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SHIRE NEWS

The official newsletter of Shire of Derby/West Kimberley

Up, up and away! Derby to Broome flights to commence in August 2021

The Shire of Derby/West Kimberley is delighted at the recent announcement that local flights linking Derby and Broome will be available three times per week by Aviair from 16 August 2021 for a 12-month trial.

Shire President Geoff Haerewa has welcomed the news as it has been a long-term priority for the Shire to have affordable and accessible flights from Derby to Perth.

“It is great news and we have been lobbying with key stakeholders to bring about this result,” Cr Haerewa said.

“It will be beneficial to Derby residents to be able to more readily access health services in Perth.

“It will also be a boon for tourism and visitors to more easily fly to Derby and access the Kimberley.

“It will also mean residents in the Fitzroy Valley can access affordable flights and will now only have to travel to Derby to get a connecting flight instead of travelling 400kms one way to Broome.

“The flights will also be a big drawcard for FIFO workers to live and work in Derby and the West Kimberley.



Derby Airport

“On behalf of the Shire of Derby/West Kimberley Council, I congratulate the McGowan Government on the trial of the new flights, which will bring improved access to essential services and bring families together.”

To read more please visit the Minister for Transport’s media statement here:

<https://www.mediastatements.wa.gov.au/Pages/Ministers/Rita-Saffioti.aspx>

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Roll up for WA and get your COVID-19 jab

We can all do our bit and Roll up for WA.

When you are eligible, roll up your sleeve to protect yourself and the community.

Call **13 COVID (13 26843)** to book your COVID-19 vaccination.

For more information about COVID-19 vaccines, visit [HealthyWA](https://www.health.wa.gov.au/COVID19vaccine).



Shire President Geoff Haerewa rolls up for WA as he gets his Pfizer jab in June with nurse Sandra Wheatley, Population Health Site Coordinator, at the Derby Hospital.

Firebreaks and fire control measures

A reminder to all owners or occupiers within the Shire of Derby/West Kimberley, that firebreaks or fire control measures must be installed by 30 June 2021 and maintained up to and including 31 December 2021, in line with the Bush Fires Act 1954 (which is in line with previous years' requirements).

Firebreaks are there to reduce the spread of a low intensity fire and to provide safe access on your property for firefighters, so must be maintained and kept clear of all obstacles and flammable materials.

The Restricted Burning Period for the Shire of Derby West Kimberley is from the 1 April to 14 January each year, and during this period a permit is required if you plan to burn.

Burning is prohibited on any day when the fire danger rating reaches: Very High, Severe, Extreme or Catastrophic.

Burning is prohibited when a total fire ban has been declared and can result in an on-the-spot fine of \$1,000. If it is a serious breach, you could get up to a \$25,000 fine and/or jailed for 12 months.

For further information, please call Ranger services on 9191 0999 or visit the Shire's webpage: <https://www.sdwk.wa.gov.au/services/ranger-services/bushfire-management.aspx>

Don't miss KAPP exhibition in July

The 50th anniversary of the Kimberley Art Prize will be kick off at the Derby Airport terminal building on Saturday 3 July 2021 from 6.30pm. The exhibition will then open daily, from 10am-4pm, until Sunday 18 July 2021, and works will be available for purchase during the exhibition and on opening night.

The Shire has facilitated the Kimberley Art Prize since its inception in 1970 and over that time has acquired approximately 50 artworks which will also be on display on opening night until the end of exhibition.

It will be incredible to see these artworks together on display in one unique space, along with the more than 200 works expected to be entered this year to mark the 50th anniversary.

New lighting at Wharf to be completed by July

The Shire has been aware for some time that the lighting at the Wharf has not been functional, and after calling for quotes, the works were recently awarded to local Derby business, Wattnow.

Wattnow has installed 16 new solar LED light heads on the Wharf and repaired the carpark lights. A couple more lights are on order and due to be installed by July 2021.

"We thank the community for their patience," Shire President Geoff Haerewa said.

"We are also very grateful for the Commonwealth funding allocated as part of the Local Community Roads and Infrastructure fund, which has allowed us to undertake these works."