

What's Happening

in the Shire of Broome?

Northern exposure



The Kimberley Arts Network and the Broome Civic Centre are hosting the annual **art above the 26th** exhibition that explores the landscapes, heritage, culture and light of Australia's north. This year's event features 14 selected exhibitors including individual artists and remote art centres. Most works are for sale. Everyone is invited to the official launch on August 14 from 5-7pm; meet the artists, enjoy music from Adele Oliver.

August 13-18, Broome Civic Centre

Charging forward



Deputy Shire President Chris Mitchell helped Horizon Power launch the first 150kW rapid electric vehicle charger in the Kimberley, which has been installed at Broome's Guwarri Town Beach. The Broome EV Charging Station will be a link in the WA Coastal EV Charging network. It will feature 49 stations and will make it more convenient to travel emissions-free up and down the state from Eucla to Kununurra.

Want to run for council?

Anyone wishing to run in the 2023 Local Government Election, either as a councillor or Shire President, must lodge their nomination during an eight-day window between August 31 and 4pm, September 9. The Shire has set up a 2023 Shire Council Election webpage, which features links to information and webinars about becoming a councillor, including advice for people with disability or aged 18-25.

Visit broome.wa.gov.au/election2023

Key Broome road projects on track



Two of Broome's most eagerly-awaited road-improvement projects will be completed by the end of September, with work set to commence on improving traffic flow in and out of the Senior High School car park on Frederick Street. The Broome Senior High School Car Park Project, which will create a more streamlined drop-off zone to prevent traffic congestion along Frederick Street at school times, is scheduled to commence on August 7.

The timing comes as construction of the roundabout at the intersection of Port Drive and Guy Street (above) enters its latter stages. Both projects are scheduled to be completed by the end of September. However, despite a delayed start and some unseasonal rain, the roundabout construction work, designed to eliminate one of Broome's worst accident black spots is progressing well with the principal contractor, Roadline Civil, on track to complete the project ahead of schedule.

The Broome Senior High School Car Park Project was not expected to commence until later in the year. But with contractor McCorry Brown in a position to start work

sooner, it was decided to run the projects concurrently. During this time, school drop-offs and pick-ups will occur in the car park of the adjacent football oval through the entrance on Lyons Street.

Broome Shire President Desiree Male said despite the proximity of the projects, the work on Frederick Street will not compound any traffic issues caused by the closure of the intersection of Port Drive and Guy Street.

"The Frederick Street work is centred on transforming the existing car park into a fit-for-purpose drop-off point, meaning there will be minimal disruption to the road itself," Cr Male said.

"In fact, with parents unable to use that car park during that time, traffic might actually be a little better than usual during school drop-off and pick-up times."

Cr Male thanked everyone for their patience during the road works.

"Thanks to Shire and contract workers, we'll soon be rewarded with a quicker and safer journey for people travelling through Port Drive and Frederick Street."

Have your say on new Playground Strategy

The Shire of Broome is commencing work to develop an ongoing strategy for the planning of future parks and playgrounds. To develop this strategy, the Shire has engaged environmental landscaping consultancy, Ecoscape, which has completed the audit of existing local playgrounds and public open spaces and is beginning the next phase of public consultation.

This work will assess the quality, condition and public use of existing amenities and playground infrastructure offered across Broome. The completed strategy will guide the Shire and councillors' decision-making during future park developments.

A public survey has been created to gain insight from Broome residents.

Results from the survey will be utilised to guide the development of the strategy.

Shire President Desiree Male said it was crucial for residents to be involved during this stage of the strategy's development.

"The development of the playground strategy will help us understand what is best for our town and what locals want to see."

To complete the survey online, scan the QR code or visit www.surveymonkey.com/r/7YRNF5

