

What's Happening

In the Shire of Broome?

School holiday SKATE



Don't miss School Holiday SKATE at the Broome Skate Park during Youth Week with Perth skate professionals, Freestyle Now.

Tuesday, April 18 - Friday, April 21
9am to 11am Group Classes

Free: Online bookings essential at tinyurl.com/4535dku9

Free small group

classes that go for 50 minutes at a time. Both beginner and intermediate levels are available. There is limited capacity for each class, so please only book a maximum of 2 classes per person for the week. If you can no longer attend a class, please cancel your ticket so it can be reallocated. Attendees must provide their own scooters/skateboards, along with the appropriate safety equipment. Helmets and shoes must be worn.

Monday, April 17 - Thursday, April 20
2pm to 5pm: Skate with the Pros

Learn tips and tricks while free skating the park with the pros. Activity for any levels - all welcome. No bookings required. Just head to the skatepark and look out for the pros in their blue SKATE shirts.

Friday, April 21
3pm to 6pm: Skate Party!

Jam session competitions with prizes: Play games and take part in mini competitions to win prizes. Everyone is welcome to join in and take part! The evening includes kids activities, music, food and skatepark mural design.

Skatepark Mural Design: Join Jerome Davenport from Blank Walls & local mural artist Hozaus Claire in finalising the Broome skatepark mural design. What would you like to see painted in the skatepark mural? Jerome will commence a week of painting from April 22.

Any questions? Email shire@broome.wa.gov.au or call 9191 3456.



Solar eclipse event

Thursday, April 20, 2023
11am to 1pm (Eclipse at 11:52am)
Town Beach Marketplace

The total eclipse of the sun seen in Exmouth will appear as a 'partial' eclipse in Broome, which will block most of the sun enough to turn the midday sky dark. Be careful not to damage your eyes and view the eclipse safely with FREE viewing glasses available at the event.

Grab a FREE galaxy themed mini whip from Cocolicious.

Includes live music, games and facepainting.

New leadership for Broome Shire Council



Cr Desiree Male has been elected unopposed Broome Shire President at a Special Meeting of Council held on Friday afternoon, following Cr Harold Tracey's decision to step down from the role.

Cr Chris Mitchell was elected Deputy Shire President.

Cr Male, who has served on Council since 2009 and has been Deputy Shire President since 2017, will be Shire President until this year's council election on October 21, when a popularly elected Shire President will be appointed for the first time.

Cr Male, who runs an accountancy and finance practise in Broome, seemed destined to take on this role. Her grandfather, pearling industry pioneer, the late Sam Male was a Freeman of the Shire and Broome's first Shire President, and her father Kim Male is also a former Shire President and Freeman.

She thanked both the Broome community and her fellow Councillors for their support, saying she is

"humbled by their unanimous support".

"I look forward to working with the council, staff and community to continue delivering on our vision for Broome as a vibrant, prosperous and inclusive place to live, work and visit," she said.

Cr Male also paid tribute to her predecessor, Cr Harold Tracey describing him as a great leader and mentor who has achieved more than any other any Broome Shire President over a six-year period.

New Deputy Shire President Chris Mitchell has been on council for more than 30 years, having been first elected in 1992.

Cr Mitchell was last year named 2022 Broome Senior Citizen of the Year for his decades of service to the town through 30 years on council and years of volunteering at the Broome Native Animal Rescue organisation, Men's Shed and Lions Club.

Beam e-scooter hire trial for Broome



The Broome Shire Council has approved an application by Beam Mobility Australia for a 12-month trading licence to trial its e-scooter 'shared micromobility service' in Broome.

The purple 'Saturn' e-scooters will be hired through the Beam app for pick up and drop off at designated parking areas around Broome.

The 300 e-scooters will feature Global Positioning System (GPS) technology, which will track their location and limit their speed, including in designated slow zones and exclusion zones in busy areas such as Chinatown, Town Beach, and the Cable Beach tourist precinct. It will also prevent the e-scooters from straying from designated operating areas. Riders trying to leave the designated operating areas will be notified and directed back, with the scooter powering down and slowly stopping if they don't comply.

At this stage, the e-scooters will be allowed to operate in a 28-square-kilometre area that includes Old Broome, Cable Beach, Djungan and Bilingurr.

Beam will consult the Shire, community, and other external stakeholders to develop approved exclusion zones, speed limits, pick-up and drop-off locations and any other matters. The Shire will have the authority to make changes to the zones as required.

'Rapid Response Rangers (RRR) responsible for charging and managing unused scooters will be employed, with Beam committing to having staff available 24/7 every day of the year. According to Beam, this will create between 15 to 20 local jobs in Broome.

Broome Shire President Desiree Male said e-scooters are already a common sight around Broome because they provide a quick, convenient, and economical way to travel short distances.

"I expect they will be popular with locals, but their real value will be in making Broome more accessible to tourists who want to experience more of what our town has to offer."

Cr Male said Beam's intention to engage with the Shire and community members to address any issues and concerns prior to launch will help reduce teething problems.

"Once the zones are in place the GPS technology will help ensure that the convenience the e-scooters provide won't be an inconvenience to others."