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INTRODUCTION

The Shire of Broome operates in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1995* and is an agency within the meaning of the *Freedom of Information Act 1992* (referred to as the FOI Act for the purposes of this document).

The Intention of the FOI Act is to:

- Confer upon persons a general right of access to information held by agencies.
- Confer upon individuals a right to apply to an agency for an amendment of personal information to ensure that it is accurate, complete, up to date and not misleading.
- Place an obligation on agencies to make publicly available certain information about their operations.

Section 96(1) of the FOI Act requires that agencies, including local government, prepare and publish an information statement that sets out:

- The agency's vision and mission statement.
- Details of the legislation administered.
- Details of the agency's organisation structure.
- Details of decision-making functions.
- Opportunities for public participation in the formulation of policy and performance of agency functions.
- Documents held by the agency.
- The operation of FOI in the agency.

And Section 97(2) of the FOI Act requires that each agency provide a copy of its information statement to the Information Commissioner as soon as practicable after it is published each year.

This document has been prepared by the Shire of Broome in accordance with the requirement of the FOI Act and is correct as of 30 June 2025.

Copies of this document are available, on request, from the Shire of Broome Administration Office at 27 Weld Street Broome and on the Shire website <http://www.broome.wa.gov.au/>

Enquiries may be made to the office Monday to Friday 9.00am to 4.00pm or by telephone (08) 9191 3456 or e-mail to shire@broome.wa.gov.au.

Council is pleased to comply with the legislation and welcomes enquiries.

A review of this information statement will take place at least every twelve months.

VISION, PURPOSE AND VALUES

The Shire of Broome has a Council Plan that sets out the vision for the Shire's future and captures the community's aspirations and values. The Plan outlines strategic objectives for each of the four key areas of community interest:

Social:	Our People
Environment:	Our Place
Economic:	Our Prosperity
Civic Leadership:	Our Organisation

VISION

Broome - a future for everyone.

PURPOSE

The Shire of Broome exists to provide, facilitate and advocate for services and facilities to improve quality of life for everyone in Broome.

CORE VALUES

P - Proactive - forward thinking, open-minded and innovative.

E - for Everyone - inclusive and welcoming of all people.

A - Accountable - transparent and ethical.

R - Respectful of everyone and everything.

L - Listening to people's needs and ideas; community focused.

S - Sustainable - aiming to meet present needs without compromising the ability for future generations to meet their needs.

STRUCTURE AND FUNCTIONS

The Council of the Shire of Broome is the overall decision-making body. The Council employs a Chief Executive Officer (CEO) who is charged with the responsibility of putting into effect the decisions of the Council.

Chief Executive Officer

The Office of the CEO is responsible for the overall management of the Shire of Broome at an operational and strategic level. This Directorate includes the following departments and services:

- People & Culture, including OSH, Recruitment & Training

Director of Corporate Services

The Corporate Services Directorate includes the following Departments and services:

- Financial Services, including Rates and Payroll
- Governance, including Procurement and Customer Service
- Information Services, including Information Communication Technology and Records Services
- Community Services and Facilities, including Sport, Recreation and Aquatic Centre, the Civic Centre and the Library

Director of Development and Community Services

The Development and Community Services Directorate includes the following Departments and services:

- Economic Development
- Environmental Health, Emergency & Rangers
- Planning and Building Services
- Community Engagement and Projects, Marketing & Media Communications

Director of Infrastructure Services

The Infrastructure Services Directorate includes the following Departments and services:

- Engineering
- Fleet Management/Stores
- Parks and Gardens
- Property and Asset Management
- Works and Maintenance
- Waste Management

SHIRE OF BROOME ELECTED MEMBERS

The Shire of Broome is served by a Shire President and eight other Councillor positions who make decisions in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1995*. For further information see our website.

[Your Council Shire of Broome](#)

ACCESS TO COUNCIL

Ordinary Council Meetings are held monthly (approximately every 4 weeks) on Thursdays commencing at 5pm.

Council meetings are open to the public. Meeting dates for Council are advertised annually in the local paper and on the Shire website.

From time to time, special meetings of Council are held to deal with urgent or specific issues. Information on these will be made available to the public as soon as practicable.

Agendas for Council meetings are available on request on the Friday preceding the meeting from the Customer Service area of the Administration Office and on the Shire website.

Unconfirmed Minutes of the meetings are published on the Shire website within 14 days after the date of the meeting.

