



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

Upgrades underway to busy intersection

Work is continuing 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.

The construction of a roundabout at the intersection will greatly improve safety for motorists, cyclists and pedestrians, with the section of road 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.

Safeguard your documents at Library in November

Broome Public Library is offering a free scanning service to provide electronic back-up of important documents during November in preparation for cyclone season.

Passports, government ID cards, insurance agreements, banking details, wills, tenancy agreements, loan agreements, pet registration details and more can be scanned between 9-10am Monday-Friday.

Those wishing to use the service will need to bring a USB thumb drive, and as the Library will be closed at these times they should knock on the front door and staff will provide access.

Time to recognise our local heroes

Nominations are now open to recognise Broome's local heroes in the prestigious Australia Day Active Citizenship Awards.

Each year in Broome individuals and groups are recognised as part of the Australia Day breakfast at Town Beach on January 26.

There are separate categories for individuals, under 25s, and a community group or event.

Nominations close at 4pm on Friday 27 November 2015, and forms are available from the Shire of Broome or online at www.ausdaywa.com.au.

Focus on food safety next week

Food Safety Week runs from 8-15 November and is a timely reminder that anyone operating a food business needs to be aware of their responsibilities and ensure they are registered with the Shire of Broome.

All the relevant information on food safety for new and existing businesses is readily available on the Shire website including requirements for operating a food business, registration forms and free food safety training.

The Shire Environmental Health Service focuses on working cooperatively with food businesses to achieve the best food safety outcomes for everyone.

For queries go to "Food Safety" under the "Community Information" tab on the website, or contact Environmental Health at shire@broome.wa.gov.au or (08) 9191 3456.

Broome youth the focus of new strategy

Work has begun on developing a new strategy for meeting the needs of Broome's young people.

The Broome Youth Engagement Framework will guide the Shire of Broome's future involvement in youth services, and the participation of young people will be a key component in its development.

The Youth Engagement Framework will be supported by a Youth Action Plan to be developed in conjunction with a Youth Advisory Council to be established in early 2016.

Broome Shire President, Ron Johnston, says youth issues are a key concern in our community.

"The Shire wants to engage with young people in Broome and in the youth sector, identify what the priorities are for young people in Broome, and provide a clear strategic direction to make sure Shire resources are put in the right place," Cr Johnston says.

"Importantly, we want young people to have input and to be actively involved, and forming a Youth Advisory Council is a key part of this."

Eventful lifeguard season draws to a close

Lifeguard patrols on Cable Beach wrapped up for the season on Sunday 1 November.

Shire of Broome Senior Beach Lifeguard, Ric Cockman, says it was a steady season with some notable incidents.

"Lifeguards attended three major first aid incidents that required ambulance attendance, with two of those for dehydration and the other a suspected stroke," Mr Cockman says.

"Other major situations included beach closures for crocodile and shark sightings, and capture of an Irukandji jellyfish during a routine stinger net drag.

"Lifeguards also performed a number of rescues and assists during the season, including more than a dozen in one day when Cyclone Quang passed off the coast in early May."

The beach will now be unsupervised across the wet season and Mr Cockman says anyone continuing to swim is urged to wear a stinger suit, not to swim alone, to always respect the ocean and to stay in a comfortable depth.



Shire of Broome Beach Lifeguards Zac Haynes-Love, Ric Cockman and Sean Mooney.

Historic Streeter's jetty gets some TLC

Restoration work is underway on the historic Streeter's Jetty in Chinatown.

Built around 1886, the 69m-long structure is the only remaining jetty used by Broome's original pearling lugger fleet, and is now a popular attraction with tourists and locals.

It will be closed to the public until Friday 13 November 2015 for work to replace a number of weathered decking planks, piles, braces and fastenings.

Shire of Broome Manager of Infrastructure Operations, Andrew Graffen, says it is important to retain the heritage of Streeter's Jetty and that traditional methods are being used in the restoration work.

"Broome carpenter Lachlan Fraser is undertaking the progressive restoration of the decking of the historical jetty with planks made from Jarrah treated with a lanolin-based product to improve their longevity," Mr Graffen says.

"Temporary bracing works will be installed prior to the wet season to ensure the structural stability of the jetty while local Cajuput timber is sourced for the piles and cross braces to retain the historical value of the structure."



Streeter's Jetty is undergoing restoration work.

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