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Shire Seeks a Shared Vision for Town Beach

The Shire of Broome is keen to identify a shared vision for Town Beach, and through this process, develop a plan for the area.

An initial consultation process is about to commence to identify the community and stakeholder values and aspirations for Town Beach, as well as a review of previous reports relevant to Town Beach. Once a Vision and draft concept plan is completed, the Shire will advertise the plan and invite Public Comment before it is finalised.

Town Beach is a special part of Broome both culturally and historically. It is a popular and easily accessible recreation area, and has been a favoured coastal area used by local families since recorded history.

Funds have been provided by Community Arts Network Western Australia to assist local government to create a vision and a cultural plan that reflects the whole communities values and aspirations. This will enable a community consultation process to be undertaken and a concept plan that extends the work undertaken by the Shire in 2000.

Broome Shire President Graeme Campbell said that over the last decade, the face of Broome has significantly altered.

“Along with the growth in resident and visitor numbers, and burgeoning development has come an increased demand for new and diverse uses and requirements for coastal recreational reserves,” he said.

“More requests are emerging for use for Town Beach as a special events venue, markets, and for other commercial operations, and for improved public amenities like playground areas, ablutions, water and shade, boat launching and car parking,” said Cr Campbell.

The Shire of Broome has recognised that the increased human pressures will need to be managed effectively, and that competing uses need careful consideration.

Denisa Konecny, the newly-appointed Director of Community Services for the Shire is coordinating the Town Beach Project.

“This is an opportunity to preserve and sensitively develop the areas as a cultural precinct for recreational use by children and families, in an environmentally, culturally and socially responsible manner,” said Ms Konecny.

“The study area includes various Town Beach reserves adjacent to the Roebuck Bay foreshore, and lies roughly between the Roebuck Bay Caravan Park near the Cafe, and the Broome Historical Society Museum, near the area known previously as “Seaview” carpark, “ she said.

The Shire has engaged Sharon Griffiths and Associates to undertake consultation work; to develop the vision and cultural plan and in conjunction with Landvision’s Peter Driscoll a concept plan.

If you would like to express your views for the Town Beach area, contact Sharon Griffiths on 9192 2225 or 042 935 0078 or by email sharongriffiths@westnet.com.au, or fax comments to 9192-2 234.

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