

What's Happening in the Shire of Broome?

Seniors get online week



Get Online Week aims to help seniors to use the internet safely! Broome Public Library is running three sessions:

- Monday, October 16 - Phone/Tablet Photography and Understanding Cloud Storage
- Wednesday, October 18 - Research your family history online for free
- Thursday, October 19 - Using library 'e-things' - e-books, films, audiobooks and e-magazines.

All participants aged over 50 have the chance to WIN a new tablet.

Each session starts at 11.30am and a light lunch is provided. To RSVP, call 9191 3477.

Early Shire Council voting

Early voting for the Shire of Broome Council election is being held at the Shire Admin Building at 27 Weld Street, Broome on weekdays between 9am and 4pm until October 20.

Alternatively, you can vote on election day, October 21, from 8am to 6pm.

For more information about the 2023 Shire Election, including candidates, visit www.broome.wa.gov.au/election2023

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

New regulations for Broome 'Airbnbs'

The Minister for Planning, Lands, Housing and Homelessness, John Carey, has approved the Shire's new Local Planning Scheme No.7, paving the way for regulating unhosted short-stay holiday accommodation.

Changes concerning Holiday Houses aim to level the playing field for all local accommodation providers.

'Holiday House' means a single dwelling on one lot used to provide short-term accommodation but does not include a property where the owner/operator lives, otherwise known as a bed and breakfast.

Short-term accommodation options, provided through online booking platforms such as Airbnb, are a hot topic across Australia, with state and local governments looking to provide uniformity on how they are regulated, Shire of Broome President Desiree Male said the Shire has taken the initiative on this issue, which has required navigating through several vital considerations.

"Some homeowners want to use their property to generate income using websites such as Airbnb, but accommodation providers like hotels and caravan parks have argued that short-stay accommodation providers have an unfair advantage, given the disparity in rates paid by the two options," Cr Male said.

"Then there is the rental shortage in Broome (and across WA), which isn't made any easier by unregulated short-stay accommodation in our town.

"The Shire carefully considered all these points of view through a public submission process in 2022, resulting in the new Local Planning Policy (LPP) allowing short-term accommodation options to operate in parts of Broome, like residential areas, which were previously not allowed, but with several conditions attached."

Cr Male said the homeowner would need to register with the Shire as a legitimate provider, with permit applications assessed on a case-by-case basis and subject to public approval – anyone who operates a holiday house without a permit faces substantial fines.

"Holiday Houses will also be subject to higher rates under the Shire's Differential Rate Model, moving from rating



category GRV Residential to GRV Tourism, meaning their land uses will be subject to a higher rate in the dollar.

"Applying higher rates to approved Holiday Houses is appropriate as the level of service given to Holiday Houses will be higher than the services provided to standard residential properties," Cr Male said.

Property owners currently renting their properties as unhosted short-term rentals must now lodge a development application for a Holiday House use.

The Shire has implemented a six-month amnesty period for landowners running unauthorised holiday house rentals to apply and obtain Development Approval.

Landowners are encouraged to lodge an application as soon as possible to avoid receiving a compliance notice at the end of this period.

For information and FAQs about the Holiday House LPP and approval process, visit broome.wa.gov.au/holidayhomes

Free pre-cyclone clean

The Broome Waste Management Facility will offer a free waste disposal service over the last weekend of October and the first weekend of November to prepare for cyclone season. This service is in addition to the six free waste passes, as the Kerbside cyclone collection service is no longer available.

The free disposal service will be on the weekends of October 28-29 and November 4-5.

The Waste Management Facility at Buckleys Road is open Saturday, 7:30am to 3:30pm and Sunday, 8am to 2pm.

Eligible domestic waste items for the free weekends include white goods such as fridges, freezers and air conditioners; scrap metal; furniture; E-waste such as televisions, computers, and printers; batteries; green waste and timber; and oil.

Items NOT eligible for free disposal include tyres and car parts; gas bottles; mattresses; asbestos; and commercial waste (as per fee and charges schedule)

The Waste Management Facility is NOT licensed to accept flares (take to the Department of Transport).

Paint (can be dropped off at PAINTCOLLECT at the Cleanaway depot on Archer Street) and domestic chemical or hazardous waste, which can also be taken to the Cleanaway depot.

Giving thanks to our local police



Cr Peter Taylor, Sgt Dave Rudd and Mr Peter Kaupert with a plaque presented to Broome Police in recognition of their hard work, compassion and respect for the people they encounter in the community.

Mr Kaupert had approached the Shire to present the thankyou plaque to the police, which led the morning tea and presentation at Broome PCYC, with police officers and members of the Broome Youth and Families Hub also present. On presenting the plaque, Cr Taylor said local police officers have inspired us to work together to make our community a better place for everyone.