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Concern for Unmarked Gravesites

In an effort to minimise damage to existing grave sites at the Broome Cemetery, the Shire of Broome advises that vehicle access to the cemetery will be restricted from the end of January 2009.

Shire President Graeme Campbell said that closure to unauthorised vehicles is necessary given the damage caused by drivers unaware they may be driving over unmarked graves.

“It is important that our community shows respect not only to those that are buried in the cemetery, but also to the families who visit the gravesites,” said Cr Campbell.

“Access will remain for pedestrians and those in wheelchairs or using mobility scooters,” he said.

“Motorbikes have been seen taking shortcuts through the cemetery and anyone undertaking this activity can expect to receive an infringement notice,” said Cr Campbell.

Cr Campbell said the Shire continues to update Broome Cemetery records with assistance from the community.

“We are seeking support from the community in identifying any unmarked graves, or providing any additional historical or general information that may assist us in any way,” he said.

The Shire also reminds the community that should they wish to erect a structure or undertake plantings at Broome Cemetery they require prior approval from the Shire. This ensures that nearby gravesites are not compromised and pathways remain clear and accessible.

For further information or if you are able to assist in providing information on unmarked gravesites please contact Michelle Green, Manager Administration Services on 9191 3456.

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