

What's Happening In the Shire of Broome?



Library lovers embrace old programs, new methods

Broome Public Library staff would like to thank the community for their overwhelming support during the uncertainty that surrounds COVID-19.

While the physical library site is closed, virtual services and a new way of accessing programs has been wholeheartedly embraced by the community.

The usual favourites such as Singalong time, Story-time and Lego Challenge have all still been running in recent weeks - but accessed online through Facebook.

The audience has been growing as word spreads, while the feedback received so far has been overwhelmingly positive.

Over the school holidays, library staff have been posting daily art challenge videos on Facebook for our youngsters to replicate.

On April 30 at 5.15pm, a virtual book club will be started.

Members are invited to read *Eight Lives* by Susan Hurley ahead of time, with this pacy thriller available online as a free e-book through the Borrow-box service.

Click and Collect Loans are underway!

Jump onto our library catalogue at <http://amlib.broome.wa.gov.au:3080>, select the exact items you want and we will parcel them up for you to collect.

This service is relevant to books, DVDs and magazines.

You can also choose a Mystery Parcel and add a bit of adventure to your life! We will have random parcels ready for you to collect, full of engaging content - all you need to do is phone to organise.

Library 2U is a special drop-off services for vulnerable members of our community - call us to register, conditions apply.

A host of e-resources including e-books, audiobooks, digital magazines and movie streaming are all still available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Library staff are still also working as usual - for technical help, queries or to become a library member, call 9191 3477.

Up-to-date information is available from the Broome Public Library Facebook page.



The Shire of Broome works crew have been undertaking projects at the Broome Cemetery, Town Beach and the Demco Foreshore this year.

Shire of Broome works crew getting down to business

The Shire of Broome works crew have used the fact that less people are out and about in usually busy areas to undertake upgrade work across town over the last few months.

Work at the Broome Cemetery is still ongoing, with internal roads sealed to make the site more accessible for members of the public.

The next stage of the project will include kerbing along the new roads, which will be followed by landscaping of the cemetery's central area.

The Shire of Broome is also currently reviewing its Cemetery Masterplan, which will be used to inform future decisions on improvements and upgrades to the site.

Work continues at Town Beach, with the groyne construction close to completion and Stage 2 works of the greenspace upgrade are due to commence shortly with additional footpath networks to be installed in addition to exercise equipment and further shade structures. Funding from Lotterywest has helped this project become a reality.

There has also been a landscaping revamp at the Demco Foreshore, including the creation of garden beds and the installation of bollard barriers.

The former picnic table has been removed, with replacements on the way and to be installed soon.

The upgrade of the footpath in front of Cable Beach Club is now complete, with a kerbing realignment taking place and a

matching exposed aggregate path being installed.

A pedestrian island on Cable Beach Road East outside the Broome Recreation and Aquatic Centre is being constructed to allow a safer crossing point for pedestrians.

Finally, paving is being sealed in Chinatown while the area is quieter than usual, while parks and gardens staff are maintaining sporting ovals and reserves in anticipation of the facilities reopening in the future.

Shire of Broome president Harold Tracey said that the downturn in foot traffic around town had allowed works crew to fast-track a number of projects.

"Although residents would much prefer to be making use of the Shire's facilities and public areas, the silver lining is the chance to undertake projects with minimal disruption to the community," he said.

"The Shire works team have done an excellent job in recent months and it is great to see them leading by example in terms of social distancing while they work."

Shire of Broome works crew will continue to upgrade and revamp public spaces in coming months, with more updates provided to the community in due course.

If you see any hazards, breakages or issues around Broome, continue to report them to the Shire by e-mailing shire@broome.wa.gov.au or calling 9191 3456.

Kimberley Shires active during COVID-19 pandemic

While the State and Federal Governments are the lead agencies in dealing with the COVID-19 response, the four local governments in the Kimberley have been banding together to advocate for the region.

The Kimberley Zone is made up of representatives from the Shires of Broome, Derby West Kimberley, Halls Creek and Wyndham East Kimberley.

In the last two months, the Zone has played a sizeable role in advising the State Government, with the organisation campaigning for Kimberley travel restrictions before they were put in place.

Meeting on a regular basis, the four Shires are now lobbying the State Government to deploy additional resources to enforce borders within the Kimberley and further safeguard our region from COVID-19.

"Whilst we were pleased to see the proactive efforts of the WA Police across the Easter long weekend in the prevention of unnecessary travel, it is essential that police are given the resources that they need for this to be a sustainable effort," Zone president Cr Chris Mitchell said.

Media statements from the Kimberley Zone will be published on the Shire of Broome website at www.broome.wa.gov.au.