

## What's Happening

In the Shire of Broome?

### DRAFT SPORT AND RECREATION PLAN OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT



The draft Sport and Recreation Plan 2021 – 2031 details the vision for sport and recreation in the Shire of Broome for the next 10 years.

Extensive consultation has been completed to inform the priorities identified in the draft plan.

Public consultation is open from 25 February 2022 – 25 March 2022.

Further information can be found at our website, at <https://www.broome.wa.gov.au/Public-notice>

## Kimberley Regional Group meets with State Government Ministers

The Kimberley Regional Group has held a series of meetings with State Government Ministers and officials in relation to the current crime wave in the Kimberley and strategies to address family dysfunction, over-crowded housing, alcohol abuse and the low school attendance rates which are being experienced across the Kimberley.

Meetings included the:

- Hon Tony Buti - Minister for Aboriginal Affairs; Racing and Gaming.
- Hon Paul Papalia - Minister for Police.
- Hon Simone McGurk - Minister for Child Protection; Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence, Community Services.
- Hon John Carey - Minister for Housing; Lands; Homelessness and Local Government.
- Hon Sue Ellery - Minister for Education and Training.
- Hon Bill Johnston - Minister for Corrective Services.

Whilst the many barriers within the current legislative framework were highlighted, the meetings were largely constructive. The Ministers were more open to consideration of alternatives and innovative ideas than had been previously been experienced by the Kimberley Regional Group deputations.

Discussions included:

On-country facilities for family healing, diversion activities and potentially for youth custodial sentences, noting the current legislative barriers.

Funding of safe houses, with Minister's noting the challenge of picking up children from the streets when they were not in the act of anti-social or criminal behaviour. The Shires were clear that children and youths are likely to head to a safe-area voluntarily if it provided a better outcome than the situation they were in at the time.

The effectiveness of the Banned Drinkers Register and pathways to add problem drinkers was raised by Shires, with reference given to the Northern Territory model which can immediately target perpetrators of alcohol related harm.

Overcrowded housing and the negative consequences for families and children was discussed with Minister Carey MLA. Further discussions will be required as the Minister indicated that any significant construction will wait until the current boom conditions have passed and better value for money can be achieved. The Shire Presidents strongly believe action should be taken immediately due to the chronic problems being experienced.



School attendance was a key cross-portfolio topic, the issues of over-crowded housing, domestic violence and shaping the education system to meet local needs was front and centre of the discussion. One of the key calls was to stop the silo approach to data flows and allow cross agency and cross stakeholder data access to enable holistic solutions in relation to funding allocations. Given the demographics of the Kimberley, it was also emphasised that we should not exclude young people on the basis of race from government funded programs.

The four Shire Presidents remain united in their commitment to better outcomes for the Kimberley, the abatement of the current crime issues and longer-term solutions being put into place and will return to Perth later in the year to follow up with Ministers.

The State Government is thanked for their immediate increase in the Police presence and broader commitment to continuing to work with the KRG on new and expanded solutions to this complex matter.

Comments attributable to the Kimberley Regional Group Chair, Cr David Menzel:

- The recognition by senior state government Ministers of the immediate and long-term issues being faced in the Kimberley is welcomed.
- We hope that the current focus will continue and be expanded to the delivery of more on-the-ground services throughout the Kimberley.
- Safehouses, on-country facilities, family healing, a reduction in alcohol related harm and improved education outcomes will remain major priorities for the four Shires going forward.

## Shire undertaking more community consultation on Cable Beach Foreshore Redevelopment

The Shire of Broome is hosting consultation sessions to engage with the community on the Cable Beach Foreshore Redevelopment. Cable Beach is a world-class tourism attraction but would benefit from improved infrastructure. Award-winning landscape architects Josh Byrne & Associates have been appointed to undertake detailed design services for the project and have a 50% concept design ready for the community to review.

To see the design in person and speak directly with the project team come down and see us at one or more of the following sessions:

- **Thursday 10 March 5.30pm – 7.00pm - Community meeting, Shire of Broome Function Room:** an open meeting for anyone in the community who would like to hear the detail about the project and see the designs up close. Registration is essential. Please register here: <https://au.openforms.com/Form/6ald14e3-fb2c-4a90-b8da-e6142325d747>.
- **Friday 11 March 12.00pm – 2.00pm - Community Engagement Stall, Boulevard Shopping Centre:** pop in, see the designs and speak to the team at the Boulevard whilst doing your shopping or grabbing your lunch.



- **Friday 11 March 3.30pm – 6.00pm - Community Picnic, Cable Beach Foreshore (next to Zanders):** this is an opportunity to spend some time at the foreshore and imagine how you and your family might use the improved space. There will be beach-themed activities for children, a FREE BBQ and refreshments and an opportunity to go on a site walk with the project team – immersing yourself in the current designs.
- **Saturday 12 March 10.00am – 12.00pm - Community Engagement Stall, Boulevard Shopping Centre:** pop in, see the designs and speak to the team at the Boulevard whilst doing your shopping.