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## **MEDIA RELEASE**



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### **Swimming, history and an 'ecommunity' big winners thanks to Shire**

The Shire has awarded more than \$28,000 to community groups, clubs and organisations under Round 1 of its Community Sponsorship Program for the 2011/12 funding period.

The funding was announced at last month's council meeting and will be used to support seven community-driven initiatives and projects.

Shire President Graeme Campbell said the sponsorship program allowed community groups to deliver over \$40,000 dollars in projects.

"The Shire is committed to assisting groups identify and deliver projects for our community which would otherwise be overlooked by commercial or government bodies. In many cases, the Shire funding is used to finalise projects that may be years in planning and development," he said.

The Community Sponsorship Program also recognises the work of volunteers in our community and the time and effort it takes to raise funds and plan projects.

"Hundreds of volunteers work year-round to identify, plan and fundraise for the benefit of the entire community," Cr Campbell said.

Major sponsorships for 2011/12 include \$7,000 towards events and infrastructure for Barracuda's Swimming Club, \$4,950 to support Broome Community Resource Centre's 'ecommunity Broome project' and \$4,565 for 'connecting paths' for the Broome Historical Society Museum.

Other recipients include: Broome Aboriginal Media Association, Broome Senior High School, Broome Sports Association and Broome Basketball Association.

More projects are expected to be funded through Round 2 of the Community Sponsorship Program, which is now open for applications.

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