

What's Happening

In the Shire of Broome?

Community Safety Working Group established

In a bid to boost public safety and to assist key agencies to collaborate, the Shire has taken the initiative to create a Community Safety Working Group (CSWG).

The Shire's *Community Safety Plan (2021 – 2025)* identifies actions the Shire will implement in partnership with agencies and the community to reduce the risk of crime and anti-social behaviour and improve community perceptions of safety.

The Plan contains several key priority themes, including a 'Civic Leadership' theme, with the creation of the CSWG to provide updates and seek feedback on community safety initiatives and identify opportunities and trends in the community.

The Shire Council adopted the members of the new CSWG at last week's Council meeting, with representatives from 13 organisations and Indigenous communities endorsed.

Five members of the public were also endorsed to be included in the group to be conduits to the general community and provide invaluable input.

The first meeting of the group will take place in the near future, with the Shire to provide regular updates there-after.

Cast your vote in Council election

Local Government elections are taking place this month, with the Shire of Broome having four positions on its Council to be decided.

Eight candidates have nominated, with the election day to take place on October 16.

Eligible residents can cast their vote earlier than election day however by visiting the Shire Administration Building between 9am and 4pm, Monday to Friday.

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

Cable Beach ramp closures in place

The Cable Beach north access ramp will be closed to vehicles between 8pm and 6am each day during the turtle nesting season, which runs from 1 October 2021 until 28 February 2022.

Cable Beach will also be closed to vehicles two hours either side of high tides of 9m or more.

The vehicle closure times are primarily at night and during the period when the beach is least used and turtle nesting season is underway.

Stellar skills on show at Pump Track opening last week



Broome's youngsters showcased their stellar skills at the Pump Track last Friday, with the new facility officially opened with a fun afternoon of activities.

Constructed thanks to a Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund grant from the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries, the first stage of the project provides the perfect location for bike and skate enthusiasts to let off steam.

The Kimberley Port Authority and Commonwealth Bank also generously donated money towards the project.

The afternoon was also used as an opportunity to thank local construction companies, who provided in-kind support to complete Stage 1.

MNG, Roadline Civil Contractors, McCorry Brown Earthmoving and H&M Tracey showed real community spirit by donating their services at no cost to the Shire or the project.

Stage 2 of the Broome Youth Bike Precinct is underway, with a tender process ongoing to find a suitable contractor to complete the second part of the project.

Broome Skatepark project on a roll as construction contractor CONVIC appointed to undertake work

A new skatepark in Broome is one step closer after a contractor to construct the youth facility was selected by Shire Councillors.

The provision of additional youth services was identified in the Shire's 2020 Community Perception Survey as a priority, with the new skatepark set to be a major asset for Broome's young people.

The \$1.5 million project is being co-funded by the Shire and Lotterywest, with Premier Mark McGowan travelling to Broome in late August to announce and confirm \$1 million of funding had been secured following a successful LotteryWest grant application by the Shire.

The remaining \$500,000 will be contributed by the Shire, with the existing facility on Cable Beach Road East to be demolished and a new 'regional-level' skatepark to be constructed on the same site.

At last week's Ordinary Meeting of Council, award-winning skatepark specialists CONVIC

were selected as the preferred contractor to undertake the work.

Shire of Broome chief executive officer Sam Mastrolembro said the new skatepark was one of many investments in local sporting infrastructure over the last few years.

"The new skatepark has been planned in collaboration with the Broome community and invaluable feedback from our young people has been incorporated into the final design," he said.

"The Shire received over 200 public submissions during our consultation process, with about 50 per cent coming from people aged 22 or younger.

"We know that participation in sport is increasing in Broome and that providing top-class facilities is a key part of our town's continued growth.

"I'm sure the new skatepark will be loved by Broome's youth and I'd like to thank Lotterywest once more for their support to make the project a reality."