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## **MEDIA RELEASE**



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## **Shire support for economic and community initiatives**

The Shire of Broome has launched a re-vamped sponsorship funding program to partner with the town's organisations, events and community groups on initiatives that will help build the local community and economy.

The annual Community Sponsorship Program has been expanded with the addition of a second funding stream to better suit the needs of applicants.

Applications opened this week and can be received until Friday 16 March 2018.

The new annual Economic, Events and Tourism Development Funding Stream will provide funds to help local organisations to develop economic, events and tourism projects and initiatives that benefit the community.

Applicants can request up to \$70,000 in cash support and \$30,000 of in-kind support, up to 50 per cent of the total project cost.

The second annual Community Funding Stream provides up to \$10,000 for Broome-based community groups under the Shire of Broome Community Sponsorship and Energy Developments Limited West Kimberley Community Donations programs.

This program provides funding to help community-based organisations to develop social, cultural, recreational, environmental and reconciliation projects and initiatives in partnership with the Shire.

Acting Broome Shire President, Desiree Male, said the new format made more funding available to a wider range of applicants and would in turn bring greater benefits to the community.

"The Shire of Broome is committed to working with our town's many groups, organisations and events and providing support and funding for their projects to help build our community and our local economy," Cr Male said.

"The new Economic, Events and Tourism Development Funding Stream is tailored to make available both funding and in-kind support, and the Shire is looking forward to receiving a high quality of applications for initiatives which will make a significant contribution to Broome.

"The Community Funding Stream is designed to support the excellent work of our many community-based groups and the role they play in the life of our town, and we also thank Energy Developments Limited for its ongoing support of our community through this program."

Full details are available online at [www.broome.wa.gov.au/Community-Information](http://www.broome.wa.gov.au/Community-Information) and anyone considering applying is encouraged to contact Shire of Broome Manager Community and Economic Development, Rhondda Chappell, on (08) 9191 3456 to discuss their project.

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