

What's Happening

In the Shire of Broome?

Broome Civic Centre welcomes Perth Symphony Orchestra to the stage



Perth Symphony Orchestra (PSO) is making its debut to the Broome community this March 17 at the Broome Civic Centre, with their hit performance, **S-T-R-I-N-G-S: A quartet gone Rogue**.

This unique performance that has more in common with a Beatles gig than a classical recital shows a string quartet in an entirely new light, as the audience delves behind the scenes into a domain never usually seen: the rehearsal room.

The performance is co-written and directed by Penny Shaw, Fringe World award-winning artist and PSO's Creative Director, Bourby Webster, who is known for developing orchestral concerts that challenge the perception of orchestral and classical music, making it accessible and appealing to the widest audience.

The repertoire is an engaging mix of classical, rock, pop, electronic and jazz music ranging from composers such as Beethoven and Mozart through to Nirvana and Britney Spears.

The concert has something for everyone regardless of music taste, with the banter between musicians bringing the music to life in a humorous way.

Shire of Broome president Harold Tracey said it was a privilege that PSO included Broome on their regional tour and providing the Broome community with a fun and fresh musical experience.

"Broome being located in regional North West Australia; it is not often we are lucky enough to have a prestigious musical company come and visit us," he said.

"This one-hour performance is full of fun, laughter, storytelling and has something for all audiences to enjoy.

"Bring your family and friends along and enjoy an evening of grade A entertainment."

Join in the fun and book your tickets today! Tickets can be purchased at www.broomeciviccentre.com.au.

Public comments sought on draft Holiday House Local Planning Policy

The Shire of Broome has prepared a draft policy on Holiday Houses (un-hosted short stay accommodation from a residential property) and is seeking public comment.

The draft policy has been prepared to support Holiday House land uses while managing the social impacts of the use.

The draft policy and a direction paper are available for inspection and public comment at the Shire Administration Building, Weld Street Broome and will be open for inspection during normal office hours (9am to 4pm) up to and including 31 March 2022.

They are also available for viewing at the 'Have your Say' section at www.broome.wa.gov.au.

Submissions on the proposed policy may be made in writing and lodged to the Chief Executive Officer, PO Box 44 Broome WA 6725 on or before 4pm on **31 March 2022**.

Event commemorating Broome Air Raid 80th anniversary



The 80th Air Raid commemoration is being held on **Thursday March 3, 2022 at Bedford Park, from 8am to 9:30am** and the whole Broome community is invited to attend.

The Air Raid on Broome is a unique piece of history stemming from World War II and is the second greatest wartime loss of life on Australian soil to date.

The Japanese air raid resulted in the loss of 88 lives and the destruction of 22 Australian, Dutch and US aircrafts.

Community organisations are working in collaboration with the Shire of Broome to deliver the commemorative event; these include RSL Broome, Norforce, St Mary's College, Broome Historical Society and more.

Shire of Broome president Harold Tracey said he would like to emphasise the importance of this occasion and encouraged the whole Broome community to attend.

"March 3 marks tragedy for Broome, although it is also a story of inspiration for those that helped the victims of this brutal attack and those victims that survived and lived to share the tale," he said.

"Each year I have attended the Air Raid event, it is touching to see the community honouring this historically significant date, and I thank those that keep our town's history and heritage going.

"Unfortunately, COVID-19 has made the attendance of all dignitaries and descendants of those that lived through the event difficult.

"This is why the Shire will be live streaming the service and why we encourage everyone based in Broome to come down and commemorate those lost on behalf of our interstate and international friends.

"Other events will also occur to pay tribute to the 80th anniversary, including the unveiling of the new Broome Air Raid artwork at Town Beach on Thursday March 3 from 4:30pm to 6:30pm."

Funding open to support local community initiatives

The Shire of Broome is encouraging applications for the Annual Community Matched Funding (ACMF) Program, with grants up to \$10,000 available.

The ACMF is open for applications from February 5 to April 6, 2022, for projects occurring between June 2022- June 2023.

The ACMF has been developed to provide funds to assist community-based organisations within the Shire of Broome for the development of social, cultural, economic, recreational, environmental, and reconciliation projects and initiatives that benefit the local community.

Broome-based community groups can apply for up to \$10,000 of matched funding under the Shire of Broome Community Sponsorships, and Energy Developments Limited (EDL) West Kimberley Community Donations programs.

Shire of Broome president Harold Tracey said the ACMF initiative supports key Broome community organisations.

"Council are thankful for the vital role community organisations play in our town," he said.

"The last round of funding saw sixteen community groups, charities and sporting organisations share almost \$115,000.

"We hope to be able to provide a helping hand to more eligible Broome organisations this time around.

"A portion of the available funding is again made possible through a partnership between the Shire of Broome and EDL through the West Kimberley Community Donations program and I would like to thank EDL for their contribution."

Anyone considering applying is encouraged to contact Shire of Broome Youth and Community Development Officer, Cherry Lawton, on (08) 9191 3456 to discuss the project, and more information is available online by searching 'community funding' at www.broome.wa.gov.au.