

Kimberley's finest artists go on show in Broome

The Kimberley Collection Fine Art Exhibition has been showcasing the creative work of professional practising artists from around the region since 2016 and is back at the Broome Civic Centre from 9-18 August.

Event organiser and artist, Suzy French, says the exhibition was born out of the need for a community gallery space, and that with the support of the Shire there is now an opportunity for the community to view locally created fine art.

"A broad range of art will be represented at the 2018 exhibition including painting, etching, printing, textiles, photography and three-dimensional works," Ms French says.

Broome Shire President, Harold Tracey, says the Kimberley Collection Fine Art Exhibition is a great opportunity for the Shire to support local artists and to present their work at a professional venue. Entry is free with opening night on Thurs 9 Aug from 6pm and the exhibition open 9am-5pm daily from 10-18 August.

Accolade for Councillor's lifetime service

The outstanding community service of Broome Shire Councillor, Chris Mitchell, has been recognised with WA Local Government Association Life Membership as part of the 2018 Local Government Honours Program.

Cr Mitchell received the award particularly for his advocacy both for his region and in emergency management.

Broome Shire President, Harold Tracey, nominated Cr Mitchell for the award and says that in addition to serving as a Shire Councillor for 26 years, his contribution to Broome is enormous.

"In addition to Chris' dedication to local government, he's made a significant contribution to the community across a range of areas including emergency management, economic development, community service and animal welfare," Cr Tracey says.

WALGA President, Lynne Craigie, congratulated Cr Mitchell for his contribution to local government and his community.

"Our local communities rely on visionary leaders, and reliable, trustworthy elected representatives to ensure everyone has access to the best opportunities and facilities, regardless of location or the size of our towns and cities," Cr Craigie says.

"Cr Mitchell has been a strong advocate for Broome and the Kimberley region, as well as displaying



Cr Chris Mitchell has been awarded Life Membership of the WA Local Government Association for his outstanding contribution to the community

passion and dedication for emergency management and health care services."

Excitement building for Shinju Matsuri

Broome's beloved Shinju Matsuri Festival of the Pearl is back for 2018 with an exciting program of events from 25 August - 2 September.

Shinju Matsuri will tempt your senses with an exciting whirlwind of colour, sound, taste and smell as the community shares this beautiful locale with the world and the people who call it home.

For the full festival program head to the website at www.shinjumatsuri.com.au.

Broome Shire President, Harold Tracey, says the Shire is proud to again be a Presenting Partner of Shinju Matsuri.

"Shinju is a fantastic celebration for our community, as well as attracting tourists and visitors to our town," Cr Tracey says.

"Now in its 48th year, the festival is a special celebration of our town's unique character, natural



Shinju Matsuri returns for 2018 from 25 August - 2 September. PIC: Steve Cutts.

beauty and the pearl industry's role in bringing together many rich cultures for more than a century."

What's happening in the Shire of Broome?

Fri 10 - Sun 12 Aug - Corrugated Lines: A Festival of Words

Corrugated Lines celebrates Broome and the region's wealth of talent in published authors, illustrators and storytellers. It is an inspirational event for both local lovers of words and visitors to the town who enjoy Kimberley stories and sharing a few tales of their own. Find the full program at backroompress.com.au. Petitions can be viewed at www.broome.wa.gov.au.

Fri 24 Aug - Chinatown Late Night Trading

Chinatown, 4.30-7pm. Dampier Tce will light up for a special Ladies' Night shopping event in preparation for the Kimberley Cup. Dampier Tce traders and the Chinatown Revitalisation Project are creating a sundowner shopping trail with live music, fashion, makeup and more.

Full details at www.chinatownbroome.com.au.

Thu 30 Aug - Ordinary Meeting of Council

Shire of Broome Council Chambers, 5pm. An Ordinary Meeting of Council is held on the fourth Thursday of each month. The community is invited to attend, and Public Question Time is held at the start of the meeting. Info on meetings, agendas and minutes, public question time and submitting petitions can be viewed at www.broome.wa.gov.au.

Apprentice partnership getting results

A young Beagle Bay man employed at the Shire of Broome as an apprentice Light Vehicle Mechanic has graduated with flying colours.

The apprenticeship was funded by Rio Tinto through an apprentice incubation program designed to support the career aspirations of youth in regional locations like Broome and the Dampier Peninsula where the resource company has a significant employment base.

Jason Bin Jalil successfully completed the Cert III in Light Vehicle Mechanical Technology Apprenticeship training and with his apprenticeship completed, he's taken on a role at the Djarindjin mechanical workshop.

Jason says he's thankful to Rio Tinto and the Shire for the opportunity.

"Coming from a small community on the Dampier Peninsula we rarely get apprenticeship opportunities and there are only a select few who are fully qualified tradespeople here. Being a qualified mechanic means so much to me and my family," he says.

Rio Tinto's Jo-Anne Shiosaki says the company has been providing employment opportunities in Broome



Jason Bin Jalil from Beagle Bay has successfully trained as a light vehicle mechanic.

and the Dampier Peninsula for the past 10 years. "This program is another opportunity to give back to the community by providing career and skilled pathways for young people," she says. This is the second community investment partnership Rio Tinto has with the Shire of Broome, with the Youth Development Officer partnership renewed for a further three years.