

## What's Happening

In the Shire of Broome?

### Comedy Gold at Civic Centre



Fancy a laugh!? Comedy Gold is back in the Wild West with yet another diverse and hilarious line up at the Broome Civic Centre.

Celebrating its 10-year anniversary, the show will include five comedians and four acts - Ting Lim, Squirly, Jon Pinder and the Nelson Twins are on the bill for this year.

Singaporean-born Ting Lim is a beloved favourite on the Brisbane comedy scene. Her dark wit, cutting humour and distinctive style have made her a rising star in the Australian comedy circuit.

Career fisherman turned funnyman, Squirly is a working-class comedian who spins hilarious yarns that have made him one of the most-popular comedians currently performing around WA.

British-born but proudly Perth-honed, no audience forgets a Jon Pinder gig - acute observations, incredible impressions and razor-sharp audience banter.

Finally, the Nelson Twins are an iconic act and the only identical twins doing stand-up comedy - the material is hilarious and their crowd work is always exciting.

Comedy Gold will be held at the Broome Civic Centre on Friday, August 26. Gates and the bar open at 6.30pm, with the show starting at 8pm.

For tickets, visit [www.broomeciviccentre.com.au](http://www.broomeciviccentre.com.au).

### Air Raid artwork official launch

The Shire of Broome is holding an official launch of our new Air Raid artwork at Town Beach later this month as part of the Shinju Matsuri Festival.

Nine Zeroes Nine Stories is a commemorative piece acknowledging the Broome Air Raid, where 88 people were killed by Japanese fighter planes on March 3, 1942.

An official launch was scheduled for earlier this year to mark the 80th anniversary of the Air Raid, but was postponed due to Cyclone Anika in March.

The Shire would like to welcome the community to a small launch event on Saturday, August 27 from 10.30am to noon at Town Beach.

The event is being held in partnership with the Broome Historical Society, St Mary's College and Broome Senior High School.

## Community celebrates Chinatown in busy Ladies' Night event



The Broome community turned out in droves to enjoy our town centre at a busy Chinatown Ladies' Night event earlier this month.

The much-loved get-together is a favourite on the Broome social calendar and was run by the Shire of Broome in partnership with local traders and the Broome Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

In an action-packed evening on Friday, August 5, 15 Chinatown traders opened their doors to provide attendees with a selection of shopping deals, door prizes, champagne and canapes.

With live music to serenade shoppers also, Chinatown was busy with community members and tourists.

Shire of Broome president Harold Tracey said providing popular and inclusive events, while also supporting local businesses, was a priority.

"When the Shire was planning out our revitalised town centre, we had the goal of creating a vibrant, thriving Chinatown for our community to enjoy," he said.

"Activations such as the Ladies' Night event are a perfect example of what the Shire envisaged, with Chinatown awash with activity in an environment that our amazing local traders can flourish in.

"A big thank you to everyone that attended and to our retailers for going above and beyond to create a welcoming and fun environment."

## Shire seeking community input in new Arts and Culture Strategy

The Shire of Broome is developing a new Arts and Culture Strategy - and we want your input and feedback to help shape our future direction.

In the recent Community Scorecard process, over 1000 residents gave us feedback on how they felt the Shire was performing - with festivals, events, art and cultural activities one of the highest-performing metrics.

However, the Shire is committed to improving further in this space, with a new Arts and Culture Strategy essential as a guiding document for our officers.

Shire of Broome president Harold Tracey said

community input was critical in the production of an ambitious strategy.

"Over recent years the Shire has placed real importance on public art and culture, with fantastic new public art in our revitalised Town Beach and Chinatown precincts," he said.

"However, we know there is so much more we can do in this space and your input is much-needed."

The survey closes at 9am on Monday, August 22. To complete it, please visit [surveymonkey.com/r/B\\_ACS](https://surveymonkey.com/r/B_ACS).