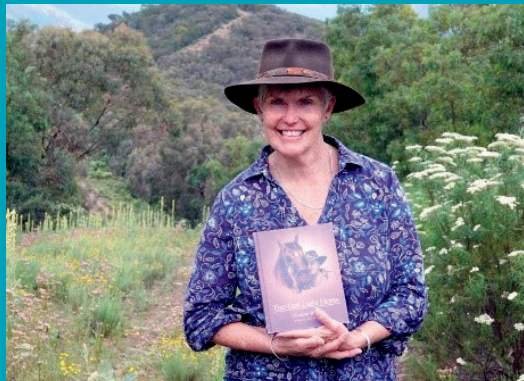


## What's Happening in the Shire of Broome?

### Author talk and workshop



Broome Public Library is hosting acclaimed Western Australian author Dianne Wolfer known for her recently published works 'The Last Light Horse' and 'Scout the Rescue Dog'. Come to the Library for a Meet the Author Session for children and families and a Writing Historical Fiction Workshop for adults. Cost: FREE  
Meet the Author: 3pm, Tuesday July 25  
Writing Workshop: 5pm, Tuesday July 25

### 2023 Melbourne Cup Tour



After receiving a record-breaking number of applications, the Victoria Racing Club has included Broome as part of the 2023 Lexus Melbourne Cup Tour. The \$600,000 18-carat-gold trophy will visit Broome on Friday, August 4 and Saturday, August 5. The Broome Turf Club is planning a range of Cup events in the lead-up to the Kimberley Cup, which so far includes a viewing at the Sunset Bar at Cable Beach on the Friday evening and at the Kimberley Cup race meeting on Saturday.

### BRAC Fun Run

There is still time to sign up for the BRAC Fun Run. Get together with a group of friends and sign up for the challenge! The event takes place at BRAC and the surrounding facility. Prizes awarded in various categories. Fees apply. For more information and to register, visit [broome.wa.gov.au/brac-fun-run-2023](http://broome.wa.gov.au/brac-fun-run-2023)  
**Broome Recreation & Aquatic Centre, 7am-9am, Sunday, July 23**

## Council adopts 2023/24 Budget

The Broome Shire Council has adopted the 2023-24 Budget at a Special Meeting of Council on Tuesday evening, with several exciting projects committed to over the next 12 months.

The Annual Budget is a roadmap of where Shire funds, raised by rates, fees and external grants, will be utilised over the next year, guaranteeing consistent direction that aligns with our Corporate Business Plan 2023-2027 and Strategic Community Plan 2023-2033.

The 2023-24 Shire Budget reflects the challenging economic climate, with external factors including increases to CPI, interest rates, utility costs and insurance premiums, balanced with income to ensure consistent service delivery to the Broome community.

The Shire has carefully selected priorities for the 2023-24 financial year, with the organisation's Strategic Community Plan providing guidance.

Along with the services that Broome residents come to expect, the Council funded more than \$27 million in capital and special projects, \$11.34 million of which was obtained through external grants and contributions.

Highlights include:

- \$12.26 million for Stage 1 of the Cable Beach Foreshore Redevelopment (wholly funded by grants, reserves and borrowings).
- \$590,163 for the Town Beach Café Redevelopment.
- \$467,500 for the BRAC Dry Side Redevelopment Detailed Design.
- \$400,000 for the Sanctuary Road Caravan Park, Key Worker and Over 55s Village Detailed Design.
- \$339,765 for De Marchi Road Black Spot upgrades.
- \$200,000 for the McMahon Estate Structure Planning.
- \$182,500 for the Catalina's Boat Ramp Retaining Wall.

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Shire of Broome president Desiree Male said the Council had adopted a balanced Budget that would deliver critical capital and special projects in 2023-24 while absorbing the increase to general operating costs caused by increases to CPI and interest rates.

"Through the adopted 2023-24 Budget, the Shire's investment in Broome and the broader community reflects our commitment to provide, facilitate and advocate for services and infrastructure to improve quality of life for everyone," Cr Male said.

"The 5 per cent increase in this year's rates is below the national inflation rate. They are also in line with most other local governments around Western Australia, even though our remote location attracts additional CPI pressures to the Shire's operating budget.

"I applaud the Shire staff that have exercised effective financial management and cost-cutting measures to ensure we can continue to deliver services without the community having to cover an additional outlay.

"I believe this Budget will contribute to Broome's continued positive evolution and exciting future for everyone."

To read the adopted 2023-24 Shire of Broome Annual Budget, visit [broome.wa.gov.au/annualbudgets](http://broome.wa.gov.au/annualbudgets)



## Waste matters

The Shire's Waste Management process has undergone improvements, which have resulted in a significant increase in recycling opportunities.

With valuable machinery being returned to the site after repairs, the team have worked hard to clear material from going to landfill.

In just two months, approximately 45,000kg of tyres were exported to Perth for recycling and 5000 cubic metres of green waste was mulched.

An updated software system has permitted the generation of revenue by recycling reclaimed steel salvaged from the tip face. This has resulted in recovering and recycling of more than 50,000kg of scrap steel and 20,000 kilograms of timber.

These progressions will allow for further rehabilitation of the landfill's northern section and continue to service the local community.

## Surf Club reopens

The newly renovated Broome Surf Life Saving Club building reopened on July 12, after the Shire handed over the keys to the club in late June. The handover allowed the Club to move in and complete fitting out the various spaces including training rooms to support its role as a nationally accredited Surf Life Saving Club training centre. The Shire has supported the BSLSC with \$371,454 worth of funding and in-kind project management contributions to the value of \$220,884, while also helping the Club secure a self-supporting loan. Funding was also secured from Lotterywest, the WA Department of Local Government, Sport & Cultural Industries, and Kimberley Development Commission.

