

Free pre-cyclone rubbish collection

The Shire of Broome will again offer a free pre-cyclone rubbish collection in residential areas from 26 October.

Shire of Broome Director Engineering Services, Michael Dale, says the collection is designed to remove items that could be dangerous in a cyclone, and that strict guidelines apply.

"Waste should be put on verges between October 16 and 25, with collection starting on October 26," Mr Dale says.

"Items that will be collected include white goods, furniture, household electrical items and scrap metal. "Items that will not be collected include green waste, car parts including tyres and batteries, asbestos, oil and chemicals."

Residents are asked not to put any waste on verges before October 16. Any waste which does not qualify for collection and is left out after the collection may be considered illegal dumping and infringements and fines can be issued.



The Shire is again conducting a free pre-cyclone rubbish collection, with items to go out between 16-25 Oct.

For full details of what is and is not acceptable for collection contact the Shire or go to www.broome.wa.gov.au.

Illegal rubbish dumping attracts fine

A Broome man has been fined \$200 after being caught dumping tyres on the roadside.

Electronic surveillance was used to track down the man who had earlier visited the Waste Management Facility on Buckleys Rd to deposit other rubbish before dumping four tyres on the roadside after leaving.

The man was fined \$200 for littering, but more extreme cases of illegal dumping can be prosecuted in court with fines up to \$5000.

While green waste can be deposited at the Broome Waste Management Facility for free at any time and general household waste can be deposited free using the vouchers supplied to residents, tyres attract a fee of \$13.50 each.

The fee is charged to help cover the cost of separating tyres from other waste going into landfill, stockpiling them and then freighting them to Perth for processing as alternative rubber products or as an alternative energy source.



Medical waste dumped in the bush behind Broome North and now being investigated by Shire Rangers. A Broome man was fined last week for dumping tyres on the roadside.

Rangers urge dog owners to take responsibility

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Annual registration for cats and dogs is required by 31 October 2015 and renewal forms were posted to owners in the week beginning 28 September.

Rangers are going door-to-door in key areas to ensure cats and dogs are registered and microchipped, to check on adequate fencing for containing dogs, whether more than two dogs were being kept without a permit, and any animal welfare issues would be referred to the RSPCA.

During October, Broome's two veterinary hospitals are offering microchipping at a discounted \$50 for cats and dogs, along with 20 per cent off desexing of cats and dogs for Broome residents.

The Shire of Broome offers a 50 per cent discount on desexing for residents with a current Health Care Card or Pension Card.

The Shire of Broome provides a 60 per cent discount on annual registration fees for dogs that are desexed, and subsidises 50 per cent of the cost of desexing dogs and cats for those eligible.



Speed reductions and detours will be in place while work is underway on Cable Beach Rd East.

Upgrades underway to busy intersection

Work began this week on upgrading the busy intersection of Cable Beach Rd East and Reid Rd in Broome to improve safety for road users.

The intersection is recognised as a road safety Black Spot and the Shire of Broome secured \$580,000 from the Federal Government to fund the work.

Shire of Broome President and Roadwise Committee Chairman, Graeme Campbell, says the construction of a roundabout at the intersection will greatly improve safety for motorists, cyclists and pedestrians.

"This section of road has become increasingly busy in recent years for reasons including the expansion of the Kimberley Training Institute, construction of the St John Ambulance sub centre and new facilities at Broome Recreation and Aquatic Centre," Cr Campbell says.

Construction is expected to run for six weeks with reduced speed limits, detours and other traffic controls in place.

Shire funding help for community groups

Community groups and events that would benefit from extra funding are now invited to apply for the Shire of Broome Community Sponsorship Program.

A maximum pool of \$120,000 is available to Broome-based community groups and events seeking financial support, with the latest funding round now open and applications accepted until 29 January 2016.

In 2014/15 more than \$80,000 was distributed to 37 different community groups and events.

"The Community Sponsorship Program provides funds to help community-based organisations, in partnership with the Shire, to develop social, cultural, economic, recreational, environmental and reconciliation projects and initiatives," Broome Shire President, Graeme Campbell says.

A portion of the funding is made possible through a partnership with Energy Developments Limited through the West Kimberley Community Donations program.

Submissions will be considered up to 50 per cent of the total project cost, and to a maximum of \$10,000 for each applicant.

An information session will be held Tuesday 20 October from 5pm-6pm at the Shire to provide advice and assistance on making a submission, and all those considering applying are encouraged to attend. RSVPs are required to Youth and Community Development Officer, Amy Anderson, on (08) 9191 3456 or amy.anderson@broome.wa.gov.au.

Full details are available online at www.broome.wa.gov.au.

Temporary beach closures protect our turtles

The Shire of Broome is again limiting the impact of vehicles on turtles nesting at Cable Beach, with night-time closures now in place.

During the turtle nesting season from 1 October 2015 to 28 February 2016 the Cable Beach North access ramp is closed to vehicles between 8pm and 6am each day, and for two hours either side of high tides of 9m or more.

The gate installed at the Cable Beach Amphitheatre access ramp is locked during the temporary closures.

Turtles generally nest at the top of the beach just above the high tide mark, and their nests can be damaged by vehicles compacting sand and crushing nests. Wheel ruts can prevent hatchlings making their way to the water's edge, and vehicle lights can disturb and confuse them.