

Cable Beach lifeguard season ends for 2019

Lifeguard patrols on Cable Beach ended at the weekend following a busy 2019 season.

Patrols ran from 13 Apr to 27 Oct, with Surf Life Saving WA lifeguards on the beach each day between 9am and 4.30pm.

Broome Surf Life Saving Club volunteers assisted the professional lifeguards between May and Oct by running patrols on Sun from 8.30am to 4.30pm.

During patrol hours in 2019, lifeguards carried out 15 rescues; four major first aid incidents; 107 minor first aid incidents; 10 beach closures for stingers, sharks, crocodiles and fog; and 6282 preventative actions including warning swimmers, surfers and other beachgoers of rips, rocks and other hazards.

Shire of Broome Manager of Sport and Recreation, Casey Zepnick, says the partnership between the Shire and Surf Life Saving WA continues to keep the community and tourists visiting Cable Beach safe.

"Cable Beach will now be unsupervised across the wet season, and people who continue to swim are urged to be aware of stingers, take heed of any warnings, never to swim alone, to always respect the ocean and to stay in a comfortable depth," he said.



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■ The new Broome Shire Council has been inducted.

Meet your new Broome Shire Council

The new Broome Shire Council is in place following the recent local government elections.

Re-elected Councillors Elsta Foy, Chris Mitchell and Bruce Rudeforth Jr and new Councillors Peter Taylor, Fiona West and Nik Wevers join Councillors Desiree Male, Philip Matsumoto and Harold Tracey.

The new Council has unanimously reappointed Cr Tracey to the position of Shire President and Cr Male as Deputy

Shire President.

Cr Tracey says he welcomes the new Councillors aboard and also acknowledges the enormous contribution of outgoing Councillor Mala Fairborn.

"I'm really looking forward to working alongside a strong, unified Council with a great combination of experience and enthusiasm as we continue working to develop the town for our community," Cr Tracey says.

Free pre-cyclone waste drop-off weekends

The Broome Waste Management Facility will take household rubbish for free again this weekend to help prepare the town for cyclone season.

The open weekends on 26-27 Oct and 2-3 Nov are in addition to household green waste being accepted free at the Waste Management Facility throughout the year, and the issuing of six free passes each year to ratepayers.

There is no kerbside pre-cyclone collection.

Pensioners are eligible for a free 6m skip bin each year to assist with removing waste from properties. Please contact the Shire Administration Office on 9191 3456 for more information.

For details on items that will and will not be accepted for free visit the Shire website.

Safeguard documents at Library this month

Broome Public Library is again offering a free scanning service to provide electronic back-up of important documents during November in preparation for cyclone season.

Passports, government ID cards, insurance agreements, banking details, wills, tenancy agreements, loan agreements, pet registration details and more can be scanned between 9-10am Monday-Friday.

Those wishing to use the service will need to bring a USB thumb drive, and as the Library will be closed at these times they should knock on the front door and staff will provide access.



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