

## Minister gets update on Chinatown Revitalisation

The Chinatown Revitalisation Project was pleased to receive a visit from the Hon. Alannah MacTiernan MLC, Minister for Regional Development while in Broome earlier this month.

Acting Broome Shire President, Harold Tracey, says the Minister was presented with a preview of a draft plan soon to be released to the community which includes new wider footpaths and added shade on both Carnarvon St and Dampier Tce.

"The Minister met with representatives of the project team including local community and business people who expressed their gratitude for the Revitalisation and the opportunities it will bring to Broome," Cr Tracey says.

The Minister was pleased with the progress of the project which is on schedule for a completion by December 2018.

For more information go to [www.chinatownbroome.com.au](http://www.chinatownbroome.com.au).



Acting Broome Shire President, Harold Tracey, business owner Julie Russell and Hon. Alannah MacTiernan at Chinatown Revitalisation HQ.

## What's happening in the Shire of Broome?

**Tues 26 Sept – Fri 6 Oct – 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 *My Community Broome* program starts at 10.30am and runs for about an hour with sessions on plants, birds, fish, snakes, dance and more. The BRAC program runs from Tues 26 Sept to Wed 4 October, with options of a half or full day for children aged 6-12. Fees apply. Contact BRAC or the Library for more info or visit the Shire website.



**Thurs 5 Oct – Squisher & Squasher: The Great Bug Hunt**

Broome Civic Centre, free craft activity from 5pm, show starts 6pm. The story of two inquisitive and excitable gardeners who learn there's a lot more to their favourite garden than flowers and trees. A jam-packed show with singing, dancing and family-friendly fun that will have children on their feet, laughing and bug-obsessed too.

Tickets at [www.broomeciviccentre.com.au](http://www.broomeciviccentre.com.au)



Volunteer firefighters and Shire of Broome Rangers, Narelle Graue and Ben Coles.

## Firebreaks vital for protecting community

The Shire of Broome thanks the community for coming on board with firebreak requirements, with only a handful of properties still outstanding.

An initial round of inspections after the 15 May deadline found that more than 75 per cent of affected properties either did not have a firebreak or had inadequate firebreaks.

Letters were sent to non-compliant property owners before Shire Rangers carried out inspections and worked with owners to meet the requirements.

Shire of Broome Manager Emergency, Health and Rangers,

Ty Matson, says firebreaks are essential for safeguarding the community and protecting the lives of firefighters, and those who don't comply are putting everyone at risk.

"Firebreaks allow access for firefighters and their vehicles when fighting fires, they allow backburning to take place and they can also help stop the progress of a fire," he says.

"We thank the community and encourage all others to finalise any outstanding works to ensure the safety of our volunteer firefighters and protection of life and property."

## Council backs rejection of heritage move

The Shire of Broome will again oppose an application to register the Broome town site and surrounds as an Aboriginal Heritage Site when it is assessed on 14 November this year.

Acting Broome Shire President, Harold Tracey, says the Shire and the community were previously successful in calling for the Department of Aboriginal Affairs to postpone the hearing of the application by the Aboriginal Cultural Material Committee.

"The heritage site, described as LCS11, covers the entire Broome town site and the Shire is concerned about the

impact this would have on future development," Cr Tracey says. The ACMC will now consider the issue at its meeting on 14 November and submissions can be made about the proposed registration of LCS11 by 2 October.

"The Shire is pleased the recommendation of the Department to the ACMC is that LCS11 not be registered under the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972*, and the Shire intends to make a submission supporting that recommendation and encourages concerned community members to also make submissions to the Registrar of Aboriginal Sites by the 2 October deadline," Cr Tracey says.

## Waste facility open days for pre-cyclone clean

The Broome Waste Management Facility will take household rubbish for free for two weekends next month to help prepare the town for cyclone season.

The open weekends on 14-15 and 28-29 October are in addition to household green waste being accepted free at the Waste Management Facility throughout the year, and the issuing of six free passes each year to ratepayers.

The cost of the previous pre-cyclone kerbside collection system had risen considerably in recent years, and was no longer serving its primary purpose of removing items that posed a danger in a cyclone, with whitegoods, household furniture and other items making up the bulk of rubbish put out for collection.

For more information about opening hours, items eligible for deposit on the open weekends, and more go to the Shire website.



The pre-cyclone kerbside rubbish collection will be replaced with two open weekends at the Waste Management Facility.