

Free basic computer lessons at the Library

There's no excuse for being a 'computer dinosaur' with free lessons in basic computing now available at Broome Public Library.

Running from 9am to noon on Tuesdays, the lessons aim to provide the basic tools needed to make the most of living in an increasingly digital society.

The lessons are geared to the individual and can include browsing the internet, setting up and using email, and creating documents.

These simple abilities can save people time and effort, for example through internet banking which could replace regular trips into the local bank branch.

This initiative from Broome Public Library is being run as part of the National Year of Digital Inclusion.

For a free lesson with patience guaranteed, call the Library on 9191 3477 and book a time. Bookings are essential. Sessions are run Tuesday mornings but other times can be arranged.

Lessons will be conducted on the Library's free public computers or people can bring their own laptop, tablet or smart phone to learn how to use the device.



Elliot and Claire Gulman learning computing.

What's happening around Broome?



The footpath undergunning from Dakas St through to Reid Rd has undergone significant repairs and maintenance to make it safer and easier for pedestrians. The work follows other recent streetscape amenity improvements around town including the installation of bench seating and rubbish bins in various locations.



Forty native plants including Eucalypts, Hakeas, Red Gubinge and Ebony Wood are going in at the intersection of Port Dve and Cable Beach Rd East. The planting project included difficult work to get water to the plants for reticulation.



Community Clean-Up Crew members Dave Kinney, Daniel Aitken, Robert Strange and Ken Ingram.

Community Clean-Up Crew make a difference

At 6.45am each morning the Shire of Broome Community Clean-Up Crew arrives at Male Oval in Chinatown to get it ready for the day ahead.

On a busy morning they can collect up to half a cubic metre of cans, bottles and assorted rubbish.

From there it's on to Town Beach followed by parks, ovals and verges around town.

Team Leader Daniel Aitken says it's a tough job but a satisfying one -

taking an area that's been left in a mess and returning it to a tidy state.

"The Community Clean-Up Crew's responsibilities include emptying public bins at parks, ovals, bus stops and elsewhere; cleaning up public spaces after concerts, markets and other events; cleaning the beaches at Cable Beach, Town Beach, the Port and Demco; verges around town; and regular runs up Cape Leveque Rd," Mr Aitken says.

But it's a big challenge for a four-person crew to keep a town of more

than 15,000 people clean, and the co-operation of the community is important.

"We could make a big difference to the look of the town if people could take some responsibility for keeping their own verges clean," Mr Aitken says.

The Shire of Broome also operates an orange bag collection scheme, with members of the community registering as collectors and then paid per bag of rubbish they collect.

BRAC pool upgrades on track

Work is on track with major upgrades to the swimming pool at the Broome Recreation and Aquatic Centre.

The upgrade of the 22-year-old facility is jointly funded by the Shire and the WA Department of Sport and Recreation, with Minister Mia Davies inspecting the work on a visit to Broome.

"We know that when people are active, not only does it benefit their physical health, but it benefits their mental health too and helps keep them connected to the community," Ms Davies says.

Local builder CWD is undertaking the \$3.3 million project, with the aquatic facility closed until early 2017.

Shire Manager Recreation, Casey Zepnick, says that thanks to a partnership with Mercure Broome, several of BRAC's fitness programs are continuing including aqua aerobics on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday mornings, and term 4 swimming lessons.



Shire Manager Recreation, Casey Zepnick, at the BRAC pool with WA Sport and Recreation Minister Mia Davies, The Nationals' Rob Houston, Shire Deputy CEO Sam Mastrolembo, and CWD's Chris Pulman.

BRAC swim enrolments available online

Broome Recreation and Aquatic Centre is excited to introduce online enrolments!

Starting with Term 4 swimming lessons, enrolments will now be available online from a link on the Shire of Broome website at www.broome.wa.gov.au.

Term 4 lessons begin 31 October and run to 9 December and with the BRAC aquatic facility closed for upgrades, lessons will be held at the Mercure Hotel Broome.

Due to reduced pool space, lessons will be open only to children aged 6 months to 4 years.

Bookings can be made online or in person at BRAC.

