

Town Beach playground upgrades are underway

The popular playground at Town Beach is being upgraded and will be closed until 24 June while work is carried out.

The neighbouring Water Park will stay open while work is undertaken.

Upgrades will make the playground safer and more attractive including replacing worn soft-fall surfaces, removing old play equipment, installing a new combination unit with swing set and rocker, and erecting permanent fencing around the entire playground and water park precinct.

A new shade sail, seating and garden beds will replace two big Neem trees that are a recognised weed and have toxic berries.



New soft-fall surfaces, play equipment, shade, seating and fencing is being installed at Town Beach.

Work continues to improve road safety

Work is continuing on the intersection of Hamersley and Haas St to improve safety for road users.

The intersection is a recognised road safety Black Spot, with six crashes in the past five years, including one fatal crash, and an independent road safety audit finding that more than 30 per cent of traffic on Hamersley St exceeds the 50kmh speed limit.

The Shire secured \$600,000 from the Federal Government to fund the work that is expected to finish by the end of June 2016.

A roundabout will be installed along with improvements to street lighting, pedestrian access and line markings.

Reduced speed limits, detours and other traffic controls are in place to ensure the safety of workers and road users.

What's happening in the Shire of Broome?



Sun 12 Jun - Fiddlesticks free community concert

Broome Civic Centre, 4.30pm BBQ, 6pm concert. A dynamic, energetic and passionate ensemble performing original music, tangos and world music - alongside some of Broome's local rising stars of music. Free, register at www.broomeciviccentre.com.au.



The Broome Men's Shed is one of 19 community groups and events to receive sponsorship funding this year.

Funds to help Broome community groups

Nineteen community groups and events will receive more than \$105,000 in funding this year after the latest round of the Shire of Broome Community Sponsorship Program and Energy Developments Ltd West Kimberley Community Donations.

Broome Shire President, Ron Johnston, says the annual Community Sponsorship Program provides funds to help community organisations develop social, cultural, economic, recreational, environmental and reconciliation projects and initiatives.

"This is one of the ways in which the Shire supports community groups and events in Broome, and we thank energy supplier EDL for its commitment to Broome and its financial contribution," Cr Johnston says.

The Shire runs the Community Sponsorship Program annually and also makes funding available through ad hoc sponsorship, ad hoc venue sponsorship and Broome North Community Building Grants.

For the full list of successful community groups and events visit the Shire website at www.broome.wa.gov.au

Hurry to have your say on Cable Beach strategy

The community has until Wednesday 1 June to comment on a new Draft Strategy that will guide future land use and development around Cable Beach.

Broome Shire President, Ron Johnston, says Council's vision for the Cable Beach precinct is that it continue as the major leisure tourism area of the Shire and include tourist accommodation, restaurants, bars and leisure activities on and around Cable Beach.

"This Draft Strategy encourages new development along Sanctuary Rd and Cable Beach Rd West to incorporate tourist-orientated land uses such as restaurants, day spas or tour offices along the road frontage to increase activity in the area," Cr Johnston said.

"It also contains a Concept Plan with project ideas for the Cable Beach Foreshore including redeveloping the surf club in its current location, investigating relocating the vehicle access ramp, allowing for increased public trading activities



Have your say on how iconic Cable Beach could be developed into the future.

and improving public facilities at Cable Beach."

The Draft Cable Beach Development Strategy can be viewed at the Shire Administration or on the Shire website.

Leash your dogs on beach during race season

With the Broome Race Round kicking off this weekend, laws requiring dogs to be kept on leashes at Cable Beach in the morning are now in effect.

The section of Cable Beach near Gantheaume Point and extending for 2km north of the beach access ramp is designated as a dog exercise area, but between May 1 and August 31 each year, from 5.30am to 10am on weekdays, dogs are required to be kept on a leash.

The local law was introduced in 2014 following incidents between unrestrained dogs and race horses in the area, and is enforced by Shire of Broome Rangers with a fine of \$200 for those not controlling their dogs in exercise areas.

Shire of Broome Manager Health, Emergency and Ranger Services, Ty Matson, says the laws strike a balance between providing adequate areas for dogs and their owners, while at the same time protecting horses and their handlers.

Connecting Broome's recreational trails

Do you run, walk or ride around Broome? Which tracks and trails would you like to see developed, and where do you want them to go?

The Shire is developing a Recreation Trails Master Plan to outline a long-term strategy for developing paths and tracks to connect destinations including housing estates, schools, parks, tourism, cultural and shopping destinations, and to identify areas to develop activities including BMX and

mountain bike riding, personal training, running and triathlon circuits.

A Community Workshop was held this week and anyone with ideas or suggestions can email mike.doyle@broome.wa.gov.au or deliver written submissions to the Shire Administration by Fri 27 May. Funding for the project has been provided by the WA Department of Sport and Recreation and Lotterywest.