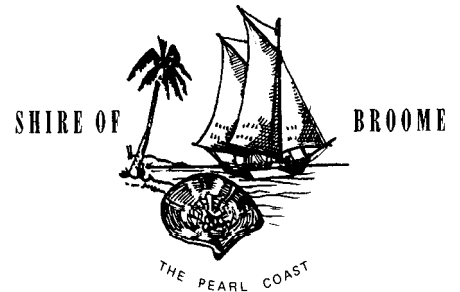


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## Shire Advisory Committee Meets To Commence Process To Engage With The Community Over Cable Beach Motor Vehicle Access

The Shire of Broome Cable Beach Motor Vehicle Management Advisory Committee has been convened to commence the process to engage with the community over future vehicle usage on Cable Beach.

The Advisory Committee has been formed to coordinate the engagement of all sectors of the community in providing input into whether vehicles should be allowed on the beach or not.

At the end of 2005, after public submissions indicated that there was little community support for the introduction of a fee-paying permit for people who wished to drive on Cable Beach, the Council resolved that:

*Council needs to have an informed debate on the single issue, of whether it will allow vehicles on the beach or not, before it considers any management plan or amendment of local laws and policies.*

“This is a crucial debate that has not been had in past years”, Shire President, Graeme Campbell said.

“Cable Beach is a huge asset for Broome having social, economic, cultural heritage and environmental significance for beach users.

“Cable Beach is extensively used for recreational and commercial purposes and, at the same time, is recognised as a valued area for wildlife and for its environmental and cultural heritage qualities.

“Considering the current level of usage along with continuing growth, combined with the often competing usage, there is a need for well planned and coordinated management of Cable Beach.”

The Advisory Committee has been established to ensure that the Council receives the appropriate information and community input to enable it to debate and make an informed decision on whether vehicles should be allowed on the beach or not.

The Council called for membership on the Committee including from the Broome Port Authority, Australia’s North West (Tourism), Department of Planning and Infrastructure, Police, Environs Kimberley, Traditional Owners, and community representatives.

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Community representative David Pentelow has been elected as the Chairperson with the Broome Port Authority General Manager, Jim Ahearn, Deputy Chairperson.

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