

Stewart St upgrades

Work is set to start on a major upgrade of busy Stewart St alongside the Broome Courthouse.

Work on the stretch of Stewart St between Hamersley St and Weld St will include upgrading street lighting, adding formalised parking bays, improving drainage, and constructing footpaths on both sides of the road as well as creating a new footpath link along Weld St to Frederick St.

Stewart St receives considerable vehicle and foot traffic especially during the popular Courthouse Markets each weekend, and the upgrade will significantly improve safety and amenity.

Work is expected to be underway within two weeks, and take about six weeks to complete. Traffic management will be in place including road closures and detours during critical phases of the work to ensure the safety of workers and road users.



Work to put drainage underground in Old Broome.

Underground drainage to improve safety

The last of a series of open drains in Old Broome is now being undergrounded to improve safety and allow future development.

Local contractor Jetridge Holdings is undertaking the work on the Conti Foreshore directly south of Catalina Pl.

The aim of the project is to construct an underground drainage system that poses no danger or safety risk to the community and is constructed in a way that allows possible future development in the area in line with Council's Old Broome Development Strategy.

Chinatown role a boost for business

Chinatown traders and businesses are set to reap benefits from the appointment of a Chinatown Investment and Development Coordinator as part of the Chinatown Revitalisation 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 delivered by the Shire, Kimberley Development Commission and LandCorp to increase activity in Chinatown through major improvements to street, landscape, facilities and laneways over the next two years, and conduct feasibility studies on three long-term transformation projects.

Jeremy Macmath has been appointed to the role and his responsibilities include developing a two-year commercial activation strategy to create and market events, activities and promotions that increase activity in Chinatown in conjunction with local business.

He will also develop a laneways strategy to bring existing and new laneways to life, including grant funding to help tenants and landowners activate their laneways.

Broome Shire President, Ron Johnston, says the position was created to not only ensure local businesses and landowners are kept informed every step of the way, but also to encourage people to undertake their own events and activities which can be supported through the project.



Broome's 2016 Citizenship Award winners were Tamara Albert, Katie Bidewell and Kimberley Girl.

Time running out to recognise top citizens

Nominations close on 31 October to recognise Broome's local heroes in the prestigious Community Citizen of the Year Awards.

Each year in Broome individuals and groups are recognised as part of the Australia Day breakfast at Town Beach on January 26, with Katie Bidewell, Tamara Albert and

Kimberley Girl the winners in 2016.

There are categories for individuals, under 25s, over 65s and a community group or event, and for the first time this year nominations can be made online at www.citizenshipawards.com.au.

Broome Shire President, Ron Johnston, says nominees should be active citizens who made a

contribution to making Broome a better community.

"Broome has many outstanding local role models who would be worthy winners of these important awards, and I would encourage community members to take the time to nominate a deserving person or group," Cr Johnston says.

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.

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 by October 30, with collection starting on October 31.

Items that will be collected include white goods, furniture, household electrical items and scrap metal.

Items that won't be collected include car parts such as tyres and batteries, asbestos, oil, chemicals and green waste.

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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Big October at Broome Civic Centre

Two exciting shows this weekend cap off a big October at Broome Civic Centre.

This Saturday, 29 October, award-winning comic acrobatic show *Elixir* follows three bumbling (albeit handsome) scientists who attempt to create the elixir of life, and the madness that breaks loose is the perfect mix of amazing acrobatics, impeccable comic timing and an engrossing narrative. Doors open 7pm for 8pm show.

On Sunday 30 October, Head First Acrobats bring a brand new children's show called *Arrr We There Yet?* - a beautiful story about acrobatic pirates in search of treasure and friendship across the high seas. Doors open 2pm for 3pm show.

Already in October multi-award-winning Barking Gecko Theatre Company presented two performances of *In A Dark Dark Wood* to captivated kids.

Tickets for both remaining shows are available online at www.broomeciviccentre.com.au or on (08) 9191 8780 (booking fees apply to phone bookings).

