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Feedback sought on Community Safety Plan

The Shire is now seeking input on a new draft Community Safety Plan.

The Broome Community Safety Plan will guide the actions undertaken by the Shire in partnership with community organisations, government agencies and the community to reduce the risk of crime and anti-social behaviour and improve community perceptions of safety.

The draft plan was endorsed by Council at its August Ordinary Meeting and is open for feedback until 4pm on Monday 10 October.

To read the draft Community Safety Plan and for information on making a submission head to the Shire website under the "Have My Say" tab.



The Mangrove was a winner at the AHA national awards.

Mangrove Hotel puts Broome on the map

Broome's Mangrove Hotel boasts the best outdoor area in the nation, according to the Australian Hotels Association.

The Mangrove won the category at the AHA's national awards last week and Broome Shire President, Ron Johnston, says the accolade is reward for the hotel's significant investment in the town.

"This is an excellent result for the Mangrove and wonderful news for Broome," Cr Johnston says.

"National recognition like this is a welcome boost for Broome's reputation as a tourism destination and we congratulate the Mangrove."

Council meeting in remote community

The Broome Shire Council will hold its September Ordinary Meeting in the Bidyadanga Community.

Broome Shire President, Ron Johnston, says Council has a policy of holding a meeting each year in an Aboriginal community within the Shire.

"By taking Council meetings to the communities, residents there are able to get a firsthand look at how their Shire Council operates, and to ask questions and raise issues personally with Councillors and senior Shire staff," Cr Johnston said.

"Councillors and staff also get the opportunity to visit the various communities within the Shire and to meet the people who live there."

The Ordinary Meeting will be held in the conference room of the community's administration building at 11am on Thursday 29 September and is open to the public.



YAC member Tehani Savu and Shire Youth and Community Development Officer, Amy Andison.

Broome young people head off on exchange

Two young Broome people will head to Hong Kong in early 2017 as part of an international exchange program.

Tehani Savu and Emma-Lee Foy will join five other young people from around WA on the exchange program run by the WA Government and the Home Affairs Bureau of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government. Tehani is a member of the Shire of Broome Youth Advisory Council and says the youth exchange is a great opportunity to showcase the talent in regional areas, especially in young professionals, and she is proud to represent Broome.

"I'd also like to take this opportunity to remind everyone about the Youth Advisory Council for the Shire of Broome – we're a group of young leaders who want to be a voice for the young people of our town. If you have any issues or ideas that you feel strongly about please contact myself or Amy Andison as we would love to hear all about it, "Tehani says.

The aims of the exchange program are to provide delegates with the opportunity to develop selfconfidence, international friendships and networks, a real understanding of a different culture and a base for future education and career goals.

Key Chinatown appointments

The Chinatown Revitalisation Project is rapidly gaining pace with the appointment of two key team members to oversee vital elements of the project.

The \$12.6 million project, made possible by \$10 million through Royalties for Regions, \$2 million from the Shire of Broome and \$600,000 from Tourism WA, is being jointly delivered by the Shire, Kimberley Development Commission and LandCorp to increase activity in Chinatown through major improvements to streetscape, landscape, facilities and laneways over the next two years.

Feasibility studies are being conducted on three projects with potential to transform Chinatown and unlock substantial long-term investment, including a cultural centre, Gray St extension and reconnecting Chinatown to Roebuck Bay.

Broome Shire President, Ron Johnston, says the two appointments are vital as the project moves into its implementation phase.

Development Management Group (DMG) will provide project management services and manage delivery of the overall project. Local organisation RFF, in conjunction



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with the Broome Chamber of Commerce and Industry, has been selected as the communications and community engagement consultant.

Pre-cyclone rubbish collection coming soon

The Shire will again offer a free pre-cyclone rubbish collection in residential areas to begin on 31 Oct 2016.

The purpose of the collection is to remove from households any items that could become dangerous in a cyclone, and a strict set of guidelines applies. Waste should be put on verges between October 21 and 30, with collection starting on October 31. For full info on what items will and will not be collected, and collection dates, contact the Shire or visit the website.



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