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## **Change of processes at BRAC and Broome Public Library**

The Shire of Broome has today made the sensible decision to alter our delivery methods at the Broome Public Library and Broome Recreation and Aquatic Centre - with the implementation of initiatives to make sure people can still access resources.

With growing concerns around COVID-19, the Shire is endeavouring to get on the front foot and keep the community safe.

The library and BRAC are well patronised and as such maintaining social distancing, as recommended by the Federal Government, had become nigh-impossible.

Programs at the library will now be delivered remotely through the use of videos and social media.

Members of the public can still take out and return books but will be asked to do so by booking items online or over the phone.

Electronic resources like e-books, e-audiobooks, digital magazines and the streaming of international films are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. People can visit <http://amlib.broome.wa.gov.au:3080> to use these services.

At BRAC, Father McMahon and Joseph Nipper Roe Ovals are still open to the public to use for recreation.

The new process means public access to the physical sites will be unavailable as of close of business, Friday March 20.

Shire of Broome president Harold Tracey said there are at-risk people and communities across the West Kimberley and as such the Shire is making preparations for the eventuality that COVID-19 may reach our region.

“Concerns around COVID-19 are impacting the way we interact and engage, but these new measures mean we can continue to go about our daily lives – but it do it sensibly and safely,” he said.

“The Shire is trying to be proactive and keep people safe through social distancing processes, while keeping disruption to the community’s routines to a minimum.”

For more information, visit the Shire’s COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions page at [www.broome.wa.gov.au/Council/COVID-19-Coronavirus-updates](http://www.broome.wa.gov.au/Council/COVID-19-Coronavirus-updates).

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