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What's **Happening**

in the Shire of Broome?

Get involved in local sport



Broome has an incredibly diverse range of sporting clubs and competitions, which are looking for players, volunteers and committee members. If you're looking for a sport for your child to play in Term 3, feel like trying or getting back into sport yourself, or want to use your skills to volunteer at a club or league, find the club for you at our

Play the Broome Way page at broome.wa.gov.au/playthebroomeway

Soul diva graces Broome



Emma Donovan: Songs, Stories and Soul from Family and Country

This concert showcases the talent and the new work of celebrated, ARIA-nominated, award-winning Indigenous soul singer and songwriter Emma Donovan.

Broome Civic Centre, July 17, 7.15pm Bookings: broomeciviccentre.com.au

Rural health career expo



Community Scorecard results are in

More than 1000 community members have provided invaluable feedback on our town through the 2024 Community Scorecard.

The results paint the Shire of Broome as a great place to live, work, and visit while reflecting concerns about issues such as the cost of living and community safety.

The Shire undertakes a Community Scorecard process every two years, with the results used to dictate the organisation's future priorities.

The ratepayers, residents, and business owners who completed the Scorecard in May 2024 shared their thoughts on the Shire, community services in Broome, and what projects or initiatives should be a priority in the future. A number of metrics scored lower in 2022, bringing the Shire's overall performance score to around the national average.

The Broome Public Library again topped the highestperforming areas for the Shire with a 94 per cent positive rating. Festivals, events, art, cultural activities, and sports and recreation facilities also received highly favourable ratings.

The Shire has also established itself as an industry leader in tourism attractions and marketing, with a 91 per cent positive rating.

Survey recipients also praised the Shire's parks and reserves, roads and streetscapes, waste and recycling management, conservation and environment, foreshores and beaches, mosquito control, ranger services, and natural disaster management, albeit at a lower rate than two years ago.

There was also a drop in how people rated the Shire's prioritising on community and local issues.

As in previous surveys in 2020 and 2022, community safety and crime prevention, housing, and marine facilities were particular areas of community concern.

While slightly more people said they felt safe in Broome, the

Performance ratings % of respondents Performance

number who agreed with this sentiment was less than half the national average.

Concerns about access to adequate housing and the need for safe boating facilities also remain.

Shire of Broome president Chris Mitchell thanked the 1190 people who took part in the survey, which is one way the Shire informs the development of Integrated Planning and Reporting documentation as part of its community engagement efforts.

"While the results of the Scorecard reflect an overall declining trend in community sentiment across local government areas nationally, they are a wake-up call," Shire President Mitchell said.

"We will work hard to address issues of concern on which the Shire has a direct influence, and we will continue to advocate for Government support for things we do not have complete control over, such as housing, crime-prevention and safe boating facilities."

Read the full 2024 Community Scorecard report at broome.wa.gov.au/scorecard2024

What's happening @ Cable Beach?

Coastal protection works have begun, including reshaping the dunes between the Broome Life Saving Club and Broome Beach House to protect them from storm surges and erosion better. Trucks and machinery have been operating in front of Surf Club to scrape sand off the beach for the dune reconstruction, which avoids the need to introduce foreign materials.

Work will soon commence on the installation of pylons that will sport the new beach access ramps and lookout.

Business as usual

Don't forget that Broome Surf Life Saving Club, Broome Beach House, and Broome Beach Hut (deckchair and beach equipment hire) are continuing to operate.

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





Singapore flights take off



Shire CEO Sam Mastrolembo, Shire President Chris Destination Development Officer Kim Brown were at Broome International Airport on Tuesday to welcome the first Jetstar Asia flight from Singapore. Flight 3K161 was the first scheduled international flight to Broome since a Singapore flight trial began in 2018 with Shire support. The trial flights proved popular, but the COVID-19 pandemic prevented the introduction of regular scheduled international flights into Broome. Shire President Mitchell congratulated airport management and WA Tourism for making the resumption of flights possible.





