

## What's Happening

In the Shire of Broome?

**Wards to be reviewed again before 2023**



The Shire of Broome undertook a review of its ward structure last year, which is currently made up of seven Broome Ward councillors and two Dampier Ward councillors.

This process was driven by community input and the Council resolved to keep the current structure.

However, the Shire has received correspondence from the WA Local Government Advisory Board, who have indicated another review should be undertaken before the 2023 Shire elections.

The reasoning for this is a perceived imbalance in the councillor to elector ratio, given the population of people living in the respective wards.

The Shire will update the community in relation to this process in due course.

### Shire supporting community organisations

Broome is lucky to have so many outstanding not-for-profit groups, social organisations, charities and sports bodies, who play a key role in making our town an amazing place to live and work.

As such, the Community Sponsorship Program has been developed to provide funds to assist community-based organisations within the Shire for the development of social, cultural, economic, recreational, environmental and reconciliation projects and initiatives that benefit the local community.

The next Annual Community Matched Funding round is now open until April 6 for projects occurring between June 2021 and June 2022.

The updated guidelines are available on the Shire's website - simply search 'community funding' at [www.broome.wa.gov.au](http://www.broome.wa.gov.au).

For more information, please contact the Youth and Community Development Officer on 9191 3456.

### Beach 2 Bay Virtual Swim

A unique and much-loved local swimming event is set to be held again next month, as the Beach 2 Bay Virtual Swim takes place at the Broome Recreation and Aquatic Centre.

The 20km swim event simulates the distance of swimming from Cable Beach around Gantheaume Point and finishing at Town Beach.

To be held on Sunday, March 28 in the BRAC pool, this 800-lap event can be completed as an individual, duo, team of four or a novelty team of up to 10 people.

Registrations opened on Monday, February 15, while BRAC has Adult Swim classes to help get you ready for the big event.

For more information, visit [www.broome.wa.gov.au](http://www.broome.wa.gov.au) or call 9191 8720.

## Input on Regional Resource Recovery Park



The Shire of Broome has officially commenced a Community Review process of the new Regional Resource Recovery Park (RRRP), with the launch of a dedicated website and community consultation activities.

The landfill at Broome's existing Buckley's Road Waste Management Facility is approaching the end of its operational life. In preparation for that and in line with the community's desire to see a stronger commitment to recycling and waste minimisation, the RRRP is being planned to support the community for the next 70 years and beyond.

The RRRP will include a Community Recycling Centre (CRC), Class III Landfill and supporting site infrastructure.

It will be driven by best-practice design and operation principles, capable of recycling different types of waste to reduce the amount and type of waste sent to landfill.

Since 2019, the investigation process has narrowed the options down to two preferred sites:

- Site D2: a 120ha site, located 12km northeast of Broome's town centre along Cape Leveque Road.
- Site G1: a 98ha site, located approximately 38km northeast of Broome's town centre along Great Northern Highway.

Both sites meet the ecological and geological requirements, are close enough to town and have the required road infrastructure.

During the six-week Community Review, residents are invited to provide their thoughts and feedback on the work undertaken to date.

The process will include a series of workshops, online survey and mobile stalls. The feedback ascertained will help Broome Council make its ultimate decision.

Shire of Broome deputy president Desiree Male said the community's input was a critical component of the process.

"The Shire is launching a Community Review of the work we've done to date to ensure the direction we take is safe for the community and the environment," she said.

"This process will provide Broome residents, businesses and key stakeholder groups with in-person and online opportunities to review the material and provide feedback.

"It will give members of the community a chance to provide their perspective whilst making a valued contribution to what is a critical, significant regional project."

For more information, visit [www.rrrp.com.au](http://www.rrrp.com.au).

## Shire redefines its vision and organisation's values



This plan was produced after input from more than 1000 community members through a Community Perceptions Survey and targeted workshops.

During this process, the Shire used the overwhelming community feedback to redefine its vision and values.

**Broome - a future, for everyone** is the new vision for the Shire, with this statement encapsulating our town's wonderful community spirit and future aspirations.

The Shire's values have also been updated, with the organisation living by Broome's **PEARLS**.

Proactive, for Everyone, Accountable, Respectful, Listening to people's needs and Sustainable.