



YAC giving young people a voice

Young people are being asked to put their hands up to join the Broome Youth Advisory Council for 2018 as the Shire seeks to get them more involved in the future of their town.

Broome Shire Councillor and YAC Mentor, Mala Fairborn, says it's a fantastic opportunity for young people to have a say on issues that matter to them.

"We're asking young people to put their hands up to join the Youth Advisory Council, so if you're young, passionate and care about this town, sign up because Broome needs you," Cr Fairborn says.

The group meets regularly and there are 10 positions available for young people aged 14 to 24.

The Shire is also seeking nominations from workers in the youth sector to act as mentors to the group and share their experiences.

Nominations are open until 21 March and to apply or for more info go to www.broome.wa.gov.au. or pick up a form at the Shire, BRAC or Library.



YAC members will work with the Shire to organise events and projects for young people.

The YAC is delivered by the Shire of Broome with funding support from Rio Tinto.

New Directory available

The 2018 Shire of Broome Directory is now available from the Shire Administration office and online, and will soon be delivered free to residents and businesses.

Broome Shire President, Harold Tracey, says the Directory is a valuable community resource that includes residential, business and community contact listings, street maps, tide charts, emergency information, and a comprehensive guide to services provided by the Shire.

"For the convenience of residents the directory will be delivered directly to Broome homes and businesses by the Roebuck Primary School P&C as a fundraising activity," Cr Tracey says.

The 2018 Shire of Broome Directory can be accessed online at www.shireofbroomedirectory.com.au.

What's happening in the Shire of Broome?

Sat 24 Feb – Club Development Workshop Series
Mercure Hotel, 8am. The Shire will host a half-day workshop to support Broome's sporting club volunteers, with a focus on how to run their clubs when time poor. Topics include recruiting volunteers, marketing and good governance, and are relevant to new and established clubs. RSVP to mike.doyle@broome.wa.gov.au or 9191 3439.

Fri 2 Mar – Dash & Splash at BRAC
Broome Recreation and Aquatic Centre, 5pm. Run and swim your way to fitness and fun. Short course is a 2km run and 200m swim, while long course is a 4km run and 400m swim, with categories for seniors, juniors and teams. Events on Fri 2 Mar, 6 Apr and 4 May. Entry forms on the Shire website or from BRAC on 9191 8720 or brac@broome.wa.gov.au.



Fri 2 Mar – Mardi Gras Cabaret
Broome Civic Centre, doors open 6.30pm for 7.30pm show. Kick off the 2018 Mardi Gras celebrations with over two hours of cabaret with Drag Territory in an evening of vibrant and fun drag acts and costumes, with performance from local Pearlesque Belles. Come in your Kimberley finest and enjoy a night of entertainment, great food and drinks. Ticket \$99pp and include entertainment and three-course meal, with drinks available at bar prices. Tickets from www.broomeciviccentre.com.au.



The Shire of Broome is giving away reusable shopping bags in the lead-up to WA's ban on plastic bags.

Broome preparing for plastic bag ban

The Shire of Broome is encouraging local business and the community to prepare for the State-wide plastic bag ban to come into effect from 1 July.

Council supports the introduction of a ban on single-use plastic bags to help protect the natural environment of Broome.

The Shire wrote to local retailers at the end of 2017 encouraging them to phase out the use of the bags as soon as possible, saying: "There is widespread evidence that the use of the bags has a detrimental effect on

the environment, impacting on local flora and fauna including marine life."

To support this, the Shire is making available to the community free multiple-use shopping bags and these can be collected from the Shire Administration, with a limit of two per person.

The WA Government will host an information session this Monday, 26 February, at Lotteries House from 6pm to 7.30pm with registration required to les@impcom.com.au or 0412 770 193.

Seeking local suppliers

Are you interested in doing business with the Shire?

The Shire of Broome is now implementing a new service called eQuotes powered by VendorPanel which gives local suppliers an easy and consistent way to hear about contract opportunities with the Shire.

For more information, visit the Shire website at www.broome.wa.gov.au/quotations to invite yourself to the Marketplace, or contact procurement@broome.wa.gov.au or call Mieke Wevers on 9191 3456.

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