



Sen. Sgt. Brendon Barwick and Shire President Harold Tracey view CCTV monitors in Broome Police Station.

CCTV provides a boost for community safety

Broome's new CCTV network is already delivering results and helping Police in a range of investigations.

Installation was completed recently of 24 digital CCTV security cameras at key locations for combating crime and antisocial behaviour including Carnarvon St, Dampier Tce, Male Oval and Town Beach.

The Shire secured funding through the WA State CCTV Strategy to undertake the project, and further camera locations will be considered if more funding can be secured. Vision from the cameras is monitored live by Broome Police and recorded for use as evidence.

Broome Shire President, Harold Tracey, says protecting the safety of the community is a key priority, and CCTV is a recommendation of the Shire's Community Safety Plan that is already helping to make the town safer.

Broome Police Sen. Sgt. Brendon Barwick says incidents already identified and acted on include observing sly grogging in progress, a wounding where a person was stabbed with a knife, suspicious night time behaviour that was of interest to Border Force, park and street drinking, and capturing an assault outside a bar.

"The cameras also allow officers to check on the regular trouble spot locations and proactively target them in advance of incidents occurring," Sen. Sgt. Barwick says.



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New leadership for Broome Shire Council

Harold Tracey has been elected Broome Shire President and is joined by Desiree Male as Deputy Shire President, after both were re-elected to Council.

Newcomer Catherine Marriott was the third Councillor elected in the Broome Ward, joining Cr Tracey and Cr Male, while in the Dampier Ward Philip Matsumoto was re-elected unchallenged.

The newly elected Councillors join Mala Fairborn, Elsta Foy, Warren Fryer, Chris Mitchell and Bruce Rudeforth whose terms expire in 2019.

Cr Tracey is a second-generation Broome resident who has raised a family in the town and built a successful local business, and has served as Deputy Shire President for the past three years.

"It's especially pleasing to be leading a Council that's both unified and diverse, with a good mix of youth and experience, and with women holding four of the nine Council positions," Cr Tracey says.

"In addition, both Cr Male and I are proud that for the first time both the Shire President and Deputy President were born and raised in Broome."



Broome Shire President Harold Tracey.



Lifeguards Sophie Daws and Bryce Pugh at Cable Beach.

Lifeguards wrap up busy season on beach

Lifeguard patrols on Broome's world-famous Cable Beach have concluded following a busy 2017 season.

Patrols started on 14 April and wrapped up last Sunday, 29 October.

During patrol hours there were 171,160 people attend Cable Beach, with 38,697 people swimming between the flags; seven rescues performed; one major first aid incident; 255 minor first aid incidents; 12 beach closures for stingers, sharks, crocodiles and fog; and 1659 preventative actions including warning swimmers, surfers and other beachgoers of rips, rocks and other hazards.

Attendance figures were up from 2016 when just over 126,000 people visited Cable Beach during patrol hours, while rescues were down from 12 the previous year.

Shire of Broome Acting Manager Sport and Recreation, Mike Doyle, says the Shire's contract with Surf Life Saving WA to provide lifeguards services is working well and keeping the community and visitors safe at Cable Beach.

Mr Doyle also thanked Broome Surf Life Saving Club volunteers who assisted the lifeguards by running patrols on Sundays.

Get in on all the action at BRAC in Term Four!

Dash & Splash

Rounds 2 and 3 of the Dash & Splash series are on Fri 10 Nov and 8 Dec. Courses are a 2km run and 200m swim, or a 4km run and a 400m swim with categories for men, women and juniors. Enter at BRAC or the Shire website.

Floorball

It's fun, it's fast, it's floorball! BRAC's new floorball season has just kicked off and new players are welcome. See the friendly BRAC staff to register your interest.

Social Badminton

Join the badminton crew on a Wednesday at BRAC. It's fun, social and played in a relaxed but competitive atmosphere. Badminton has been popular in 2017 and with your participation has the potential for more growth!

Social Tennis

Social tennis is a hit on a Tuesday night at BRAC. Join the Broome Tennis Club from 6-8pm for a hit. Non-members welcome. Get out of the house and onto the court, and meet some fellow tennis fanatics.



Dash & Splash is back on Friday 10 November.

BRAC Squash courts

In the hot wet season, a great way to stay active and stay cool is to have a hit of squash in the air conditioned squash courts. A growing sport in Broome, a casual game of squash is the coolest way to get active!

BRAC Mixed Netball

BRAC's ever popular mixed netball has filled team

registrations in record time. The competition has expanded to its biggest on record with an extra four teams to meet demand. The courts will be alive with netball action each Monday night from Oct to Feb.

Aqua Inflatables

The Nautilus inflatable will soon be available for casual use on weekends. For just \$2.50 plus your regular entry fee, children from 6 to 16 can get involved in inflatable fun! The Nautilus inflatable is also available for hire and is a popular choice for kids' birthdays.

Group Fitness

BRAC's aqua fitness classes continue through the wet season with classes held Mon, Wed, Fri and Sat. A great opportunity to get wet, get fit and socialise.

Adult Swim Squad

The BRAC swim squad caters for all abilities from beginner to advanced. Programs are developed for individual needs, whether you need some stroke correction or you're training for an event. Tues and Thurs evenings in the BRAC pool!