

Have your say in Local Government Election

Local Government elections will be held Saturday 19 October, with early voting available until 4pm Friday 18 October at the Shire Administration. Fifteen candidates have nominated for the vacancies in the Broome Ward, with one nomination received for one vacancy in the Dampier Ward and Cr Elita Fay re-elected unopposed.

The Shire of Broome has elected members representing two wards, and Councils hold office for a four-year term with ordinary elections every two years and about half the Councilors' terms finishing at each election.

Shire of Broome CEO, Sam Mastrolombo, says Local Government elections play an important role in our democracy and are an important opportunity for people to be involved in their community.

The full list of candidates and their profiles can be viewed at the Shire or on the website.



Temporary closures to protect turtles

The impact of vehicles on turtles nesting at Cable Beach is again being managed with night-time closures now in place.

The Cable Beach north access ramp is closed to vehicles between 5pm and 6am each day during turtle nesting season from 1 Oct to 29 Feb 2020, and for two hours either side of high tides of 0.9m or more.

Penalties of up to \$200 apply for anyone disregarding the beach closures under Shire of Broome Local Laws.

Broome Shire President, Harold Tracey, says the main species nesting on Cable Beach is the Flatback Turtle, which is threatened and is protected under WA legislation.



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Award win for Chinatown Revitalisation

The Chinatown Revitalisation Project has won the award for Excellence in Urban Renewal from the Urban Development Institute of Australia WA.

Broome Shire President, Harold Tracey, says the award is due recognition for the whole Broome community that collaborated on the exciting project.

"This accolade shows that what we've achieved for Broome through the Chinatown Revitalisation Project really is first class," Cr Tracey says.

"We thank all of those involved including our project partners, contractors, Community and Stakeholder Reference Group, and particularly the traders and property owners of Chinatown."

The Chinatown Revitalisation Project injected \$4 million into Broome's town centre to create a more inviting and pedestrian-friendly streetscape that will attract more visitors and enhance their experience and benefit the local economy.

Operating short-stay accommodation at home

Broome's an extraordinary holiday destination and attracts major sporting, cultural and business events.

However, concerns have been raised about the number of residential homes being made available for short-stay accommodation.

Local Planning Scheme No 6 controls land use and development in the Shire and defines different short-stay accommodation land uses and nominates zone where this can be done.

Landowners making rooms available for short-stay use while living in the house is defined as a "bed and breakfast" which can be undertaken from Residential zoned properties if development approval has been obtained from the Shire.

Landowners making their house available for short-stay accommodation (less than three months in any 12-month period) is defined as a "holiday home" which is not permitted from a Residential zoned property.

Therefore, any landowner with their whole house available for short-stay accommodation in a Residential zone is in breach of Local Planning Scheme No 6 and risks substantial financial penalties.

For more info visit the Shire website and anyone thinking of operating short-stay accommodation from home should contact Shire Planners.

Who are our Community Citizens of the Year?

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

Each year individuals and groups are recognised as part of Australia Day celebrations, with Michael Haji Ali, Jazzini Shipway-Carr and Cable Beach Football Club the winners in 2019.

There are categories for Overall, Youth, Senior, and Community Group or Event, and nominations can be made online at broome.wa.gov.au.

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

Nominations close 31 Oct and winners will be announced on Australia Day 2020.



Cr Catherine Mamo is, Australia Day Ambassador Dr Robert Isaac AM, and 2019 Community Citizen of the Year Michael Haji Ali.