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Get involved with Shire working groups



The Shire of Broome is calling for expressions of interest from community members who would like to stay informed and provide valuable feedback on Shire initiatives.

A select few of the Shire's community reference groups have recently refreshed their terms of reference, creating an opportunity for new community members to join and contribute to key initiatives that support positive outcomes for Broome.

Arts and Culture Reference Group

The Arts and Culture Reference Group will oversee the implementation of the Shire of Broome Arts and Culture Strategy and Action Plan, receiving updates and providing feedback. The group will work collaboratively to support the delivery of arts and culture initiatives and act as a link between the Shire, Council, and the community, helping ensure projects reflect local values and celebrate Broome's unique identity.

Community Safety Working Group

The Shire is also seeking community representatives for the Community Safety Working Group. This group will work alongside local service providers and Shire officers to oversee delivery of the Community Safety Plan and ensure actions respond to community needs.

The primary purpose of the two community reference groups is to:

1. Oversee the implementation of key strategic plan actions.
2. Work collaboratively with stakeholders towards shared community goals.
3. Act as community champions, helping raise awareness and support for the strategic plan.
4. Receive updates and provide feedback on Shire initiatives, while identifying opportunities and emerging trends within the community.

Shire President Chris Mitchell encouraged community members who are passionate about positive community outcomes to apply.

“Local knowledge and lived experience are essential. These groups will help ensure our plans are delivered in a way that reflects community priorities and strengthens Broome’s cultural and social wellbeing.”

Community members with an interest in arts and culture, community development, safety, or local collaboration are encouraged to submit an expression of interest.

Expressions of interest open on 12 January and close on 5 February 2026.

For more information or to apply, visit [**www.broome.wa.gov.au/public-notices**](http://www.broome.wa.gov.au/public-notices)

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Background

The Shire of Broome Arts and Culture Strategy and Action Plan (2023–2028) provides a strategic framework to celebrate, strengthen, and support Broome’s diverse arts and culture sector. Developed in close consultation with local artists, organisations, and the broader community, the Strategy aims to enhance cultural diversity, build sector sustainability, increase accessibility and engagement, and foster creative spaces. Through this approach, the Shire recognises the vital role arts and culture play in Broome’s identity, wellbeing, economy, and community life.

The Shire of Broome Community Safety Working Group provides a collaborative framework to guide, monitor, and support the delivery of the Shire’s Community Safety Plan (2025–2029). Bringing together representatives from local organisations, service providers, community groups, and the broader community, the Working Group plays a key role in strengthening safety, wellbeing, and resilience across the Shire. The group works to oversee the implementation of priority actions, foster strong partnerships, identify emerging issues and opportunities, and provide informed feedback that reflects community needs.

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