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What's Happening

In the Shire of Broome?

Shire projects claim awards



A number of Shire of Broome projects were recognised at the Master Builders Bankwest Building Excellence Awards 2021 last month.

CWD Builders – Developers won the Excellence in Roofing award for the fantastic job they did at the Broome Recreation and Aquatic Centre outdoor courts.

The Broome Golf Club and Restaurant renovation, which was co-funded by the Shire and Federal Government, was the subject of a number of awards.

CWD Builders – Developers claimed top spot in the Excellence in External Finishes, Excellence in Glazing and Best Public Use Building categories.

The overhaul of the sporting infrastructure at BRAC has played a role in the continued increase in participation, with the Shire committed to improving sporting facilities further in the near future.

Finally, the new Broome Volunteer Bush Fire Command Centre, which was jointly funded by the Shire of Broome and Department of Fire and Emergency Services, was also among the awards.

H&M Tracey Construction won the Best Office Building section and was a finalist in the Best Industrial Building category.

The new facility allows Broome's specialist emergency services personnel and volunteers to keep the community safe from a dedicated hub.

Shire officers developed the scope for the project, advocated for funding and contract-managed the process during the centre's construction.

Temporary camping trial underway

A temporary trial of free camping by fully self-contained RVs in the Broome Surf Club Car Park at Cable Beach commenced on July 1.

The initiative was endorsed by Shire Councillors at the May 2021 Council Meeting in response to the increased number of vehicle-based visitors to Broome this dry season.

The trial, which is initially scheduled to last for four weeks, allows conditional free camping in the southern section of the Cable Beach Surf Club carpark for a maximum of three nights.

Camping hours are 5pm to 7am, with the potential for the trial to be reduced or extended as required.

Campers must register with the Shire and rangers are on hand to educate and assist.

For more information, visit www.broome.wa.gov.au or call 9191 3456.

An action-packed 2020-21 financial year for the Shire



A message from Shire of Broome deputy president Desiree Male

The Shire of Broome Council adopted our Budget for 2021-22 last month and it is fair to say that the backdrop of COVID-19 and associated restrictions last year have had a lasting effect.

We have all been impacted by the pandemic in one way or the other, with the Shire needing to implement carefully selected austerity measures in the last financial year to help our community.

Looking back now, the Shire's COVID-19 Community Support Package was an important initiative to provide financial respite to ratepayers, residents and businesses – but ultimately its implementation means the 2021-22 Budget is smaller than previous iterations.

This means the Shire Council have had to be even more frugal in selecting projects to progress with over the next 12 months, with a high level of financial scrutiny to ensure any and all savings are accounted for.

Despite the backdrop of COVID-19 and Broome being impacted by travel restrictions, the Shire progressed with several important projects over the last 12 months.

The final touches are being implemented in Stage Two of the Chinatown Revitalisation Project.

This major undertaking, which has been co-funded by the Shire and the State Government, has rejuvenated our town centre and will be fantastic for residents, visitors and local businesses once completed.

The Town Beach Jetty project is another infrastructure venture that will become a major asset for Broome and is the final piece in the puzzle of this special precinct's redevelopment.

I was delighted to unveil the fantastic new Broome Golf Club facilities in March 2021, with special thanks to the Federal Government for their investment in this important project.

Meanwhile, the reconstruction of McDaniel Road and other roadwork projects have made Broome a more accessible town.

Looking forward, please rest assured that your 2021-22 rates will be utilised for the greater good, with several exciting initiatives on the horizon.

Along with the services that Broome residents come to expect, a number of capital projects have been funded.

These include a \$1.5 million commitment to funding for the Skate Park Redevelopment, \$430,000 towards the detailed design of a Community Recycling Centre and \$310,000 to implement the Cemetery Master Plan.

After upgrading Chinatown and Town Beach, the redevelopment of the Cable Beach foreshore is firmly in the Shire's sights.

Over the next 12 months, a detailed design process will be undertaken to get this project to the next stage as we lobby hard for Government investment.

The Shire is also partnering with the State Government for the Broome Boating Facility initiative. The Premier has already confirmed \$35 million of funding and I hope this essential infrastructure facility will become fully funded soon.

The Shire adopted a new vision in 2020-21: Broome – A Future for Everyone.

This moniker encapsulates our inclusive and welcoming community, with the Shire working hard for you to make Broome an even better place to live, work and visit.

For more information on current projects, to read the Budget for 2021-22 and for all other Shire-related topics, please visit www.broome.wa.gov.au.

