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## Broome Air Raid 75th Anniversary Commemorations

On the morning of 3 March 1942, nine Japanese Zero fighters and a reconnaissance plane swooped down over Broome, killing an estimated 88 people and destroying 22 Australian, Dutch and US aircraft.

The WWII Air Raid on Broome is the second-greatest wartime loss of life on Australian soil and 2017 will mark its 75th Anniversary, with the Shire of Broome, Broome RSL Sub Branch, Norforce, St Mary's College, the Broome Historical Society, Broome International Airport and more now preparing to commemorate the event.

The centrepiece will be a fitting commemorative service to be held in Broome's Bedford Memorial Park on the morning of Friday 3 March, with other supporting events now in planning.

## Campaign on verge parking in industrial areas

**The Shire has been working with business owners in Broome's industrial areas to clean up road verges and enforce parking laws.**

The enforcement has been rolled out in stages, with those in Blue Haze contacted late last year and now business owners in other areas such as Clementson St and Archer St being contacted.

Prompted initially by community concern about public street verges being used for business parking and storage of equipment and other items, Shire Rangers have been visiting and meeting with business owners.

The Shire of Broome Parking and Parking Facilities Local Law 2012 includes a provision that parking on street verges in industrial areas is not permitted unless approval has been granted in writing by the local government. This provision does not apply in an areas zoned residential.

These laws aim to ensure public access, visibility, safety and to make the area attractive to customers for the benefit of those doing business.

In coming weeks Shire Rangers will move to enforcing the regulations including issuing infringement notices and fines where applicable. This will apply to both business owners and their customers.



*Community Citizens of the Year Lee Anderson, Broome Sports Association and Seth Lovell, with Australia Day Ambassador Const. Tim Britten and Shire President Ron Johnston.*

## Meet Broome's Citizens of the Year

**Lee Anderson, Seth Lovell and the Broome Sports Association were recognised with Community Citizen of the Year Awards during last week's Australia Day celebrations in Broome.**

Shire President, Ron Johnston, presented the accolades with Australia Day Ambassador and Cross of Valour recipient, Const. Tim Britten.

Eighteen new Australians were also welcomed at a Citizenship Ceremony on the day.

"The Community Citizen of the Year Awards acknowledge and reward people and groups for their contributions to community life," Cr Johnston says.

"Our Community Citizen of the Year, Lee Anderson, is a founder and driver of the Kyle Andrews Foundation and has made an immeasurable difference in the lives of sick children in Broome and further abroad, with Kyle's Camp entering its 20th year.

"At the age of just 17, Seth Lovell has represented Australia and WA in his chosen sport of Ultimate Frisbee, but is best known for his integrity and sportsmanship, his coaching of juniors, and his work as a pioneer of this developing sport.



*Broome welcomed 18 new citizens on Australia Day.*

"The Broome Sports Association is responsible for the Broome Talent Development Program and the Broome Sports Awards.

"I congratulate Lee, Seth and the Broome Sports Association for exemplifying community spirit."

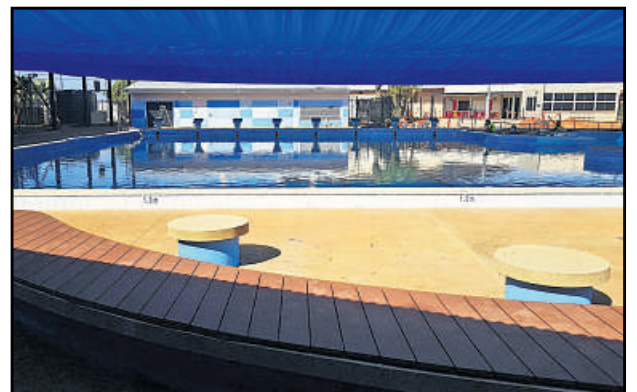
## BRAC pool on track to re-open

**The BRAC swimming pool is on track to re-open in mid February, with refurbishment work on schedule pending any bad weather, according to Shire Acting Director Community Development, Casey Zepnick.**

"Closing the town's swimming pool for six months was always going to be a difficult task, and we appreciate the community's patience and understanding while this necessary work is carried out," Mr Zepnick says.

"The pool's now been filled and while there's the commissioning of the plant and filtration system, and the finishing touches on the surrounds to be completed, the end of the project is in sight.

"The \$3.3 million refurbishment has included replacing the brick-paved concourse, renewing swimming pool bulk heads and tiling, resurfacing the pebblecrete children's lagoon, improving pool lighting, fully rebuilding the plant room and replacing the plant and filtration systems.



*The \$3.3M refurbishment of the BRAC pool is on track to finish in coming weeks.*

"The upgrade of the 22-year-old aquatic facility has been funded by the Shire of Broome and the WA Department of Sport and Recreation, with work carried out by local building company CWD following an open tender process.