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What's Happening

In the Shire of Broome?

Have your say - Chinatown and Old Broome Precinct Plans

The Shire is preparing new precinct plans for Cable Beach and Chinatown/Old Broome and we want the community to be a part of the process.

'Precinct Plans' are planning tools used to guide future development to ensure it is carefully planned, designed, and developed to achieve good building, open space, and transport outcomes.

The Shire is preparing two precinct plans, one for Cable Beach and one for Chinatown/Old Broome.

These plans will be prepared at the same time, however the details discussed during consultation and the contents of the precinct plans will be different.

This project is an opportunity for the community of Broome to help the Shire plan for its future.

Come along to the community workshops and share your vision and values about the areas.

Date: Saturday, March 25, 2023

Location: Shire of Broome Administration Office

Time: 10am - 12pm Cable Beach workshop

2pm - 4pm Chinatown/Old Broome workshop

For more information about the project or to register to attend a workshop, visit www.broome.wa.gov.au/precinct-plan-workshops or contact the Shire on 08 9191 3456.

Community opportunity to shape the future of access and inclusion in Broome

The Shire of Broome is inviting members of the community to have their say on disability access and inclusion by filling in a new survey.

The survey is part of the Shire's ongoing efforts to improve accessibility and inclusion for everyone.

The results will help shape the development of the Shire's new Disability Access and Inclusion Plan (DAIP), which will set out the Shire's goals and strategies for improving access and inclusion across a range of areas, including infrastructure, services, and events.

The Shire is committed to creating an inclusive community where everyone has equal access and opportunities.

To achieve this, it's important to hear from people with disability, their families, and carers about the barriers they face and the changes they would like to see.

The survey is open to all members of the community and can be completed online (by scanning the QR code), or there are hard copies available from the Shire of Broome reception.



For more information, visit www.broome.wa.gov.au/DAIP

Shire thanks Councillor Tracey for his tenure



Broome Shire President Harold Tracey has announced he is stepping down from the role due to family reasons.

Under Cr Tracey's six years of leadership, the Shire of Broome made significant strides in improving infrastructure, supporting community development, and driving economic growth in the region. With projects such as the Chinatown & Town Beach Revitalisation projects, the launch of Broome's new skatepark, Broome Boating Facility planning, new BRAC courts and a pump track, just to name a few.

He will remain in the position until the March Ordinary Meeting of Council, when a new Shire President will be elected from amongst the seven other councillors. His replacement will serve in the role until the October 2023 local government election.

Cr Tracey intends to remain on council until at least October 2025, when his current term ends.

Mr Tracey expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to serve the community of Broome,

stating that it had been an honour to work alongside such dedicated and passionate individuals.

"This is the hardest decision I have ever made because I have loved the job," Cr Tracey said.

"I'm a very proud Broome boy and I believe we have achieved an incredible amount during my tenure."

Shire of Broome CEO Sam Mastrolembro paid tribute to Cr Tracey, saying he has been a tireless advocate for Broome.

"He has been the public face of the Shire and Council and a tremendous leader in his time as Shire President," Mr Mastrolembro said.

"He has also worked incredibly hard behind the scenes to lobby other tiers of Government, for the benefit of our community.

"There have been many achievements and successes including advocacy for funding for major projects and a shake up of resources and policies to address youth crime, alcohol related harm, housing, boat launching facilities, and many other community priorities.

"His collaboration, leadership, and accomplishments through the Kimberley Regional Group have also been extensive.

"The silver lining to his decision is that he will remain on Council."

From the Shire of Broome, thank you Councillor Tracey.

Community pays tribute at the Broome Air Raid Commemoration

The Shire of Broome held a poignant program of events to commemorate the 81st Anniversary of the Air Raid that struck Broome during World War Two.

In conjunction with local community groups the program paid tribute to the lives lost and the incredible bravery of the town's residents during one of Australia's darkest hours.

The program of events began with a welcome for dignitaries, including Japanese, Dutch and British ambassadors.

Located at the Broome Golf Club, guests looked over Roebuck Bay while reflecting on the the carnage that happened there in 1942.

Later that evening, attendees gathered at Sun Pictures for a Night of Reflection, hosted by the Broome Historical Society.

The following morning, March 3, the community gathered at the Nine Zeroes, Nine Stories artwork at Town Beach for a tour.

The centrepiece event then started Bedford War Memorial Park featuring a smoking ceremony by Traditional Owners, Defence Force catafalque party, formal addresses from visiting dignitaries, performances by local schools, wreath laying, and flypasts.

The Broome Air Raid was a significant event in Australia's wartime history, and the town's commemoration program of the event served as a powerful reminder of the sacrifices made by so many during that time.

The event also highlights the reconciliation and collaboration of nations that were on opposite sides 81 years ago.



Thank you to the generous community groups that supported the program of events, including: the Air Raid Working Group, Broome RSL, Broome Historical Society & Museum, NORFORCE, St Mary's College, Broome Primary, ABC, Yawuru, Aviair, Air Kimberley, Horizontal Falls Seaplane Adventures, WaterCorp and the Navy Cadets.

