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# What's **Happening**

In the Shire of Broome?

#### **National Reconciliation Week**

The Shire of Broome will be marking Reconciliation Week 2021 with activities to be held at Town Beach on May 27.

National Reconciliation Week is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and



achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

Reconciliation Week is held May 27 to June 3 each year, with the 2021 theme 'More than a word. Reconciliation takes action."

Partnered with the Broome Markets, there will be a traditional smoking ceremony, Indigenous musicians performing, interactive art activities and more from 4pm.

Bart Pigram from Narlijia Experiences will also be offering a cultural walking tour at 10am on May 27.

For more information, search 'Reconciliation Week' at www.broome.wa.gov.au.

#### Time to get active at BRAC

The final Dash & Splash event before the dry season hiatus will take place on Friday, May 28, with everyone welcome to participate.

Ideal for both seasoned athletes and firsttimers, Dash & Splash is a duathlon run-swim event hosted by the Shire for the community.

Participants can choose to take part in the short course (2km run, 200m swim) or the long course (4km run, 400m swim), while you can compete as an individual or duo.

Juniors have the option to tackle the short course as a duo or compete against the adults in the long course as a pair, while parents and their child can also team up.

The final Dash & Splash event of the series is also the perfect warm-up for the BRAC Beach Fun Run, which will take place next month.

To be held on Sunday, June 27, there are 4km and 8km courses and the event can be completed as a walk, run or wheelchair event.

For more on both the Dash & Splash and BRAC 2 Beach Fun Run, search 'BRAC' at www.broome.wa.gov.au.

### **Action-packed Discovery Festival almost here**



An action-packed weekend of fun, culture and our community coming together is almost here, with the Chinatown Discovery Festival set to take place on May 28-30.

Proudly presented by the Chinatown Revitalisation Project and supported by Horizon Power, excitement is building for the festival after 2020's event was cancelled due to COVID-19.

The Discovery Festival is a celebration of Broome's rich heritage and diverse community, with this year's theme 'Growing up in Chinatown'.

A busy schedule of events will take place over the course of the weekend, with activities and events for different tastes and ages, including families and kids. Most of the festival activities are free, making it accessible for all parts of the Broome community.

The program includes art and photography installations, creative performances, music, food, sand sculptures, street entertainment and much more.

The key event is the Pearlers' Games, featuring fun challenges for individuals and teams, to round off a busy weekend of fun and activity in our town centre.

Shire of Broome deputy president Desiree Male said the Discovery Festival was a welcome chance for the community to unite and celebrate our town's unique history and heritage.

"This year's Discovery Festival program is packed full of exciting events, with plenty of activities and attractions for children and families," she said.

"It is set to be a big weekend for Broome, with the festival's individual events scheduled around the Broome Turf Club's first race round for 2021 also."

"However, I'd also like to remind the community that construction work is still continuing in some areas of Chinatown but we hope the impact is minimal."

To view the Discovery Festival program, visit www. broome.wa.gov.au and search for 'Discovery Festival'.

## Shire recognising Broome's amazing volunteers

May 17-23 marks National Volunteer Week in 2021, with the Shire of Broome keen to say a big thank you to all those selfless individuals that help make our town a better place.

As part of the Australia-wide recognition event, the Shire has organised a free movie event for Broome's volunteers and their families at Sun Pictures.

A screening of the feel-good flick, June Again, will take place on Friday, May 21 at 5.45pm.

Shire of Broome deputy president Desiree Male said local volunteers were the lifeblood of our community and played a major role in the social fabric of our town.

"It takes a special type of person to volunteer their time and effort to a worthy cause, without

the expectation of payment - sometimes it can be a thankless task." she said.

"Broome is so lucky to have a community of wonderful residents that are dedicated to making our town a better place to live, work and visit."

"The National Volunteer Week events are a great opportunity for us to stop and recognise all those people that contribute towards the greater good."

"As this year's National Volunteer Week approaches, I'd like to say a massive thank you to all local volunteers from the Shire of Broome Council."

To register your attendance, visit the Events tab at www.broome.wa.gov.au.









