

What's Happening

In the Shire of Broome?

Citizen of the Year Awards



Nominations for the Shire's Community Citizen of the Year awards for 2022 are currently open!

Every year the Shire heralds local champions of the Broome community on January 26 for their selfless acts and remarkable achievements.

There are four categories in the awards that people can be nominated in - Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Senior Citizen of the Year and Group or Event of the Year.

Who are your Broome legends!? Nominate them for recognition before December 10 by clicking the 'Have your Say' tab at www.broome.wa.gov.au.

Arts, Culture and Heritage Strategy

The Shire of Broome is seeking community representatives who are passionate about arts, culture and heritage to help drive forward the development and achievement of the Shire's Arts, Culture and Heritage Strategy.

The Shire acknowledges that creative industries and our heritage are integral in our vision of *Broome - a Future for Everyone*.

The newly established Arts, Culture and Heritage Community Reference Group will enable a partnership approach to developing and celebrating our thriving arts sector and support the achievement of a number of objectives within the *Shire's Corporate Business Plan (2021 - 2025)*.

This group will meet on a regular basis and will be made up of stakeholders and community representatives. The terms of reference for the group were adopted by Council on 28 October 2021.

Shire of Broome president Harold Tracey encouraged interested parties to put their hand up and get involved.

For more information on the project and to submit an Expression of Interest to join the Arts, Culture and Heritage Community Reference Group, search 'Arts, Culture and Heritage Community Reference Group' at www.broome.wa.gov.au.

Expressions of Interest are due by 4pm on Wednesday, December 22.

Christmas events to light up Broome this festive season



Christmas is fast approaching and plans for the Shire of Broome's annual Christmas celebrations are full steam ahead.

Chinatown Christmas Trails will be held on Friday, December 3 from 4-7pm and the Christmas Carols at Town Beach hosted on Sunday, December 12 from 6-8pm.

The Christmas Trails event will be taking place all over Chinatown this year, now that the Revitalisation Project is finished in its entirety.

The new lights will be dazzling in Chinatown and our town will be lit up in festive style, to celebrate this special time of year.

Santa and his elves will be visiting Chinatown once again and there are lots of activities to keep the kids entertained.

The adults haven't been forgotten either - there

is music from local performers to enjoy, food and drinks, and Christmas shopping galore.

The Christmas Carols at Town Beach is a traditional Christmas Carols by candlelight, presented by Broome's combined churches and the Shire.

Shire of Broome president Harold Tracey said there would be fun activities and entertainment for the whole family at these Christmas events.

"This is an ideal chance to come together as a community, have some fun, support local business and celebrate our wins for the year," he said.

"It is great to see all the churches collaborating for a joint event, while the Christmas Trails is a favourite in the family calendar.

"Both events celebrate the festive season of Christmas and allow the whole community to get together before the end of 2021."

Shire Council continues funding for Kullarri Patrol service

The Shire of Broome has renewed its financial support of Mamabulanjin Aboriginal Corporation's (MAC) Kullarri Patrol, with a new three-year funding agreement backed by Councillors at last month's Council meeting.

Councillors unanimously endorsed an agreement to continue to provide MAC with a yearly contribution of \$20,000 per annum, with the new agreement to run until June 30, 2024.

The Shire has financially supported the Kullarri Patrol service since June 2016.

Through the initiative, MAC continues to work alongside WA Police, the Shire and other service providers to tackle alcohol abuse and anti-social

behaviour in public places.

The Kullarri Patrol diverts Indigenous people from unnecessary contact with the criminal justice system by picking them up and taking them to a safe place.

This service plays an important role in addressing community safety in Broome and the organisation is a key stakeholder in the Shire's Community Safety Plan 2021-25.

The Shire's 2020 Community Perceptions Survey detailed that community safety was the number one priority of the Broome community and the Kullarri Patrol is instrumental in achieving this.