakeholders to bring the project to fruition by 2022."