

What's Happening

In the Shire of Broome?



Chinatown recognised in awards

The winners of the 2020 Planning Institute National Awards for Planning Excellence were announced on September 24, with the revitalisation of Chinatown in Broome recognised.

The Chinatown Revitalisation Project is a \$29.3 million initiative being funded by the Shire of Broome and WA State Government, with Stage 1 completed last year.

A commendation award was granted to the Chinatown team at the PIA Awards in the 'From Plan to Place' category.

This follows on from the project taking out the same award at the WA planning awards last year.

Stage 2 of Chinatown works is set to commence in November. Visit www.chinatownbroome.com.au for more information.

Helping to keep Broome beautiful

The Shire of Broome is helping to facilitate the Spring into Scavenge event at Town Beach on Sunday, October 11 - a free community clean-up, clothes swap and waste education event.

The Scavenge involves a waterway clean-up and clothes swap where litter collected becomes a currency to purchase quality pre-loved clothes, books and bric-a-brac donated by the local community.

For every 500g of litter collected by participants, they are rewarded with one Trash Token to use in the pop-up market.

To attend the event, register online by visiting the Events tab at www.broome.wa.gov.au.

All attendees should bring their own gloves and a bag for litter. Hand sanitiser will be provided.

Register for eRates

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.

For more information and to sign up, visit the eRates website at <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 regularly, 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.

Plenty on the agenda for Broome's youth



The Shire of Broome is committed to providing services and activities for our young people, with an action-packed couple of weeks recently for our next generation.

A Youth Activities Day was held at Town Beach on Wednesday, September 30, with around 150 young people descending on the area to enjoy the event.

Organised by the Shire of Broome's Youth Advisory Council in partnership with local stakeholders, the day was a major success.

With the October School Holidays upon us, there has been a busy schedule at the library and Broome Recreation and Aquatic Centre.

There has been daily fun for youngsters over the last two weeks at the library, while the Shire has been working with external partners to provide programming events.

The Telstra Foundation recently donated \$2500 worth of robotics to the library, with 17 young people attending the initial session.

Plans are also firmly in place to host a regular Coding Club at the library, which will help our kids to learn new

technical skills that could be a springboard for future employment opportunities.

Meanwhile, over at BRAC local youngsters have been having a blast by taking part in fun events such as LEGO Masters, water sports and a movie day.

Shire of Broome president Harold Tracey said providing infrastructure and programs for young people was a focus for the Council.

"In the Community Perceptions Survey the Shire rolled out earlier this year, the provision of youth services was one of the areas that residents stated they wanted improvement in," he said.

"The Shire has taken on board this important feedback and there is now a real effort to increase opportunities and events for our younger generation.

"It has been great to see local youngsters taking advantage of these services in recent weeks, with plenty more for us to do in this space."

Nominate your local Broome heroes for recognition in yearly community awards

Broome residents are requested to nominate their local heroes, with the prestigious Community Citizen of the Year Awards to be held on Australia Day in 2021.

Each year some of the unsung heroes of the Broome community are recognised on January 26 for their selfless acts and remarkable achievements.

The winners in 2020 were Eunice Yu, Jesse Evans and the Broome Volunteer Fire Brigade.

Nominations can be made online at www.citizenshipawards.com.au in four categories - Overall, Youth, Senior and Community Group or Event.

Shire of Broome president Harold Tracey said there were so many people and organisations worthy of being

singled out for recognition.

"Broome's community spirit is second to none - we have countless volunteers, social groups and initiatives that play a major role in making our town a better place to live, work and visit," he said.

"Looking back through the winners over the years, it is clear to see there are so many people doing great things and working for the betterment of our community.

"I'd encourage all Broome residents to take the time to nominate others, with the Community Citizen of the Year Awards the ideal recognition of our unsung heroes."

Voting for the Community Citizen of the Year Awards will close on October 31.