

## New YAC a voice for young people

Young people have one more week to nominate for the new Broome Youth Advisory Council, as the Shire seeks to get them more involved in the future of their town.

The Youth Advisory Council, or YAC, is part of a new Broome Youth Framework that will guide the Shire's involvement in youth services.

Broome Shire Councillor and YAC Chairperson, Mala Croft, says the YAC will provide support and enable young people to have direct input into developing a Youth Action Plan.

"The plan will identify what the priorities are for young people in Broome, and provide a clear strategic direction to make sure Shire resources are used effectively," Cr Croft says.

"Importantly, we want young people to have input and to be actively involved, and forming a Youth Advisory Council is a key part of this."

Nominations are open until 9 March and nomination forms are available on the Shire website.



Young people are being asked to nominate for the new YAC.

## Improving safety in the community

**The Shire of Broome Community Safety Working Group is continuing to work towards a Community Safety Plan.**

The Working Group brings together the Shire, Police, Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Nyamba Buru Yawuru, Broome Liquor Accord, Kullarri Patrol, Broome Youth and Families Hub, taxi services, Broome Visitor Centre and Broome Regional Hospital.

Chairperson and Broome Shire Councillor, Mala Croft, says the main aim is to develop a Community Safety Plan to access funding for major initiatives.

Ongoing changes are also being implemented such as lighting Male Oval overnight and negotiating to move the Kullarri Patrol pick-up location.

Broome Police Officer in Charge, Sen. Sgt Brendon Barwick, says they continue to address alcohol-related anti-social behaviour.

"Police are maintaining a no-tolerance approach to street/park drinking - persons found illegally drinking alcohol in Chinatown and surrounds will have the alcohol destroyed, including any unopened containers police believe will be illegally consumed," Sen. Sgt Barwick says.

"Operational officers report that the initiative of moving the Kullarri pick-up point from the service station area to the public toilet area, and lighting of the oval itself has decreased anti-social behaviour in general on Male Oval.

"In an effort to disrupt offending, Police continue to undertake high-visibility foot and vehicle patrols aimed at early intervention and disrupting unsociable and offending behaviour."

Broome Chamber of Commerce and Industry Executive Officer, Jael Napper, says several Chinatown businesses were surveyed earlier this year about how nearby anti-social behaviour impacted trade, and how to address the issue.

"Among the requests were to have a greater presence from Police with regular foot patrols and more lighting in Chinatown, and both have been implemented," Ms Napper says.

"Furthermore, applications have been submitted to fund CCTV - hopefully they won't be too far away.

"At the heart of all of our discussions is the fundamental right for everyone to go about their business in town without feeling compromised, while at the same considering longer-term strategies to address the roots of this issue."

## New Shire Directory now being delivered

**The 2016 Shire of Broome Directory is now being delivered free of charge to residents and businesses, and is also available from the Shire Administration office and online.**

Broome Shire President, Ron Johnston, says the Directory is a valuable community resource with information including residential, business and community contact listings, street maps, tide charts, emergency information, and a comprehensive guide to services provided by the Shire.

"For the convenience of residents the directory is being delivered directly to Broome homes and businesses by the Roebuck Primary School P&C as a fundraising activity," Cr Johnston said.

"The community also benefits in other ways, with the directory contractor providing a financial contribution to the Broome Chamber of Commerce and Industry for business development initiatives, and offering community marketing workshops."

The 2016 Shire of Broome Directory can be accessed online at [www.shireofbroomedirectory.com.au](http://www.shireofbroomedirectory.com.au).

## Magic of puppetry at Broome Civic Centre

Have you ever loved an animal? Have you ever wondered why they are so loyal? Broome audiences are invited to explore the world of companionship between a dog and his master when they are treated to Spare Parts Puppet Theatre's highly acclaimed Hachiko on Tuesday 8 March at the Broome Civic Centre.

Simplicity, beauty and gentle poetic storytelling in this carefully crafted Spare Parts production ensures both children and adults alike will be drawn into the true story of a dog that waited at a Tokyo train station every day for nine years for his owner to return.

Utilising Japanese-inspired papercraft puppetry, the production brings Hachiko the dog and his owner, Professor Ueno, to life.

Hachiko is presented by the Shire of Broome at the Broome Civic Centre on Tuesday 8 March at 6.30pm. For tickets go to [www.broomeciviccentre.com.au](http://www.broomeciviccentre.com.au).

# Broome Sport in Focus 2016

## MARCH 12 - 19

**Broome Sport in Focus is a week-long program of activities and workshops aimed at promoting sport in our community, proudly presented by the Shire of Broome in conjunction with the WA Department of Sport and Recreation**

### Highlights include:

- 12 Mar - Community Fitness Testing - How fit are you? Work with Broome Talent Development Head coach, athletes to test yourself like a pro
- 12 Mar - Dash & Splash 2015/16 Rd 4 - Run and swim your way to fitness and fun! Entry details from BRAC or [www.broome.wa.gov.au](http://www.broome.wa.gov.au)
- 12 Mar - Health Pit Stop - Local health workers providing free basic health checks
- 12 Mar - Cable Beach Doce Pares - Broome's newest club performs an outdoor session and demo
- 12 Mar - Junior Football Registration - Sign your kids up for the season
- 14 Mar - Broome Junior Sport Forum
- 15 Mar - Injury Management and Concussion Course
- 17 Mar - General Principles Coaching Course
- 18 Mar - Bike Week Breakfast

