

What's Happening

In the Shire of Broome?



Have your say on Broome's new Local Planning Scheme

The Shire of Broome is working with the community to guide the review of the Local Planning Strategy and preparing Local Planning Scheme 7.

The process will provide a wonderful chance for residents to have a say in the future of the place they live and work.

As part of the process, the Shire will be holding four workshops early next month, which are open to the public.

- **Tourism, Accommodation & Short Stay Accommodation** – Wednesday August 5 at 3:30pm at the Broome Civic Centre.
- **Environment and Heritage** – Wednesday August 5 at 5:30pm at the Broome Civic Centre.
- **Home Based Business and Working from Home** – Thursday August 6 at 3:30pm at the Broome Civic Centre.
- **Industry and Commercial Development** – Thursday August 6 at 5:30pm at the Broome Civic Centre.

Due to the health restrictions which are currently in place, registration is essential. Please go to <https://getinvolved.mysocialpinpoint.com.au/broomeplanning> to register for the session/s that most suit you.

We understand that not everyone will be available to attend the day or time that best suits their interests, so we welcome you to attend a discussion that may be a bit different from your area of interest, and we will ensure you can still share that feedback.

You are also welcome to attend multiple sessions if you would like to.

Payment of rates

Want to receive your rates notices in a quick, easy and environmentally-friendly way?

The Shire of Broome is encouraging ratepayers to sign up for eRates, where notices are sent out by e-mail rather than in the post.

Each year the Shire holds a raffle for all ratepayers who pay in full by the due date, with prizes available.

Residents who enter into a payment arrangement will also not be charged any administration fees or interest.

For more information and to sign up to eRates, visit <https://erateswa.com/broome>.

Collective effort to formulate 3-Year Broome COVID-19 Recovery Plan



■ A collective effort has been undertaken to comprise the 3-Year Broome COVID-19 Recovery Plan

Key organisations and leaders in the West Kimberley have collaborated to formulate the 3-Year Broome COVID-19 Recovery Plan in an effort to offset the financial impact of COVID-19 and associated travel restrictions.

The Shire of Broome has partnered with Nyamba Buru Yawuru, the West Kimberley Alliance, Broome Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and Cruise Broome to develop the plan.

The group has pledged to use a united voice to seek Government investment into key projects to stimulate the local economy.

Following Shire of Broome Council endorsement of the plan, Shire of Broome deputy president Desiree Male said investment in the region was needed to offset the social and economic consequences of COVID-19 restrictions.

"Broome has been hit hard by the delay of our usually busy dry season and as such planning for economic recovery is essential," she said.

"I am delighted that Broome's leaders have collaborated to formulate this combined plan to bring forward planned investment and advocate for the region collectively."

Nyamba Buru Yawuru chief executive officer Susan Bergersen said she was encouraged by the collaboration.

"The collaborative regional leadership in response to this unprecedented situation is very heartening and we look forward to working with partners on projects with mutual benefits that support the whole community," she said.

"The Shire of Broome's COVID-19 Plan contains an array of proposed actions to ensure the community is sustained through this difficult period, and that we can look to the future with positive economic development."

West Kimberley Alliance chair Denis Ryan said the plan was a positive future indicator for the region.

"Sustained economic activity is the key to our community emerging from the impact of the pandemic; this coordinated and collaborative plan is an important component of that recovery," he said.

"The West Kimberley Alliance looks forward to working with our partners and State and Federal Governments in implementing the plan."

Broome Chamber of Commerce and Industry president Peter Taylor said the initiative demonstrated the region's commitment and ability to work collaboratively to get things done.

"Without economic stimulus over the next few years, the effects of COVID-19 will continue to impact regional jobs and businesses," he said.

"It's vital that we have high levels of investment in local infrastructure projects to stimulate high levels of economic activity, to both save and create jobs, and sustain local businesses during this period."

Cruise Broome Chair Shayne Murray said he was excited by the projects included in the plan.

"The strength of co-operation by our key stakeholders pulling this Recovery Plan together is a major asset for Broome and the West Kimberley region," he said.

"With the retraction of the cruise ship industry revenue costing Broome approximately \$17.5 million in 2020, it is vital that the Recovery Plan is actioned and funding is obtained for exciting local projects."

To view the 3-Year Broome COVID-19 Recovery Plan, visit www.broome.wa.gov.au.

Please be considerate on Broome's beaches

With Broome inundated with tourists in recent weeks and a lot busier, it's important that everyone sticks to the rules on our beaches.

Shire rangers have witnessed cases of vehicles hooning and speeding on beaches, which represents a real community safety risk.

Please stick to the 15km/h speed limit and abide by all signage on the beach advising where vehicles and dogs are permitted.

While Gantheaume Beach is an off-lead dog-exercise area, pet owners still have responsibilities; to be in control of their dog and pick up the poo.

Please ensure you are in control of your dog and he/

she is within arm's reach. Remember, while Broome is a dog-loving community, our four-legged friends aren't everyone's cup of tea.

When driving north of the rocks, please remember dogs are not permitted in the first 800m after the vehicle entry point.

Finally, if you want to light a fire on the beach, you must complete an application to "light a fire" and submit it to the Shire for a permit approval. This is located at www.broome.wa.gov.au.

The Shire encourages you to do the right thing so everyone can enjoy our pristine beaches in harmony.