

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

Bats about Broome



Friends of Bats and Bushcare spokesperson Lawrence Pope is crazy about bats. On July 23, he will share his passion for the flying mammals, including the 26 species found in the Kimberley, at the library. Come and find out about big bats and tiny bats and what you can do to help protect them.

Broome Public Library
5.15pm-6.15pm, Tuesday, July 23

Speaking from experience



Adventurer Terra Roam was the first female to walk 17,200km around Australia solo and unsupported, all in aid of suicide prevention. The author of 'Are Ya Right Mate: A Walk Around of Australia' will be speaking at the library on July 30 and will have copies of the book on hand for just \$29.99.

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Minister visit puts community safety issues in the spotlight

Police Minister Paul Papalia visited Broome last week and spent time at the Shire offices, where he discussed community safety matters with CEO Sam Mastrolembro, Director Development Keith Williams, and Shire President Chris Mitchell, who was on video link from Perth, where he was attending the WALGA State Council.

Kimberley MP Divina D'Anna, WAPOL Acting Assistant Commissioner Brad Sorrell, and Acting Commander Steve Thompson also attended.

The meeting was an opportunity for the Shire to raise several local priorities, including police numbers, the Broome Custodial Facility, the location of the Kimberley District Police Support Facility, crime statistics and reporting, streetlight funding, and CCTV issues.

After the meeting, Minister Papalia and the rest of the delegation attended the Broome Liquor Accord Meeting.

Shire President Mitchell thanked the Minister for taking the time to discuss the Shire's concerns and proposals.

"The 2024 Community Scorecard again showed Community Safety is the number one concern for Broome residents, so it was a good opportunity to remind the State Government of this.

"The Minister confirmed that more police are being sent to



Acting Commander Steve Thompson, Shire CEO Sam Mastrolembro, Divina D'Anna MLA, Police Minister Paul Papalia, Shire Director Development Keith Williams and Acting Assistant Commissioner Brad Sorrell.

the region and wants the Shire and WAPOL to collaborate for things such as sourcing funding to improve CCTV around town. "I am confident that, through such collaboration and continued advocacy by the Shire and other organisations in Broome, there will be more positive outcomes regarding local crime prevention and community safety.

\$1.66m CoastWA grant for Cable Beach

Vital coastal protection works at the northern end of Cable Beach are set to go ahead, with Broome coming out top in the latest round of State Government CoastWA grants.

The \$1.66 million grant was provided under the Hotspot Coastal Adaptation and Protection program (H-CAP), which provides grants to assist in designing and implementing coastal adaptation works across WA.

The Shire's allocation will fund the construction of a low-crested rock revetment to protect the northern end of the foreshore in front of the amphitheatre and on both sides of the existing vehicle access ramp.

The work will be done as part of the Walmanyjun Cable Beach Foreshore Redevelopment (WCBFR).

The revetment will extend between two existing rocky outcrops and protect 105m of foreshore and adjoining infrastructure, including the vehicle access ramp, amphitheatre, Broome Camp School, Cable Beach Club Resort, and critical outlets for Millington Road and Cable Beach West Road drainage areas.

The \$1.66 million H-CAP grant follows the \$26.3 million in federal funding for Stage 2 of the WCBFR.

This is in addition to the \$12 million in grant funding already received for Stage 1, which included \$11 million in Federal Government grants, a \$1 million Lotterywest contribution), and the \$5 million Lotterywest grant for a waterpark to be constructed during Stage 3.

What's happening @ Cable Beach?

- Construction of the new central beach access stairs has begun.
- The new stairs will be built on pylons at a shallower angle than the old ones. There will also be more landing areas for resting or taking in the view.
- Trucks and machinery have finished operating on the beach to scrape sand for the dune reconstruction. This work avoided the need to introduce foreign materials.
- A safety fence has been erected on the beach in front of the stair construction and ongoing coastal protection works.

Why is the work being carried out during the tourist season?

Work has persisted during the dry season due to several factors, including the project's duration, contractor availability, federal grant funding requiring Stage 1 to be completed by the end of 2024, and the need to avoid wet-season rain and possible storm surges.

For more information about the works and measures in place, visit broome.wa.gov.au/wcbfr or scan the QR code.



WALMANYJUN CABLE BEACH
FORESHORE REDEVELOPMENT

