

## What's Happening

*in the Shire of Broome?*

### Broome Speedway



The Shinju Matsuri Broome Speedway Stampede Extravaganza is a big two-night event, with drivers from all over WA battling it out across several categories, including Super Sedans, Modlites, Street Stocks, and Productions. Tickets (per night): Adult \$25, Kids/Concession \$15. Family Pass (2 adults & 2 kids) \$60.

**Friday, September 6 and Saturday, September 7 at Broome Speedway. Racing starts at 5.30pm.**

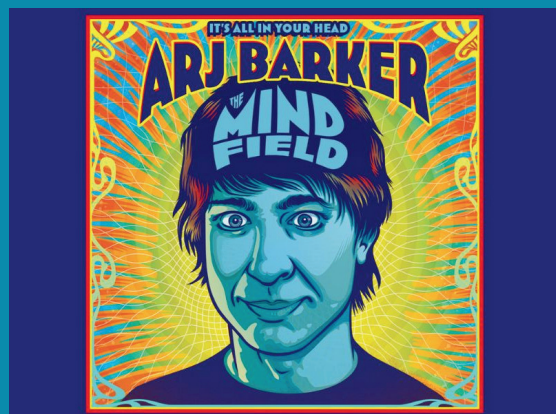
### YOH Fest Kimberley heats



Fusing the fun of the Arts with quality health and well being education, YOH Fest showcases performances from students round the region exploring the annual health theme of 'Inclusion'.

**Broome Civic Centre**

**Thursday, September 12, 6.30pm**



All of reality, as we can ever possibly know it, exists exclusively in our minds. Armed with this knowledge, Arj sets out to answer some of Life's Biggest Questions: Why are we here?

Are we alone in the Universe?

Why does it hurt when we pee?

**Broome Civic Centre**

**7.30pm, Thursday, September 19**

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## Shire President and CEO travel to Canberra for advocacy talks

Shire President Chris Mitchell and Chief Executive Sam Mastrolembro travelled to Canberra last month to meet with federal MPs to discuss a range of issues impacting Broome and the Kimberley.

The pair travelled as part of delegations representing the Kimberley Regional Group (KRG) and the Regional Capitals Alliance Western Australia (RCAWA).

While there, they arranged to discuss Shire of Broome-specific issues separately, including the housing crisis, with Shadow Minister for Housing Michael Sukkar.

Another meeting was held with Durack MP Melissa Price to provide an update on the Walmanyjun Cable Beach Foreshore Redevelopment, Regional Resource Recovery Park (RRRP) and an update on the recent Kimberley Housing Roundtable.

With the KRG and/or RCAWA, they also met Shadow Minister for Infrastructure & Regional Development, Senator Bridget McKenzie and discussed various issues including road funding and the need for a new highway bridge at Willare.

They also met with the Assistant Minister for Regional Development Senator Anthony Chiscolm about housing grants and making the Financial Assistance Grant for local governments and Designated Area Migration Agreements fairer for regional areas.



CEO Sam Mastrolembro, Shadow Housing Minister Michael Sukkar and Shire President Chris Mitchell.

Financial Assistance Grants were also discussed at meetings with Regional Development Minister Kristy McBain and Nationals MP Darren Chester.

Shire President Mitchell said that with a Federal Election looming, it was good to travel to the Nation's capital to put Broome and Kimberley issues on the Federal political radar.

## Broome Shire Council adopts 2024-25 Budget

The Broome Shire Council has approved the 2024-25 Annual Budget at a Special Meeting of Council on Thursday, August 22, 2024.

The 2024-25 Shire Budget provides a consistent direction that aligns with the Corporate Business Plan 2023-2027 and the Strategic Community Plan 2023-2033.

It also balances the challenging economic climate, including factors such as increases in CPI, interest rates, utility costs, and insurance premiums, while providing continuous service delivery to the Broome community.

Shire of Broome President Chris Mitchell said the 2024-25 Budget is all about sustainability and ensuring the Shire maintains the current high levels of service provision during these challenging economic times.

The adopted 2024-25 Budget reflects the Council's commitment to provide, facilitate and advocate for

services and infrastructure to improve quality of life for everyone," Shire President Mitchell said.

"To maintain Shire services that people rightly expect, we had to raise rates by 5.97 per cent, which takes into account that our remote location attracts additional CPI pressures to the Shire's operating budget.

Community projects budgeted for in 2024-25 include:

- \$1.51 million for the Frederick Street roundabout at BRAC (grant-funded)
- \$220,000 for the BRAC Importance Level 4 Upgrades (50% grant funded)
- \$105,000 for street light upgrades
- \$157,500 for a new footpath along Frederick Street between Jewell Street and the Boulevard.
- \$83,000 to implement the Youth Plan
- \$30,000 for the Community Safety Plan Review.

### What's happening @ Cable Beach

- The piling work for the new beach stairs and ramp near the Broome Surf Life Saving Club and Cable Beach House has been completed in preparation for the arrival of construction materials.
- Protective matting has been placed over the reformed dune. This will assist the replanting process and reduce the amount of sand being blown away during strong winds.
- Construction of fencing near the top of the dune has also commenced below the crest line to provide a clear view of the beach from the promenade path and adjacent lawn area.
- Over behind the Surf Club, the laying of underground services and light footings has been completed allowing for skatepark construction to begin this month.
- With construction vehicles moving about the area, pedestrian access to the Surf Club from the car park is subject to closures during the day for safety reasons. The path will be open when the Surf Club opens at 3 pm every day.

