

What's Happening

In the Shire of Broome?

Reminders during turtle nesting season



Below are a few things to keep in mind if you are lucky enough to spot a turtle nesting, or hatchlings making their journey back to the water, courtesy of Parks and Wildlife Service Kimberley:

NO GLOW: Nesting turtles and hatchlings are easily disturbed by lights, use the moon to light your way.

MOVE SLOW: To avoid disturbing turtles, walk along the water's edge.

STAY LOW: Out of sight of nesting turtles – sit, crouch, or lie in the sand.

LET THEM FLOW: Let hatchlings make their own way to the ocean. They take an imprint of that beach so they can return to the same area when they are ready to mate and lay eggs. Try not to get between hatchling and the water's edge.

To keep flatback turtle hatchlings safe in the peak of the season, from December 1 to January 31, vehicle access North of the rocks at Cable Beach will be prohibited. Penalties of up to \$200 apply for anyone disregarding the closures.

Shire of Broome Christmas Closures

Please note the following Shire of Broome facility Christmas Closure dates:

Administration Building, Library & Civic Centre

December 23 to January 3

BRAC and Waste Facility

December 25, 26 and 31 (open public holidays)

Shire Depot

December 23 to 27 & January 2

Liquor restrictions to continue in Broome with slight easing of take-away limits

Daily limits on packaged alcohol sales will continue within the Shire of Broome despite the expiry of Section 31 Notice Kimberley, but patrons will be allowed to purchase more wine and mid-strength beer.

The Section 31 restrictions, which have been in place since March 2020 expired on November 4, 2022, when Western Australia's State of Emergency for the COVID-19 pandemic ended.

But while liquor licensees were no longer restricted to selling packaged liquor in State-enforced prescribed quantities, the Broome Liquor Accord, which includes the town's liquor retailers with support from the Shire of Broome and WA Police, has agreed to continue imposing restrictions with slightly eased daily limits.

The revised restrictions on the purchase of packaged liquor will come into effect once software for point-of-sale identification scanners used to manage the Takeaway Alcohol Management System (TAMS) is updated by the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries.

The system is undergoing testing and is anticipated to be in place to account for the new restrictions from Monday, December 5 – posters showing the new limits will be displayed in store once the system is up and running.

The new daily limit will allow for the purchase of up to two cartons of mid-strength beer – up from one carton – and up to six 750ml bottles of wine, an increase from three bottles.

The daily limits on full-strength beer and spirits won't change (see below).

Anyone wishing to purchase packaged alcohol will still be required to present photo ID in the form of an Australian driver's licence, an Australian or international passport, or an Australian Proof of Age card.

Broome Liquor Accord chair and Shire of Broome president Harold Tracey thanked the Broome

Updated liquor restrictions from Monday, December 5 2022

Individual purchase:

BEER	
Mid-strength (2.8-3.5%) Maximum 2 x Cartons	Full-strength (3.5-7.0%) Maximum 1 x Carton
CIDER & READY TO DRINK (RTD) BEVERAGES	
Mid-strength Maximum 2 x Cartons	Full-strength Maximum 1 x Carton
WINE	
Standard Maximum 6 x 750mL bottles	Fortified Maximum 1 x 1L bottles
SPIRITS	
Maximum 1 x 1L bottle	

Combination purchase:

2 x Mid-strength cartons	1 x Full-strength + 1 x Mid-strength carton	1 x Mid-strength carton + 6 x Bottles of wine
1 x Full-strength carton + 3 x Bottles of wine	1 x Bottle of spirits/fortified wine + 3 x Bottles of wine	1 x Bottle of spirits/fortified wine + 1 x Carton

Broome Liquor Accord

community for its support and patience with the alcohol restrictions.

"The misuse of alcohol has a negative knock-on impact on critical services in our communities across the West Kimberley and is an issue that we are trying to address" he said.

"We know that TAMS can't be the be-all and end-all of such a complex situation, but the system continues to be step in the right direction to tackle what has sadly become an endemic social problem.

"I'd again like to thank our industry partners for their willingness to participate."

Cr Tracey said the Shire would continue to lobby for consistent regional liquor restrictions to prevent people leaving their communities.

Youth service programs receive sponsorship boost

Youth service programs in the Shire of Broome will receive a significant boost thanks to a new \$180,000 sponsorship from the Pilbara Iron Company Pty Ltd (a division of Rio Tinto).

The three-year partnership between the Shire and Pilbara Iron extends from the latter's annual financial contribution towards local youth development initiatives in place since 2014.

It sees funding increased from \$20,000 per annum to \$60,000 injected annually to support the Place Activation & Engagement Officer (Community Safety and Youth) role.

It will also contribute to the delivery of the Shire of Broome Youth Plan (2021-2025), which guides the development and implementation of youth programs and services being delivered or proposed by the Shire of Broome.

These include the Broome Youth Advisory Council, the annual Youth Forum, school holiday events, and youth-focused activities at the Broome Recreation and Aquatic Centre.

Shire of Broome Deputy President Desiree Male praised Pilbara Iron's continued support of local youth services and said the new deal will lead to more opportunities



Pilbara Iron West Angelas iron ore mine general manager Sean O'Hanlon and Shire of Broome Deputy President Desiree Male.

for young people to become involved with planning for services and facilities designed to meet their needs.

"Even with the best intentions, there isn't much point designing youth programs without input from the young people they are meant to benefit," Cr Male said.

"With Pilbara Iron's support the Broome Youth Advisory Council in particular has led to excellent outcomes by encouraging young people to engage with their peers to determine the type of events and activities they want and feel are important."