

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

### Community Citizen of the Year Awards nominations



It's time to start thinking about who you know that is doing amazing things in our local community! The Community Citizen of the Year Awards allows us to celebrate the positive impact of individuals and groups who are engaged and committed to our local area. Nominate someone special at [www.citizenshipawards.com.au/nominate](http://www.citizenshipawards.com.au/nominate)

### Sport in Focus Conference



Join local sporting club volunteers and industry experts to discuss key topics in our sporting community. All sport and recreation enthusiasts, especially volunteers in local sports, are welcome to attend.

**Saturday, November 2 from 8am to 2pm**

**Broome Surf Life Saving Club**

For information on how to register visit [www.broome.wa.gov.au/Sport-in-Focus-2024](http://www.broome.wa.gov.au/Sport-in-Focus-2024)

### DO YOU QUALIFY FOR FREE HOME INTERNET?



If there is a school age student at your home and you don't have an nbn connection, you could qualify for free home internet until the end of 2025. This Australian Government program offers free home internet to eligible families and carers.

## Council adopts Housing Affordability Strategy to activate undeveloped land

The Shire of Broome is proactively addressing the local housing crisis by developing a new Housing Affordability Strategy and Concept Master Planning project to activate undeveloped and underdeveloped land across the townsite.

The Broome Housing Affordability Strategy will be funded by a \$98,428 Federal Government Housing Support Program (Stream 1) grant for projects that address planning capability.

The strategy, endorsed by Council last month, seeks to work with landowners of undeveloped and underdeveloped land within urban areas, particularly in Old Broome-Chinatown, to realise opportunities for new dwelling construction.

Several large, well-located lots with connections to utilities remain undeveloped for various reasons.

These include a lack of funding for necessary studies and development options under the new Local Planning Scheme No. 7 (LPS7). The Broome Housing Affordability

Strategy and Master Planning project will address local housing needs and pathways to the creation of new housing stock, including:

- Update the Shire's 2009 Local Housing Strategy
- Community Consultation
- Zoning Changes
- Masterplan Strategy Report: Map the most efficient pathways to providing housing.
- Identify Suitable Sites for medium and high-density housing
- Landowner Consultation: Engage with landowners to gauge interest
- Expression of Interest (EOI): Conduct an EOI process to identify potential sites and increase public understanding of opportunities.

The Shire of Broome will develop a Community Engagement Plan to consult with shortlisted landholders, State and Federal Government Departments, businesses, and non-profits involved in housing provision.

## Regional Development Minister visits Cable Beach site

The Shire was delighted to welcome Federal Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government Catherine King to Broome last week.

Minister King, who awarded the Shire a \$26.3 million grant for Stage 2 of the Walmanyjun Cable Beach Foreshore Redevelopment (WCBFR) in May, visited the site with Deputy Shire President Desiree Male and CEO Sam Mastrolembro.

The trio then held an informal meeting at the Broome Surf Life Saving Club, where Cr Male and Mr Mastrolembro outlined the project to Ms King, including the scope of the Stage 2 works scheduled to commence next year.

The \$26,361,852 for Stage 2 of the WCBFR comes from the Australian Government's \$400 million regional Precincts and Partnerships Program (rPPP), which funds the design and delivery of precincts, or 'places with purpose', to meet place-based community priorities.

Stage 2 of the WCBFR was the only beneficiary in Australia in the latest rPPP round.

Ms King said this was due to the project being shovel-ready and the fact that the Shire had forged partnerships with key stakeholder groups such as Nyamba Buru Yawuru during the planning and development stages.



Other topics discussed during the one-hour meeting included Broome's economic, infrastructure, and investment outlook, the housing crisis in Broome, and the Shire's proposed Sanctuary Village Holiday Park and Key Worker Accommodation.

## LED program sheds more light on public spaces

The Shire of Broome has provided \$105,000 in its 2024-25 Annual Budget for continued public lighting upgrades.

Most of the outdoor lighting in Broome is installed and maintained by Horizon Power. However, more than 450 light poles are along paths and car parks in Shire precincts such as Chinatown, Town Beach, and local parks and reserves.

While streetlighting is the responsibility of Horizon Power, the Shire has invested more than \$600,000 since 2019 for the company to install almost 200 LED lights on new or existing street poles. Lighting upgrade locations are chosen based on the street type, lighting (LUX) levels and crime statistics in the area. New LED lights will replace existing bulbs as they need to be replaced.

The Shire is also lobbying the State Government for funding to speed up the transition to LED street lighting.

During a recent meeting in Perth, Shire President Chris Mitchell, Deputy Shire President Desiree Male, and CEO Sam Mastrolemo discussed street lighting with Minister for Energy & Environment Reece Whitby.

They requested that Broome be included in the Bright Lights program rolled out in smaller Kimberley towns.

### Report faulty streetlights

#### Faulty streetlights (except Chinatown)

Call Horizon Power on 1800 264 914 or visit [www.horizonpower.com.au/faults-outages](http://www.horizonpower.com.au/faults-outages)

#### Faulty public lighting at Shire precincts, parks and reserves

Fill in an online service request form at [www.broome.wa.gov.au/contact-us/service-request](http://www.broome.wa.gov.au/contact-us/service-request)