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Shire study tackling coastal vulnerability

The Shire of Broome is planning for the potential impacts of flooding and erosion on the town site as far into the future as 2110 with a new report received by Council.

The Broome Town Site Coastal Vulnerability Study examines potential future threats from coastal inundation, erosion, stormwater flooding and climate change, with research conducted between 2013 and 2015.

Community members wishing to find out more are invited to attend an information forum on Wednesday 20 July, with a coastal engineer on hand to explain the details of the study report and answer questions.

The next stage is to develop a Coastal Hazard Risk Management and Adaptation Plan (CHRMAP) that will translate the study's technical information, as well as local knowledge and strategic planning, into a document that is practical and accessible and can be used to manage the risks of coastal hazards into the future.

Funding for the Coastal Vulnerability Study and CHRMAP was provided by the WA Department of Planning.

More information about the study and the community information session is on the Shire website.



The community is invited to come and collect their free native plant seedlings this Saturday.

Free native seedling giveaway this Saturday

Thousands of native plant seedlings will be made available to the community this Saturday.

Each year the Shire of Broome provides free native plant seedlings to the community at North West Expo, but with the postponement of this year's event the seedlings will be available this Saturday, 9 July, at the Shire of Broome Depot on Farrell St between 8am and 3pm.

The Shire's Parks and Gardens team plants hundreds of new trees around Broome each year and the giveaway is a chance for the community to get planting and help make Broome greener.

A wide variety of plant species suitable for growing in Broome will be available free, from ground covers to shrubs and trees.



The playground at Town Beach is back open with new play equipment, soft fall, shade sails and garden beds.

Revamped playground opens to community

The popular playground at Town Beach is back open after a series of upgrades.

The improvements have made the playground safer and more attractive including installing new soft-fall surfaces, new play equipment, perimeter fencing to protect children from the neighbouring carpark, new shade sails, seating and garden beds.

Two big Neem trees were removed as part of the work and have been replaced by the new shade sails and new native plants incorporated into the garden beds.

Neem trees were introduced to Australia as a fast-growing shade tree, but are now widely recognised as a weed that poses a significant threat to native plants in Broome and across northern Australia.

In addition, they drop fruit that is appealing to children but can be toxic and cause allergic reactions if eaten.

Urban renewal for Broome suburbs

Community representatives are being sought to provide input into an urban renewal initiative seeking to transform parts of Old Broome and Cable Beach.

The Broome Urban Renewal Initiative will be undertaken by the WA Housing Authority and Shire of Broome, and will focus on three priority precincts around Anne St, Dora St and Cable Beach.

Broome Shire President, Ron Johnston, says the Shire is seeking two representatives from each precinct to form the Broome Urban Renewal Community and Stakeholder Reference Group.

"We're looking for interested community members to put their hands up for the reference group that will provide input and

feedback on this exciting urban renewal initiative, and encourage the wider community to become involved," Cr Johnston says.

The aims of the initiative include improving local amenity and livability for residents and improving housing diversity and choice by revitalising existing housing and creating local affordable housing options.

Nominations for the Broome Urban Renewal Community and Stakeholder Reference Group are due by Thursday 14 July 2016 and nomination forms and more information is available on the Shire website.

Drug dealers the target of campaign

Crime Stoppers WA is targeting Broome with a two-week intensive Dob in a Dealer drug campaign to gather information for WA Police intelligence about local drug dealing activity.

The Shire of Broome has partnered with Crime Stoppers, Police and the Federal Government to launch the program in Broome.

Residents are asked to report information about the manufacture and distribution of crystal methamphetamine, or ice, and other illegal drugs.

WA Police Kimberley District Acting Supt Omal Chahal says the ice scourge needs a whole-of-community response, and this campaign empowers community members to play their part by reporting untoward activity.

Making a report to Crime Stoppers is easy and completely confidential.

Anyone thinking they may have information about someone in their community who is manufacturing or supplying drugs is



The Dob in a Dealer campaign asks the community to provide information on drug dealing.

encouraged to call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 for a confidential conversation, or report online securely at www.crimestopperswa.com.au.

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