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SHIRE NEWS

The official newsletter of Shire of Derby/West Kimberley

SDWK welcomes State Government funding

The Shire of Derby/West Kimberley welcomed Premier Mark McGowan, Transport Minister Rita Saffioti and Education Minister Sue Ellery to Derby in September to announce funding for the following major projects:

- 2M to upgrade the Derby Highway between Sutherland St and Juld St
- \$5.2M in renewable energy upgrades for Derby Hospital and Shire of Derby / West Kimberley
- \$900,000 to upgrade facilities at Derby District High School.

Shire President Geoff Haerewa said the investment was fantastic news.

“I’m delighted to hear that upgrade works on the Derby Highway will begin in April 2021, with completion due by August 2021,” Cr Haerewa said.

“I also welcome the upgrade of the Derby District High School facilities for new toilet, shower and laundry facilities.”

For more information:
sdwk.wa.gov.au

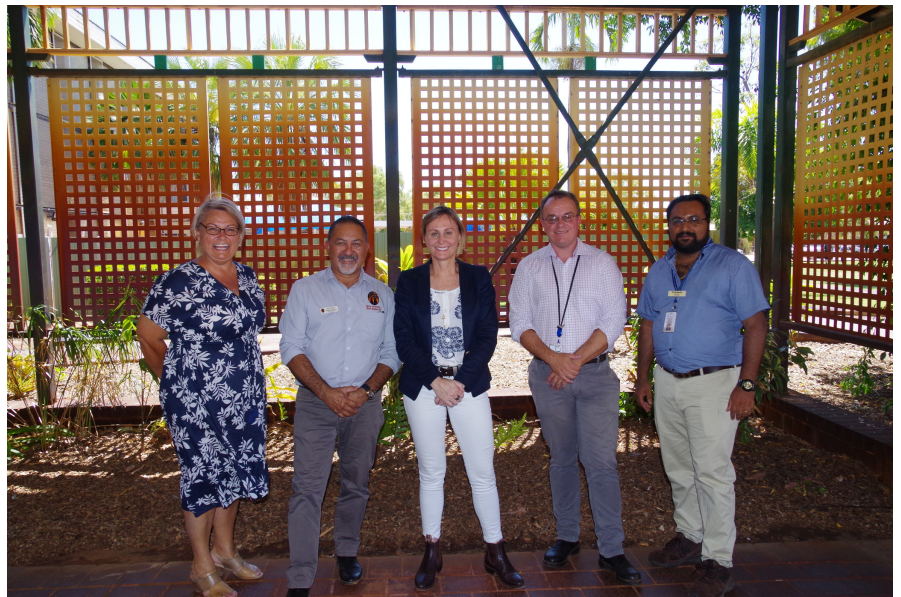


Photo: Derby stakeholders gather at the Derby Hospital to welcome the visiting State politicians. L-R: Amanda O'Halloran CEO and Geoff Haerewa Shire President SDWK; Stephanie Unwin CEO Horizon Power; Nick Mildenhall, Operations Manager and Prabeesh Pillai, Manager of Nursing at WACHS Derby Hospital.

Have your say on the WA Digital Inclusion Blueprint

Many people struggle to access digital technologies, and are missing out on the opportunities that being digitally connected provides.

The WA State Government wants to hear about your experiences in accessing and using digital technology and the internet.

Please provide your feedback on the draft Digital Inclusion Blueprint for Western Australia by 11.59 pm 30 October 2020. Head to:

www.wa.gov.au/government/have-your-say-digital-inclusion-western-australia

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Rangers continue innovative reward program

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

Shire President Geoff Haerewa said the short-term campaign, which runs until end of October, 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.

"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."