

What's Happening In the Shire of Broome?



Exciting Civic Centre line-up

An action-packed calendar of 2021 events at the Broome Civic Centre will continue over the next few weeks, with two exciting Indigenous showcases to be held at the town's entertainment hub.

The Yirra Yaakin Theatre Company will present *Ice Land: A Hip h'Opera* on April 24, before Broome's own Marrugeku perform their new dance work, *Jurrungu Ngan-ga*, on April 30 and May 1.

The in-demand productions will offer mesmerising multimedia and powerful performances to the Broome audiences, with tickets now available to both shows.

Ice Land: A Hip h'Opera is an exciting new work that uses the language of hip hop to tackle the societal issue of methamphetamine abuse.

The Yirra Yaakin team boasts some of Western Australia's best artists and multi-disciplinary performers, with the performance sure to be powerful, striking and thought-provoking.

Marrugeku have transformed from a local dance company into an international sensation over the last 27 years, with their much-anticipated new work set to debut in Broome.

Jurrunga Ngan-ga, which means 'Straight Talk', tears down walls and builds bridges in a frank conversation with the Australian psyche, with the multi-media production inspired by perspectives on incarceration.

For more information on both shows and to buy tickets, visit www.broomeciviccentre.com.au.

Dash & Splash next week

The second Dash & Splash event for 2021 will be held at the Broome Recreation and Aquatic Centre next Friday, April 30, with everyone welcome to participate.

Dash & Splash is a duathlon run and swim event, with competitors able to take part in a short or long course. The short course is a 2km run with a 200m swim, while the long course is a 4km run with 400m swim.

Both events can be completed as an individual, or adult competitors can tackle the long course as a duo. Juniors have the option to tackle the short course as a duo or compete against the adults in the long course as a duo. Parents and their child can also team up and take on the short course together.

For more information and to register, search 'BRAC' at www.broome.wa.gov.au.

Chinatown transforming as construction continues



The Chinatown Revitalisation Project is progressing quickly, with significant improvements made in Broome's town centre as construction continues.

The transformational infrastructure project, which has been funded by the Shire of Broome and WA State Government, promises to refresh one of our town's most culturally and historically significant precincts.

It has been great to see Short Street West back open to traffic, with this road the ideal access to the Paspaley Plaza car park.

The construction team is also working to reinstate footpaths and finish certain sections of the street.

On Short Street East, the paving crew are working efficiently to improve the road surface, while light pole footings are also being completed.

Kerbing is progressing on Carnarvon Street North, while the remaining concrete is being poured under the shade structures.

One of the major recent changes has been the reduction of traffic

to one lane on Napier Terrace West in an effort to complete the roadworks connection at the relevant intersections.

This change is projected to be in place for 3-4 weeks, with traffic diversion methods in place.

Finally, on Napier Terrace East the team is installing new footpaths and reticulation for the future grass and garden beds.

Shire of Broome deputy president Desiree Male said it was great to see real progress being made on some of Chinatown's streets.

"The community have been very patient and understanding as these important works are undertaken - thank you," she said.

"However, hopefully residents and retailers can start to see our vision for Chinatown and that these streets will be transformed in the next few months.

"I'd urge the community to continue to Buy Local and support impacted retailers, while the latest information is available on our website at www.chinatownbroome.com.au or on the Chinatown Broome Facebook page."

Youth-Tastic race at Town Beach a big success



The Shire's Youth Advisory Council organised an exciting youth-focused event at Town Beach earlier this month, which was a major success.

The Youth-Tastic Race, based on popular television show *The Amazing Race*, saw 10 teams of five youngsters aged 12-17 take on eight challenges.

A well-attended community initiative, the event was organised by the Shire in collaboration with

Rio Tinto, Nyamba Buru Yawuru, the Department of Communities, Wanna Play, headspace Broome and Broome Youth and Families Hub.

A total of 50 local teenagers took to the challenge with gusto, while they also had *Amazing Race* contestant Katherine Dann in attendance for inspiration and to cheer them on.

Shire of Broome deputy president Desiree Male said the event was a big hit with local youngsters.

"Some of the feedback from last year's Community Perceptions Survey was that residents wanted the Shire to focus on, and improve, youth services," she said.

"We have certainly listened and the Youth-Tastic event was a fantastic example of the Shire working closely with local service providers.

"The event was held to celebrate Youth Week and the Shire has plenty more initiatives in the pipeline to engage with our future leaders and budding community members."