

## What's happening in the Shire of Broome

### Fri 24 Aug – 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 presented by Chinatown traders and the Chinatown Revitalisation Project. More info at chinatownbroome.com.au.



### 25 Aug – 2 Sept – Shinju Matsuri Festival

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 program head to the website at shinjumatsuri.com.au. The Shire of Broome is proud to again be a Presenting Partner of Shinju Matsuri.



PIC: Julia Rau.

### 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 broome.wa.gov.au.

## Sign up for Shire E-News

Would you like to keep up to date with what your Shire is doing, from the convenience of your email inbox?

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.



## Shire improving support for small business

**As part of a push to increase its support for local small business, the Shire of Broome is seeking accreditation under the Small Business Friendly Local Governments initiative.**

Developed by the Small Business Development Corporation, the initiative recognises WA local governments that are committed to actively supporting small businesses. Local governments are encouraged to sign a charter to show they have committed to work with and support small business in ways including offering enhanced customer service; reducing red tape; making on-time payments; having a process in place to handle disputes; and introducing other activities to improve

the operating environment for small businesses. Broome Shire President, Harold Tracey, says that signing up to the initiative and implementing its recommendations is one more way Council can demonstrate its commitment.

"Small businesses are a key to our local economy and our community, as they provide employment for local people, supply our community with essential goods and services and help make our town vibrant and attractive," Cr Tracey says.

The Shire is seeking feedback through an online survey open until 29 August: [surveymonkey.com/r/shireofbroomesmallbusinessfriendlyaccreditation](https://surveymonkey.com/r/shireofbroomesmallbusinessfriendlyaccreditation)



The Broome community is encouraged to sign up to the nationwide Garage Sale Trail in 2018.

## Broome gets on the Garage Sale Trail

**Broome households, schools and community groups are set to join more than 400,000 people across the country on the weekend of 20-21 October as part of the eighth annual Garage Sale Trail.**

A multi award-winning community and sustainability event, Garage Sale Trail is supported by more than 140 local Councils nationwide. It's expected this year's weekend-long event will involve more Australians than ever before, who will choose to

reuse at over 15,000 garage sales across the country. Broome Shire President, Harold Tracey, says Garage Sale Trail is a fun and social way for the Shire to encourage reuse and help educate the community about why we need to take responsibility for the waste we generate. "Garage Sale Trail also provides a way to meet your neighbours and connect with the broader community while decluttering and raising money for yourself or local causes," Cr Tracey says. Registrations are now open at [garagesaletrail.com.au](https://garagesaletrail.com.au).

## New round of community funding now open

**Broome community groups and events are encouraged to apply for the latest round of community sponsorship grants.**

This is the second round of matched funding available in 2018 after 12 community projects shared more than \$56,000 in support in the first round earlier this year. Broome-based groups can apply until 14 September for up to \$10,000 under the Shire of Broome Community Sponsorship and Energy Developments Pty Ltd West Kimberley Community Donations programs. Broome Shire President, Harold Tracey, says Council is pleased to support the work of Broome's community groups and organisations that play a vital role in the life of the town.



Broome's community groups and events can apply for funding help until 14 September.

Application forms and more information is available at [broome.wa.gov.au](https://broome.wa.gov.au).