

Have your say on Cable Beach plans

World-famous Cable Beach would be enhanced with a raft of improvements under a bold new Cable Beach Foreshore Masterplan.

The community's feedback is now being sought on the draft Masterplan, which has been developed building on the concept designs set out in the 2016 Cable Beach Development Strategy.

Broome Shire President, Ron Johnston, says the Masterplan will emphasise Cable Beach's status as one of the world's best beaches and make better use of the public space.

The Masterplan provides a vision to transform the public space at Cable Beach into a precinct that reinforces the beach's reputation as one of the world's best.

Improvements outlined include reconfiguring the car park to create a new beach park; creation of a new entry plaza; an upgraded beach park, entry statement, garden bed and tree planting; regrading of the dunes to increase ocean views from the site; universal access across the foreshore area; and a buried seawall to manage coastal erosion.

To view the Cable Beach Foreshore Masterplan and provide feedback visit the Shire of Broome website.



Cable Beach's status as one of the world's best would be enhanced under a draft Masterplan.

What's happening in the Shire of Broome?

Mon 3 July – Fri 14 July – School Holiday Programs

Broome Recreation and Aquatic Centre, Broome Public Library, BRAC and the Library have exciting and fully supervised school holiday programs. The Library's free 'Dinosaurs' program starts at 10.30am each day and runs for about an hour, while the BRAC program runs for either a half day from 8am to 2.30pm, or a full day from 8am to 4.30pm with a fee for attendance. Both are for kids aged 6-12. Contact BRAC or the Library for more.



Thurs 13 July – Akmal's 'Transparent'

Broome Civic Centre, doors open 7pm for 8pm show. Comedian Akmal returns to Broome with his funniest show ever. Tickets at www.broomeciviccentre.com.au.

Sun 30 July – BRAC 2 Beach Fun Run 2017

Broome Recreation and Aquatic Centre, 8am. It's time to start training, with the BRAC 2 Beach Fun Run happening again on Sun 30 July. Broome's biggest annual fun run offers a choice of 4km or 8km courses to suit all fitness levels, with registration now open and entry forms available from the Shire website, BRAC or SportsPower.



Community input is sought on a new masterplan for the BRAC 1 Youth Bike Precinct. PIC: Common Ground.

Youth Precinct plans progressing

Plans are progressing for a new Youth Bike Precinct at Broome Recreation and Aquatic Centre to include mountain bike trails, pump track and skills section, BMX jumps, sports courts, walking paths and shade shelters.

Broome Shire President, Ron Johnston, says the draft BRAC 1 Youth Bike Precinct Masterplan was developed with extensive community input and Council is now seeking any final comments before it's adopted.

"We've gathered considerable input to find out what the community wants, and the Masterplan prioritises the different

facilities in the precinct so they can be developed in stages as funding becomes available," he says.

"We want this to become a community-owned space that is safe, inviting and relaxed, and promotes healthy and active living."

Proposed to be located alongside the BRAC playing fields, the precinct would also include facilities for open-air events, public art and more.

For full details on the BRAC 1 Youth Bike Precinct Masterplan and to provide input head to the Shire of Broome website.

Firebreak failures increase bushfire risk

The Shire of Broome is reminding property owners about the importance of installing firebreaks with surveys conducted after the 15 May deadline finding that more than 75 per cent of affected properties either did not have a firebreak or had inadequate firebreaks.

The Shire of Broome Firebreak Order issued under WA's *Bush Fires Act 1954* requires town site properties bigger than 2000sqm and rural or pastoral properties to have a firebreak from 15 May to 31 December, and smaller town site properties must have flammable material other than live trees removed.

Shire of Broome Manager Health, Emergency and Rangers, Ty Matson, says landowners who fail to put in adequate firebreaks are putting themselves, the community and firefighters at risk.

"Bushfires are a serious threat in Broome, and especially following a significant wet season like we experienced this year," Mr Matson said.

Follow-up letters will be sent to those with firebreaks not meeting requirements, with a warning period before further property inspections and infringements being issued.

Town Beach upgrades on the way

Major upgrades are coming to Town Beach including developing precincts for heritage, youth and nature play, terraced viewing for the Staircase to the Moon, a look out and memorial, and expanding the existing water park.

The Shire of Broome has allocated \$3.4 million to the project and the State Government through Lotterywest will provide a further \$2.8 million, with work to get underway in the 2017/18 financial year.

The improvements are part of a Town Beach Precinct Masterplan drawn from the Old Broome Development Strategy that was produced following extensive consultation and input from the community.

Broome Shire President, Ron Johnston, says with the Chinatown Revitalisation Project also underway, developing Town Beach is part of Council's vision to link the two areas with a Jetty to Jetty Coastal Walk.

"Town Beach is a significant location for recreation, culture and heritage in Broome and these improvements will increase its appeal for locals and visitors," Cr Johnston says.



Broome Shire President Ron Johnston and Kimberley MLA Josie Farrer at Town Beach.

"This is an exciting project and we are grateful to Lotterywest for its support for the Shire of Broome's vision."



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