

What's Happening

In the Shire of Broome?



Final chance for cemetery input

The Shire of Broome has completed significant works at the Broome Cemetery, but is calling for feedback from the community as to what priorities should be focused on moving forward – with the opportunity to have an input closing on Friday.

The Broome Cemetery 2020 Draft Master Plan has been compiled, with a period of public consultation now open for residents to have their say on the document.

A number of potential new features are on the table for discussion, but feedback from the community is critical to prioritising future work.

Work already completed at the Broome Cemetery this year includes the sealing of internal roads, kerbing and installation of a memorial garden.

Copies of both the master plan and the feedback form can also be accessed by visiting the 'Have your say' section at www.broome.wa.gov.au or at the Shire Administration building on the corners of Weld and Haas Street.

Public consultation will run until November 6.

Reviewing your representation

The Shire of Broome is currently reviewing its wards and representation, with members of the public encouraged to have their say.

In line with WA State Government recommendations, Councils are being encouraged to assess their wards and jurisdictions to ensure a fair representation for residents.

The Shire of Broome currently has nine elected councillors, split across two wards – seven representing the Broome Ward and two representing the Dampier Ward.

The review will give respondents the opportunity to state whether they would like the current system to remain the same, the Broome Ward to increase in size to take into account the region's population distribution or to abolish the ward system entirely. The Shire is also open to other options and feedback from the community.

To have an input in the process, visit the 'Have your Say' section at www.broome.wa.gov.au or visit the Shire Administration building on the corners of Weld and Haas Street.

Public submissions close at 4pm on November 27.

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

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Chinatown Stage 2 construction works to start



The next step in Chinatown's rejuvenation is set to commence soon, with Stage 2 construction works to begin in November.

Georgiou Group Pty Ltd have been awarded the construction contract, with the project scheduled to run through until mid-2021.

The \$14.6 million upgrades, funded by the State Government and the Shire of Broome, will include improved road layouts, shade during the day and lighting at night, alfresco meeting places and street furniture, trees and green space plantings, public art and interpretive trails, and versatile parking layouts including a transit hub.

Shire of Broome president Harold Tracey said the contract award and upcoming start of construction was a major milestone for Stage Two of the project.

"The contract award is an important milestone and finalises our negotiations with the contractor, which will ensure the best possible value and outcomes for our community," he said.

"Local content and employment were at the forefront of our negotiations and I'm pleased to see that up to 70 per cent of the contract sum is forecast to be injected directly into our economy through our local contractors, who will be undertaking the majority of the works."

"We also recognise Chinatown traders need to continue operating their businesses with as little disruption as possible throughout the construction period and we are already working very hard with the contractor to ensure this remains front of mind from the start of the works."

Construction is scheduled to commence at the beginning of November, with works to be split into three stages through the wet season.

During the works, temporary road closures will be required on Carnarvon Street, Short Street and Napier Terrace, with diversions in place and construction being staggered to ensure access to businesses is retained.

Pedestrian access in all areas will be maintained throughout the entire construction period and businesses will be open as usual.

Information regarding access and roadwork maps for construction areas, including temporary road closures, will be advertised and made available on the Chinatown website, in the monthly newsletter and on the Facebook page to help minimise inconvenience to the community.

For more information on the Chinatown Revitalisation Project and sub-projects, visit www.chinatownbroome.com.au.

Get rid of your household waste this weekend



The Shire of Broome is stressing the importance of preparing for wet and windy weather, with residents able to dispose of household waste for free this weekend.

Our town witnesses several cyclonic events each year, with the potential for substantial damage to properties and possessions.

The community of Broome is encouraged to tidy their properties up in preparation for wet season and make use of the remaining free waste disposal days – November 7 and 8.

To see what is eligible to be disposed at the Broome Waste Management Facility and what is not, visit www.broome.wa.gov.au/Shire-Services/Waste-Management/Cyclones-and-Waste-Disposal.