

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

### Seniors card info sessions



The Broome Public Library is hosting a WA Seniors Card session.

Topics covered include:

- Eligibility
- How to apply
- State Government concessions
- Cost of Living Rebate
- How to replace a card.

There will also be separate sessions covering the home **Safety and Security Rebate** for seniors, which will include assistance with applications.

#### Seniors Card Session

11.30am-1pm, Wednesday, September 6

**Safety and Security Rebate Sessions**

9am-11am, Thursday, September 7

10.30am-12.30pm, Friday, September 9

### New Christmas Party venue



Save the date! The much-loved annual Broome Christmas Party, featuring the Christmas Markets & Carols by Candlelight, will be held at the Town Beach Precinct on Sunday, November 26, from 4.30pm.

### The Sunshine Club



Swing into the Sunshine Club where everyone is welcome, and romances bloom. Now is the perfect time for the revival of this radiant and joyful Brisbane musical. **BOOK NOW: [broomeciviccentre.com.au](http://broomeciviccentre.com.au) Broome Civic Centre, October 28**

## Warm welcome for Taiji visitors



The Shire of Broome last week hosted a civic reception for students and officials from our Japanese sister-city Taiji; the first since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. Eleven students and four officials, Fumitoshi Ryono and Hayato Sakurai from the Taiji Town Board of Education and Megumi Nakayama and Ryuga Minami from Taiji Town Office, took part in the resumption of the Taiji Immersion Program with St Mary's College.

Previous visits included a handful of students, but those who missed out on travelling to Broome during the pandemic were given the option to come this year. The visit began with a welcome assembly at the school, followed by a ceremony at the Japanese Cemetery. On Tuesday evening, St Mary's College students, parents and staff, members of Broome's Japanese community, and Shire councillors and officers including Shire President Desiree Male, Deputy Shire President Chris Mitchell, Councillors Philip Matsumoto and Elsta Foy, and CEO Sam Mastrolembro, formally welcomed the guests at the Broome Civic Centre.

The evening included performances from the St Mary's Choir and Year 1 pupils and a demonstration by the Taiji

students who displayed their calligraphy skills.

After welcoming the guests, Shire President Desiree Male participated in a gift exchange with Mr Ryono.

Cr Male said that while the Broome/Taiji sister-city relationship goes back 42 years, the ties between the two coastal towns go back much further.

"A significant reason for the success of Broome's pearling industry back in the day was the men of Taiji who arrived here as pearl divers," she said.

"Through their skill, bravery and, sadly, their sacrifices, they became the mainstay of the industry and part of the fabric of the town's diverse society."

"Broome owes a great deal to them and the people of Taiji who they left behind, and for this reason, we value our close relationship with the town and extend a warm welcome to our guests."

Cr Male said the Shire was proud to continue supporting the annual Student Exchange between St Mary's College and Taiji.

"The exchange program provides a wonderful opportunity for our two towns to strengthen our bonds and ensure our ties are passed down from generation to generation."

## Council election nominations now open

There is still time to nominate for Council in the 2023 Broome Shire Election on Saturday, October 21.

The election will see four councillor vacancies with four-year terms and, for the first time, a directly elected Shire President position up for grabs.

The Shire President will also sit on the council for a four-year term.

Nominations opened on Thursday, August 31 and will close at 4pm on Thursday, September 7.

Nominations must be lodged with the Returning Officer during that period by arrangement.

Alternatively, they can be lodged between 2pm and 4pm on September 7 (close of nominations) at the Shire Administration Building at 27 Weld Street.

To nominate, candidates are required to submit to the Returning Officer:

- A completed nomination in the prescribed form signed and witnessed. This form is available from the Returning Officer or the Western Australian

Electoral Commission ([www.elections.wa.gov.au](http://www.elections.wa.gov.au)).

- A single A4 page profile of up to 1000 characters (including spaces) containing information about the candidate.
- A nomination deposit of \$100 (cash, EFT, bank cheque or postal order).
- A recent passport-sized photograph (optional).

Before nominating, every candidate must also have completed the online course titled Local Government Candidate Induction, available at [www.dlgsc.wa.gov.au](http://www.dlgsc.wa.gov.au). The Electoral Commission has developed an online system called Nomination Builder to assist candidates in completing their nominations at [www.elections.wa.gov.au](http://www.elections.wa.gov.au). For full details about eligibility and nomination procedures for prospective candidates, contact the Returning Officer, Garry Hawkes, on 0474 824 379 or the Western Australian Electoral Commission on 13 63 06.

For further information about the Shire of Broome Election and nominations, visit [broome.wa.gov.au/election2023](http://broome.wa.gov.au/election2023)