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BROOME BACK ON THE GARAGE SALE TRAIL

- Shire of Broome is again part of Australia's biggest community and sustainability event, Garage Sale Trail on Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 October
- Residents are encouraged to put secondhand first to reduce waste, the number of new products made and the overall impact of stuff on the planet
- Registrations are free and open now for households, schools, community groups and anyone who is up for a weekend of fun

Broome households, schools and community groups are set to join over 400,000 people across the country on Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 October as a part of the ninth annual Garage Sale Trail.

A multi award-winning community and sustainability event, Garage Sale Trail is powered by over 140 local councils nationwide. It is expected that this year's weekend-long event will involve more Australians than ever before, who will choose to reuse at over 16,000 garage sale events to be held across the country.

Register your own sale at the Garage Sale Trail website, or bring a table and your sale items to one of the three Shire of Broome locations below on Sunday 20 October from 7.30am to 10am:

- Solway Park, Cable Beach
- Maritana Park, Sunset Park
- Tanami Park, Broome North

Broome Shire President, Harold Tracey, said Garage Sale Trail was a fun and social way for the Shire of Broome to encourage reuse and help educate the community about the impact we can all make when we buy secondhand.

"At the end of the day we need to learn as a society to take responsibility for the waste we create," Cr Tracey said.

"Garage Sale Trail provides a way to meet your neighbours and connect with the broader community while also decluttering and raising money for yourself or charity.

"We're really pleased to be involved in this grass roots national event as reducing waste and bringing community together are priorities for both Council and residents."

Last year on average:

- Household garage sales made \$309
- Participants connected with 46 local people
- More than 500kg of stuff was sold and re-distributed at each garage sale

Garage Sale Trail Co-Founder, Andrew Valder, said it was expected more than 2 million items would be listed for sale and reuse. "The sellers who have a bit of fun with their garage sale name and go to town on marketing are the ones who bring home the bacon and sell the most," he said.



"Garage sale names like Sale Of The Century, The Almost-Deceased Estate Sale, It's a Divorce, and the Crap and Crepes Sale stick in our minds - at The Crap and Crepes Sale four students from France gave away a crepe with every purchase. You can see how businesses start in garages!"

Host a sale or shop the Trail at garagesaletrail.com.au

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NOTES TO EDITORS:

- Registration is free at garagesaletrail.com.au
- Host your sale or shop the Trail on Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 October
- 16,000+ forecast garage sales taking place on the one weekend nationally
- 400,000+ participants expected nationally
- 2 million items projected to be listed nationally
- \$3 million+ changing hands

ABOUT GARAGE SALE TRAIL

Garage Sale Trail is a not-for-profit social enterprise founded by Sydney mates, Darryl Nichols and Andrew Valder. It seeks to educate Australians on the importance of reuse, and the need to take individual responsibility for the impact of our consumption habit whilst also building stronger, more connected and more resilient communities.

Now in its ninth year nationally, the program has grown from a grass roots idea in Bondi Beach where it started in 2010. Garage Sale Trail is powered by over 140 councils nationally.

DETAILS

Garage Sale Trail Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 October 2019 Happening in Broome and across Australia Register now at garagesaletrail.com.au