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What's Happening

In the Shire of Broome?



Click & Collect parcels ready for the community

Despite the physical sites of the Broome Public Library and Broome Recreation and Aquatic Centre remaining closed due to COVID-19, the local community continues to engage with these much-loved services.

The library's latest service offering, Click & Collect Loans, is starting to take off, with more-and-more interest from home-bound bookworms.

The offering, which includes books, DVDs and magazines, allows library members to book the loan of resources despite not being able to physically peruse the shelves.

Simply look through the library catalogue at <http://amlib.broome.wa.gov.au:3080> and then call or e-mail with your order on 9191 3477 or library@broome.wa.gov.au.

Please allow a four-day window for your items to be ready for pick-up.

The Library 2U function is a special drop-off service to vulnerable members of our community - call 9191 3477 for more information.

At BRAC, virtual exercise classes are in full swing and can be enjoyed in the comfort of your own home or swimming pool!

Run through the online platform Zoom and operating on a weekly basis, our regular participants are being joined by a growing list of newcomers.

On Tuesdays at 8.15am, the Virtual Abs and Legs class aids conditioning, while on Thursdays at the same time a Virtual Pilates class is hosted.

On Wednesdays at 8.15am, a Virtual Aqua Class is available for those with access to their own swimming pool.

Get involved and stay active; for more information, call BRAC on 9191 8720 or visit the Facebook page.

Funding opportunity for local community groups

The Shire of Broome Council approved a new COVID-19 Community Support Package at a Special Council Meeting last month, with 16 initiatives endorsed to help residents and local businesses during these uncertain times.

These measures are aimed at providing financial relief and social benefits, including a strong sense of community, as we all face the negative impacts the pandemic is having on society.

One of the initiatives that will boost the Broome community is the new COVID-19 Community Support Grants program.

The grants program will see the Shire assist community organisations, not-for-profit groups, charities and community service providers with a one-off payment of \$2000 - \$5000.

Ideally, the applicants will be providing support to the community through services, events or innovative program delivery.

The funding window is now open and will run until May 20, with applications invited for projects that are planned to occur between June 2020 and June 2021.

Grant submissions for a maximum of 75 per cent of the total project cost will be considered, with the remaining contribution to be made up of external or self-funding, or in-kind services.

Shire of Broome president Harold Tracey said the Community Support Grants program was open to a range of organisations and the money delivered would play a big role in helping the local community.

"Broome is very lucky to have so many exemplary social, sporting and charitable organisations, who play a major role in the social fabric of our town," he said.

"The Shire is committed to helping these groups to deliver projects and initiatives that will drive community spirit and benefit us all.

"The funding window is now open and I'd urge all relevant organisations to apply for assistance."

The COVID-19 Community Support Grants will replace the Annual Matched Community Funding program, with previous applicants for this initiative eligible in the new grants system.

For more information on the Shire of Broome's COVID-19 Community Support Package, including details on the how to apply for a Community Support Grant, please visit www.broome.wa.gov.au/Community/COVID-19-Community-Support-Package.

Boating Facility has community's support



■ Of the 1221 people that took the Shire of Broome survey, 74.2 per cent were supportive of the proposed Broome Boating Facility.

A four-week survey of local residents has shown that three-quarters of the Broome community are in support of a new boating facility in town.

The Shire of Broome, in partnership with the WA Department of Transport, have developed a concept design for the Broome Boating Facility.

Proposed to be based at Entrance Point, the design includes four ramp lanes and up to two finger jetties to help alleviate safety and access issues around boat launching and retrieval.

A community survey was undertaken by 1221 people, with 74.2 per cent supportive of the plan.

Of respondents, 67.4 per cent said they were highly supportive of the concept, 6.8 per cent were supportive, 2.29 per cent were neutral and 23.51 per cent not supportive.

Shire of Broome president Harold Tracey said he was pleased with the amount of people that took the survey and a clear message was delivered in the results.

"The Shire has given everyone in the community a chance to have their say on this important project - with the results emphatic in their support of the Broome Boating Facility at Entrance Point," he said.

"No project in history has ever had 100 per cent support but the fact that three quarters of the people that took the survey were supportive is a clear message in my eyes.

"This is a once-in-a-generation project that will eradicate the problems around launching a boat in Broome.

"I look forward to progressing the Boating Facility to the next stage and to a day when we can all access Broome's waters in a safer and easier manner."

The survey results are to be presented at the Shire of Broome's May Council Meeting, before a Business Case is compiled for potential funding from Government.

For more information on the project, visit www.broomeboatingfacility.com.au.