

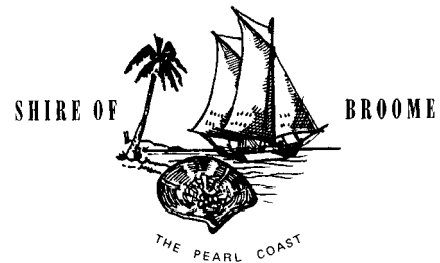
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## Broome Recreation & Aquatic Centre (BRAC) Pool to Re-Open Free Aquatic Open Day

The Shire will celebrate the re-opening of the BRAC Pool on Sunday October 1 with free aquatic entry all day.

Bring the family along and enjoy the activities on offer including the bouncy castle and the monster pool inflatable. There will be lifeguard demonstrations and a sausage sizzle and is also your opportunity to see an aqua aerobics class or sign up for the swim school.

Manager of Recreation Services Mark Turner said the open day was to celebrate the re-opening of the pool following its closure over the past five months due to necessary maintenance work and improvements to the pool and its surrounds.

"This free event is to show our appreciation to the community, given their patience throughout the closure," said Mr Turner.

"While it took longer than anticipated given the unforeseen challenges, the pool works were timed during the cooler months so that it would have minimum impact on our swimming community."

"The works will mean that the pool will not have to undergo painting every five years and the remainder of the works should ensure the pool doesn't require any major works for a decade or two," he said.

The \$300,000 works included the tiling of the pool bowl and surround, some areas of paving re-leveled and the replacement of the salt chlorinator system and main pump.

The installation of shade sales above the main pool and concourse area will mean that the water temperature will be cooler in the wet season. This will be assisted by installation of a \$140,000 heating/cooling system in the next twelve months along with thermal blankets to keep the temperature steady during the cooler months.

The change rooms have been given a face lift with the exterior steam cleaned and selected areas painted a bright blue.

"A big thank you to everyone for their understanding during the works and we hope to see a big crowd at BRAC for the open day," said Mr Turner.

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