## **Did You Know?**

- Turtles generally nest at the top of the beach just above the high tide mark.
- Vehicles damage turtle nests by compacting sand and crunching nests.
- Wheel ruts can prevent hatchlings making their way to the waters edge.
- Vehicle lights disturb and confuse hatchlings.
- Flatback turtles are the main nesting turtles on Cable Beach.
- The Flatback turtle is threatened and protected under Western Australian legislation.

## **Turtle Friendly Driving Techniques**

To limit the impact of vehicles on nesting turtles on Cable Beach:

- Drive and park vehicle only in the intertidal zone (wet sand).
- Avoid driving on dry sand or dunes.
- Do not drive on Cable Beach during turtle nesting season beach closures.



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## Cable Beach Turtle Nesting Season October to February

To limit the impact of vehicles on nesting turtles in Broome, Cable Beach will be CLOSED at night to all vehicles throughout the turtle nesting season from:

## 8PM TO 6AM 1 OCTOBER TO 28 FEBRUARY

Cable Beach will also be closed to all vehicles two hours either side of the high tide when it is 9.00 metres or greater.

A gate has been installed at the Cable Beach Amphitheatre and will be locked into place during the temporary closures.

Amphitheatre vehicle access is permitted at all other times.

The Shire of Broome appreciates your cooperation in assisting to protect marine turtles on Cable Beach.



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