

What's Happening in the Shire of Broome?

Who is your local hero?



Shire of Broome is now taking nominations for the 2024 Community Citizen of the Year Awards, which celebrate the positive impact of individuals and groups engaged and committed to our local community. Nominations can be for fundraising, voluntary services, sport, arts, or anyone who has positively impacted the community. Citizenshipawards.com.au/nominate Or pick up a hard copy of the nomination for at the Shire Admin Building

Sunshine Club @ Civic



Broome Civic Centre welcomes the Queensland Theatre production The Sunshine Club, an enchanting musical romance set in the summer of 1946. Aboriginal soldier Frank Doyle is filled with hope and defiance when he sets up his own ballroom.

Broome Civic Centre
7.30pm, Saturday, October 28
BOOK NOW: broomeciviccentre.com.au

Library Holiday Program

SEPT/OCT 2023 WEEKDAYS 9-10AM

MON 25TH - LIBRARY CLOSED
TUES 26TH - LEGO FREE BUILD
WEDS 27TH - TURTLES ACTIVITY WITH DBCA
PARKS AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
THURS 28TH - MAKE-DO ACTIVITY
FRI 29TH - KANOPY MOVIE MORNING

MON 2ND - LEGO CHALLENGE
TUES 3RD - CLAY CREATURES CRAFT
WEDS 4TH - A VISIT FROM THE
BROOME BIRD OBSERVATORY
THURS 5TH - COLLAGE ACTIVITY
FRI 6TH - KANOPY MOVIE MORNING

Limited places available.
Please book your place at
<https://www.trybooking.com/CLBHG>

Shire of Broome
A future, for everyone

BRAC shines a light on sustainability



Solar panels recently installed at the Broome Recreation and Aquatic Centre are now contributing to the broader community while reducing the facility's significant power bills. The BRAC's Photovoltaic (PV) solar generation system was recently connected to the Horizon Power Community Battery weekend, sending excess clean energy into local electricity grid. The system has supplied up to 39kW of power to the BRAC wet area and 39kW to BRAC buildings and courts since June 2023, and will significantly reduce the Shire's emissions and annual power bills by an estimated \$50,000. Broome-based solar engineering specialists Gen OffGrid installed the \$215,000 Shire-funded project through an open tender process. Broome Shire President Desiree Male said the BRAC solar panel installation is a key action in the Shire's commitment to the implementation of solar power opportunities at

Shire facilities, as recommended in its *State of the Environment Strategy* and actioned in the *Corporate Business Plan, 2023, 2027*.

"There is good reason to promote renewable energy because of the recent progress in this field and the public demand for it. The Shire should lead in supporting these innovations, especially in a place like Broome with above-average sunlight."

Cr Male said, like any organisation in Broome, the Shire faces a considerable challenge with its high energy consumption and rising utility bills.

"BRAC, in particular, has significant energy demands and utilising solar helps the Shire save money and reduce its environmental impact."

"The project also demonstrates the Shire's commitment to renewable energy and aims to inspire others to go down the same path."

Bidyadanga artist claims Acquisitive Art Award

Bidyadanga-based artist Edward Badal has been crowned the 2023 Shire of Broome Acquisitive Art Award winner.

Each year, as part of Broome's Shinju Matsuri festival, the Shire acquires the winning artwork from the Shinju Matsuri Art Awards. The winning art piece is added to the Shire's art collection, which has been growing since the 1970s and holds dozens of works from leading Kimberley artists. Works are displayed on a rotating basis throughout Shire-run facilities.

Mr Badal's sculpture, 'Artefacts', features a collection of traditional implements such as boomerangs and digging sticks, which he carved from acacia on his Nyangumarta Country. The Ngyangamata man, who lives in Bidyadanga and is an accomplished painter and carver, explained that he created the display to keep up the knowledge his Elders showed him so others could see the tools they used for hunting, singing, dancing and digging.

In awarding Mr Badal's work, the judges said they were taken by the gravitas of his technical ability and how, on one hand, the work appears as a Museum-quality artefact and on the other a contemporary, beautiful minimalist sculpture.

