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## What's Happening

In the Shire of Broome?

### BEACH 2 BAY VIRTUAL SWIM

Have you ever wondered how far it would be to swim from Broome's beautiful Cable Beach, around picturesque Gantheaume Point, finishing at the iconic Town Beach in Roebuck Bay?

Well, the answer is 20km, and that's the distance of the Beach 2 Bay Virtual Swim coming to Broome Recreation and Aquatic Centre (BRAC) on Sunday 3 April 2022.

The event will be held entirely in the BRAC swimming pool and is designed to replicate the distance to swim from Cable Beach to Roebuck Bay. 20km equals 800 laps of the 25m BRAC pool and the event can be completed as an individual, duo, team of four or a novelty team of up to 10 swimmers.

For those new to long distance swimming, this year BRAC will be introducing 10km option.

For more information or to register, call BRAC on 9191 8720 or search 'BRAC' at [www.broome.wa.gov.au](http://www.broome.wa.gov.au).

### Mid Morning Seniors Movie

Mid-morning seniors movies are hosted regularly at the Broome Civic Centre, with the next one to be held on April 20.

*Out of Africa* sees Danish baroness Karen von Blixen establish a coffee plantation in South Africa and fall in love with Denys Hatton, a local big-game hunter.

The movie will start at 10.30am on April 20, with the kiosk and bar open.

To see all Broome Civic Centre events, visit [www.broomeciviccentre.com.au](http://www.broomeciviccentre.com.au).

### Receive our e-newsletter

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### Construction of new Broome skatepark to begin next month



The Broome community will soon be able to enjoy a new state-of-the-art skatepark, with construction on the much-anticipated project commencing next month.

Improving youth services in Broome is a priority for the Shire, with the new skatepark eagerly awaited by the local community.

To be based at the existing skatepark site on Cable Beach Road East, the \$1.5 million project is being jointly funded by the Shire and Lotterywest.

During the construction phase, the existing skatepark will be closed to public access to ensure community safety.

Award-winning skatepark designers Convic were commissioned to design the new facility and local sub-contractors will undertake the construction, with feedback from Broome residents included in the design.

Over 200 submissions were received to shape the

skatepark's design, with 50 per cent coming from people aged 22 or younger.

Shire of Broome president Harold Tracey said the new skatepark would be an amazing addition for Broome's youth and sporting community.

"Providing excellent sporting infrastructure and youth services are a priority for the Shire and we have invested heavily in this space over recent years," he said.

"Having a new top-notch skatepark will be another facility that the Broome community can be proud of and it will be fantastic to see our youth making it their own.

"I'd like to say a big thank you to Lotterywest and the State Government for their financial support in this project.

"I look forward to seeing the final product, which will be completed in mid-2022."

### Shire funding community groups - apply for \$10,000 today

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 until April 6, 2022, for projects occurring between June 2022 and June 2023.

The ACMF has been developed to provide funds to assist community-based organisations within the Shire 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 supported 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 16 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 'funding' at [www.broome.wa.gov.au](http://www.broome.wa.gov.au).