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What's Happening

In the Shire of Broome?

Future of sports in focus at the Shire of Broome Sports Forum

The Broome community is invited to participate in a free sports forum, to take place at the Goolari Gimme Club on Saturday, March 11, from 8:00AM - 2:00PM. The forum aims to bring the sporting community together to discuss the future of local sport.

This year's forum will focus on discussing how to collaborate on increasing participation in junior sport. Participants can attend one session or stay for the full conference. For more information, please contact mike.doyle@broome.wa.gov.au. This free event is hosted in conjunction with Inclusion Solutions and the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries' Every Club program.

Community celebrates new Australians at Town Beach event



Hundreds of Broome residents gathered at Town Beach on the morning of Thursday, January 26, 2023, to celebrate Australia Day, applaud Broome's citizens of the year, and welcome more than 20 new Australian citizens.

The event was organised in partnership between the Shire of Broome and Lions Club, with the latter putting on a BBQ breakfast with lots of fun activities, including their famous Lions train for the kids.

The citizenship ceremony, officiated by Deputy Shire President Desiree Male, was followed by a presentation of the 2023 Citizen of the Year Awards. For their generous contributions to the Broome community, the winners were Kate Garstone, who was named Broome Community Citizen of the Year, Moira Greenhalgh (Senior Citizen of the Year) and Chris Malone (Active Citizenship/Group of the Year).

The centrepiece of the formalities was an address from Australia Day ambassador Craig Hollywood, founder and CEO of Short Back & Sidewalks, a charity offering free haircuts to members of the community experiencing homelessness.

Congratulations and welcome to all the new Australian citizens in Broome!

Commemorating the 81st Anniversary of the Broome Air Raid

The Shire of Broome, in collaboration with several community organisations, will host a program of events to commemorate the Broome Air Raid from Thursday, March 2 to March 3, 2023, marking one of the deadliest wartime attacks on Australian soil.

The program of event begins with A Night of Reflection at Sun Pictures, followed by an Air Raid artwork tour, centrepiece commemoration event, and RSL morning tea the next day.

This year's event comes after the Shire's plans to host the 80th Commemoration of the Broome Air Raid had to be postponed due to risks related to COVID-19 and ex-Tropical Cyclone Anika.

Shire of Broome president Harold Tracey said cancelling the event all together was never an option, with very few, if any, survivors from that fateful day still alive to share their memories.

He emphasised the importance of this occasion and encourages the whole Broome community to attend. "March 3 marks tragedy for Broome, although it is also a story of inspiration for those that helped the victims of this brutal attack and those victims that survived and lived to share the tale," he said.

"We understand how disappointing it was for the community last year when the tough decision was made to postpone the event.

"I look forward to seeing the community come together to honour this significant historic date, and I thank those that keep our town's history and heritage going.

"This includes the generous community organisations that have assisted with bringing the event program together for another year, the Broome Historical Society and Museum, St Mary's School, RSL and many more."

Please visit www.broome.wa.gov.au/Air-Raid for more event information.

81ST COMMEMORATION OF THE
BROOME AIR RAID
THURSDAY 2ND & FRIDAY 3RD MARCH 2023

2 MAR	<p>THURSDAY 5.30PM ONWARDS A NIGHT OF REFLECTION</p>	<p>Watch the documentary Red Sun on the Kangaroo Paw and hear about the events surrounding March 3, 1942. Canapes on arrival and a meal served under the stars. Presented by the Broome Historical Society.</p> <p>Tickets available to purchase online Sun Pictures, 8 Carnarvon Street</p>
3 MAR	<p>FRIDAY 7.00AM - 7.45AM AIR RAID ARTWORK TOUR</p>	<p>Join artist Chris Maher for a morning of history and creativity as we celebrate the new public artwork, Nine Zeroes Nine Stories. Free to attend, all are welcome.</p> <p>Town Beach Jetty, 90 Robinson Street</p>
3 MAR	<p>FRIDAY 8.00AM - 10.00AM 81ST COMMEMORATION OF THE BROOME AIR RAID</p>	<p>Come together with the community to commemorate the 81st Anniversary of the Broome Air Raid. The event includes formal speeches, performances, and laying of wreaths. Free to attend, all are welcome.</p> <p>Bedford Park War Memorial, 1 Anne Street</p>
3 MAR	<p>FRIDAY 10.30AM ONWARDS COMMEMORATIVE MORNING TEA</p>	<p>Directly after the commemoration, join the Broome RSL for morning tea. Free to attend, all are welcome.</p> <p>Broome RSL, 14 Robinson Street</p>



For more information, please visit broome.wa.gov.au/Air-Raid

Have your say: the Shire's updated Disability Access and Inclusion Plan



The Shire of Broome is in the process of developing a new Disability Access and Inclusion Plan (DAIP) for 2023-2028 and are seeking your input.

The purpose of the DAIP is to ensure that all people, including people with disability, are welcomed

and included in the shire, and have access to Shire buildings, information, public consultations, complaints processes, services, and employment opportunities.

There are several different ways to get involved and provide feedback. Here are a few:

- Review the current DAIP at www.broome.wa.gov.au/DAIP
- Attend a community forum. Dates are listed below
- Complete an online survey at www.broome.wa.gov.au/DAIP
- Complete a hard copy survey from the Shire of Broome reception
- Contact mike.doyle@broome.wa.gov.au

Community forums held at the Shire of Broome Function Room are free to attend, however RSVP is essential via mike.doyle@broome.wa.gov.au.

The first will take place on Monday, March 13, from 5pm to 7pm. Followed by another on Tuesday, March 14, from 11am to 1pm.

The Shire welcomes your ideas on how we can make our community more accessible and inclusive for everyone and hopes to see you at one of the community forums.