

What's Happening

In the Shire of Broome?

Community workshops: Cable Beach and Chinatown/ Old Broome Precinct Plans

The Shire is preparing new planning frameworks for Cable Beach and Chinatown/Old Broome and invites the community to be part of the process.

'Precinct Plans' are planning tools used to guide future development to ensure it is carefully planned, designed, and developed to achieve good building, open space and transport outcomes.

As part of the first phase of engagement, the Shire is hosting additional community workshops for the Precinct Plans for Cable Beach and Chinatown/Old Broome this month at the Shire Administration Centre, Cnr Weld and Haas Street, Broome for those unable to attend the workshops held at the Shire in September.

We invite you to join us to help plan for the Shire's future at:

- Cable Beach Precinct Plan Workshop: Monday, November 21 from 5:30-8pm
- Chinatown/Old Broome Precinct Plan: Tuesday, November 22 from 5:30-8pm

Alternatively, you can make online feedback on an online interactive map about community values.

For more information about the project and opportunities to get involved, visit getinvolved.mysocialpinpoint.com.au/broomepsp or contact the Shire on 08 9191 3456.

2022 Christmas Market



Christmas will start a little early this year, with the final Town Beach night market for 2022 providing an opportunity to purchase unique gifts from a variety of local stall holders and enjoy live music, and eclectic cuisine from Broome's favourite food vans.

The 2022 Christmas Market is at Town Beach on Sunday, November 20 off Hamersley Street, Broome from 4.30pm to 8.30pm.

Cable Beach turtles receive additional protection with vehicle ban



The Shire of Broome Council has resolved to prohibit vehicles from driving north of the rocks on Cable Beach from December 1 to January 31 to protect flatback turtle hatchlings.

Turtle nesting season is from October until March each year, with the Shire already imposing limited restrictions to vehicle access to the beach during those months.

The unanimous decision at the October Ordinary Council Meeting to close the northern section of Cable Beach in December and January to vehicles altogether was influenced by consultation between the Shire and the Broome community.

Flatback turtles are native to Broome and special to the Yawuru people. They are also a threatened and vulnerable species and therefore legally protected.

Broome Shire President Harold Tracey said the turtles are also important to the wider community and a significant part of what makes Broome such a

desirable tourist destination.

"But with the ability to drive on the beach also cherished by many locals and tourists alike, the decision to close it to vehicles wasn't made lightly," he added.

"With the detailed, locally specific data provided by the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) used to consult with the public, we can now say hand on heart that the evidence is there that we should be doing something to protect these beautiful little turtles at their most challenging time and that the community agrees."

Emergency vehicles and those used for essential Council and Ranger services, and relevant licenced businesses will be permitted to operate on the beach when necessary.

Members of the public wishing to drive on to Cable Beach during the December and January will still be able to do so at the southern end, near Gantheaume Point.

Lifeguard patrols finish up for the wet season



The beginning of the wet season coincided with the end of the professional lifeguard service on Cable Beach provided by West Coast Water Safety for 2022.

With up to 33,000 people using the patrolled section of Cable Beach per month during the peak tourism season, the lifeguards were kept busy and had to perform about a dozen rescues, including four in a single day in September.

Broome Surf Lifesaving Club volunteers have also finished up for the season, meaning Cable Beach will be unpatrolled until Good Friday, April 7, 2023.

Beach users are encouraged to be especially vigilant, with November also signalling the start of stinger season.

Fortunately, stings from Irukandji and Box jellyfish in Broome are rare and preventable if you take precautions such as wearing protective clothing and following all beach warning signs.

For more information on stingers, stings, prevention, treatment and where to find stinger (vinegar) stands at Broome's beaches, visit broome.wa.gov.au/Community/Recreation/Beaches.