

SHIRE NEWS



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NOTRE DAME STUDENT ADVENTURES

The second year University of Notre Dame School of Medicine students undertook their annual Kimberley Community Placement Program on the 13th to 17th August.

The Shire hosted three students with Annabelle and Tom working with the Aboriginal Environmental Health team visiting some communities with the dog program.

Jess experienced time with our rangers, the library and even mixed it with the youth at the boxing activities down at the recreation centre.



Back from crabbing: Jess, Tom, Sara and Annabelle

The Shire is always a keen supporter of this program as it serves to demonstrate that life in a rural and remote community can be rich and rewarding and as the lucky students with the Shire discovered on a successful crabbing trip with Sara, also a tasty adventure.

FITZROY CROSSING GRAVE REPATRIATION

Councillors attended a repatriation ceremony at the Fitzroy Crossing Pioneer Cemetery for the remains of people whose graves were affected by the erosion on the bank of the Fitzroy River.

KALACC Repatriation Officer Neil Carter, stressed throughout his address that the dedication and cooperation amongst the community and agencies including the Shire demonstrated it was truly a community project.



KALACC Repatriation Officer Neil Carter.

Photo courtesy of ABC Kimberley

The Shire was intimately involved in assisting to identify and locate people through historical burial records and the preparation of the new place of rest at the Pioneer cemetery

In his address, Shire President Geoff Haerewa said "I am very pleased that the Shire could be part of this process..." and "...we would look forward to the opportunity of working with the community to have an appropriate memorial installed at the place of the old burial site and a corresponding memorial installed at the new burial site."

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PERTH - DERBY FLIGHTS

The State Government has announced that tenders are open for proposals to provide an air service from Derby to Perth.

This is in line with Labor's election commitment to provide \$1 million towards a one year trial and with the facilities at Derby being close to operational, it would be a fantastic outcome to see jets back in our skies.

Council has worked hard to bring this piece of infrastructure to the point where now it is a significant asset, not just for our Shire, but for the West Kimberley and emerging projects that will contribute greatly towards the region's economic future.



Derby Airport through the window of a potential RPT jet

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

There are currently two Works Labourers positions located in Derby. Applications close at 4pm on Monday the 3rd September.

Information, including the Application Form, Position Description and Summary of Conditions of Employment/Entitlements can be found on our web site at:

www.sdwk.wa.gov.au/our-council/employment/current-vacancies

FOOTY FINALS

Derby

Both the women and men Derby Tigers teams played the first elimination semi-final of the West Kimberley Football League competition last Saturday in Broome.

The women triumphed over Broome Saints for another shot in the grand final (21 to 13) but alas, the men succumbed to Bidyadanga Emus, going down 100 points to 25.



Derby Tigers men and women teams

Good luck in next final Derby Tigers girls!!!

Fitzroy Crossing

The grand finals for the Central Kimberley Football League competition were also held last Saturday. In the mens, the Noonkanbah Blues (62) were defeated by the Wangkatjunga Crows (76) and in the womens, Yungngora Blues (35) took out the Muludja Lions (23).

The Shire would like to congratulate all of the players, organisers and supporters of the competition in appreciation of the effort that goes into training and travelling for games each week.

With football being such a popular sport for both men, and now women, it is great to see the high level of participation and the positive influence it has on community spirit.