

What's Happening in the Shire of Broome?

The Shorebird Quest



Theatre Kimberley's The Shorebird Quest returns to Broome, with a flock of giant bird puppets taking flight. Guwarri Town Beach will again become a stage for this stunning performance of puppetry, storytelling and dance, which tells a cross-cultural story of the thousands of endangered migratory shorebirds which make the perilous journey from Siberia to Broome to feed each year.

The free, family-friendly, alcohol-free event will be performed at Town Beach, from Saturday, May 20, from 5pm.

Annual Electors Meeting

As well as a chance to discuss the 2023-2023 Shire of Broome Annual Report, the Annual Electors Meeting (AEM) is an opportunity for electors (residents eligible to vote in the upcoming Shire of Broome Council election) to ask questions of Council and propose motions that could be considered at the next appropriate Ordinary Meeting of Council. For more information, and to register your participation, visit broome.wa.gov.au/AEM or call the Shire on 9191 3456. The Annual Report is available to download at broome.wa.gov.au/Annual-Reports **Shire Administration Building, Thursday, May 25 at 4pm**

Volunteer Expo

Join us at the Volunteer Expo to launch National Volunteer Week. Discover volunteer opportunities, meet representatives from community organisations, enjoy live music, free food and door prizes! The Volunteer Expo is supported by the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries and Volunteering WA. **Broome Civic Centre, Monday, May 15, 5-7pm**

Arts, Culture strategy set for consultation



The Broome Shire Council has endorsed the Shire's Draft *Arts and Culture Strategy and Action Plan*, paving the way for it to go to public consultation.

The Shire has developed the *Arts and Culture Strategy and Action Plan* in recognition of the importance of arts, culture and heritage to the region.

The Strategy determines the arts and culture sector's needs and long-term ambitions, and how it can be supported and enhanced by Shire investment and action so it can thrive and reach its full potential.

The *Arts and Culture Strategy and Action Plan* was devised with stakeholders as part of the Arts, Culture and Heritage Community Reference Group (ACHCRG) which included Nyamba Buru Yawuru, Magabala Books, Marrugeku, Kimberley Arts Network, Theatre Kimberley, Magabala Books, Shinju Matsuri, Goolarri Media, Nagula Jarndu, and the Broome Historical Society.

Further consultation was carried out at Communities such as Beagle Bay, Lombadina, Djarindjin, Ardyaloon and Bidyadanga.

Broader community consultation and comment period will

soon commence, which will include public information sessions including a pop-stall at Broome Boulevard on May 22 – further information will be available in the Shire News and online on the Shire website and Facebook pages. Broome Shire President Desiree Male said Broome punches above its weight for community organisations and individuals who create and inspire art and demonstrate that there is more to our beautiful part of the world than its natural beauty.

"Our arts and cultural services make a considerable contribution to the development and well-being of the Shire of Broome community by bringing us together and tackling social exclusion, encouraging active and healthy lifestyles, engendering a sense of civic pride, and boosting the local economy.

"I encourage all Shire of Broome residents to celebrate and value arts and cultural activities across the shire and to join with Council in fulfilling our *Arts and Culture Strategy and Action Plan*, which will play a key role in realising the Shire's vision of creating a vibrant future for everyone."

Shire funds to boost community initiatives

The Shire of Broome Council has pledged to provide more than \$155,000 of funding to assist local community-based organisations through the 2022-23 Community Development Fund (CDF) program.

Fourteen community organisations will share \$155,396.22 under CFD Streams 1 and 2, with the money to support a range of initiatives that benefit the Broome community. The CDF Program for 2022-23 was funded by the Shire and Energy Developments Limited (EDL) - West Kimberley Community Fund.

The grants will help facilitate projects occurring between June 2023 and June 2024. Up to \$10,000 was awarded for Stream 1 initiatives and up to \$40,000 in Stream 2, to cover a maximum of 50 per cent of total project costs.

This year's CDF Stream 1 recipients include:

- SAFE Broome - \$7500 to provide free cat desexing and microchipping.
- RSPCA - \$6170.63 to hold Community Action Days.
- Australian Rangeland Society - \$7990.59 towards the ARS 22nd Biennial Conference in Broome.
- Burrb Wanggarraju Nurlu (BWN) - \$8000 for four weekly cultural sessions targeted at disengaged youth.

- Broome Community Resource Centre - \$10,000 to upgrade its old computers for community use.
- Broome Sports Awards - \$10,000 per year for the next three years to hold its annual gala awards event.
- Goolarri - \$10,000 to assist with the running of the 20th anniversary of Kimberley Girl.
- Australia's North West (ANW) - \$10,000 for 'Broome Arts and Food Trail' campaign materials.
- Broome Lotteries House - \$7600 per year for the next three years to hold the popular Broome Chilli Festival.
- Broome Bowling Club - \$7100 to support the annual four-day Shinju Matsuri Open 4s Bowling Event.
- West Kimberley Junior Football League - \$10,000 for Youth Girls Footy Inaugural Season.

CDF Stream 2 recipients include:

- RAMU Productions - \$30,000 per year for the next two years for the running of CinefestOZ Broome.
- Theatre Kimberley - \$20,000 to support Raranga (Worn Art Revamped 2023).
- Kimberley Arts Network - \$11,035 per year for three years, for the Broome Fringe Festival Indigenous Community Engagement Program.