

Free native plants help green Broome

The Shire of Broome has given away several hundred native plant seedlings in conjunction with Incredible Edible Broome.

Each year the Shire provides thousands of native plant seedlings to the community at North West Expo, but with the postponement of this year's event other avenues are being used to distribute them.

Incredible Edible focuses on plants with edible qualities and so the Shire Parks and Gardens team provided Gubinge, Bush Apple, Ebony Wood and Kimberley Christmas Tree, as well as giving advice on growing them.

More native plant seedlings will be made available to the community soon, so stay posted for further details.



The Shire of Broome held its first native plant seedling giveaway with Incredible Edible Broome.



Shire of Broome Youth Advisory Council members and Chairperson Cr Mala Fairborn meet together.

New Youth Advisory Council making its mark

Broome's new Youth Advisory Council has hit the ground running.

The Shire of Broome is seeking to get young people more involved in the future of their town and earlier in 2016 called for nominations for 10 young people aged 14-24 to take up positions on the YAC plus two youth workers to provide guidance.

Shire Councillor and YAC chairperson, Mala Fairborn, says the YAC is an important part of the new Broome Youth Framework that guides the Shire's involvement in youth services and encourages young people to have input and be actively involved in their community.

YAC activities so far include meeting with consultants developing a Broome Recreation Trails Master Plan and assisting the Lions Club with a community BBQ.

"The YAC will now continue to meet regularly, with their first meetings to focus on establishing as a group and setting goals for what they want to achieve,"

Cr Fairborn says.

"They will also spend some time looking at the Youth Framework – prioritising strategies for implementation and making action plans around these."

What's happening in the Shire of Broome?

Sun 26 June – Deadly BRAC 2 Beach Fun Run

Broome Recreation and Aquatic Centre, 10am. Take the challenge in Broome's only annual fun run. Courses of 8km and 4km starting at BRAC and finishing overlooking Cable Beach at the surf club. Entry forms from BRAC, SportsPower, Shire website or email brac@broome.wa.gov.au.

Wed 29 June – Broome Makers Cluster Muster

Broome Civic Centre, 12.30 - 5pm. The Broome Growth Plan is bringing together the region's top thinkers, business pioneers and community leaders to map an exciting future. The Broome Makers Cluster Muster is a full-day session for the whole community to get involved. Everyone from residents to business owners is invited to come and see the results of the workshops and competition, and to have their say about the future of Broome.

Tues 5 July – The Owl's Apprentice at Broome Civic Centre

Broome Civic Centre, 6pm. *The Owl's Apprentice* is an interactive solo show for kids created by Jenny Ellis using a combination of shadow puppetry, hand puppetry and story-telling. The show is about our unique Australian animals. Tickets at www.broomeciviccentre.com.au.



Big upgrades for aquatic facility

The Broome Recreation and Aquatic Centre is set to undergo a \$3.3million refurbishment of its aquatic facilities that will upgrade important infrastructure and provide a fresh new look.

The upgrade of the 22-year-old aquatic facility is funded by the Shire and the WA Department of Sport and Recreation and is scheduled to begin in August with a construction time of 26 weeks.

The project includes replacing the brick-paved concourse, renewing swimming pool bulk heads and tiling, resurfacing the pebblecrete children's lagoon, improving pool lighting, fully rebuilding the plant room and replacing the plant and filtration systems.

Shire of Broome BRAC Manager, Casey Zepnick, says this will ensure the aquatic facility complies with Health Department standards into the future, and will upgrade aging technology and improve efficiency.



The BRAC pool will close for 26 weeks from August 2016.

The swimming pool will close to the public during the 26 week construction period, but alternative arrangements have been made so that several of BRAC's fitness programs can continue.

How much do we recycle in Broome?

In 2015/16 Broome has recycled an average of 58.8 tonnes of paper, cardboard, aluminium, steel, and glass each month.

Since 2002 the Shire of Broome has provided a kerbside recycling service through the yellow-lid recycling bins.

Shire of Broome Waste Coordinator, Jeremy Hall, says the recycling bins are collected fortnightly in a separate truck to the regular waste bins and taken to ToxFree's Material Recovery Facility.

"Individual items are sorted into waste streams of paper and cardboard, glass, plastic, aluminium and steel which are then sent to various markets for recycling," Mr Hall says.

"Initiatives in recent years to improve recycling rates have included the gradual roll-out of bigger 360L yellow-lid recycling bins to replace the older 240L bins, and the fitting of Radio Frequency Identification tags to bins to improve efficiency and provide more accurate information about the quantities of waste being collected."

For more information on what can and cannot be recycled turn to page 15 of this week's newspaper.

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