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What's Happening

In the Shire of Broome?

Chinatown CHRISTMAS PARTY & Carols

FRIDAY | **2 DEC** | 2022

Carnarvon Street and Male Oval

PARTY FROM 4.00PM - 6.30PM
Storytime & letters with Santa, market stalls, free kids activities, with entertainment from local performers

CAROLS FROM 6.30PM - 8.00PM
Bring a picnic blanket to enjoy the carols by candlelight on Male Oval, with food by your favourite vendors

Wander through Chinatown to visit stores staying open late with their own festive activations

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Christmas is just around the corner with the Shire of Broome's Chinatown Christmas Party and Carols happening on Friday, December 2 along Carnarvon Street and Male Oval.

From 4pm, Carnarvon Street will fill with market stalls, food vendors and loads of free kids' activities such as sensory play, bubble land, letters to Santa and more.

Generous local community groups are getting involved too. The Broome Lions Club are running their famous train from Sun Pictures, and our very own Broome Public Library staff will be reading storybooks with Santa.

Additionally, the main stage on Male Oval will feature a program packed full of local dancers, performers, and musicians.

Chinatown traders are also getting into the Christmas spirit by staying open late and facilitating their own festive activations like face painting, gift wrapping and colouring in competitions.

From 6:30pm, the Male Oval main stage will light up for carols by candlelight. Get cosy, bring a picnic blanket, and grab some dinner from your favourite Broome food vendors.

If you'd like still to get involved in the choir, as another performer, or host a market stall, it's not too late! Please email honey.taylor@broome.wa.gov.au

Volunteering champs recognised

In collaboration with our generous partners, Coolarri Media Enterprises and Broome Circle, the Shire of Broome is hosting an exciting podcast series.

The fortnightly series 'Volunteering Champs of Broome' features stories from a few of the champion volunteers that make our community so special - a recent episode featured local hero Chris DiNuzzo telling stories of his years of experience volunteering at Broome Motocross.

At the Chinatown Christmas Party you'll be able to view a portrait display of the Volunteer Champs of Broome in person.

Do you know any hard-working volunteers who would love to tell their story? Please email mike.doyle@broome.wa.gov.au

Conti Foreshore Shared Path wins state award



Broome's Conti Foreshore Shared Path is the latest Shire of Broome infrastructure project to receive state-wide recognition with an award for excellence.

The 1.3km path, which provides an all-access link between the award-winning Town Beach precinct and the Jetty to Jetty Trail towards Chinatown, was named the regional winner at the 2022 Your Move Awards in the Western Australian Bicycle Network (WABN) category, "for making the jetty-to-jetty trail and public art more accessible".

Your Move is a Department of Transport program that helps people find alternative, active ways to get to and from work, school and around their local community. It aims to help people swap a few car trips per week for walking, cycling and public transport by offering information and support tailored to their lifestyle to make it easier to find more ways to get there.

The 3m-wide Conti-Foreshore Shared Path is separated from the road and accommodates a range

of users and meets all relevant standards including AS 1428.1 Design for access and mobility.

Broome Shire President Harold Tracey thanked Department of Transport for providing funding for the project through the WA Bicycle Network and said the award was a recognition of the excellent work of the Shire's engineering and operations teams and local contractors.

"In recent years the Shire has invested significant time and money to revitalise two of our main precincts - Town Beach and Chinatown," Cr Tracey said.

"This year we completed the final stage of the shared cycle and walking path, which is the final, accessible link for people of all abilities between the two precincts and takes in a range of destinations."

"Soon it will be even more accessible with 27 solar lights to be installed during the coming months, which will increase community safety and ensure safe night-time passage of the area."

Verging on tidy streets

Verges between homes and the road serve to provide a safe space for pedestrian access as well as a service corridor for placement and maintenance of public utilities. Appropriately landscaped verges enhance the visual appeal of the streetscape, increase community amenity, provide shade and create a habitat for birds and other wildlife.

Across Western Australia, verge maintenance is the responsibility of the occupier of the adjacent home, so here are some frequently asked questions about planting on verges and maintaining them.

Can I install vegetation within the verge?

Grass, garden beds, trees and shrubs can be installed within the verge adjacent to your property and if installed they must be maintained in accordance with Shire guidelines.

Do I have to maintain the verge if I didn't plant what was there?

As the landowner of the property directly adjacent to the verge, you are responsible for the maintenance of any vegetation whether it was installed by previous landowners or occupiers, with the exception of naturally occurring endemic tree species.

Can I remove or trim trees within the verge?

All naturally occurring endemic tree species within the verge are the property of the Shire and it is an offence to trim or remove them without prior approval. The Shire will prune approved street trees for safety clearance issues. If you are wishing to remove or trim unapproved street trees or endemic trees within your verge area, please contact the Shires Parks and Gardens Department on 9191 3456 to have protected trees identified and to get approval for removal of these trees where necessary.

Does the Shire provide trees to plant on verges?

Yes. The Shire provides and will plant a variety of native tree species at no cost. Species selection is based on availability, suitability and habitat that suits the proposed location at the time of application.

For more information about verges and to download the Verge Treatment Information Sheet and Street Tree application form, visit broome.wa.gov.au/Community/Parks-and-Gardens/Verges-Street-Trees