As of January 2025, all Shire of Broome Council meetings are now live streamed and audio recorded. Meetings can be viewed on the Shire of Broome's [YouTube Channel](#) at any time.

<https://www.youtube.com/@shireofbroome1309>

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Community Consultation

The community may be asked to comment (have their say) on an issue. The consultation process may take many forms, such as surveys, information sessions or workshops, expressions of interest or forums etc.

Public question time

In accordance with *Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996* a minimum of 15 minutes is available for public question time at each Ordinary Meeting and Special Meeting. During public question time, each member of the public is entitled to ask up to two questions about any issues before other members of the public will be invited to ask their questions – if time permits more than two questions may be asked. At a Special Meeting only questions related to the agenda are permitted.

Council may, on occasions, move a motion to allow questions of a proponent who is present in the public gallery upon arriving at that item in the agenda.

Prior advice to the Chief Executive Officer that you intend presenting questions during Public Question Time will assist in expediting the process and allowing a quick, accurate response. If an answer is unable to be provided at the meeting, the question will be taken on notice and a response provided to the person raising the question. The responses to questions taken on notice are also included in the next meeting's agenda.

Petitions and written requests

A petition is defined as a formal written request, signed by members of the public, appealing to an authority in respect to a particular cause. The cause or subject of the submission must be something that the Council has the authority to deal with or on which the Council has a decision-making role.

A member of the public can write to the Shire on any Council policy, activity, or service of the Council. A response will be provided in accordance with the Shire's Customer Service Charter, which can be found on the Shire website.

[Customer Service Charter Shire of Broome](#)

Deputations

At each Council meeting, designated time is allocated for community deputations. Community members are encouraged to present their perspectives on any agenda item, whether in support of or in opposition to the recommendations outlined.

Deputations are conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 1995 and the Shire of Broome Meeting Procedures Local Law 2020.

Further details and guidelines can be found on our website

[Deputation Guidelines Shire of Broome](#)

ACCESS TO COUNCIL STAFF

Council staff are available to advise you and answer your queries in relation to all matters pertaining to Council.

Enquiries, including payment information, should be made through the following ways:

- Email to shire@broome.wa.gov.au
- In person at the Shire Administration building at 27 Weld Street, Broome
- By telephone on 08 9191 3456
- Visit our Shire website – where many types of payments can now be made online.

ACCESS TO COUNCIL DOCUMENTS

There are two categories of documents held by the Shire of Broome. These can be broadly categorised as those available for inspection or purchase, and those which must be held confidentially because of their content, with public access considered only through the provisions of the *Freedom of Information Act 1992*.

Requests for information may be made in writing to the Chief Executive Officer at shire@broome.wa.gov.au or by mail addressed to PO Box 44 Broome WA 6725. Requests for information will be considered in accordance with the FOI Act. Information regarding the FOI process, applicable fees and charges, and the applications forms is available from the Shire's website.

Freedom of Information Shire of Broome

Many documents are available to members of the public, free of charge, at the Shire Administration building, and the following are some of those already available on the Shire of Broome website:

- Adopted Annual Budget and Financial Reports
- Annual Report
- Animal Management Plan 2024-2028
- Arts and Culture Strategy and Action Plan 2023-2028
- Asset Management Plan 2025-2045
- Audit Committee Agendas and Minutes (can be found in Council Minutes)
- Broome Cemetery Master Plan 2020
- Broome Local Commercial Strategy
- Broome Youth Precinct Master Plan Report
- Cable Beach Development Strategy
- Cable Beach Master Plan
- Chinatown Public Art Strategy
- Coastal Hazard Risk Management and Adaptation Plan
- Committees and Working Groups Terms of Reference
- Community Development Framework 2021-25
- Community Safety Plan 2021-25
- Council Policies
- Council Plan 2025-2035
- Customer Service Charter
- Disability Access and Inclusion Plan 2018-2023
- Economic Development Strategy 2021-2026
- Fees and charges schedule

- Freedom of Information Process
- Information Privacy Policy
- Information and Communication Technology ICT Strategy 2022
- Local Housing Strategy 2009
- Local Laws
- Municipal Heritage Inventory 2019
- Ordinary Council Meeting Agendas and Minutes
- Place Management Plan 2025-2029
- Local Planning Policies and Strategies
- Local Development Plans
- Public Interest Disclosure Process
- Record Keeping Plan
- Records Management Policy
- Regional Waste Management Plan 2018-2023
- Schedule of Fees and Charges
- Shire of Broome Code of Conduct
- Sponsorship Programs
- Sport and Recreation Plan 2021-2031
- State of the Environment Report
- Tender Register
- Local Planning Schemes
- Waste Strategy 2021-2031
- Weed Management Strategy
- Yawuru Minyirr Buru Conservation Park Joint Management Plan
- Youth Plan 2021-2025

