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Broome sporting community invited to attend concussion workshops

The Shire of Broome is hosting two concussion workshops next month in an effort to increase safety in local sport.

The sessions, which will be hosted in partnership with Sports Medicine Australia, aim to raise awareness around concussion and provide attendees with enhanced knowledge and skills around this complex issue.

Coaches, athletes, parents, officials, clubs and schools are invited to the workshops, which will help to manage player wellbeing in competition and return to play.

The workshops are held as part of the Shire's Club Development Every Club program and continues its Safety in Sport initiative.

To date, this has included free First Aid courses for sports club volunteers, the accreditation of 13 Level 1 sports trainers and the formation of a sports trainer network.

Shire of Broome deputy president Desiree Male said the Shire was committed to providing assistance and support to our town's burgeoning sports community.

"Concussion in sport is becoming more topical in mainstream sport, with a number of high-profile cases recently," she said.

"Numerous concussion incidents from local sport have shown a need to increase the awareness around this important issue.

"Members of the sports trainers network have already assisted at a major concussion incident at our local sport this year, proving their value to clubs.

"We are hoping our sporting community can work together to ensure concussion is taken seriously at all levels."

In order to maximise attendance, interested parties can choose from one of two sessions on either May 4 or 5.

Both workshops will be held at 5-6.30pm in the Broome Recreation and Aquatic Centre's multi-purpose room. Bookings are essential and can be made by e-mailing mike.doyle@broome.wa.gov.au.

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