

## What's Happening *in the Shire of Broome?*

### BRAC Yoga is back!

	Tues	Thurs	Sat
9.30am	Yoga for Mobility, Strength & Balance YOGAMON	Gentle Yoga YOGAMON	Slow Vinyasa Flow YOGA WITH BETH
5.30pm	Blokes Yoga YOGAMON		

The BRAC Yoga program is back for 2024 with a diverse range of classes by Yogamon and Yoga With Beth. Classes include Yoga for Mobility, Strength & Balance, Gentle Yoga, Slow Vinyasa Flow, and Blokes Yoga, which has been moved to Tuesdays. Yoga classes are free with a BRAC membership. Bookings are available, and walk-ins are accepted. Book a yoga class or other group fitness activity at [broome.wa.gov.au/brac-group-fitness](http://broome.wa.gov.au/brac-group-fitness) or by scanning the QR code.



### Catalinas boat ramp closure



Work to replace the retaining wall along Catalina's boat ramp off Hamersly Street near Town Beach will begin on February 22 and is scheduled to be completed by March 9. There will be no public access to the boat ramp during this time. However, access to adjacent apartment buildings will be maintained.

### Animal Management Plan

The Shire of Broome is developing a new Animal Management Plan and we want to hear from you. Come and discuss the plan in person and grab a hard copy of the consultation survey at our final community stall at Cygnet Park, Lorikeet Dve, Djugun from 5pm-6pm, Tuesday, February 20. Alternatively, you can do the survey online until February 23 at [broome.wa.gov.au/animals](http://broome.wa.gov.au/animals) or by scanning the QR code.



## Community Citizens of the Year honoured on Australia Day



WORTHY WINNERS: Hong Yu and Lesley Westlake, and Annabella Thompson (below).

The Shire of Broome proudly announced the recipients of the prestigious Community Citizen of the Year awards for 2024 at a ceremony at Guwarri Town Beach on Australia Day.

This year's Community Citizen of the Year award went to Hong Yu, who has exhibited extraordinary commitment and significantly impacted the community through her volunteer services to the Broome Chinese Community spanning more than three decades.

Hong's achievements include meticulously recording names and headstone inscriptions in the Broome Chinese Cemetery. Collaborating with the Broome Historical Society and Shire, she has actively contributed to creating and mapping accurate records of grave sites.

In addition to her organisational efforts, Hong goes above and beyond in her volunteer role by providing personal support to the elders of the Broome Chinese Community. This includes accompanying them to medical appointments, shopping, and offering homemade meals and fresh vegetables.

Senior Community Citizen of the Year was awarded to Lesley Westlake for her position of Chair and as a founding member of the Broome Community of Elders. Lesley initiated the organisation's well-attended free monthly morning teas and helped orchestrate a successful day-long Elders Forum, attended by more than 100 people, the WA Minister for Seniors, and numerous service providers.

The Young Community Citizen of the Year, which acknowledges the dedication and enthusiasm of young individuals who are making a difference within the local community, was awarded to Annabella Thompson.

Annabella is highly engaged in the Broome sporting scene, actively contributing to various endeavours. She serves as a water runner for senior Aussie Rules football clubs, coaches junior boxing, volunteers at Broome Athletics, assists at the Catholic soup kitchen and conducts one-on-one private athletics coaching sessions.

Shire President Chris Mitchell expressed gratitude for the remarkable efforts of the recipients and highlighted the importance of community involvement in shaping the vibrant and supportive environment that defines Broome.

**It is never too early to nominate an outstanding community member for next year's awards. For more details, visit [citizenshipawards.com.au/nominate](http://citizenshipawards.com.au/nominate)**

