

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

New councillor sworn in



Sean Cooper is the Shire of Broome's newest Councillor, being sworn in after winning the Extraordinary Election on March 23. He will hold his seat until October 18, 2025. Cr Cooper (pictured left with Shire Freeman Kim Male and Shire President Chris Mitchell) runs a local security firm and is the Broome Chamber of Commerce and Industry vice president and WA Ambassador for the men's mental health charity, Spoke to a Bloke. His swearing-in means the Shire of Broome now has a full nine-member Council for the first time since the resignation of Cr Fiona West in October 2021.

What's on @ Civic Centre



SEVENTH WONDER FLEETWOOD MAC SHOW

Don't miss the opportunity to witness the magic as Bloom brings Fleetwood Mac's iconic music to life.

April 13, 6.30pm, Tickets: \$35-\$130



BARRACKING FOR THE UMPIRE

This family drama tackles head-on the fragility of the human body and the impacts of footy on our players, families, and the community.

May 18 from 6pm, Tickets: \$37-\$52

For more information and ticket sales for these and other upcoming shows, visit broomeciviccentre.com.au

Scorecard a chance to rate the Shire and shape Broome's future

The Shire of Broome is seeking comprehensive community feedback on how the organisation is faring – and where it can improve.

The Shire has again commissioned CATALYSE to conduct the independent MARKYT Community Scorecard process from April 15 to May 13.

Survey results will be compared with those of other local governments and the Shire's previous performances in 2022 and 2020.

This Scorecard shapes future iterations of the Shire's Strategic Community Plan – its visionary document detailing the priorities for the Broome community.

In 2022, 1056 residents, business operators and ratepayers undertook the Scorecard.

This year, the Scorecard will be available online via the Shire website (www.broome.wa.gov.au) starting April 15, and hard copies will be mailed to all ratepayers the following week.

Members of each household aged from 14 years old, and local business owners, are encouraged to provide feedback.

Shire officers will hold engagement activities at various locations during the survey period to provide further information about the Scorecard process and provide assistance where needed.

Shire of Broome President Chris Mitchell encouraged community members to have a say on the town's future.

"The Scorecard is your chance to rate the Shire's performance based on our core offering of services, facilities, major projects and infrastructure," he said.

"And it gives the Shire an honest update on how we are tracking and where you would like us to focus our energy in the short-to-medium term.

"The Shire has delivered some great projects and upgrades over the past couple of years and still has more underway or ready to go in the near future," he said.

"These projects were shaped mainly by community consultation, and we want our vision to continue to be aligned with the community's future visions and aspirations.

"I encourage everyone to fill out the Scorecard and provide us with your feedback and thoughts."

Cable Beach Stage 1 works in full swing



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After an extensive seven-year design process, Stage 1 of the Walmanyjun Cable Beach Foreshore Redevelopment project is becoming a reality.

With drainage works now complete, work has begun on transforming the area behind the Broome Surf Life Saving Club into a beautiful and more accessible gateway fitting of the world-renowned Cable Beach.

Where there was a drainage channel will now be a youth activity area featuring basketball court and skate park. The adjacent area will feature permanent shade and seating, exercise equipment, barbecues, and a grass picnic area.

The pedestrian steps and vehicle access ramp in front of the surf club are also being transformed to allow for safer and more accessible entry to the beach.

The car park behind the Surf Club will be resealed and made more pedestrian-friendly, with wider footpaths and brighter LED lighting.

The foreshore works will have little impact on the beach below but the dunes in this area are being reprofiled back to a more natural contour and replanted to better sustain storms and erosion.

During this work, pedestrian access between the Surf Club and the new Cable Beach House Restaurant (formerly Zanders) will be maintained.

Measures in place during the works will include:

- Beach access stairs next to the Surf Club and near the restaurant will be closed while new ones are built.
- Pedestrians can access the set of stairs ninety metres north of the restaurant.
- Vehicle access will be maintained from the existing ramp, subject to standard opening arrangements.
- Disability access provisions similar to those in place at the Surf Club and the beach wheelchair will be available.
- The playground next to the restaurant has been relocated to a temporary location near the northern access stairs.
- The car park adjacent to the restaurant will be open, and car spaces opposite the Cable Beach Club and some behind the Surf Club will be available.

The Stage 1 works are scheduled to run until December 2024, with most of the foreshore area remaining open during this time.

Shire President Chris Mitchell said he understands the inconvenience the works will cause.

"But as we have seen with other transformational projects in Broome, the results are going to be spectacular and will make Cable Beach an even more desirable destination all year round," he said.