

What's Happening

In the Shire of Broome?

Local Planning Strategy and Scheme Review

We want to hear your views on the future development for the Broome Shire. The Shire is reviewing its Local Planning Strategy and Local Planning Scheme No 6 and is undertaking initial community engagement to understand what you would like to see changed or improved with the planning framework.

An Interim Engagement Summary Paper is available for review on the Shire's website. This provides a high-level overview of the key themes we have been hearing from the community since the engagement was launched on 1 July 2020.

This Summary Paper and how you can be involved in the Strategy and Scheme Review process can all be accessed through the Shire's 'Have Your Say' tab on the website. If you want to discuss how to be involved, please call the Shire and speak to a planning officer.

Dash and Splash back for 2020

With local sport back close to full flight and BRAC busy as ever, the popular Dash and Splash events are back for 2020.

There will be three events in the series, to be held at 5pm on Friday 18 September, Friday 30 October and Friday 27 November.

The short course is a 2km run with a 200m swim, while the long course is a 4km run with a 400m swim.

Both events can be completed as an individual, or adult competitors can tackle the long course as a duo.

Juniors have the option to tackle the short course as a duo or compete against the adults in the long course as a duo. This season will also see the return of the popular parent-child short course teams.

For more information, contact the BRAC crew on 9191 8720 or brac@broome.wa.gov.au.

Shire funds major local events

Along with providing events at BRAC, the library and the Civic Centre, the Shire has recently reaffirmed its support to keep Broome's social calendar busy.

The Shire Council has backed the provision of \$60,000 to the 2020 Rhythm and Ride Rodeo, which is hosted by Saltwater Country Inc and will be held on September 11-12.

The Shire of Broome is also a major funding partner for the upcoming Shinju Matsuri Festival, with \$130,000 granted to help facilitate the much-loved community event on August 29 – September 5.

With \$20,000 provided to Australia's North West Tourism to help promote Broome to visitors, the Shire is playing its role in making our town a great place to live and visit.

BRAC court upgrades nearing completion



Broome's sporting community has received a major boost, as the construction of the multi-sport court upgrade is drawing to a conclusion.

The \$1.94 million project, which was funded by the State Government, has been undertaken by local contractor Colin Wilkinson Development.

The final piece of the project is the completion of storage facilities and surrounding works.

The courts will be used by the local basketball and netball associations, with the impressive new roof structure now providing a weather-proof surface to train and compete. The project also includes the provision of grandstand seating, new lighting and electronic scoreboards.

Shire of Broome president Harold Tracey said the courts were another commitment by the Shire to provide quality local sporting infrastructure.

Have a say on Broome Waste Strategy

The Shire of Broome is undertaking a community survey as part of its review of waste and recycling services – with feedback from residents and businesses a critical component of the process.

Waste management in Broome is undergoing major changes. The Shire's only landfill is coming to the end of its operational life and plans for a new, best-practice Regional Resource Recovery Park are under development.

A Waste Strategy is required to guide the local direction and resourcing of waste management through to 2030.

The survey will be open until midnight on August 30. Your input is important to shape the Shire's future vision and actions regarding waste, while the survey only takes about 3-5 minutes to complete. To have your say on issues such as illegal dumping, recycling and green waste, go to www.surveymonkey.com/r/BroomeWaste.

Shire of Broome rangers cracking down on illegal campers at local beaches

After recent community warnings about responsibilities on local beaches, Shire of Broome rangers executed a targeted operation recently and issued nine infringements for illegal camping.

Camping is not permitted anywhere on Cable Beach, including north of the rocks to Coconut Wells or on Gantheaume Point beach.

While most people do the right thing on our beaches, nine \$100 infringements were handed out earlier this month to people camping illegally.

Shire of Broome president Harold Tracey said handing out fines was a last resort but also showed rangers were not issuing idle threats in their recent messaging.

"We have some of the most pristine beaches in Australia, which are a major drawcard for people to live here and visit Broome," he said.

"However, speeding, illegal camping and anti-social behaviour at the beach will not be tolerated and our rangers are on hand to penalise the small minority doing the wrong thing and spoiling it for everyone else."