PERSONAL AND SENSITIVE INFORMATION

The Information Privacy Policy aims to inform the public on how the Shire manages their personal and sensitive information. This can be information that identifies an individual (such as name & address), and can also include such things as racial or ethnic origin, political opinions, religious beliefs and health information.

Other relevant Shire Policies, such as the Records Management Policy, and the Freedom of Information Policy mandate the process for

- How and what personal information is collected (for example for Rates or Dog registration purposes)
- The usage of personal information which will be collected only where it is required, and used only for the purpose it was intended
- Storing, retention and destruction of personal information – All personal and sensitive information will be retained securely in compliance with such Policies and processes as
 - Information Services Physical Environment and Security
 - Information Privacy Policy
 - Information Services Password Policy
 - Freedom of Information Policy
 - Records Management Policy

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION PROCEDURES AND ACCESS

The Shire of Broome aims to make information available promptly and at the least possible cost. Documents will be provided outside of the FOI process wherever possible.

If information is not routinely available, the *Freedom of Information Act 1992* provides the right to apply for documents held by the Shire of Broome and to enable the public to ensure that personal information in documents is accurate, complete, up to date and not misleading. Under the provisions of the Act, applications may be made to:

- Gain access to a document.
- Amend personal information.
- Review a previous FOI decision regarding access to, or amendment of, a document.

The FOI Act does not apply to information that is:

- Available for purchase or free distribution to the public.
- Available for inspection under Part 5 (of the FOI Act) or another enactment.
- Available for inspection in State Archives.
- Publicly available library material held for reference purposes.
- Made or acquired by an art gallery, museum or library and preserved for public reference or exhibition purposes; or
- Personal Information.

Freedom of Information Applications

FOI applications are to be made to the Shire. As specified in the FOI Act, an application must:

- Be in writing.
- Provide enough information to enable the requested documents to be identified.
- Provide an Australian address for correspondence.
- Be accompanied by the prescribed application fee if the document requested is for non-personal information.
- Specify the preferred way access is requested, e.g. copy requested.

Applications and enquiries shall be addressed to:

Freedom of Information Coordinator
Shire of Broome
PO Box 44
BROOME WA 6725

OR by email to the shire@broome.wa.gov.au.

Applications will be acknowledged in writing.

Fees and Charges

A scale of fees and charges is set under the FOI Act Regulations. Apart from the application of fees for non-personal information, all charges are discretionary. The charges are as follows:

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| • Personal information about the applicant | No Fee |
| • Application fee (for non-personal information) | \$30.00 |

• Charge for time dealing with the application (per hour, or pro rata)	\$30.00
• Access time supervised by staff (per hour, or pro rata)	\$30.00
• Photocopying – staff time (per hour, or pro rata)	\$30.00
• Per photocopy A4	\$0.40
A3	\$0.60
• Transcribing from tape, film, or computer (per hour, or pro rata)	\$30.00
• Duplicating a tape, film, or computer information	Actual Cost
• Delivery, packaging, and postage	Actual Cost

For full fees and charges see Shire Website:

[Fees and Charges Shire of Broome](#)

Deposits

• Advance deposit may be required of the estimated charges	25%
• Further advance deposit may be required to meet the charges for dealing with the application	75%

For financially disadvantaged applicants, or those issued with prescribed pensioner concession cards, the charge payable is reduced by 25%.

Access Arrangements

Access to documents can be granted by way of inspection, a copy of a document, a copy of an audio or video tape, a computer disk, a transcript of a recorded, shorthand or encoded document from which words can be reproduced.

Notice of Decision

As soon as possible within 45 calendar days you will be provided with a notice of decision which will include details such as:

- The date which the decision was made.
- The name and the designation of the officer who made the decision.
- The reasons for classifying a document or matter exempt or providing access to an edited document.
- Information on the right to review and the procedure to be followed to exercise those rights.

Refusal of Access

Applicants who are dissatisfied with a decision of the Shire of Broome are entitled to ask for an **internal review** by the Shire of Broome. Application should be made in writing within 30 days of receiving the notice of decision.

