



Broome sports clubs are invited to the season launch on 12 February.

Broome sports season gets ready for kick off

Broome's 2018 sporting season will kick off on Monday 12 February with a Season Launch at the Mercure Hotel.

Broome is represented by more than 50 sporting clubs and the launch event is an opportunity for their members to come together with key sporting stakeholders to gain an understanding of the opportunities available in 2018.

Shire of Broome Club Development Officer, Mike Doyle, says the season launch also marks the beginning of the Club Development Workshop Series, and Shire staff will be on hand to provide information on plans for facility development, volunteer assistance and support for event management.

Special guest Tom Chapman from the Department of Mines, Regulation and Safety will provide an overview of what clubs should be doing to comply with the Incorporation Act legislation, including the process for updating a club constitution.

The season launch at the Mercure Hotel on Monday 12 February starts at 5pm and clubs should RSVP to mike.doyle@broome.wa.gov.au.



Elliot and Claire Gulman learning some new computing tricks.

Get into Library for free basic computer lessons

There's no excuse for being a 'computer dinosaur' with free lessons in basic computing now available at Broome Public Library.

The lessons are held one-on-one, with bookings required, and aim to provide the basic tools needed to make the most of living in an increasingly digital society.

The lessons are geared to the individual and can include browsing the internet, setting up and using email, and creating documents.

These simple abilities can save people time and effort, for example through internet banking which could replace regular trips into the local bank branch.

For a free lesson with patience guaranteed, call the Library on 9191 3477 and book a time.

Lessons will be conducted on the Library's free public computers or people can bring their own laptop, tablet or smart phone to learn how to use the device.



Support for economic, community initiatives

The Shire of Broome has launched a re-vamped sponsorship funding program to partner with the town's organisations, events and community groups on initiatives that will build the local community and economy.

Applications can be received until Friday 16 March 2018.

The new annual Economic, Events and Tourism Development Funding Stream will provide funds to help local organisations to develop economic, events and tourism projects and initiatives that benefit the community.

The second annual Community Funding Stream and Energy Developments West Kimberley Community Donations programs provide funding to help community-based organisations develop social, cultural, recreational, environmental and reconciliation projects and initiatives.

Deputy Broome Shire President, Desiree Male, says the new format makes more funding available to a wider range of applicants and will in turn bring greater benefits to the community.

Full details are available on the Shire website.



The Shire is taking applications for funding to help with economic, events, tourism and community events and initiatives.



Broome Public Library is now eSmart accredited to provide safe and secure online access and advice.

Get eSmart with Broome Public Library

Broome Public Library has become WA's latest library service to achieve accreditation through the eSmart Libraries framework.

eSmart Libraries helps to incorporate digital literacy and improve cybersafety while offering patrons ways to deal with cyberbullying, and is delivered through the Alannah & Madeline Foundation and Telstra Foundation.

Alannah & Madeline Foundation CEO, Lesley Podesta, says being eSmart means having the knowledge to guard against security and privacy risks, to research and download content ethically and legally, and manage reputation and relationship-based issues online.

Shire of Broome Library Coordinator, Sally Eaton, says Broome Public Library is working with the community to provide safe access and education in using digital technology through initiatives such as offering free basic computing classes and free Wi-Fi.

"More and more services are going online, but a lot of people in our community don't have their own devices or access so they come to us for help, and this is our response to be able to provide that safely," Ms Eaton says.

For more information go to www.esmart.org.au or www.amf.org.au.

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Shire E-News is published regularly, with information on major projects, updates on services, events and other happenings around the Shire of Broome.

To receive Shire E-News just send an email to shire@broome.wa.gov.au with your preferred email address.

Chinatown grant funding

The 2018 Chinatown Revitalisation grant round for Activation and Laneway enhancement projects is open until 16 February.

The funding round has been developed to stimulate and encourage activation and laneway enhancements in Chinatown by supporting and rewarding local businesses and interest groups.

Funding is available for up to 50 per cent of the total project cost to a maximum of \$20,000 and for more info head to www.chinatownbroome.com.au.