

## What's Happening

In the Shire of Broome?



### Comedy Hypnotist to have Broome in stitches Fri, August 21

Fresh from a sell-out season of 34 performances at Fringe World and 23 full houses at Adelaide Fringe, award-nominated artist Matt Hale, along with his WA Producer of the Year 2020 award-winning production team, finally return to Broome for one night only.

Matt's spell-binding abilities will transport audiences to a world of happiness in the Feelgood Factory.

Attendees can choose to take part in the show from the stage or the audience – either way, it is absolutely hilarious and guaranteed to make you feel great.

The much-see performance is the first of an altered Broome Civic Centre schedule for 2020, with the popular local facility back available for functions, meetings and events.

Matt Hale's Feelgood Factory will take place on Friday, August 21, with doors opening at 6pm.

For more information and to book tickets, visit [www.broomeciviccentre.com.au](http://www.broomeciviccentre.com.au).

### Recent events well received by community

It is great to see events back happening in Broome, with two popular community showcases taking place over the last fortnight.

Broome Public Library played host to four of the six events that made up this year's *Corrugated Lines: A Festival of Words* schedule on July 31 and August 1.

Due to COVID-19, an abridged program was compiled, which focused on local talent.

Highlights included the inaugural Book Whiz launch event and presentations or workshops from local authors and poets.

The Chinatown Ladies' Night took place on August 7, with a sizeable attendance from willing participants who socialised, shopped and enjoyed excellent performances from local musicians.

Hosted by the Chinatown Revitalisation Project and in partnership with Chinatown traders, the event provided a welcome financial boost for retailers and further forged Broome's famous community spirit.

### 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>.

## Shire of Broome advocating for further Government investment in projects



■ Shire of Broome president Harold Tracey and chief executive officer Sam Mastrolembro have met with WA Premier Mark McGowan, Water Minister Dave Kelly and Tourism Minister Paul Papalia in recent weeks.

The Shire of Broome has had a number of excellent opportunities to advocate for the region and present potential future infrastructure projects to WA decision-makers in recent weeks.

Shire president Harold Tracey and chief executive officer Sam Mastrolembro have held productive meetings with State politicians, with the 3-Year Broome COVID-19 Recovery Plan a key topic of conversation.

Compiled by the Shire in partnership with key local stakeholders, the plan details shovel-ready projects that could play a significant role in Broome's financial recovery and the town's continued positive evolution.

Premier Mark McGowan's visit to Broome on July 30 saw the State Government commit \$3 million towards the Shire's Town Beach jetty project, which will be the final puzzle piece in our overhaul of the precinct.

WA Tourism Minister Paul Papalia travelled to the Kimberley on August 2, while Water Minister Dave Kelly was in Broome on August 5 to announce a welcome \$33 million upgrade to local water treatment and usage infrastructure.

Mr Mastrolembro and Councillor Chris Mitchell also met WA Transport Minister Rita Saffioti on August 6, who was briefed on the proposed Broome Boating Facility and is keen to receive the final Business Case for the project.

Cr Tracey said the Shire was encouraged by the State Government's recent investment in Broome and interest in further collaboration.

"The Shire has successfully partnered with the State Government for sizeable ongoing initiatives, such as the rejuvenation of Town Beach and the Chinatown Revitalisation Project," he said.

"The Premier was impressed by our 3-Year Broome COVID-19 Recovery Plan and certainly saw the merits of future projects that could stimulate our economy, create jobs and improve our town.

"Ratepayers should know that the Shire is actively advocating for Broome to State and Federal decision-makers to help turn these projects into a reality."

To read the Recovery Plan, visit [www.broome.wa.gov.au](http://www.broome.wa.gov.au).

## Broome's youth are engaged and on a mission

The Shire of Broome Youth Advisory Council is back for 2020, with the initiative playing a key role in guiding the Shire's involvement in youth services.

Delivered by the Shire with funding support from Rio Tinto, participants are involved in developing and delivering events and projects for young people in Broome.

During this process they gain leadership, work and life skills by working closely with other members, mentors and Shire of Broome staff.

The 2020 group, which is made up of young people aged from 14 to 24, recently had a walk-through of the Shire administration office and are excited for their first event for the year – the Youth Zombie Apocalypse on August 22 and 23.

Community members and young people in Broome can contact the YAC on [yac@broome.wa.gov.au](mailto:yac@broome.wa.gov.au).

