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Community celebration for Reconciliation Week

National Reconciliation Week 2018 will be celebrated in Broome with a free family and community festival featuring live music and performances, art and more at Male Oval on Friday 1 June from 4pm to 10.30pm.

The Broome Reconciliation Festival 2018 is being coordinated by the Shire of Broome and Yawuru, with funding support from the State Government through Healthway.

National Reconciliation Week runs from 27 May to 3 June and aims to help all Australians to learn more about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and histories, to share that knowledge and help Australia grow as a nation.

The theme for the Broome Reconciliation Festival 2018 is: “A community celebrating together is a community growing together,” and the event will feature music, community art, dance, Kimberley Girls, market stalls, food vans and more.

The exciting lineup of local entertainment includes John Bennett, Stephen Pigram, Yatangal featuring Mervyn Mulardy, StiX and TriX, Seaside Drifters, Lyrical Instinct, Wasamba Carnival Drummers, St Mary’s College Dancers, Studio 34 and Jacob the Rapper.

Broome Shire President, Harold Tracey, said the Broome Reconciliation Festival 2018 promised to be an important occasion and he encouraged community members of all ages to attend.

“Our aim is to put on a fun community festival, while at the same time bringing the community together to celebrate our town’s unique cultural heritage,” Cr Tracey said.

Yawuru CEO, Peter Yu, said that Yawuru and the Shire of Broome signed the first reconciliation agreement in Australia 20 years ago.

“We collectively represent a unique human experience in the social landscape of our nation, and for Broome, Reconciliation Week should be a celebration of all that is good about this uniqueness in our community,” Mr Yu said.

“Recognising our town’s Indigenous heritage is key to understanding our community now.

“Recognising the necessity for an important legacy, we need to build a strong and common future for our kids, whatever their cultural background is, and this Reconciliation Festival is a great way to come together to celebrate, to share and begin to build the path for our common purpose.”

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