

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year



NAIDOC was one of 19 events and groups to receive funds in 2016.

Funding help for community groups

Community groups and events that would benefit from funding help are being encouraged to apply for the latest round of community sponsorship grants.

Groups and events can apply for up to \$10,000 each under the Shire of Broome Community Sponsorship and Energy Developments Limited West Kimberley Community Donations programs.

Applications are open and will be accepted until 28 February 2017, with an information session to be held on 24 January 2017.

Broome Shire President, Ron Johnston, says that in 2016 more than \$105,000 was distributed to 19 different groups and events.

"Broome is blessed with a vibrant and active community and an exciting calendar of events, and the annual Community Sponsorship program is one of the ways the Shire supports these groups - by providing funds to help them achieve their goals," Cr Johnston says.

Anyone considering applying is encouraged to contact Amy Andison on 9191 3456, and more information is available at www.broome.wa.gov.au.

Shire Christmas operating hours

Shire of Broome Administration Office, Broome Civic Centre Office, Depot and remaining operations not listed separately below will be closed:

Monday 26 December 2016 to Monday 2 January 2017 (inclusive). Some staff will be rostered on to handle routine duties and emergencies. The Civic Centre will be available for hire during the Christmas closure period excluding Christmas Day and Boxing Day, however all booking arrangements must be made prior to the closure of the Civic Centre Office.

Broome Public Library will be closed:

Saturday 24 December 2016 to Monday 2 January 2017 (inclusive).

Broome Recreation and Aquatic Centre will be closed:

Sunday 25 December 2016 (Christmas Day) and Sunday 1 January 2017 (New Year's Day). Reduced opening hours will apply from Monday 19 December 2016 to Monday 2 January 2017 (inclusive). Please visit the Shire of Broome website for details of opening hours.

Broome Waste Management Facility will be closed:

Christmas Day Sunday 25 December 2016. Normal hours will apply for the remainder of the Christmas and New Year break. Kerbside rubbish collection continues as normal.



Broome Public Library staff celebrating Christmas.

Australia Day excitement on the way

Planning is already well underway for an exciting Australia Day 2017 in Broome.

The Australia Day Breakfast at Town Beach hosted by Broome's Lions, Lionesses, Rotary and Roebuck Lodge is happening again on Thursday 26 January, with the Shire of Broome presenting the annual Community Citizen of the Year Awards and Australian Citizenship Ceremony.

The Shire of Broome Australia Day Fireworks and Family Fun Day kicks off at Town Beach from 4pm with kids' activities, food vans and market stalls.

At 8pm the sky will explode over Roebuck Bay with a fireworks display simulcast with Spirit 102.9 Broome. Stay tuned for more details early in the new year.



Planning for Australia Day 2017 is underway.

Enrolments open for school holiday fun

Enrolments are now open for the BRAC School Holiday program that will run from 16-27 January 2017 with half and full-day options.

Kids can take part in healthy, supervised activities such as arts and crafts, cooking, water fights, tabloid water sports, BRAC movie days, and kitchen science.

The program is open to kids aged 6-12 years with enrolment information, including program and enrolment forms available from the Shire website, BRAC or by emailing brac@broome.wa.gov.au.