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What's happening in the Shire of Broome?

Thu 6 Sept - Writers & Illustrators Workshops Broome Public Library, 5-7pm. Illustrator Marc McBride (Deltora Quest) and author Phil Kettle (Toocool Series) will conduct two free community workshops, with illustrating from 5-6pm and writing from 6-7pm. Author Meredith Costain and illustrator Marjory Gardner will also be in attendance. More info from the Library.



Fri 21 Sept - Dash 'n' 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, and long course is a 4km run and 400m swim, with categories for seniors, juniors and teams. Events on Fri 21 Sept, 19 Oct and 16 Nov. Entry forms on the website or from BRAC on 9191 8720 or brac@broome.wa.gov.au.

Thu 27 Sept - 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.



Sat 20 - Sun 21 Oct - Garage Sale Trail Broome households, schools and community groups are set to join over 400,000 people across the country on Sat 20 and Sun 21 Oct as a part of the eighth annual Garage Sale Trail. Register now at

garagesaletrail.com.au.

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An artist's impression of the new seawall at Town Beach at high tide.

Town Beach Project set for construction

Construction is set to start on the first exciting upgrade coming to Town Beach with a new rock revetment seawall to address the environmental and safety threat posed by the eroding pindan cliffs running from the Town Beach groyne to Catalinas.

The \$4.5 million sub-project is funded by the State Government Royalties for Regions and the Shire of Broome.

Heritage and environmental approvals are in place and construction is scheduled to start shortly after Council awarded the contract to local firm Roadline in a welcome boost for Broome's economy.

Construction will take about four months and requires 12,000 tonnes of local Kimberley quartzite armour rock and a 1.2m-thick layer of smaller rock. The seawall will incorporate grassed terraces for viewing the Staircase to the Moon, a walkway overlooking Roebuck Bay, and three sets of stairs for beach access at low tide and fishing at high tide. Once this is completed work can begin on other subprojects including expanding the parkland through to Catalinas to include nature play, youth, heritage and markets precincts, expanding the water park, and connecting Hamersley St to Robinson St.

Funds available for community groups

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.

Application forms and more information is available at broome.wa.gov.au.

Recognise contributors in our community

Nominations are open to recognise some of the unsung heroes in the Broome community in the prestigious Community Citizen of the Year Awards.

Each year individuals and groups are recognised on Australia Day, with Phil Leach and the Broome Netball Club the winners in 2018.

There are separate categories for Overall, Youth, Senior and Community Group or Event, and nominations can be made online at citizenshipawards.com.au.

Broome Shire President, Harold Tracey, says Broome has many outstanding local role models who would be worthy winners of these important awards.

"The Community Citizen of the Year Awards are an opportunity to recognise the special individuals and organisations who make a difference in our Shire, and we encourage community members to take the time to



Phil Leach and the Broome Netball Club were 2018 Community Citizens of the Year.

nominate a deserving person or group," Cr Tracey says. Nominations close on 31 October 2018 and winners will be announced on Australia Day 2019.