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Children under five are most at risk of drowning in backyard pools.

Pool safety - keep watch and keep them alive

Backyard pools are terrific for cooling down during wet season but they pose significant risks to families if safety measures are overlooked.

Shire of Broome Manager of Building Services, Mark Dudley, says children under five continue to be the age group that accounts for the most drowning deaths in swimming pools.

"In 2013/14 there were 39 drowning deaths in swimming pools in Australia, with 14 of them children under five," Mr Dudley says.

Factors contributing to drowning and near-drowning include:

- Absence of, or poor, supervision;
- Underestimating the young child's capacity to gain access to the pool area;
- False sense of security;
- Ineffective gates or doors;
- Ineffective or no barrier between residence and pool;
- Climbable objects near a pool fence;
- Children disobeying parent/carer instructions;
- Young children are attracted to water;
- Tempting objects in the water;
- A young child is not able to understand the concept of danger;
- A young child does not understand the consequences of falling into water;
- Very young children are top heavy - a young child leaning forward to look into the water easily topples over and drowns;
- Child drowning is silent.

Things we can do to prevent drowning:

- Supervision is the key in preventing children under five from drowning. Tragically, many drownings happen in the few seconds that parents are distracted. Supervision should be constant;
- Most drownings occur where there is no pool barrier or the barrier is defective. Once a fence and gate are installed, they must be kept in good working order. Ensure the gate self closes and latches from any position. NEVER under any circumstances leave a pool gate propped open;
- Check to see there is nothing near the fence that would help a child climb over and gain access to the pool area;
- Learn resuscitation. Sometimes a child's life might have been saved if the parents had known how to rescue and resuscitate them;
- Display a resuscitation chart in a prominent position by your pool.

Community encouraged to comment on new waste site

The community will have more time to consider a report outlining potential locations for the new Regional Resource Recovery Park (RRRP) following a well-attended public information session on 5 February.

The new RRRP will replace the existing Waste Management Facility, and the 'Broome Regional Resource Recovery Park - Areas of Interest Summary' report outlines potential locations for the facility.

The report is available for public comment, with the deadline for submissions extended to 4pm on Friday 6 March.

Shire of Broome Director of Engineering Services, Michael

Dale, says that more than 30 people attended the community information session, and some requested more time to study the report and prepare comprehensive submissions.

"This is a very significant project and we want to give the community every opportunity to be involved and have informed input to the process, so the Shire is happy to extend the deadline for public comment," Mr Dale says.

The Broome RRRP - Areas of Interest Summary report is available on the Shire website and can be viewed at the Shire Offices.



Workshops launch new sporting season

A series of workshops to assist, inspire and educate Broome's sporting club volunteers is underway, with more to come during February and March.

The Broome Club Development Workshop Series kicked off at the Mangrove Hotel on Monday, with a KidSport Junior Forum to come on Monday 23 February at the Shire, a Funding Workshop on 9 March, and on 30 March the Top Club planning workshop.

Shire of Broome Club Development Officer, Mike Doyle, says the workshops will provide a variety of information for different members of sporting club committees, and to generate opportunities for clubs to work together and learn from each other.

As well as the workshops, the annual Broome Sport in Focus week from 19-25 March will again provide workshops, coaching courses and recreational opportunities aimed at highlighting and promoting the benefits of sports participation throughout the community.

For more details contact Mr Doyle on 9191 3439 or mike.doyle@broome.wa.gov.au.



Old Broome strategy a winner

Shire of Broome CEO, Kenn Donohoe, and Strategic Planning Co-ordinator, Monica Sullivan (right), present Stefanie Oliver a gift voucher after she was the lucky winner for submitting an online survey with her views on the Shire's Old Broome Development Strategy.

Council adopted the Old Broome strategy, including a Concept Plan for Town Beach and the Conti Foreshore, on 27 November 2014.

The public consultation period drew a big response with more than 100 community members completing the online survey and more than 80 making written submissions, with a range of changes made to the final strategy in response to the community feedback.

New Directory delivered and online

The 2015 Shire of Broome Directory is now being delivered free to residents and businesses, and is available from the Shire offices and online.

Broome Shire President, Graeme Campbell, says the 2015 directory is a valuable community resource with information including residential, business and community contact listings, street maps, tide charts, emergency information, and a comprehensive guide to the services provided by the Shire.

"The delivery is being carried out by the Roebuck Primary School P&C as a fundraising activity, and the Broome community also benefits in other ways, with the contractor that produces the directory contributing \$30,000 to the Broome Chamber of Commerce, and offering marketing and internet workshops to the community and local schools," Cr Campbell says.

"Feedback is welcome, and for information about delivery or directory listings, please contact Market Creations on (08) 9920 8500." The directory is online at www.shireofbroomedirectory.com.au.



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