

What's Happening

In the Shire of Broome?

Thu 18 Apr

Ordinary Meeting of Council

Council Chambers, 5pm. An Ordinary Meeting is held each month. The community is encouraged to attend, with Public Question Time held at the start of the meeting and info on meetings, agendas and minutes, public question time and petitions at broome.wa.gov.au.



Sat 20 Apr

Chinatown Easter Eggstravaganza

Sun Pictures, 8-10am. An opportunity for families to head into Chinatown for fun, free activities including Easter eggs, bubbles, games, face painting, craft and free coffee for the first 20 parents - chinatownbroome.com.au



Thu 25 Apr

Anzac Day Dawn Service

Bedford Memorial Park, 5am. Broome's Dawn Service starts at 5am sharp and is followed by a Gunfire Breakfast at the Broome RSL, cnr Robinson and Barker St, with all welcome.

3-5 May

Live & Local - Sydney Writers' Festival

Broome Public Library. Australia's best-loved forum for literature, ideas and storytelling, the Sydney Writers' Festival will stream its headline events direct to Broome. Full program at broome.wa.gov.au

Sign up for Shire E-News

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

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

Acting to improve community safety

Broome Shire President, Harold Tracey, says the Shire, Police and other agencies are working together to tackle community safety issues facing the town.

"We're working with the Broome Liquor Accord to reduce alcohol-related harm, we're also working to engage with our young people through initiatives such as Youth Week, Midnight Basketball and more, and we're rolling out the recommendations in the Shire's Community Safety Plan," Cr Tracey says.

Other initiatives underway include:

- The CCTV network continues to expand with the latest installation at the intersection of Anne and Matsumoto St to complement those at Chinatown, Town Beach and Japanese cemetery. CCTV is monitored 24-hours by Broome Police.
- Street lighting upgrades are being rolled out with the cemetery footpath between Port Dve and D'Antoine St completed; Kerr St, Stracke Cve and Walcott St underway shortly; and followed in 2019/20 by Herbert St, Forrest St, Rahman Wy, Cox Pl, Martin Ct, Puertollano Pl, Placanica Pl and more.
- Community Picnics are bringing neighbourhoods



Community Picnics are bringing neighbourhoods together to talk about safety and other issues.

together, with seven events already hosted at Palmer, Dakas, Solway, Lawrence, Tanami, Tolentino and Maritana Parks. The Shire has allocated funding for 12 events meaning that five opportunities remain for interested neighbourhoods to host an event. Contact the Shire for more info.



Eirlys Richards, Chris Hill, Simone Fletcher and Jan Lewis work on the drain off Solway Lp.

Bush care bringing neighbourhood together

A little strip in Cable Beach is becoming an oasis thanks to the work of some dedicated residents helped along by the community and the Shire of Broome.

Resident Jan Lewis has helped maintain a stormwater drain alongside Solway Lp for more than a decade by removing weeds and preserving and planting native plants, in addition to the Shire's annual slashing program.

Ms Lewis says that as well as looking after the natural environment, it's bringing residents together and improving community safety.

"It's encouraging to see people connect with each other -

our neighbours all know each other now," Ms Lewis says.

"And it's improved the sense of safety in our community because there are more people out and about at all times of the day, working and relaxing in this area."

Broome Shire Councillor, Catherine Marriott, says the Shire has been happy to work with Jan and the residents by supplying plants from the Shire nursery.

"It's such a wonderful outcome to see residents taking ownership of an area and building their community," Cr Marriott says.

New property valuations set to take effect

A review of property values in the Shire has been completed by Landgate resulting in new valuations effective from 1 July.

Properties in WA that are charged rates based on Gross Rental Value are revalued by Landgate every three to five years.

Evidence is collected and used to determine the fair rental value for each property, influenced by factors including location, age, building materials, size, car bays and if there's a pool.

By analysing property rents against these attributes it's possible to assess a valuation for all properties - whether they're rented or not.

Anyone with questions about valuations can contact Landgate on 9273 7373 or email customerservice@landgate.wa.gov.au.

Residents with new contact details should update them with the Shire prior to the issuing of Rates Notices by completing the Change My Address form at broome.wa.gov.au