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Upgrade projects continue around town

Work is continuing on a range of projects around Broome aimed at improving the amenity of the town.

The connection of Frederick St and Dampier Tce is progressing as part of the Chinatown Development Strategy.

The \$600,000 project is jointly funded by the Shire and Tourism WA and includes connecting the two roads with a raised brick-paved thoroughfare, improved drainage, and new footpaths, parking bays and 10 new street lights.

Work on relocating the taxi rank at Paspaley Plaza from the entrance on Carnarvon St to the Short St side of the complex is also continuing.

Moving the taxi rank was requested by Chinatown traders as a means of helping alleviate concerns around anti-social behaviour at the main entry to the shopping centre.

Work on the Cable Beach north access ramp will extend the overtaking bays and upgrade drainage and kerbs.

The access ramp will stay open while work is underway, but there will be traffic controls in place during working hours.

Work finished last week on widening the entry to Town Beach car park to provide safer and easier access at the popular location for bigger vehicles and those towing boats and trailers.

Staircase Markets get underway for 2016

The popular Staircase to the Moon Night Markets kick off for 2016 on 23 and 24 April with the Shire of Broome again providing support.

The Shire has contributed just over \$34,000 in sponsorship to support the Staircase Markets in 2015/16 – more than double the previous year's contribution.

Broome Shire President, Ron Johnston, says the funding helps the Broome Community Stallholders Association to cover operational expenses including traffic control, lighting and waste management.

"The Staircase to the Moon Night Markets at Town Beach are hugely popular with locals and visitors, and the Shire is pleased to support the committee and the stallholders to grow these great events," Cr Johnston says.



Staircase to the Moon Night Markets kick off on April 23.

"This year the program has expanded to include Thursday Night Markets which we're confident will also prove highly successful."

Please note that on market days the Town Beach boat ramp will be closed between noon and midnight, and the Town Beach car park closed between 3.30pm and 10pm to allow stallholders to set up and pack down.



Adam Waddell and Chris Lane attaching new reflective street numbers to kerbs on Anne St.

New street numbers showing the way

New reflective street numbers are being installed around Broome.

The Shire has trialled several techniques for identifying street numbers in recent years including painting, but the new reflective aluminium plates have proven the most effective.

The aluminium plate has a reflective number on a black background with a clear protective coating and is fixed to the kerb outside the property.

The numbering will be rolled out in stages, with the Shire initially targeting longer streets which can prove more difficult for emergency services and taxis to find house numbers compared to shorter streets.

So far this has included Reid Rd, Sanderling Dve, Herbert St and Anne St, with others to follow.

What's happening in the Shire of Broome?



Fri 8-Fri 15 Apr – National Youth Week 2016

Various venues. Broome hosts the regional launch of National Youth Week 2016, followed by a week-long program including beach activities, skate comp, graffiti art event and music party. Full details at www.broome.wa.gov.au

Mon 11-Fri 22 Apr – School Holiday Activity Programs

Broome Recreation and Aquatic centre, Broome Public Library. Exciting and fully supervised school holiday programs for the kids. More information from BRAC, the Library or the Shire website.

Thur 14 Apr – Theatre Kimberley's Staircase to the Moon

Broome Civic Centre, 6.30pm. Billed as a magical puppet show for all ages, *Staircase to the Moon* is based on the children's book by Broome author Bronwyn Houston and produced by Theatre Kimberley. Tickets at www.broomeciviccentre.com.au.

Tues 10 May – Educating Rita by Willy Russell

Broome Civic Centre, 8pm. The stage play and popular film have entertained audiences around the world and become a comedy classic. HIT Productions is now delighted to produce this brand-new production directed by AFI Award-winning director Denny Lawrence. Tickets at www.broomeciviccentre.com.au.

Wed 18 May – Melbourne International Comedy Festival Roadshow

Broome Civic Centre, 8pm. Join a rotating cast of the finest local and international comedy talents for an evening of comedy like no other, hand-picked to bring the biggest and best belly laughs to audiences. Tickets at www.broomeciviccentre.com.au.

School holiday fun for the kids

With school holidays underway, the Shire of Broome is running great school holiday activity programs for the kids at Broome Recreation and Aquatic Centre and Broome Public Library.

Both programs started on Monday 11 April and run to Friday 22 April.

The Library's free "Space Pirates" themed program is on each day at 10.30am for kids aged from 5-12 years, accompanied by an adult.

The BRAC program is available for a full or half day with activities including pool sports, movies, art and craft, cooking and more. Fees apply and for more info contact BRAC or go to the Shire website.



BRAC and Broome Public Library are hosting school holiday programs.

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