

What's happening in the Shire of Broome?

Wed 23 May – Library and Information Week

Broome Public Library celebrates with National Simultaneous Storytime and the launch of Broome Beach Books for 2018. Broome Beach Books kicks off at 11am at Cable Beach then runs each Wed from 11-11.45am. National Simultaneous Storytime starts at 9am with Broome kids joining others around Australia to read the same story at the same time.



Fri 25 May – Chinatown Late Night Trading

Chinatown, 5-8pm. Paint the Town Red when Chinatown comes alive as late night trading returns with food, shopping, free street entertainment, live music and other attractions. The events are presented by Chinatown traders and the Chinatown Revitalisation Project.

Sat 26 - Sun 27 May – Airnorth Cable Beach Polo

Cable Beach. A sporting spectacular which attracts people from around Australia and the world – leading polo players, tourists, media and celebrities – beach polo is not only unique to Broome, it is rare in the world. Cable Beach is one of a select number of exotic locations to host beach polo. Proudly supported by the Shire of Broome.

Wed 30, Thur 31 May, Sat 2 Jun – Marrugeku's Burrbgaja Yalirra – Three Short Works

Broome Civic Centre, 7pm. The Shire of Broome and internationally acclaimed contemporary dance-theatre company Marrugeku present the world premiere of Burrbgaja Yalirra – Three Short Works. From the creators of Gudirr Gudirr, Cut the Sky and Burning Daylight, Burrbgaja Yalirra (Dancing Forwards) is an evocative triple bill of new solo works exploring the challenges of reciprocity in Australia today. Tickets at www.broomeciviccentre.com.au.



Wed 30 – Thur 31 May – Staircase to the Moon Markets

Town Beach, 5pm-9pm. Browse stalls showcasing handmade products, jewellery, clothing and art. Tempt your palate with a delicious selection of food and beverages before sitting back to soak up the tunes of Broome musicians. Please note that road closures will be in place. Proudly supported by the Shire of Broome.



Broome Turf Club is one of 15 local events and organisations to receive funding and support.

Funding boost for events and tourism

More than \$530,000 will be invested in local events, tourism and economic development projects in the coming year through Shire of Broome grant funding and support.

The Shire will partner with 15 Broome organisations on a range of projects through the new Economic, Events and Tourism Development Funding grants program and Tourism Administration Policy Funding grants program.

Broome Shire President, Harold Tracey, says Council is committed to developing Broome's economy, and the events and initiatives receiving support will provide a

significant boost to the town.

"Events play an important role in the life of our town and we're pleased to be able to support the organisations that put in the hard work to make them happen," Cr Tracey says.

"By partnering with these local groups and organisations on a wide range of events and initiatives the Shire of Broome is helping them to build our community and our economy."

Find out more about the projects and organisations receiving funding and support on the Shire of Broome website.

Proposed rates out for community feedback

The purpose of levying rates is to meet Council's budget requirements in each financial year to deliver services and infrastructure for the community.

As part of its 2018/19 budget process, Council has endorsed the proposed differential rates for local public notice seeking public comment. This provides an opportunity for public submissions to be considered prior to the final adoption of rates.

Rates are a form of property tax and while levying rates is done to meet Council's budget requirements, the rates paid may not directly relate to the services received by each ratepayer.

In summary, the proposed rates for the 2018/19 financial year deliver a general rate increase of 1.78 per cent to balance the draft budget with full details available on the Shire website.

Reconciliation Festival coming to Broome

National Reconciliation Week 2018 will be celebrated in Broome with a free family and community festival featuring live music and performances, art and more at Male Oval on Friday 1 June from 4pm to 10.30pm.

The Broome Reconciliation Festival 2018 is being coordinated by the Shire of Broome and Yawuru, with funding support from Healthway.

National Reconciliation Week runs from 27 May to 3 June and aims to help all Australians to learn more about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and histories, to share that knowledge and help Australia grow as a nation.

The exciting lineup of local entertainment includes John Bennett, Stephen Pigram, Yatanggal featuring



Mervyn Mulardy will feature at the Reconciliation Festival. Mervyn Mulardy, StiX and TriX, Seaside Drifters, Lyrical Instinct, Wasamba Carnival Drummers, St Mary's College Dancers, Studio 34 and Jacob the Rapper. For more information on Broome Reconciliation Festival 2018 head to the Shire website at www.broome.wa.gov.au.