

Shire of Broome Christmas hours

Shire of Broome Administration Centre and remaining operations not listed separately below will be closed:

Fri 25 Dec 2015 to Fri 1 Jan 2016 inclusive. Some staff will be rostered on to handle routine duties and emergencies.

Broome Civic Centre will be closed:

Fri 25 Dec 2015 to Fri 1 Jan 2016 inclusive.

Broome Public Library will be closed:

Fri 25 Dec 2015 to Mon 28 Dec 2015 inclusive; Fri 1 Jan 2016 to Thurs 7 Jan 2016 inclusive.

Broome Recreation and Aquatic Centre will be closed:

Fri 25 Dec 2015 and Fri 1 Jan 2016. Reduced opening hours will apply from Fri 18 Dec 2015 through to Thurs 31 Dec 2015. Please visit the Shire website for full details.

Broome Waste Management Facility will be closed:

Fri 25 Dec 2015. Normal hours will apply for the remainder of the Christmas and New Year break.

Shire Rangers spread the word on dog control



Shire of Broome Rangers Marty and Gail visit St Mary's College to speak to students about their work, including dog and cat control.

From 1 November 2015 the *Dog Act 1976* required all dogs in WA over three months of age to be registered and microchipped. The *Cat Act 2011* requires all cats over six months of age to be registered, microchipped and desexed.

For details on registration, microchipping and desexing, including discounts for Health Care and Pension Card holders, visit the Shire website.

Dash and Splash is back in December



Dash & Splash is a great way to get fit and have fun.

The last round of Broome Recreation and Aquatic Centre's popular Dash & Splash biathlon series is on Friday 4 December.

The latest series is running from October 2015 to March 2016 with an event each month except January, and the next event on this Friday at 5pm to challenge Broome residents and help them stay in shape over the wet season.

Each event involves run and swim legs over short and long courses, with categories for men, women, juniors and teams. Full details and entry forms are available from BRAC or on the Shire website.

Christmas coming to Chinatown

Broome's Chinatown is coming alive again this Christmas.

The Shire has decorated Carnarvon St with Christmas lights and panels, including the boab trees at Napier Tce and Short St, and erected banners along Dampier Tce.

Subsidised Christmas lanterns for display have been made available to Chinatown businesses.

The Chinatown Christmas Street Party on Thursday 3 December is hosted by Spirit FM and supported by the Shire, with live entertainment, market stalls and late night trading for businesses and restaurants in Chinatown.

The Broome Christmas Windows competition is back with schools, youth groups and child care centres working on displays to appear in shopfronts around Chinatown that will be unveiled at the Christmas Street Party.

Broome Shire President, Ron Johnston, says the focus on Chinatown is all part of Council's commitment to retaining its position as the historical and commercial heart of the town, and enhancing its tourism, commercial and residential potential.

The Shire of Broome will also host a Christmas Party for Broome's senior citizens on Tuesday 8 December from 10-11am at the Broome RSL. All over-50s are encouraged to attend, with RSVPs required by Friday 4 December to amy.anderson@broome.wa.gov.au.



Christmas lights go up on a boab tree on Carnarvon St.

Broome poised for prosperity as regional centre

The next stage in Broome's development as part of the Regional Centres Development Plan is underway.

Broome has been selected by the State Government as one of four regional centres to participate along with Greater Bunbury, Geraldton and Kalgoorlie.

The four centres will share \$7.5 million in stage one to work with the WA Government to plan future economic growth.

The State has now allocated a first instalment of \$250,000 to develop a Broome Growth Plan.

Broome Shire President, Ron Johnston, says the Shire will work with the Kimberley Development Commission on the growth plan that will address

economic, social and infrastructure needs to help Broome grow into a vibrant regional centre in coming years.

"This will be used to plan for and provide access to significant Royalties for Regions funding in the future to put the plan into action," Cr Johnston says.

"It will put in place the necessary requirements for sustainable growth and ensuring that Broome becomes globally competitive.

"Beyond business this is about creating a community that is a great place to live and offers rich employment opportunities for local people who want to stay and grow their families."

Economic development on the breakfast menu

Agricultural opportunities, cruise ships, and an update on the Port of Broome will be key topics at the latest Shire of Broome Business Breakfast Series event on December 9.

Keynote speakers will be Chris Ham from the Department of Agriculture and Food, Nick Linton from the Broome Visitor Centre, Rhonda Chappell from the Chamber of Commerce, and Kimberley Ports CEO Kevin Schellack, along with Shire President Ron Johnston and CEO Kenn Donohoe.

Mr Donohoe says the free quarterly Broome Business Breakfast Series events provide an opportunity for the business community to network and to keep abreast of the latest developments and opportunities.

The event runs from 7-9am on Wednesday 9 December at the Broome Civic Centre, with RSVPs essential to tina.ellis@broome.wa.gov.au or 9191 3482.

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