

What's Happening

in the Shire of Broome?



IT'S SHINJU MATSURI TIME



Opening ceremony

Broome's premier festival kicks off at Guwarri Town Beach with the Northside Rentals Shinju Matsuri Opening Ceremony. Experience a very special Yawuru Welcome to Country and a selection of performances before the traditional wakening of Sammy the Dragon.

The Opening Ceremony marks the start the 16-day program of diverse cultural, dining & art events that showcase the unique history & rich multicultural community of Broome.

Saturday, August 17 from 4pm



Float Parade

Make sure you're in Chinatown on Sunday to witness the fun, creativity and energy of the Roebuck Bay Hotel Float Parade. One of the most traditional Shinju events, it features a colourful floats representing the diversity of the Broome community.

Sunday, August 18 at 3pm



Lantern Parade

The beautiful Horizon Power Floating Lantern Event is a free community event to attend. However, if you would like to participate in the float, we encourage you to pre-purchase your lantern kit before the festival begins, as limited numbers are available.

Gantheaume Point Beach, Sunday, August 25, from 4pm

For the full Shinju Matsuri event schedule and bookings, visit shinjumatsuri.com.au or scan the QR code.



Warm welcome for Taiji visitors



The Shire of Broome held a civic reception last week to welcome students and officials from our Japanese sister city, Taiji.

The five students and three Taiji Town Council staff, Wada Masaki, Omura Sayaka and Yuga Minami, were joined by St Mary's College students, parents and staff, and members of Broome's Japanese community at the reception held at Broome Civic Centre.

Shire Freeman Kim Male, Shire President Chris Mitchell, Deputy Shire President Desiree Male, and Councillors Phillip Matsumoto, Melanie Virgo, Ellen Smith, and Jan Lewis were also in attendance.

The evening included performances from the St Mary's choir and dancers and stirring solo acts by Miranda

Forrest, who sang the Japanese song *Sukiyaki*, Tyler Waina, who sang *Town by the Bay*, and Taiji student Ike Haruto, who performed a song on the keyboard.

Shire President Chris Mitchell said that while the Broome/Taiji sister-city relationship goes back 43 years, the ties between the two towns go back much further and are stronger than most people in Broome realise.

"This year, I had the privilege of visiting Taiji with Councillors Male, Virgo, Matsumoto, and Shire CEO Sam Mastrolembro. We were amazed at the way Broome is recognised and even revered there.

"The Broome Shire Council delegation could not have been made more welcome, and we hope to soon return the favour to its Council."

Have your say on key issues

The Shire of Broome is inviting community feedback on three important issues.



Draft Animal Management Plan

The Shire of Broome is one step closer to adopting a formal Animal Management Plan after the Council voted to adopt a draft document for the purposes of seeking community feedback over a 28-day period.



Proposed Cable Beach vehicle ramp closure extension through February

The Shire Council has initiated a 28-day public submission period. The feedback will allow Council to gauge the community's support, or otherwise, for the February closure, which aims to protect late turtle hatchlings.



Shared e-scooter trading permit

The Shire is seeking public feedback on issuing a trading permit for an e-scooter 'shared micro-mobility service' in Broome. This survey only relates to the hire of e-scooters from Shire of Broome public land.

The public submission period for these issues ends at 5pm, August 30, 2024.

For information on each issue and details of how to provide feedback, visit broome.wa.gov.au/publicnotices or scan the QR code.



HMAS Broome visits its namesake for final time



HMAS *Broome* (II) visited its namesake town last week for the final time before its decommissioning in Darwin on August 29.

The Armidale-Class Patrol Boat is the second Royal Australian Navy vessel to bear the Broome name.

Launched in February 2007, it visited Broome the following May when the Shire granted Freedom of Entry.

Eighteen years later, the boat's final visit saw its crew engage with the community in different ways.

On Friday, August 2, four crew members, including the Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Commander Christopher Wardle, visited The Skill Engineer program. This program helps young people improve their literacy and numeracy and embark on vocational activities that can be linked to future career pathways.

Later that day about a dozen sailors visited the PCYC Roller Disco held in conjunction with the Shire's A Sporting Chance youth diversionary program. They were kitted out with skates to help some of the children find their feet, though in some cases the kids had to return the favour.

Lieutenant Commander Wardle said it was a privilege to engage with both programs and to continue the bond between HMAS *Broome* and the Broome community on the boat's final visit prior to decommissioning.