

Safeguard documents at Library this month

Broome Public Library is again offering a free scanning service to provide electronic back-up of important documents during November in preparation for cyclone season.

Passports, government ID cards, insurance agreements, banking details, wills, tenancy agreements, loan agreements, pet registration details and more can be scanned between 9-10am Monday-Friday.

Those wishing to use the service will need to bring a USB thumb drive, and as the Library will be closed at these times they should knock on the front door and staff will provide access.



The Annual Meeting of Electors will be held Thursday 14 December.

Annual Electors Meeting scheduled for December

The Annual Meeting of Electors for the Shire of Broome will be held on Thursday 14 December at 4pm in the Council Chambers at the Shire Administration building.

The meeting will include a report from Shire President, receipt of the 2016/17 Annual Report, and general business including questions from electors.

The 2016/17 Annual Report is available on the Shire website, or printed copies are available on request from the administration office.

Electors with queries about the Annual Financial Report are invited to seek clarification prior to the meeting during normal office hours, Monday to Friday from 8am to 4pm.

Electors with specific questions are asked to provide written notice by 4pm on Tuesday 12 December to enable adequate time to research responses.

Public question forms are available on the Shire website and can be emailed, faxed or delivered to the Shire.

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Would you like to keep up to date with what your Shire is doing, from the convenience of your email inbox?

Shire E-News is published regularly, with information on major projects, updates on services, events and other happenings around the Shire of Broome.

To receive Shire E-News just send an email to shire@broome.wa.gov.au with your preferred email address.



Teamwork on show to rehabilitate bushland

It's been an exercise in team work as a range of organisations have come together to restore a former quarry site in Broome.

The project at the former sand pit quarry on Port Dve is facilitated by the Kimberley Nature Project (KNP) at Environs Kimberley and is funded through a Federal Government 20 Million Trees Grant.

It brings together the Shire of Broome, Environs Kimberley, Mamabulanjin Green Army and Work for the Dole teams, Nyamba Buru Yawuru, North Regional TAFE, SKIPA volunteers, CoAct and Water Corporation WA.

Challenges at the site included weed removal and reintroducing local plant species, with the Shire contributing by removing green waste, providing clean fill, landscaping, providing mulch, growing plants and technical support.

KNP Project Officer, Kylie Weatherall, says about a thousand plants will be established by June 2018.

"The project is off to a great start thanks to collaboration from multiple partners and good planning, bolstered by above-average rainfall and hard work from the Green Army team," she says.



Mamabulanjin Green Army's Jarman Xavier, Tyrone Sampi and Tim Watson and the Shire's Mick McCauliffe install irrigation as part of revegetation work.



Decorations will go up in Chinatown at the start of December ahead of the Christmas Party on 8 December.

Christmas cheer is coming to Chinatown

Chinatown will come alive on Friday 8 December for the Christmas Street Party, presented by the Broome Chamber of Commerce and supported by the Shire of Broome and local business community.

Festivities will run from 5pm-8pm and feature a gift market, Carols by Candlelight, Roey carpark Christmas Party, live nativity scene and kids Christmas Wonderland on Male Oval.

Entertainment will include local choirs and performers and a visit from Father Christmas.

BCCI CEO, Jael Napper, says the event has been made possible thanks to hero sponsors the Roey Hotel, INPEX Ichthys LNG Project and Footprint Cleaning who have pledged a combined \$14,000; a further \$6000 raised by the local business community; \$12,000 of in-kind support from the Shire of Broome including road closures, waste

and traffic management; and the Chinatown Revitalisation Project contribution through the Late Night Trading Trial.

"Broome is a warm place at the best of times, but the warm, fuzzy feeling you get seeing such generosity from the business community is worth all of our time and energy to deliver this event again this year," Ms Napper says.

Broome Shire President, Harold Tracey, says the Chinatown Christmas Party is always a wonderful community event, and it's great to see the business community coming together with the Shire to make it happen this year.

"The final event of the Chinatown Revitalisation Project Late Night Trading Trial for 2017 has also been timed to coincide with the Christmas Party and so those resources will also go toward making this a memorable event," Cr Tracey says.

Put the focus on food safety this week

Australian Food Safety Week runs until 18 November and plays an important role in reducing the cases of food poisoning in the community.

This year's focus is on educating people to buy a food thermometer for their home kitchen and to use it correctly to cook and cool food safely to prevent food poisoning.

A thermometer will let you check that potentially hazardous food has been cooked sufficiently, is being kept at the correct temperatures in a refrigerator or display unit, and is being cooled and re-heated safely.

A probe thermometer is the preferred option as it can be inserted into food to gain the core temperature.

For more information on Food Safety Week 2017 head to the Shire Facebook page and website or visit www.foodsafety.asn.au.



Find out more about preventing food poisoning during Food Safety Week.