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## What's Happening

In the Shire of Broome?



### Corrugated Lines: A Festival of Words at Broome Public Library

Corrugated Lines: A Festival of Words celebrates Broome and the wider region's wealth of talent in storytelling.

It is an inspirational event for both local lovers of words and visitors to the town who enjoy Kimberley stories and sharing a few tales of their own.

The Broome Public Library will play host to four events, with the festival to take place on Friday, July 31 and Saturday, August 1.

For more details and the confirmed schedule, visit the library or follow Broome Public Library on Facebook.

### BRAC swimming pool opening hours extended



The opening hours of the swimming pool at Broome Recreation and Aquatic Centre have been extended, as the community's visits to the centre and participation in sport continues to get back to pre-COVID-19 levels.

The facility's swimming pool, based on Cable Beach Road East, is now open 6am-6pm, Monday to Friday and 9am-5pm on Saturday and Sunday.

For more information, contact BRAC staff on 9191 8720.

### 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](mailto:shire@broome.wa.gov.au) with your preferred email address.

## Event schedule filling quickly as Broome comes back to life



■ Face-painting and live music in Chinatown in recent weeks has seen Broome come alive.



With Western Australia's COVID-19 restrictions relaxing, it has been noticeably busier in Broome in recent weeks.

Welcome intrastate tourists are starting to visit the region, in a boost to our local businesses that have suffered so much in recent months.

The Shire of Broome is delighted to see our amazing town thriving once more – with the semblance of a dry season thankfully now being witnessed.

Chinatown, the heart and soul of Broome, has started to come alive, with the Shire working to activate the space in recent weeks.

Throughout July, talented musicians have been taking to our streets to serenade shoppers and diners, with our great local artists adding to Chinatown's flavour.

Children's activities have also been taking place during the school holidays, with face painting and drawing workshops keeping our youngsters entertained.

The Chinatown Ladies' Night event, in its third year, is scheduled for Friday, August 7, with a fabulous evening of socialising, fashion and shopping deals promised.

With restrictions on gatherings loosened, the Broome Civic Centre also has a host of shows, performances and events scheduled for upcoming months.

This includes the hilarious comedy hypnotist Matt Hale, an iconic Bohemian Rhapsody Queen tribute and a number of events throughout the Shinju Matsuri Festival.

Shire of Broome deputy president Desiree Male said she was delighted to see town back buzzing.

"While COVID-19 and the associated restrictions disrupted Broome's usual social and events calendar, it is great to see our town busy and feeling alive again," she said.

"The Shire is committed to providing an action-packed and exciting second half to 2020, with plenty on offer to residents and tourists alike."

## Rangers message on fire restrictions

Shire Rangers have completed the 2020 fire mitigation program and have found compliance to be at a high level.

A massive congratulations to Broome's residents for the outstanding efforts put in this year.

Due to COVID-19, Rangers were innovative in the approach of completing inspections and utilised a helicopter to identify 25 rural properties out of 229 that required an on-ground inspection.

The urban area was reduced to 11 on-ground inspections out of 407; this minimised the timeframe of the program to a four-week turnaround.

Rangers have worked with property owners who have had challenges due to being overseas or out of the State and engaged contractors to get the work done in a timely manner.

There has been a progressive improvement over the years, starting from 10 months in 2017, with two rangers on the inspection program.

Approximately \$25,000 in staff wages, plus the time of two months, were saved by refining the technique.

Feedback from property owners this year has been positive and supportive towards gaining the outcome of 100 per cent compliance throughout the Shire of Broome.

