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## **MEDIA RELEASE**



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## **Visible House Numbering for Residential Broome**

Ever driven around in circles searching for house numbers in Broome?

Waste petrol no more! From next week a team of eight will be stencilling numbers on kerbs in residential areas of Broome.

Frustrated in not being able to easily locate house numbers when called out to assist, the Broome Police approached the Shire of Broome to investigate identifying houses with a visible number, where numbers don't currently exist.

As a result of meetings between the Shire, Police and Department of Correctional Services supervised prisoners and people with community work based orders will provide the labour with the Shire providing materials for the house numbering project.

To ensure visibility at night, the numbers will be stencilled a reflective yellow against a black background on kerbs directly in front of houses.

The Shire is providing the work team with detailed plans to ensure correct numbering.

Shire Manager of Operations Kent Williams said numbering houses will benefit everyone in Broome.

"As well as assisting emergency services such as St John Ambulance and FESA, house numbers should help businesses such as taxi drivers, as well as the community in locating their destination more easily," he said.

"It's a huge job and we appreciate the Department of Correctional Services working with us to provide this service free to the community," said Mr Williams.

Senior Constable Donna Ambler from Broome Police says:

"It will certainly make our job a lot easier, especially at night in an emergency or when people request police assistance."

With thousands of houses to number, the team will begin work in Cable Beach and Old Broome and work their way throughout the townsite.

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