

What's Happening

In the Shire of Broome?

Corrugated Lines a big success



The Shire of Broome was again delighted to play a role in this year's Corrugated Lines: A Festival of Words, with several events hosted at the library.

Celebrating its tenth year, the Shire partnered with Backroom Press in the initiative, with all events well attended and enjoyed.

Call for future Councillors

With local government elections taking place across Western Australia in October, the Shire of Broome has organised an information session for anyone interested in finding out more about potentially becoming a Shire Councillor.

The Shire has three vacancies in the Broome Ward and one in the Dampier Ward in this year's election, which will be held on Saturday, October 16.

An information session will be held in the Shire function room from 6pm on Tuesday, August 24, with prospective candidates able to nominate from September 2-9.

Shire of Broome chief executive officer Sam Mastrolemba said the information session was the ideal opportunity for anyone interested in getting an idea of what was involved in becoming a Councillor.

"Shire Councillors play an integral role in providing feedback from the community to the administration and make crucial decisions that impact our town," he said.

"The information session will be relatively informal and allow potential candidates to find out more information, ask questions and learn what is involved in becoming a local government Councillor."

Shire of Broome residents are also urged to enrol to vote in the elections, with the roll closing on Friday, August 27.

For more information on the 2021 Shire of Broome election and to enrol to vote, search 'election' at www.broome.wa.gov.au.

Early Rates Incentive Prize

By paying your rates in full before or on the due date of August 19 2021, you will go in the draw to win one of six prizes, with the top prize \$2000.

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>.

Broome sport on a roll, new BRAC courts a slam dunk



Broome's sporting facilities have been given another boost, with the freshly upgraded indoor courts at the Broome Recreation and Aquatic Centre now open for use.

The project has seen the old flooring removed, the underlying concrete pad rectified and the installation of a new rubber shock pad.

Fully funded by the Shire of Broome at a cost of \$250,000, the work was undertaken by contractor Sport and Recreational Surfaces over a four-week period.

New line marking will see the courts as the ideal location for basketball, netball, volleyball, badminton, floorball and futsal.

Shire of Broome president Harold Tracey said the new court surface was a big boost to the local sporting community.

"The Shire has invested heavily in sporting infrastructure in recent years, with this project hot on the heels of upgrades at the outdoor courts," he said.

"We know sporting participation in Broome is growing and the Shire is committed to providing the facilities that our community needs.

"This is another example of Broome ratepayer money going towards an exciting project to improve our town for local residents and young people."

The courts reopened for public and sporting club usage on Monday, August 2.

Community invited to Shinju Moonrise event in Chinatown

When Shinju's full moon rises over Chinatown on August 23, it will become connected to Chinatown's entry statement sculpture 'Fusion; interwoven cultures', creating a unique spectacle that only happens once a year.

The Shire of Broome and Shinju Matsuri are creating an opportunity to capture this moment directly in front of the sculpture on Napier Terrace.

Join local astronomer Greg Quicke and other VIPs to celebrate this unique occurrence, with music from Steven Pigram and a special commemorative community art event that invites you to 'take a piece of the moon home with you.'

Safehaven artists Alex and Nicole Mickle designed the Fusion artwork with the themes of interwoven connections that characterise Broome; connections between the diverse people who make up our town, our connection to the saltwater country and the connection between our pearling past and vibrant present.

Broome's famous moonrise over Roebuck Bay is a way of connecting earth and sky, and on August 23, as the moon rises to sit at the pinnacle of the artwork, Napier Terrace will become a pedestrian zone with music and art activities.

Four artists have been invited to create moon designs for the event - Jacky Cheng, Tomoko Yamada, Maxine Charlie and the Safehaven artists will showcase the diversity of Broome's community and connection to the town and its heritage.

The designs are being made into stamps and the community is invited to choose a moon stamp to mark their own commemorative card. This card will be a memento of this inaugural moonrise event.

The Shinju Moonrise event will start at 5.30pm on August 23, with the moonrise set to occur at 6.15pm.