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Men's Shed opens the doors at new facility



Broome Shire President Ron Johnston, Community Services, Seniors and Volunteering Minister Tony Simpson and Men's Shed members celebrate the opening of the new facility in Bray Place, along with the unveiling of the group's new bus.

Campaign keeps bay clean



Shire President Ron Johnston paints a footpath as part of the Roebuck Bay Working Group's Keep Our Bay Clean community drain stencil project to highlight the importance of keeping fertilisers, garden waste, sewerage, pollutants, car wash detergents, rubbish, manure and pool water out of Broome's stormwater drains to help protect the health of Roebuck Bay.

What's happening in the Shire of Broome?



Wed 27 Apr - Broome ClubTalk Workshop - Using Social Media
Broome Community Resource Centre, 5.15pm. Does your club need a better presence online? Is your club's online governance system inefficient? This ClubTalk Workshop can help! RSVP to mike.doyle@broome.wa.gov.au.

Mon 2 May - Broome Club Development Planning Session
Shire of Broome Function Room, 5.15pm. This club planning session will help clubs complete club planning, provide a framework to help set targets and achieve key goals, and share tips and advice on managing volunteers. Presenter Sasha Burnham has eight years' experience working with business and not for profit groups. RSVP to mike.doyle@broome.wa.gov.au.

Tues 10 May - Educating Rita by Willy Russell
Broome Civic Centre, 8pm. The stage play and popular film have entertained audiences around the world and become a comedy classic. HIT Productions now brings this brand-new production directed by AFI Award-winning director Denny Lawrence to town, presented by the Shire of Broome. Tickets at www.broomeciviccentre.com.au.

Wed 18 May - Melbourne International Comedy Festival Roadshow
Broome Civic Centre, 8pm. Join a rotating cast of the finest local and international comedy talents for an evening of the finest like no other, hand-picked to bring the biggest and best belly laughs to audiences. Tickets at www.broomeciviccentre.com.au.

Play your part during bushfire season

With bushfire season now here, residents are reminded that firebreaks must be in place by Sunday 15 May.

Shire of Broome Manager Emergency, Health and Rangers, Ty Matson, says the restricted burning period started on 1 April and runs to 31 December.

"Bushfire poses a serious threat throughout the Shire of Broome and we need the community's help to make sure the risk is reduced," Mr Matson says.

"The Shire is working with the Department of Fire and Emergency Services, Parks and Wildlife, Yawuru, Broome International Airport, Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service and Volunteer Bushfire Brigade to carry out controlled burns, install and maintain firebreaks and slash long grass. "Pastoralists and Indigenous Rangers are also carrying out controlled burns outside of town.

"In addition to making sure their firebreaks are in place, residents are reminded that waste cannot be burnt within town boundaries, and that campfires are permitted only within strict guidelines."



The community is being urged to play its part in reducing the risk of bushfire.

Controlled burning will continue for several weeks in key strategic areas around town, with these rotated over several years to maintain visual appeal and environmental health.



WA Youth Minister Tony Simpson, Young Person of the Year Preston Colbung, National Youth Week Ambassador Georgie Carey, and young people from around the Kimberley converged on Broome for the Regional Youth Strategy launch.

Regional approach to helping young people

A collaboration between the Shire of Broome and the three other Kimberley local governments will benefit young people in the region by co-ordinating youth services.

The Kimberley Regional Group Youth Strategy was developed by the Kimberley zone of local governments and was launched by Youth Minister Tony Simpson who says the strategy will ensure the consistent delivery of programs and services in each area, while

also recognising the differing needs of each local government.

"This is an important framework which will have a positive impact on young people in the Kimberley region," Mr Simpson says.

"This is an excellent example of local governments working in partnership to identify the needs of young people."

The Kimberley Regional Youth Strategy is available to download from the Shire of Broome website.

Japanese Ambassador pays respects in Broome

Japanese Ambassador to Australia, Sumio Kusaka, has visited Broome 12 months after taking up the post.

The Ambassador was accompanied in Broome by his wife and staff from the Japanese Embassy in Canberra, and Consulate in Perth.

The low-key visit included laying a wreath at the Japanese Cemetery, touring the Broome Historical Society Museum and Pearl Luggers, and attending the launch of National Youth Week at Cable Beach.

Broome Shire President, Ron Johnston, says it is pleasing that the Ambassador chose to visit Broome.

"Meeting with the Ambassador was an excellent opportunity to show off our town and its historical connection to Japan, and also to discuss opportunities for investment, cultural exchange and co-operation," Cr Johnston says.



Japanese Ambassador to Australia, Sumio Kusaka, and Broome's Akira Masuda pay their respects at the Japanese Cemetery.

