



A one-off showing of the Common Gate exhibition will commemorate the 50th anniversary of the 1967 referendum.

Historic exhibition marks anniversary

Nyamba Buru Yawuru and the Shire of Broome are re-exhibiting the renowned Common Gate exhibition as part of the national recognition of the 50th anniversary of the 1967 referendum.

The exhibition at the Broome Civic Centre will open to the public on Sunday 28 May between 10am and 4pm, and for school groups on 29 and 30 May between 9am and 2pm.

Explore the social heritage of Broome through the fascinating personal stories of people and life in the 20th century pearling town.

Local Aboriginal people grew up at a time when they were denied equal rights as citizens and excluded from the town itself.

This vibrant exhibition shares the personal experiences, love lives and everyday events of the time and reveals how life was lived with the challenges of exclusion and racial segregation.

Since 1967, with native title, Aboriginal people are social and economic participants in Broome and the exhibition is a chance to explore the changes in the town, and across the nation.

What's happening in the Shire of Broome?

Thurs 25 May – 2017 Melbourne International Comedy Festival Roadshow

Broome Civic Centre, doors open 7pm for 8pm show. Our travelling band of intrepid funny-makers took over Australia, one town at a time, with the Melbourne International Comedy Festival Roadshow! Join a rotating cast of the finest local and international comedy talents for an evening of comedy like no other, hand-picked to bring the biggest and best belly laughs to audiences. It's silly, it's satirical, it's side-splitting. It's Australia's ultimate comedy roadtrip! Tickets at www.broomeciviccentre.com.au.



Fri 26 May – Dash & Splash Rd3

Broome Recreation and Aquatic Centre, briefing 5pm and racing 5.15pm. The Dash & Splash is back for a Short Series in 2017 after the reopening of the BRAC pool, with events on Fri 24 Mar, 28 Apr and 26 May. The short course is a 2.5km run with a 250m swim, while the long course is a 5km run with 500m swim, with options for men, women, juniors and duos. Entry forms and info on Shire website or from BRAC on 9191 8720 or brac@broome.wa.gov.au.



Funds boost for local community groups

Twenty community groups and events will share more than \$74,000 in funding support this year after the latest round of the Shire of Broome Community Sponsorship Program and EDL West Kimberley Community Donations.

Broome Shire President, Ron Johnston, says Broome's community groups and organisations play an important role in the town and the Shire is pleased to partner with them and support their work.

"We appreciate the important contribution of these many groups and organisations and the roles they play in making Broome the vibrant community that it is," he says.

"We also thank energy supplier Energy Developments Limited for its commitment to Broome and its financial contribution."

In addition to the annual program, the Shire makes funding available throughout the year via ad hoc sponsorship, ad hoc venue sponsorship and Broome North Community Building Grants in partnership with LandCorp.

The full list of grant recipients is available on the Shire website.



Broome Motocross Club is one of 20 community groups and events to partner with the Shire.



The annual native plant seedling giveaway is happening this Sunday at Cable Beach Amphitheatre.

Free native plant giveaway this Sunday

Thousands of native plant seedlings will be made available to the community this Sunday at the Kyle's Cable Beach Walk Mini Expo.

Each year the Shire of Broome provides free native plant seedlings to the community and last year more than 3000 seedlings were given away. To ensure enough plants for everyone there is a limit of two plants per person.

This year the Shire is teaming up with the Kyle Andrews Foundation and will run the giveaway at the Mini Expo at the Cable Beach

Amphitheatre between 9am and 11.30am on Sunday 14 May.

A wide variety of plant species suitable for Broome will be available free, from ground covers to shrubs and trees, and Shire Parks and Gardens staff will be on hand to provide advice.

The Shire's Parks and Gardens team plants hundreds of new trees around Broome each year and the giveaway is a chance for the community to help by planting a wide variety of native species from ground covers to shrubs and trees.

Play your part to stop bushfire this season

With bushfire season underway, residents are reminded that firebreaks must be in place by Monday 15 May.

The restricted burning period started on 1 April and runs to 31 December and Shire Manager Emergency, Health and Rangers, Ty Matson, says bushfires are a serious threat and community's help is needed to reduce the risk.

"There's an increased focus this year to ensure firebreaks are in place and maintained throughout the year, and through a contractor the Shire will use drones to take aerial imagery of the key risk areas," he says.

"The drones will fly over properties during the two weeks after 15 May with the possibility of a second run later in the year

"Properties identified as requiring work will be contacted by the Shire's Ranger Department."

The Shire is also working with Fire and Emergency Services, Parks and Wildlife, Yawuru, Broome International Airport, Volunteer Fire and Rescue and Volunteer Bushfire Brigade to carry out controlled burns, install and maintain firebreaks and slash long grass.



Firebreaks must be in place by 15 May to manage and prevent bushfires.

Controlled burning will be carried out in strategic areas of town, with these rotated over several years to maintain visual appeal and environmental health.