

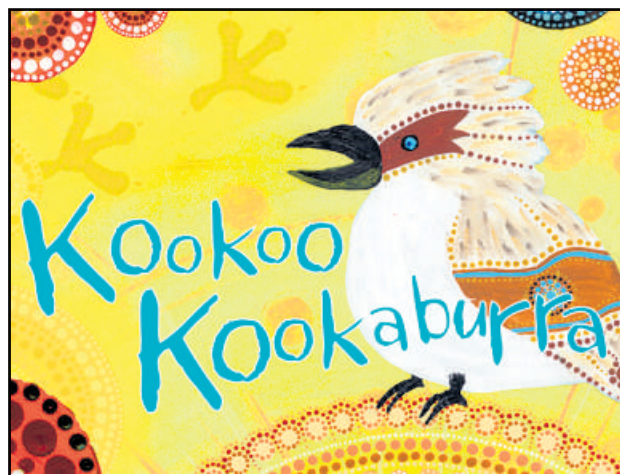
What's happening in the Shire of Broome?

Fri 28 Apr – Dash & Splash Rd2

Broome Recreation and Aquatic Centre, briefing 5pm and racing 5.15pm. The Dash & Splash is back for a Short Series in 2017 after the reopening of the BRAC pool, with events on Fri 24 Mar, 28 Apr and 26 May. The short course is a 2.5km run with a 250m swim, while the long course is a 5km run with 500m swim, with options for men, women, juniors and duos. Entry forms and info on Shire website or from BRAC on 9191 8720 or brac@broome.wa.gov.au.

Sat 29 Apr – Comedy Gold: Best of Adelaide Fringe

Broome Civic Centre, doors open 7pm for 8pm show. Entering its third year, the Adelaide Comedy Tour delivers a knockout experience of the finest stand-up comedians Australia has to offer. Award-winning comedians, international acts and TV personalities have been selected from The 2016 Adelaide Fringe and the content is edgy but doesn't cross the line, it's that type of show. Over 1.5 hours of hilarious, belly laughing, side-splitting comedy. Tickets from www.broomeciviccentre.com.au.



Wed 10 May – Kookoo Kookaburra

Broome Civic Centre, doors open 5pm for 6pm show. Kookoo is a kind and well-loved kookaburra famous for entertaining the other bush creatures with his funny stories. One day Kookoo runs out of kind stories to tell, and he turns to teasing and making fun of the other animals. Kookoo Kookaburra is a morality tale, set in the cultural context of the Dreamtime, written by Qld teacher Gregg Dreise, a winner of the Speech Pathology Australia Book of the Year Award. For ages 3-10. Tickets at www.broomeciviccentre.com.au.

Thurs 25 May – 2017 Melbourne International Comedy Festival Roadshow

Broome Civic Centre, doors open 7pm for 8pm show. Our travelling band of intrepid funny-makers is taking over Australia, one town at a time, with the Melbourne International Comedy Festival Roadshow! 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. It's silly, it's satirical, it's side-splitting. It's Australia's ultimate comedy roadtrip! Tickets at www.broomeciviccentre.com.au.

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Lifeguards Ric Cockman, Sophie Daws and Wade Clark keeping swimmers safe on Cable Beach.

Lifeguards back on Cable Beach

Lifeguard patrols on Broome's world-famous Cable Beach got underway at the Easter long weekend and will run throughout the dry season.

Lifeguards will be stationed between the swimming area flags in their distinctive red and yellow uniforms between 9am and 4.30pm through to the end of October.

Shire of Broome Manager Sport and Recreation, Casey Zepnick, says Surf Life Saving WA is again managing the lifeguard service under contract with the Shire and employing local lifeguards.

"Lifeguards were back on duty from Good Friday keeping both tourists and locals safe when they visit Cable Beach during the dry season," Mr Zepnick says.

"During the 2016 season statistics show more than 126,000 people visited Cable Beach, with lifeguards performing 12 rescues, attending one major first aid incident and 219 minor first aid incidents, carrying out more than 6650 preventative actions including warning swimmers, surfers and other beachgoers of

rips, rocks and other hazards, and undertaking net drags for marine stingers twice a day."

Broome Surf Life Saving Club volunteers will assist between May and October by running patrols on Sundays from 8.30am to 4.30pm.

Surf Life Saving WA Lifesaving Services Contract Manager, Peter Scott, says that as well as providing a rescue service for beachgoers, the lifeguards provide first aid and beach safety information.

"It's important that people follow the lifeguards' instructions, swim between the flags and pay attention to warning signs," he says.

"SLSWA has also produced a coastal safety brochure for visitors to Cable Beach.

"Containing information about patrol services and important beach safety tips, the brochure will be available at various outlets in Broome."

Parking laws important as season underway

The importance of parking laws in Chinatown is being emphasised with tourist season now underway.

Shire Manager Emergency, Health and Rangers, Ty Matson, says parking laws are enforced for reasons of safety, economic development and pedestrian movement.

"Once town gets busy it's important everyone is able to find parking so they can visit Chinatown's restaurants, cafes, galleries, stores, post office and more, and can get around without footpaths and thoroughfares being blocked by vehicles," Mr Matson says.

There are 1270 parking bays in Chinatown – 285 of these have a two-hour time limit, 904 are unrestricted and the remainder include ACROD, motorcycle and scooter, taxi and loading bays. No point in Chinatown is more than 150m from an untimed parking bay.

"The purpose of the two-hour limit is to make sure bays become available regularly so that both locals and tourists are able to find parking," Mr Matson says.

"It's in the best interests of the traders in Chinatown that their customers can park, and that bays are not taken up by staff and



Parking time limits are enforced so that visitors and locals can use Chinatown's cafes, restaurants, galleries and shops.

others who are there all day." Also of concern is an increase in the number of people parking in ACROD bays without a valid permit. Motorcycle and scooter riders are also reminded that Chinatown has dedicated parking areas for them and that parking on footpaths or traffic islands is not permitted.

Beach laws accommodate dogs and horses

With the Broome Race Round kicking off in just over a month, laws requiring dogs to be kept on leashes at Cable Beach in the morning come into effect from 1 May.

The section of Cable Beach near Gantheaume Point and extending for 2km north of the beach access ramp is designated as a dog exercise area, but between May 1 and August 31 each year, from 5.30am to 10am on weekdays, dogs are required to be kept on a leash.

The local law was introduced in 2014 following incidents between unrestrained dogs and race horses in the area, and is enforced by Shire of Broome Rangers with a fine of \$200 for those not controlling their dogs in exercise areas.

Shire of Broome Manager Emergency, Health and Rangers, Ty Matson, says the laws strike a balance between providing adequate areas for dogs and their owners, while at the same time protecting horses and their handlers.