

## What's happening in the Shire of Broome?

### Fri 13 – Sun 22 Apr – Broome Youth Week

An exciting program of events for young people is underway to celebrate WA Youth Week 2018. Celebrate the contribution young people are making in our community with a program of events including art workshops, a skate competition, disco, talent quest and sports challenge. Full program at [www.broome.wa.gov.au](http://www.broome.wa.gov.au).



### Mon 16 – Fri 27 Apr – School Holiday Activity Programs

Broome Recreation and Aquatic Centre, Broome Public Library, daily. The BRAC program runs weekdays with half or full day options for children 6-12 years. Fees apply and for info or enrolments contact BRAC or visit the Shire website. The Library's free Build a Castle program is at 10.30am each day for an hour for children 6-12 who must be accompanied by an adult.

### Thu 26 Apr – Ordinary Meeting of Council

Shire of Broome Council Chambers, 5pm. An Ordinary Meeting of Council is held on the fourth Thursday of each month. The community is invited to attend, and Public Question Time is held at the start of the meeting. Info on meetings, agendas and minutes, public question time and submitting petitions can be viewed at [www.broome.wa.gov.au](http://www.broome.wa.gov.au).

### Fri 4 May – 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](mailto:brac@broome.wa.gov.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. Join us to celebrate books, challenge ideas, and interrogate power.

### Sun 8 May – The Lighthouse Girl

Broome Civic Centre, doors open 7pm for 8pm show. Based on Albany author Dianne Wolfer's wonderful novels Lighthouse Girl and Light Horse Boy, this evocatively written play embodies a powerful and truthful sense of a pivotal time in Australia's development as a nation. Tickets at [www.broomeciviccentre.com.au](http://www.broomeciviccentre.com.au).



A community info session on firebreaks and fire hazard reduction will be held this Sat at the fire station on Frederick St.

## Protecting Broome against bushfire

**Preventing bushfires is the responsibility of the whole Broome community, and property owners and occupiers have until 15 May to take action.**

The Broome Fire Hazard Reduction Notice has now been advertised, and letters and brochures posted to affected residents outlining their responsibilities including installing firebreaks and other fire mitigation measures.

In 2017 more than 75 per cent of properties did not comply with the requirements by the deadline, which necessitated a strict enforcement program to ensure the community's safety.

For those wanting more information a community information session will be held this Saturday, 21 April, from 8-11am at the fire station on Frederick St,

with Shire Rangers, Department of Fire and Emergency Services and others available to answer questions and provide advice.

Shire of Broome Director Development and Community, Aletta Nugent, says landowners who fail to put in the required firebreaks and other measures are putting themselves, the community and firefighters at risk.

"Bushfires are a serious threat in Broome, especially following the record wet season we experienced this year," Ms Nugent says.

"Firebreaks and other measures are vital to decrease the risk of bushfires by halting their spread, and also in helping fight bushfires by allowing safe access for firefighters and their vehicles."

## Improving access and inclusion in Broome

**The Shire of Broome has undertaken a review of its Disability Access and Inclusion Plan (DAIP) and is seeking any input from the wider community.**

The WA Disability Services Act 1993 requires that local governments have a DAIP in place and that it must be updated every five years.

The purpose of the DAIP is to set out strategies to ensure that people with a disability can access local government

services, and that these services facilitate increased independence, opportunities and inclusion for people with a disability.

A draft DAIP has been developed following recent consultation including meeting with key stakeholders and organisations, and an online community survey.

The plan can be viewed at the Shire Administration Office or on the Shire website, and submissions can be made on or before 4pm on Monday, 23 April 2018.

## Preparations underway for Anzac Day

**Broome's Anzac Day Dawn Service will be held at the Broome War Memorial in Bedford Park on Wednesday 25 April at 5.15am.**

Parade participants are asked to form up in Weld St at the front of Broome Primary School at 5am.

Hosted by the Broome RSL Sub Branch, the Dawn Service will be followed by a traditional Gunfire Breakfast at the Broome RSL on the corner of Robinson and Barker St, with all welcome.

Please note that road closures will be in place around Bedford Memorial Park during the event, with disability parking available at the eastern end of Anne St.



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