

Protecting our turtles with temporary beach closures

The impact of vehicles on turtles nesting at Cable Beach is again being managed with night-time closures in place.

The Cable Beach north access ramp is closed to vehicles between 8pm and 6am each day during the turtle nesting season from 1 October 2017 to 28 February 2018.

Cable Beach will also be closed to vehicles two hours either side of high tides of 9m or more.

Acting Broome Shire President, Harold Tracey, said the gate installed at the Cable Beach Amphitheatre access ramp would be locked during the temporary closures.

"The vehicle closure times are primarily at night and during the period when the beach is least used and turtle nesting season is underway," Cr Tracey said.

"They generally nest at the top of the beach above the high tide mark where their nests can be damaged by vehicles compacting sand and crushing nests.

"Wheel ruts can also prevent hatchlings making their way to the water, and vehicle lights can disturb and confuse hatchlings."



Take care on Cable Beach and observe closures to protect nesting and hatching turtles.

What's happening in the Shire of Broome?

Thurs 5 Oct – Squisher & Squasher: The Great Bug Hunt
Broome Civic Centre, free craft activity from 5pm, show starts 6pm. The story of two inquisitive and excitable gardeners who learn there's a lot more to their favourite garden than flowers and trees. A jam-packed show with singing, dancing and family-friendly fun that will have children on their feet, laughing and bug-obsessed too. Tickets at www.broomeciviccentre.com.au



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Waste facility open days for pre-cyclone clean

The Broome Waste Management Facility will take household rubbish for free for two weekends this month to help prepare the town for cyclone season.

The open weekends on 14-15 and 28-29 October are in addition to household green waste being accepted free at the Waste Management Facility throughout the year, and the issuing of six free passes each year to ratepayers.

The cost of the previous pre-cyclone kerbside collection system had risen considerably in recent years, and was no longer serving its primary purpose of removing items that posed a danger in a cyclone, with whitegoods, household furniture and other items making up the bulk of rubbish put out for collection.

For more information about opening hours, items eligible for deposit on the open weekends, and more go to the Shire website.



The pre-cyclone kerbside rubbish collection will be replaced with two open weekends at the Waste Management Facility.



The Brick by Brick: Build Your Own Capital exhibition is now at Broome Public Library.

Broome kids building Canberra out of Lego

Broome Public Library is hosting the National Capital Authority's educational exhibition *Brick by Brick: Build Your Own Capital* until 8 December.

The hands-on educational exhibition is designed for kids aged four and up, and includes 30,000 Lego bricks and construction sheets that get children and adults creating replicas of their favourite buildings in Canberra.

Broome Shire Councillor, Mala Fairborn, opened the exhibition on 20 September and says it is already proving very popular.

"By bringing this exhibition to Broome, it will help connect local children to our nation's capital, which is important to all Australians as the home to our Federal Parliament," Cr Fairborn says.

Nominate an unsung hero in community

Nominations are open until the end of October to recognise some of the unsung heroes in our community 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, with Lee Anderson, Seth Lovell and the Broome Sports Association the winners in 2017.

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

Acting Broome Shire President, Harold Tracey, says nominees should be active citizens who have made a contribution to making Broome a better community.

Nominations close Tuesday 31 October and winners will be announced Australia Day 2018.



Nominations are now open for the 2018 Community Citizen of the Year Awards.