Applicants will be notified of the outcome of the review within 15 days.

If the applicant disagrees with the result, they can then apply to the information Commissioner for an **external review**. Details would be advised to applicants when the internal review decision is issued.

All the above information can be found on the Shire Website at this link:

[Freedom of Information Shire of Broome](#)

LEGISLATION

List of legislation, regulations, and local laws affecting the functions of the Shire or administered by the Shire of Broome:

Legislation & regulations administered, wholly, or in part, by the Shire of Broome, or affecting the Shire's functions and operations; and local laws of the Shire
Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Act 1984 (Cth)
Agriculture & Related Resources Protection Act 1976 and regulations 2011
Building Act 2011 and Building Regulations 2012
Building Services (Registration) Act 2011
Building Services Levy Act 2011
Bush Fires Act (and Regulations) 1954
Bush Fires (Infringements) Regulations 1978
Caravan Parks and Camping Grounds Act 1995 and Regulations 1997
Cat Act 2011 and Cat Regulations 2012
Cemeteries Act 1986
Commercial Tenancy (COVID-19 Response) Act 2020
Commercial Tenancy (Retail shops) Agreements Act and Regulations 1985
Conservation and Land Management Act 1984 and Regulations 2002
Contaminated Sites Act 2003 and Regulations 2006
Control of Vehicles (Off Road Areas) Act 1978
Dangerous Goods Safety Act 2004 and Regulations 2007
Disability Services Act 1993 and Regulations 2004
Dividing Fences Act 1961
Dog Act 1976 and Dog Regulations 2013
Electronic Transactions Act 2011 and Regulations 2012
Emergency Management Act 2005 and Regulations 2006
Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Cth)
Environmental Protection Act 1986
Environmental Protection (Controlled waste) Regulations 2004
Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations 1997
Environmental Protection (Rural Landfill) Regulations 2002
Equal Opportunity Act 1984 and Regulations 1986
Fire & Emergency Services Act 1998

Food Act 2008 and Regulations 2009
Freedom of Information Act 1992
Health (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1911
Health (Treatment of Sewerage and Disposal of Effluent and Liquid Waste) Regulations 1974
Heritage Act 2018
Industrial Relations Act 1979
Information Commissioner Act 2024
Interpretation Act 1984
Jetties Act 1926 and Regulations 1940
Land Acquisition and Public Works Act 1902
Land Administration Act 1997 and Regulations 1998
Land Valuation Tribunals 1978
Library Board of Western Australia Act 1951 and Registered Public Libraries Regulations 1985
Liquor Control Act 1988
Litter Act 1979
Local Government Act 1995 and Miscellaneous Provisions Act 1960
Local Government (Administration) Amendment Regulations 2021
Local Government (Audit) Regulations 1996
Main Roads Act 1930
Minimum Conditions of Employment Act 1993 (WA)
Native Title (State Provisions) Act 1999
Occupational Safety and Health Act 1984
Parks and Reserves Act 1895
Planning and Development Act 2005
Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015
Police Act 1892
Privacy and Responsible Information Sharing Act 2024
Public Health Act 2016
Public Works Act 1902
Road Traffic Act 1974
Soil and Land Conservation Act 1945
State Administrative Tribunal Act 2004
State Records Act 2000
Strata Titles Act 1985
Valuation of Land Act 1978
Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Act 2007
Workers Compensation and Injury Management Act 1981

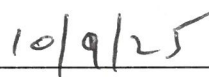
LOCAL LAWS
Bush Fire Brigades Local Law 2003
Cemeteries Local Law 2012
Cemeteries Joint Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation - Undertakings
Dogs Local Law 2012
Health Local Law 2006
Meeting Procedures Local Law 2020

Parking and Parking Facilities Local Law 2012
Property and Public Places Local Law 2016
Trading Outdoor Dining and Street Entertainment Local Law 2016
Waste Local Law 2021

Government & Industry Standards and Codes of Practice that have been imposed upon or adopted by the Shire of Broome	
Australian Accounting Standards	✓
General Retention and Disposal Authority for Local Government 2023 (GRDALG DA 2023-005)	✓
General Disposal Authority for Source Records RD 2016002 (June 2016)	✓



Sam Mastrolembo
Chief Executive Officer



Date

As required under the Freedom of Information Act 1992, this Statement is lodged with the Office of the Information Commissioner and published to the Shire of Broome's Website each financial year