

Info on Town Beach plans

Planning for a new nature play space and youth precinct at Town Beach is nearly completed and the community is invited to find out more next Wednesday 9 May.

The upgrades are part of the Town Beach Project being funded by Lotterywest and the Shire of Broome, and will eventually include developing areas for heritage, markets, youth and nature play, and terraced viewing for the Staircase to the Moon.

The info and feedback session will run from 3-5pm in the existing water park area with staff on hand and concept plans for viewing, and with face painting, balloons and fun for kids aged 2-12.



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What's happening in the Shire of Broome?

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.



Sat 5 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.

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

Broome Public Library, 9.30am-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.

Wed 16 May – Melbourne International Comedy Festival

Broome Civic Centre, doors open 7pm for 8pm show. Join the Roadshow as it journeys around the country delivering hot and tasty comic treats to audiences near and far. This roving tour-de-comedy features funnymakers from Australia and beyond, showcasing everything from stand-up and sketch to satire and song in one show! Tickets at www.broomeciviccentre.com.au.



The design of the new intersection was finalised following extended consultation with neighbouring land and business owners.

Major upgrade for key intersection

One of Broome's busiest intersections is set to undergo a major upgrade to improve safety, traffic flow and stormwater drainage.

The intersection of Hamersley St and Napier Tce is a recognised accident Black Spot, with a road safety audit recommending a roundabout intersection be built. The intersection is also prone to temporary flooding and drainage improvements include new underground pipework and an upgraded basin. New lighting, footpaths and landscaping will also be installed. The total project cost is expected to be just over \$2 million, and following a tender process Council awarded the construction contract to Broome

company Roadline Civil Contracting.

Funding will come from \$1.45 million in grants including through the Commonwealth Government Black Spot Program, with Council funding the remainder.

Work on the 12-week project is scheduled to get underway this month.

Broome Shire President, Harold Tracey, says that as Broome grows, the intersection has become busier, more congested and less safe, making it important the project is undertaken.

"The upgrade is a major investment and it's pleasing the \$2 million cost will go to local contractors and back into the Broome economy," Cr Tracey says.

Beach laws accommodate dogs and horses

With the Broome Race Round kicking off in just under a month, laws requiring dogs to be kept on leashes at Cable Beach in the morning came into effect on 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 1 May and 31 August 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 Rangers with a fine of \$200 for those not controlling their dogs in exercise areas.

Shire of Broome Director Development, Aletta Nugent, 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.

New Roebuck Bay Lookout ready to go

The first building project to be delivered through the Chinatown Revitalisation Project is set for construction after Council resolved to award the \$706,500 project to local construction firm Roadline Civil Contractors.

The Roebuck Bay Lookout will be located at the corner of Dampier Tce and Frederick St and is funded by the Shire and Tourism WA.

It will create an exciting new attraction to help activate an underutilised part of Chinatown and provide fully accessible scenic views over Roebuck Bay, with the design complementing the award-winning Jetty to Jetty Project. Broome Shire President, Harold Tracey, says it's satisfying to see the Chinatown Revitalisation Project move into the construction stage in 2018.

"The Roebuck Bay Lookout will create new opportunities for local business and the community, and inject more than \$700,000 into the Broome economy with local firm Roadline and a range of local sub-contractors chosen to



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carry out the work," Cr Tracey says.

The Lookout is scheduled to be the first Chinatown construction project as its location will minimise disruption during Broome's peak season, with the planned upgrades of Carnarvon St and Dampier Tce to get underway later in 2018 as the season winds down. For more on the Chinatown Revitalisation Project go to www.chinatownbroome.com.au.

