

What's Happening

In the Shire of Broome?

Vaccination requirements at Shire facilities

The State Government have announced that from January 31 2022, new COVID-19 proof-of-vaccination requirements are in place when accessing certain indoor public venues.

As such, the following requirements will be in place for the Shire of Broome's facilities.

Shire Administration Building

There are currently no vaccination requirements to access the Shire's administration building. However, the Shire would encourage attendees to continue to exercise physical distancing and adhere to good hand hygiene.

Broome Public Library

There are currently no vaccination requirements to access the library. However, the Shire would encourage attendees to continue to exercise physical distancing and adhere to good hand hygiene.

Broome Civic Centre

Attendees over the age of 16 will be required to show proof of being fully vaccinated to enter the Broome Civic Centre. This can be in digital or paper-based form, and will be checked upon arrival.

Broome Recreation and Aquatic Centre

Depending on what activity you plan to undertake at BRAC, proof of vaccination may be required. Proof of vaccination is required to undertake the following activities at BRAC:

1. Participating in indoor group fitness activities (circuit, yoga).
2. Utilising the BRAC kiosk/café and back bar.
3. Using BRAC's indoor meeting rooms.

All other activities do not require proof of vaccination.

Proof of vaccination is not required for customers under the age of 16, or customers who have a medical exemption (proof of exemption document required).

Have a say on Broome plans

The Shire began a full review of its Local Planning Strategy and Local Planning Scheme No 6 in June 2020 to ensure they remain relevant and accord with the vision of the Shire's Strategic Community Plan and the Broome Growth Plan strategic goals.

The aim of the review was to inform preparation of a new Strategy and Scheme. The Shire undertook community engagement in mid-2020 prior to drafting the new Strategy and Scheme and we would like to thank everyone who made comment at this stage.

Since the initial community engagement period closed, the Shire has been considering feedback received and drafting the new Strategy and Scheme.

The draft Strategy and Scheme was also required to be assessed by the Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC) to make sure they adhere to the requirements of the State Government's planning framework and legislative requirements and the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) to determine if it requires assessment under the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*.

The Shire has now received response from WAPC and EPA and public comments are now being sought on the draft Strategy and Local Planning Scheme No 7 (LSP7).

Copies of the Strategy and LSP7 can be accessed at the 'Have your Say' tab at www.broome.wa.gov.au.

Also available on this webpage is a Frequently Asked Questions sheet and Summary Paper providing an overview of key changes.

We want to hear from you on the draft Strategy and LSP7. Submissions can be made in writing either through email to shire@broome.wa.gov.au or by post to the Chief Executive Officer, PO Box 44 Broome WA 6725 on or before 4pm on March 31 2022.

Broome's Citizens of the Year heralded on Australia Day



The Shire of Broome heralded the achievements of three selfless community members at this year's Australia Day event at Town Beach on January 26.

The winners were:

'Community Citizen of the Year Award for a Person Under 25' - Annabella Thompson.

Annabella was the winner of the Rising Sports Star of the Year award at last year's Broome Sports Awards for her achievements with the Little Athletics Club. Annabella has represented Broome at countless state competitions, often competing against athletes that are older than her.

In addition to her stellar sporting achievements, Annabella helps as a junior coach at the club and is a role model for other Broome youngsters.

'Community Senior Citizen of the Year Award' - Chris Mitchell.

Chris is the Lions Club of Broome president, but he contributes so much more to our community. Chris is a selfless volunteer for the Broome Native Animal Rescue organisation, which serves the community by caring for sick, injured and orphaned wildlife.

He is also a long-term Shire of Broome Councillor and has represented our town in numerous other regional and state bodies.

Chris is a well-loved member of the Broome community who contributes so much to our great town.

'Community Citizen of the Year Award' - Jude Millard.

Jude has led the Broome Tri Club into national recognition over recent years and has brought professional athletes to Broome to compete. She is a very proactive community member who volunteers her time to fundraise for worthy local causes.

Jude also runs a successful daycare centre and is a prominent Broome community member who is respected for her role in our town.

Shire supporting Broome events and tourism

The Shire of Broome is encouraging applications for the recently revised Events Development Funding (EDF) program.

The EDF is open for applications until 28 February 2022, for events occurring between 1 July 2022 and 30 June 2023.

The EDF has been developed to assist local organisations within the Shire to deliver events that benefit the local community.

To be eligible for the EDF program, projects and initiatives must be aligned with the Shire of Broome's vision - *A Future, for Everyone*.

Grants of any amount will be considered, with \$40,000 ex GST available for most, while events that achieve specific criteria are eligible for additional funding - the Pearls of the events calendar.

Shire of Broome president Harold Tracey said the EDF initiative supported the events sector and specifically Broome-based businesses.

"The Broome events calendar gets better and better each year, and gives locals and tourists the ability to immerse themselves in our fantastic culture, arts and music," he said. "A new feature of the grant funding is potential additional funding for events that broaden the events calendar".

"The events industry in Broome supports the economy, and provides jobs and job experience for locals.

"Considering COVID-19 is still a risk for the events sector, it is great that the Shire can contribute in a financial capacity to alleviate a small amount of this stress.

"I'd encourage relevant local organisations to consider the funding guidelines and submit an application if they have a suitable event in mind."

For more information on the EDF application process and to read the EDF guidelines, please search 'Community Funding Programs' at www.broome.wa.gov.au.