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Picnic together for a safer community

A new community program aiming to bring neighbourhoods together to help build a safer community in Broome gets underway in March 2019.

The Shire of Broome is wanting to hear from people interested in hosting a Community Picnic in their part of town as a way to build connections and develop ownership in their neighbourhoods, and provide an opportunity to talk about community safety, from waste management, to parks and gardens, dogs and crime.

The Shire of Broome will provide funding and support for 12 events which can take place in a park, oval or other public space and target a catchment area of people within walking distance of the location.

The program is being run in partnership with Broome Police who will also attend and provide help including bike engraving and giving away scooter locks.

The Shire of Broome is seeking expressions of interest from 'Community Champions' who are keen to help host a Community Picnic in their neighbourhood.

Broome Shire President, Harold Tracey, said improving community safety was a key aim for Council and that connecting community members was an important part of helping achieve this.

"Community Picnics are a casual and fun way of getting to know your neighbours and building a stronger community, so we'd encourage anyone interested in hosting an event to get in touch," Cr Tracey said.

"These events build upon the Shire of Broome Community Safety Plan that has informed other initiatives such as installing CCTV in Chinatown, Town Beach and Anne St, closing problem laneways and advocating for liquor controls."

Anyone interested in becoming a Community Champion is asked to forward a brief description as to why their neighbourhood deserves a Community Picnic to ingrid.demeillon@broome.wa.gov.au or phone (08) 9191 3456 for more information.

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