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## What's happening in the Shire of Broome?

### Mon 4 Apr – Club Development Workshop Series – Financial Management 101

Shire of Broome, 5.15pm. Consultant Rod Lillis will share his 25 years' experience working with not for profit groups. This workshop is designed to give a broad overview of club financial management responsibilities. RSVP essential to [mike.doyle@broome.wa.gov.au](mailto:mike.doyle@broome.wa.gov.au)

### Fri 8-Fri 15 Apr – National Youth Week 2016

Various venues. Broome hosts the regional launch of National Youth Week 2016, followed by a week-long program including beach activities, skate comp, graffiti art event and music party. Full details at [www.broome.wa.gov.au](http://www.broome.wa.gov.au)

### Thur 14 Apr – Theatre Kimberley's Staircase to the Moon

Broome Civic Centre, 6.30pm. Billed as a magical puppet show for all ages, Staircase to the Moon is based on the kids book by Broome author Bronwyn Houston and published by Magabala Books. Produced by Theatre Kimberley and presented by the Shire of Broome. Tickets at [www.broomeciviccentre.com.au](http://www.broomeciviccentre.com.au)

## Helicopter impresses emergency committee

Broome Local Emergency Management Committee members have familiarised themselves with an impressive search and rescue tool.

The CHC Helicopter Services search and rescue helicopter has been based in Broome since early 2015.

Broome Shire Councillor and LEMC Chairperson, Chris Mitchell, says the intent of the recent visit was to make key people and organisations involved in disaster or relief operations aware of resources available.

"This helicopter principally supports Shell's offshore exploration program, but could also be of huge benefit to the community in responding to situations at sea or on land around the region and CHC is very keen to help wherever possible," Cr Mitchell says.

CHC Base Manager Broome, David Irvine, says that in addition to carrying passengers to and from offshore ships and platforms, they provide helicopter search and rescue services that are highly specialised and variable, and performed in the most challenging circumstances, often on rugged cliffs or in turbulent seas.



Broome Local Emergency Management Committee members view the CHC rescue helicopter.

## Chinatown changes improving safety

The Shire of Broome Community Safety Working Group is continuing to make changes as it progresses towards a Community Safety Plan.

Anti-social behaviour in Chinatown is one focus of the Working Group, and this week work started on relocating the taxi rank at Paspaley Plaza from the entrance on Carnarvon St to the Short St side of the complex.

Moving the taxi rank should help alleviate concerns around anti-social behaviour at the main entry to the shopping centre.

The new taxi rank on Short St will include new bench seating, block retaining wall and paving.

In addition, Shire Rangers have been cracking down on illegal camping on Male Oval, with visible improvement.

Broome Police Officer in Charge, Sen. Sgt Brendon Barwick, says an operation on 11-12 March to address alcohol consumption and anti-social behaviour in public was a resounding success with 212 cans of beer destroyed; six cartons of beer destroyed; 29 bottles of wine destroyed; eight Move-On Notices issued for disorderly behaviour; one Disorderly Behaviour Infringement issued; and one arrest for Assault Occasioning Bodily Harm.

The following week Police again targeted known hotspots and noticed a significant decrease in illegal alcohol consumption and disorderly behaviour.

The Community Safety Working Group brings together Shire, Police, Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Nyamba Buru Yawuru, Broome Liquor Accord, Kullarri Patrol, Broome Youth and Families Hub, taxi services, Broome Visitor Centre and Broome Regional Hospital.



Parking time limits are enforced so that visitors and locals can use Chinatown's cafes, restaurants, galleries and shops.

## Parking laws important as tourist season approaches

The importance of parking laws in Chinatown is being emphasised as tourist season approaches.

Shire Manager Emergency, Health and Rangers, Ty Matson, says parking laws are enforced for reasons of safety, economic development and pedestrian movement.

"Once town gets busy it's important everyone is able to find parking so they can patronise Chinatown's restaurants, cafes, galleries, stores, post office and more, and can get around without footpaths and thoroughfares being blocked by vehicles," Mr Matson says.

There are 1270 parking bays in Chinatown – 285 of these have a two-hour time limit, 904 are unrestricted and the remainder include ACROD, motorcycle and

scooter, taxi and loading bays. No point in Chinatown is more than 150m from an untimed parking bay.

"The purpose of the two-hour limit is to make sure bays become available regularly so that both locals and tourists are able to find parking," Mr Matson says. "It's in the best interests of the traders in Chinatown that their customers can park, and that bays are not taken up by staff and others who are there all day."

Also of concern is an increase in the number of people parking in ACROD bays without a valid permit.

Motorcycle and scooter riders are also reminded that Chinatown has dedicated parking areas for them and that parking on footpaths or traffic islands is not permitted.

## Broome chosen to host National Youth Week launch

An exciting program of events for young people kicks off in Broome next week to celebrate National Youth Week.

National Youth Week runs from 8-17 April and celebrates the positive contributions of young people to the community.

Broome will host the regional launch of National Youth Week on 9 April including a visit from WA Youth Minister Tony Simpson, beach activities and entertainment.

Young people are encouraged to attend and meet the new Youth Advisory Council and find out more about the new Youth Framework.

The Shire is working with young people and service providers Headspace, KAMS, Red Cross, Local Drug Action Group, and Broome Youth and Families Hub on other events including a skate comp, graffiti art and music party.

The inaugural Broome Youth Week Awards will recognise outstanding achievements by individuals and groups, with nominations open until 4 April and the awards presented on 15 April.

For nomination forms and more information on National Youth Week visit the Shire website and Facebook page.



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