

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

Hurry! COTY nominations are about to close



Do you know someone who embodies the spirit of Broome by lending a helping hand or bringing positivity wherever they go? These are the people we want to recognise! Nominate them for the Community Citizen of the Year Award!

Visit citizenshipawards.com.au/nominate or pick up a hard copy from Shire Admin Building. Nominations close October 31.

FREE outdoor movie night



The Shire of Broome bring you a FREE outdoor movie night at Town Beach. Sit back, relax, and enjoy a showing of Sonic the Hedgehog 2. Don't forget to bring some blankets and cushions.

For more information visit broome.wa.gov.au/events
5.30 pm, Saturday November 4

Christmas is just around the corner



Get ready to kick off the festive season at the annual Broome Christmas Party, featuring the much-loved Christmas Markets & Carols by Candlelight.

Town Beach
4.30pm, Sunday, December 3

Chris Mitchell elected to lead new-look Council

Long-serving councillor Chris Mitchell has become the first person to be publically elected Shire of Broome President. Cr Mitchell served as Deputy Shire President in the last Council, but this will be the first time he has held the top job since being first elected in 1992.

He leads a Council with four newcomers, including Melanie Virgo, Ellen Smith, Jan Lewis and Johani Mamid, who joined Councillors Peter Taylor, Phillip Matsumoto and former Shire President Desiree Male, who were not up for reelection this year.

Cr Elsta Foy, who also served on the Council for three decades, was unsuccessful in securing another term despite having the fourth highest primary vote of the 11 candidates. Cr Virgo was elected on her primary vote count, while Councillors Smith, Lewis and Mamid secured their positions on preferences.

The seat formerly occupied by former Shire President Harold Tracey remains vacant and would need to be filled through a separate election.

Cr Mitchell's victory was assured after primary vote counting, where he secured more than 50 per cent (1156) of the 1839 votes required to take office.

Brendan Renkin came second, with 510 votes, followed by Michael Leake with 157. Mr Renkin will have the option to be a reserve in case Cr Mitchell vacates the Presidency during the first 12 months of the four-year term.

At the time of writing, the new Broome Shire Council was scheduled to be sworn in, and a Deputy President chosen on October 24.



WAEC returning officer Garry Hawkes with Chris Mitchell shortly after the Shire President election result was formally declared.



New councillors Ellen Smith and Melanie Virgo at the vote count..

Strengthening Broome-US ties



The Shire of Broome recently welcomed United States Consul General Siriana Nair, who has made her first visit to Broome since taking up her post in Perth In August 2022.

Ms Nair met with outgoing Shire President Desiree Male, Deputy Shire President Chris Mitchell and Shire CEO Sam Mastrolemba to discuss various issues. The Shire provided some background on the Broome community and economic profile and raised some priority issues, including the housing crisis and childcare shortages and provided an overview of the Shire's Resilience and Recovery Plan, while Ms Nair raised US/Australian defence and economic alliances, the export of critical minerals, the environment, space exploration and America's historical ties to the region.



PRE-CYCLONE WASTE DISPOSAL

BROOME WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY, OCTOBER 28 & 29 & NOVEMBER 4 & 5

FREE

White goods

Fridges, freezers and air conditioners.

Scrap metal

Metal lying around your shed, i.e. copper, brass, silver, aluminum, and lead.



Furniture

Old outdoor furniture.

E-Waste

Televisions, computers, printers and monitors



Green waste & timber

Grass and yard clippings, branches, weeds etc.

FEES APPLY

Tyres & car parts



Gas bottles

Mattresses

Asbestos

Commercial waste

NOT ACCEPTED

Flares

Paint

Chemicals & Hazardous waste