

What's Happening

in the Shire of Broome?

Footy bonanza at BRAC



The Shire of Broome is proud to support a big day of football at BRAC this weekend, which sees top WAFL club Claremont's men's and women's sides come to Broome to face off against Subiaco and East Fremantle respectively. The huge day of action will feature WAFLW sides Broome Towns and Cable Beach Greenbacks facing off in a curtain raiser, while the Bidyadanga Emus and Looma Eagles men will finish off proceedings under lights.

From 10am, Saturday, May 27 (feature match 2.05pm) Cost: \$5 (kids free). Father McMahon Oval, BRAC.

Town Beach food vans

Food vans will be satisfying the need for food and coffee at the Town Beach Cafe site everyday until October. Two vans are scheduled to be there each day including weekends. Follow Cocolicious, Matt's Filipino, Food Up Now, Kuld Creamery, Zulaybar and Casa Blanca on their social media for updates.

Compost bin rebate



There is still plenty of time to apply for the Shire's Home Composting & Dual Bin Rebate, which reimburses eligible residents who purchase selected compost bins, or dual rubbish bins with a recycling tub.

For more information, visit broome.wa.gov.au/binrebate or call the Shire on 9191 3456.

Shire and NBY to sign historic MoU during Reconciliation Week

Reconciliation Week 2023 will be a special one for Broome, with the Shire and Nayumburu Yawuru set to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on June 1, at the Town Beach Night Market.

This year's Reconciliation Week theme is, "Be a voice for generations", which encourages all Australians to be a voice for reconciliation in tangible ways in our everyday lives – where we live, work and socialise.

Broome Shire President Desiree Male said this is an especially fitting theme for Broome, with the MoU designed to bolster the relationship between the Shire and NBY for generations to come.

Through the MoU, the Shire and NBY will recognise how a productive relationship will have mutual benefits for both parties and will promote the delivery of shared values for now and for future generations.

It follows the Interim Agreement signed by the Shire and Rubibi representatives on May 1, 1996, which was the first of its kind for a local government in Australia.

This agreement was later the recipient of an Australian Reconciliation Award as a National Finalist, presented by the Aboriginal Reconciliation chairperson and now Federal Senator, Pat Dodson.

In 2006, the Yawuru people's native title was formally recognised with the granting of their determination. Following this, they successfully negotiated an Indigenous Land Use Agreement with the State of Western Australia, to which the Shire is a signatory.

The Shire and NBY have since built a successful working relationship that involves sharing ideas and discussing projects between multiple levels of the two organisations.

The MoU seeks to provide a framework for an ongoing successful relationship and is intended to ensure changes in leadership at either organisation do not affect this.

Cr Male said it will be an honour to sign the MoU on behalf of the Shire and acknowledged the dedication of former



Shire President Harold Tracey and the efforts of Shire and NBY CEOs Sam Mastrolembro and Nini Mills, who have worked hard to strengthen the relationship between the two organisations to get to this point.

The MoU will be signed at 5pm at the National Reconciliation Week Night Market at Town Beach, 4.30pm-6.30pm, Monday, June 1.

Work set to begin on dangerous intersection

Work on installing a roundabout to make one of Broome's most notorious intersections safer will commence at the end of this month.

The Shire has engaged Roadline Civil Contractors to carry out the works, which will include the demolition of the existing T-intersection to construct a roundabout.

The project is expected to run from May 29 to September 29, 2023, during which time the intersection will be closed to traffic.

Specific road closures will include Port Drive between Reid Road and Dakas Street, and Guy Street west of Hunter Street.

Traffic will be diverted around surrounding roads, but access to St Mary's Secondary College and the University of Notre Dame will be maintained.

The intersection, which includes a slip lane off Port Drive into Guy Street from the north, has seen at least nine serious accidents since 2016.

All but one, which involved a pedestrian, occurred during daylight conditions.

Broome Shire President Desiree Male said after delays caused by a shortage of available road construction

companies in the Kimberley, it was pleasing to be able to engage Roadline Civil to carry out the much-needed work.

"The Guy Street and Port Drive T-intersection has been the subject of a significant overrepresentation of crashes in the Shire of Broome," Cr Male said.

"Due to its location near schools, the university and the light industrial area, it experiences busy morning and afternoon peak times, which have contributed to the accident rate.

Cr Male said she appreciated the four-month project will cause inconvenience, but said a traffic management plan would be in place to divert vehicles around the work or to alternative routes.

She thanked Main Roads WA for approving the Shire's submission for \$520,000 in State Black Spot funding and also providing a further \$350,000 in Road Project Grant funding.

The \$1.4M project also includes a \$125,000 contribution from Roads to Recovery grant funding through the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts.

More information: broome.wa.gov.au/roadsandparking