

Chinatown stakeholder group membership call

The Shire is seeking expressions of interest from community members to be appointed to the Chinatown Stakeholder and Community Reference Group.

The reference group meets regularly to provide input and feedback to the project team and Council on matters relating to the Chinatown Revitalisation Project.

Applications close on 19 April 2018, and for more info or an EOI form contact the Shire or visit the Shire website.



The Chinatown Revitalisation moves to construction in 2018.

What's happening in the Shire of Broome?

Fri 6 April – Dash & Splash at BRAC

Broome Recreation and Aquatic Centre, 5pm. Run and swim your way to fitness and fun. Short course is a 2km run and 200m swim, while long course is a 4km run and 400m swim, with categories for seniors, juniors and teams. Entry forms on the Shire website or from BRAC on 9191 8720 or brac@broome.wa.gov.au.



Sun 8 April – Beach 2 Bay Virtual Swim

Broome Recreation and Aquatic Centre, 7am. Have you ever wondered how far it is to swim from Cable Beach to Town Beach in Roebuck Bay? The answer is 20km, and that's the distance of the inaugural Beach 2 Bay Virtual Swim to be held in the BRAC swimming pool. Registration forms are available on the Shire website, from BRAC or SportsPower.

Sat 14 April – Comedy Gold

Broome Civic Centre, doors open 7pm for 8pm show. Comedy Gold delivers a knockout experience of the finest stand-up comedians Australia has to offer, with award-winning comedians, international acts and TV personalities carefully selected to entertain audiences 18-plus. Tickets from www.broomeciviccentre.com.au.

Sun 6 May – Sydney Writers' Festival – Live & Local

Broome Public Library, 11.30am-3.30pm. Sydney Writers' Festival is the largest forum celebrating books and ideas in the southern hemisphere, and the world's finest authors and esteemed thinkers will be streamed live at Broome Public Library, with the opportunity to participate in Q&A sessions by sending questions direct to the Sydney stage. Join us to celebrate books, challenge ideas, and interrogate power.



Significant funding has been secured and planning is almost completed on the new BRAC 1 Youth Bike Precinct.

New youth bike park a step closer

A new Youth Bike Precinct at BRAC is a step closer with significant funding now secured and detailed planning nearing completion.

The BRAC 1 Youth Bike Precinct is earmarked for land off Frederick St between BRAC and the Boulevard.

The Shire has allocated \$85,000 to the project this year, with a further \$85,000 in grant funding secured from the WA Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries.

The Shire is also now seeking corporate and community supporters to help get the project up and running by providing in-kind contributions or funding towards earthworks, plant and equipment hire, clean fill and forming of jumps and other features.

The master plan for the site includes a mountain bike 'pump track', mountain bike and walking trails, an informal dirt jumps area, BMX track, shade, seating and drinking water, with construction of the bike pump track planned for this financial year.

Broome Shire President, Harold Tracey, says it's an important project that will provide new opportunities for youth in Broome.

"As a Council we want to provide activities for our young people that promote physical activity and healthy living," Cr Tracey says.

For more on the project and sponsorship opportunities head to the Shire website.

Lifeguards back on beautiful Cable Beach

Lifeguard patrols on world-famous Cable Beach are underway and will continue throughout the dry season.

Lifeguards will be stationed between the swimming area flags between 9am and 4.30pm until Sunday 28 October.

Shire of Broome Manager Sport and Recreation, Casey Zepnick, says Surf Life Saving WA is again contracted by the Shire to manage the lifeguard service.

"Recognised as one of the world's great beaches, Cable Beach is a huge drawcard for Broome every dry season and professional lifeguards went back on duty from Good Friday to keep locals and tourists safe," Mr Zepnick says.

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

Exciting school holiday programs coming up

The Broome Recreation and Aquatic Centre and Broome Public Library have exciting school holiday programs starting soon.

The BRAC program will run weekdays from Wednesday 18 to Friday 27 April with options of a half day from 8am to 2.30pm, or a full day from 8am to 4.30pm for children 6-12 years.

Fees apply and places are limited, with activities including science, Wasamba Drumming, movie days and the swimming pool inflatable.

Enrolment is now open with forms available from the Shire website, BRAC or email brac@broome.wa.gov.au.

The Library's free 'Build a Castle' themed program runs from Monday 16 to Friday 27 April at 10.30am each day, and runs for about an hour for children 6-12 who must be accompanied by an adult.



BRAC and the Library both have fun school holiday programs in April.