

## What's Happening

In the Shire of Broome?

### Surf Club project gets green light



A tender to redevelop the Broome Surf Life Saving Club was awarded to local construction company, Colin Wilkinson Developments Pty Ltd, at last month's Council meeting.

Supporting local is paramount in the Shire's service delivery and we take great pride in supporting Broome businesses, where possible.

The Shire has also supported the Club with \$371,454 worth of funding and in-kind project management contributions to the value of \$220,884.

We have also helped the Club secure a self-supporting loan to ensure this project proceeds. With such an iconic location overlooking Cable Beach, it is a unique project.

### Shire Employee of the Year



In recognition of his outstanding commitment to the Shire during 2021, property maintenance officer Michael Elphick was named Employee of the Year last month.

Michael is the perfect example of an employee exhibiting the behaviours and values of the Shire of Broome and this is evidenced regularly through feedback we receive from his co-workers and our lessees.

The Shire is enormously proud to have Michael as an employee.

### Annual Electors Meeting date set

The Shire of Broome's 2020/21 Annual Electors Meeting has been organised for February 10, 2022.

This meeting presents an opportunity for electors to ask questions of Council and propose motions.

Electors present will then be asked to vote on proposed motions, which will allow Councillors to gauge what type of community support there is for different proposals.

For more information, search 'Annual Electors Meeting' at [www.broome.wa.gov.au](http://www.broome.wa.gov.au).

## Community to celebrate Australia Day at Town Beach



The Broome community is invited to celebrate Australia Day 2022 at Town Beach, with an inclusive event to be held on January 26.

Organised in partnership between the Shire of Broome, Lions Club and other local service providers, the event is a celebration of the Broome community.

The Lions Club will be putting on a breakfast, starting at 8am, while there will be fun and entertainment for all the family - including free train rides for the kids.

This year we will welcome 27 new Australian citizens and the special address will be by our Australia Day ambassador Jenny Lam.

Ms Lam is a dynamic West Australian entrepreneur, who was a 2018 Masterchef Australia contestant.

The citizenship ceremony is followed by a presentation of the 2022 Community Citizen of the Year Awards, with winners to be announced in the senior, youth and community member categories.

Shire of Broome president Harold Tracey said Australia Day would be the first community event of the year and was a cause for celebration.

"Australia Day each year is a time for the Broome community to come together to celebrate what is great about living in this country, living in Broome and what we love about being Australian," he said.

"We invite everyone to help us celebrate this special day with food, fun and entertainment - thank you to those community members and organisations that make this event happen each year.

"This event is a time to welcome new Australians and celebrate the existing Australians in our community.

"It is great to have Jenny Lam as our Australia Day ambassador this year, we hope her successes inspire the Broome community.

"Broome is a such a special place and a wonderful town to live in, work in and visit; Australia Day is another excuse to celebrate exactly that."

## Keeping safe in Broome waters this wet season

The Shire of Broome is urging the community to be cautious in and around the water this wet season, with a number of residents stung by Irukandji this month.

Entering the water at anytime between November and April in Broome or up the Dampier Peninsula is a risk due to the presence of Irukandji, crocodiles and sharks.

Irukandji are almost impossible to see in the water, as they have a diameter of only 1-2cm, with a sting

causing potentially life-threatening symptoms in humans.

Risk mitigations that can be considered are wearing stinger suits and always carrying vinegar with you.

Vinegar for stings is also available from stinger relief stands, which are located at all of Broome's major beaches - Town Beach, Cable Beach, Gantheaume Point and Entrance Point.

For more information, search 'jellyfish' at [www.broome.wa.gov.au](http://www.broome.wa.gov.au).