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Review underway of Broome Shire Wards

The Shire of Broome is reviewing its wards and representation and inviting the community to participate.

The Shire currently has two wards for the purpose of Council elections – Broome and Dampier.

Ward boundaries and the number of offices of Councillor for each ward will be reviewed against: community of interest; physical and topographic features; demographic trends; economic factors; and ratio of councillors to electors in the various wards.

To help the community understand the process, a discussion paper outlining the current situation and possible options has been prepared and is available from the Shire website under the "Have My Say" tab, or in hardcopy from the Shire Administration Office.

Public submissions are invited by 4pm on Tuesday 27 September 2016.



What's happening in the Shire of Broome?

Bookings: Broome Civic Centre via www.broomeciviccentre.com.au

Sat 3 Sept – Aboriginal Comedy Allstars

Gimme Club, Blackman St, 7pm. From the oldest culture on earth comes the freshest and funniest stand-up comedy around. It's the all-original Aboriginal Comedy Allstars showcase, featuring three of the brightest comedy stars under the Southern Cross. It doesn't get more Aussies than this! Presented by the Shire of Broome and Goolarri Media. Tickets at www.broomeciviccentre.com.au.

Get in early for cyclone clean-up

Did you know that it's free for households to deposit uncontaminated green waste at the Broome Waste Management Facility?

Now is the time to start clearing gardens and yards for the coming cyclone season, with the tip turning green waste into garden mulch that is then made available free to the community.

The Shire of Broome will again run its annual pre-cyclone rubbish collection at the end of October and start of November, but as in previous years green waste will not be collected.





A concept design for development of the Broome Golf Club.

Plan to redevelop golf club out for feedback

The community is being asked for feedback on plans to redevelop the Broome Golf Club.

The Broome Golf Club has presented the Shire with a proposal to redevelop the facility including a new bar, pro shop, café, function centre, storage facilities and balconies with ocean and course views.

The Shire now wants the community's feedback on the proposal and ideas on the best use for the site.

A survey will be available online and in hardcopy, and

community engagement sessions will be run on Monday 12 September at 6pm at the Broome Golf Club, and on Thursday 22 September at 6pm at the Broome Civic Centre

Consultants UDLA will facilitate the sessions including a presentation on the redevelopment proposal, group discussion and feedback.

More info is available on the Shire website.

Have a say in Shire planning

The Shire of Broome is undertaking a review of its long-term planning and is seeking the community's input.

The Strategic Community Plan 2015-2025 provides a 10-plus year plan for the Shire and sets out the vision, aspirations, priorities and objectives for the community.

It is designed to be a "living plan" that guides the development of the Shire of Broome.

A survey and a community workshop and information session are being undertaken to seek input and all interested community members are invited to participate.

The survey is now available online at www.broome.wa.gov.au under the 'Have My Say' tab, or printed copies are available from the Shire Administration, Library and BRAC.

The community workshop and information session will be held on Thursday 8 September at 5pm and for more information visit the Shire website.



Fill out the survey online or pick up a form from the Shire, Library or BRAC.

Shinju Matsuri celebrations set to kick off

A kaleidoscope of colour and culture, the annual Shinju Matsuri Festival of the Pearl is back from 10-18 September.

The Shire of Broome is pleased to again be a major sponsor, and now in its 46th year Shinju Matsuri will run for nine days with more than 20 events, starting with the ceremonial waking of Sammy the Dragon.

Highlights include the Floating Lantern Matsuri where hundreds of candle-lit lanterns containing special messages are released, a Sunset Long Table Dinner on the sand of Cable Beach, art exhibitions and awards, float parade, film, music, dance, mardi gras, family and community events, food, and a Festival Finale party.

For full details go to www.shinjumatsuri.com.au.



Broome's beloved Shinju Matsuri Festival is back bigger than ever for 2016.