

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

### Fusion Moonrise



Celebrate the full moon as it rises above Chinatown and sits spectacularly atop the Fusion Artwork in a spectacle that only occurs twice a year. The Fusion sculpture was installed as part of the Chinatown Revitalisation Project, which was co-funded by the Shire, and WA Government. The free event is centred around Napier Terrace and Carnarvon Street roundabout (road closures will be in place)  
**5.30pm-8.30pm**  
**Wednesday, March 27**

### Early voting

Early voting for the Local Government Extraordinary Election is now open at the Shire Admin Building ahead of election day on Saturday, March 23. Four candidates are running for the single seat vacated by former Broome Shire President Harold Tracey:

- Chiedza Sakupwanya
- Jerome Herveux
- Sean Cooper
- Wynston Shovellor-Sesar

**Candidate profiles are on display at Broome Public Library, Shire Admin Building reception and at**  
[broome.wa.gov.au/election2024](http://broome.wa.gov.au/election2024)

### Cane toad talk

If you missed the recent Cane Toad Talk at the Broome Public Library, another session is being held on Tuesday, March 26, at 5pm. With cane toads becoming a common site in Derby and heading further west, this is a good opportunity to learn about the pest. DBCA's Invasive Species Operations Officer, Theo, will discuss how to identify cane toads, reduce breeding environments, control measures and more.

## Drivers urged to secure their loads to avoid litter and a \$200 fine

The Shire of Broome is cracking down on unsecured vehicle and trailer loads that put motorists, cyclists, and pedestrians at risk and create unsightly roadside litter. Under the *Litter Act 1979*, drivers can be fined \$200 if their vehicle's load isn't arranged, contained, fastened or covered in a way to prevent littering.

Shire of Broome President Chris Mitchell said this means drivers can be fined even if no objects are seen coming off the vehicle.

"Even if you are just driving around the corner, it is careless to think you can throw items such as garden waste or furniture in the back of a ute or trailer without securing them and expecting them to stay in place."

Shire President Mitchell said the problem was particularly bad on the approaches to the Broome Waste Management Facility (WMF).

"People fill trays and trailers with garden and household waste without much thought only for debris to start flying everywhere once they speed up on Gubinge and Old Broome Roads.

"Drive down Broome Road and Buckley's Road, and you'll see all sorts of things on the shoulders that have come off cars, from palm fronds to larger items such as bins and even exercise bikes.

"All of this litter looks terrible and has to be picked up at great expense to the Shire or Main Roads.

Shire rangers last month checked approximately 30 vehicles arriving at the WMF and issued cautions to 12 drivers whose loads were inadequately secured. But it's not just waste destined for the tip that needs securing. Roof rack loads are also a concern, with unsecured items such as surfboards, ladders, and camping equipment posing a risk to other road users.

Shire President Mitchell urged all residents and visitors to take responsibility for securing their loads and collectively maintain a cleaner, safer, and more beautiful Broome.

## Do the right thing on bin night

The Shire and its kerbside bin service contractor, Cleanaway, receive several calls each week about bins not being picked up. While the drivers sometimes miss bins, according to Cleanaway, 98 per cent of bins are not emptied because they are incorrectly filled or positioned.

The main reasons kerbside rubbish is not collected include:

- Bins not out by 6am
- Bins not out on the correct days
- Bins overloaded/lids unable to be closed (due to severe overloading)
- Bins placed too close together
- Bins facing the wrong way
- Bins blocked by cars, trees, poles etc
- Explosive materials, such as flares and car batteries placed in bins for disposal.
- Loaded bins are too heavy (beyond 70kg limit).

For more information about the kerbside bin service, including tips for placing bins for collection, recycling and requesting a new bin, visit [Broome.wa.gov.au/Shire-Services/Kerbside-Bin-Service](http://Broome.wa.gov.au/Shire-Services/Kerbside-Bin-Service)



### How to help reduce litter from unsecured loads

- Always tie down your load before you take off when transporting any materials. This includes trailers with high sides.
- Cover garden refuse with a tarpaulin or trailer net.
- Restrain furniture and white goods with good-quality straps.
- Use webbing or straps to restrain cardboard boxes.
- Don't carry loose tools in the back – use a restrained toolbox.
- Larger tools (e.g. garden tools like shovels) should be restrained by ropes, straps or a trailer net if the body does not adequately contain them.
- When carrying loads, periodically inspect your vehicle to make sure it is safe and secure.

### Home compost-bin rebate



The Shire has added two new locally available products to its Home Composting & Dual Bin Rebate scheme, which offers reimbursements to eligible residents who purchase selected compost or dual rubbish bins. The rebate now applies to the following products:

- Tumbleweed 240L Compost Bin (or equivalent), from Mitre10)
- Maze 245L Premium Twin Compost Tumbler (or equivalent) from Bunnings;

as well as other bins included in the scheme.

**For more info, visit the Shire Admin Building reception, or [Broome.wa.gov.au/binrebate](http://Broome.wa.gov.au/binrebate)**