

## What's Happening

In the Shire of Broome?



### BRAC offering School Holiday Program

Broome Recreation and Aquatic Centre staff are ready for an action-packed School Holiday Program next month.

Running from Monday, January 4 until Friday, January 29, there will be something for all the kids to enjoy and a busy schedule to select from.

There will be two sessions each day, but the program will not be available on the Australia Day public holiday on January 26.

Activities included this time around include Lego challenges, indoor sports, movie days, splashing on our amazing inflatable and much more!

To enrol a place, visit [www.broome.wa.gov.au](http://www.broome.wa.gov.au) and search School Holiday Program.

### Library Christmas Challenge in full swing

Call into the library and collect your Christmas Challenge pack before December 25 - there's lots of activities to keep you busy this school holidays.

Try your hand at creating a book, baking a cake, creating a comic or costume, do some origami, write a story or disguise yourself! Email your completed challenges to [library@broome.wa.gov.au](mailto:library@broome.wa.gov.au).

Please also put Saturday, February 27 2021 in your diary and come to the library at 10.30am for prize-giving and awards.

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

## A message from Harold Tracey on public safety



The Shire of Broome held a Community Safety Forum last week and I'd like to firstly thank those that attended, especially the visiting dignitaries and the panel members.

It is clear to the Shire that public safety and alleviating crime is a major community priority. As Shire president and someone born and bred in this town, I can completely understand people's frustrations - I feel those emotions too.

The evening presented an opportunity to hear from relevant Government agencies and politicians, while the Broome community had a chance to air their grievances and ask questions of the decision makers.

Some of the suggestions from the public made real sense and I left the meeting with a sense of positivity and hope for the future.

While one community forum was never going to fix the social issues our town faces, it is a great starting point for positive change.

Although dealing with crime is not part of the

Shire's core business, I am committed to driving further collaboration between relevant parties and helping to drive change in a search for solutions.

The next step is the Shire picking through the bones of what was said on the night and to put forward proposals to the State Government in an attempt to access additional support.

Public safety is a whole-of-community responsibility and by working together I know we can improve this frustrating situation.

Broome is an amazing place to live, work and visit - the Shire is committed to ensuring it is a safe place too.

We are currently seeking public feedback on a number of new Community Development Plans, including the Community Safety Plan 2021-25.

To help guide us, please review these documents and make a submission by visiting the 'Have your say' section at [www.broome.wa.gov.au](http://www.broome.wa.gov.au).

## Reduced opening hours at Shire facilities over Christmas break

The opening hours of the Shire of Broome's facilities will be reduced over the festive season.

The Shire Administration Building, Broome Civic Centre, Broome Library and Shire Depot will be closed from Christmas Day until Monday, January 4.

Some staff will be rostered on to handle routine duties and emergencies, should they arise.

Broome Recreation and Aquatic Centre will be

closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day, while reduced opening hours will apply from Monday, December 21 through to Sunday, January 3.

The Broome Waste Management Facility will be closed on Christmas Day, but normal hours will apply for the remainder of the festive season.

Kerbside rubbish collection will operate as normal over Christmas and New Year, but inquiries can be directed to Cleanaway on 9194 5200.