

What's Happening

In the Shire of Broome?



Community express opinions on revamping Broome Skatepark

The Broome Skatepark, located on Cable Beach Road East, is in the process of being upgraded - with the local community taking the opportunity to have their say on the project recently.

A two-week public consultation period saw over 200 people fill out our survey, which asked people for their opinion on what the new park should look like.

Award-winning youth precinct designers Convic have been engaged to undertake the survey and provide a detailed design of the site.

The Shire is now working through the community responses to assess feedback from the survey and residents will have an opportunity to comment on the draft design from July 17.

The design will look to extend the skatepark footprint into the existing Broome Recreation and Aquatic Centre carpark, providing a wider variety of activities and challenges for skaters.

Shire of Broome president Harold Tracey said the provision of facilities that catered for the town's youth was a priority.

Payment of rates

Want to receive your rates notices in a quick, easy and environmentally-friendly way?

The Shire of Broome is encouraging ratepayers to sign up for eRates, where notices are sent out by e-mail rather than in the post.

Each year the Shire holds a raffle for all ratepayers who pay in full by the due date, with prizes available.

Residents who enter into a payment arrangement will also not be charged any administration fees or interest.

For more information and to sign up to eRates, visit <https://erateswa.com/broome>.

Sign up for Shire E-News

Keep up to date with what your Shire is doing from the convenience of your email inbox.

Shire E-News is published monthly, with info on major projects, updates on services, events and other happenings around the Shire of Broome.

To receive Shire E-News, just email shire@broome.wa.gov.au with your preferred email address.

New Local Planning Scheme for Broome

The Shire of Broome is looking towards a bright and affluent future, with a review of our Local Planning Strategy and Local Planning Scheme underway.

A Local Planning Strategy is a strategic planning document that provides a framework for local planning over a 10-15-year period.

A Local Planning Scheme facilitates the implementation of the Local Planning Strategy and is a shorter-term statutory planning document.

It provides guidance for development through rules and is used on a daily basis by local government staff and Councillors to help make decisions on all types of planning matters such as new hotels, restaurants, industrial sheds and houses.

Shire of Broome president Harold Tracey said it was an exciting opportunity for the community to get involved in planning for the future of Broome and the preparation of the planning framework for the whole of the Shire.

"The current strategy and scheme had been in place for over five years and a review

of these documents ensured they remain relevant and were in sync with the vision of the Shire's Strategic Community Plan and the Broome Growth Plan strategic goals," he said.

"The new strategy and scheme will be driven by the community and other key stakeholders, reflecting their aspirations for the future of the Shire overall and its townsites, settlements and environs.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for you to have a say in the future of the place where you live and work.

"Your local knowledge and experience are extremely important and valued."

There are a number of ways to get involved.

Visit our website at www.broome.wa.gov.au/Public-notices/Have-your-Say-Listing or call the Shire on 9191 3456 and ask to speak to one of the planning officers.

You can also visit the Shire administration building on the corners of Weld and Haas Streets. Community members can register to be advised of any updates and further opportunities to discuss the project.

Council endorses sensible 2020-21 Shire Budget



The Shire of Broome Council endorsed the 2020-21 Budget last week, with lots to look forward to over the next 12 months despite a pragmatic approach.

The backdrop to preparing the Budget has been the financial hardship experienced by many residents and businesses due to COVID-19.

As such, the Shire has carefully considered austerity measures to ensure the community's expectations are met in relation to services

and projects, but no added financial burden is handed down.

Despite a smaller Budget this year, exciting projects such as Stage Two of the Chinatown Revitalisation Project, the Town Beach Jetty, BRAC Youth Precinct, the Broome Golf Club upgrade and the reconstruction of McDaniel Road have been accounted for.

For more information on the Budget, visit the Shire website at www.broome.wa.gov.au.