

What's Happening

In the Shire of Broome?

Library programs extended



Local youngsters are set for an education boost in the near future, with the Shire of Broome receiving two new grants to facilitate additional programs at the Broome Public Library.

A Scitech Inspiring WA grant will provide funding for the library to host an event during National Science Week, which will take place in August.

This event will bring presenter Jameson Harvey from Red Dirt Robotics to run five coding and robotics sessions at the library.

Four of the workshops will target students, while one will be for adults in the community.

The library currently collaborates with the Broome Scratchers Coding and Robotics Club - it is hoped that these exciting workshops run by Red Dirt Robotics will inspire more community members to participate in the club.

The Shire has also been successful in applying for a grant through Horizon Power's Community Partnerships Program.

This grant will fund the purchase of new laptops for the Broome Scratchers Coding and Robotics Club, for their sessions held at the library every Thursday.

Shire of Broome president Harold Tracey said he wanted to thank Scitech, the State Government and Horizon Power for awarding the library this important funding.

"The library is so well used by our community and offers a wide range of programs and events for local residents - and in particular Broome children and teenagers," he said.

"It is terrific that through these grants we can expand the great work that our library staff are already undertaking."

Community Action Day

The Shire of Broome Rangers are partnering with the RSPCA to hold a Community Action Day at the Courthouse Markets on Saturday, June 18.

Dog owners are encouraged to bring their pets to the stall, where free microchipping, registration, flea & tick treatment and pet food will be on offer.

The stall will be held from 8am to 1pm - for more information, visit the 'Events' tab at www.broome.wa.gov.au.

Funding to boost initiatives that benefit Broome community



Shire of Broome deputy president Desiree Male and Broome Historical Society president Elaine Rabbitt - the Historical Society will use \$10,000 of Shire funding to undertake conservation treatment to the Broome Air Raid Dornier Engine.

The Shire of Broome Council has pledged to provide almost \$60,000 of funding to assist local community-based organisations through the Annual Community Matched Funding (ACMF) program 2021-22.

Eleven community organisations will share \$57,502, with the money to support the development of social, cultural, economic, recreational, environmental, and reconciliation projects and initiatives that benefit the Broome community.

The ACMF Program for 2021-22 was funded by the Shire and Energy Developments Limited (EDL) - West Kimberley Community Fund.

The funds have been provided to help facilitate projects occurring between June 2022 and June 2023, with up to \$10,000 granted to cover a maximum of 50 per cent of total project costs.

This year's recipients included Broome Historical Society, Native Animal Rescue Broome Inc, Theatre Kimberley, and West Kimberley Junior Football League.

Broome Historical Society's project ties in with the special anniversary we commemorated this year - the 80-year anniversary of the Broome Air Raid.

The Historical Society plan to undertake conservation treatment to the Air Raid Dornier Engine.

Shire of Broome president Harold Tracey said the initiatives supported by the ACMF grow knowledge, appreciation and involvement in local art, culture and heritage.

"Applications have been prioritised if the initiative is new, the organisation attracts volunteers, and the organisation has met the eligibility requirements," he said.

"This ensures when the ACMF round is delivered each year that we are sharing funds to different worthy causes and it is going to new ideas and experiences for our community to enjoy.

"Additionally, it fosters a healthy, active Broome community - through volunteer support and recognition.

"I am looking forward to seeing the outcome of this year's initiatives and wish them all the best in their endeavours.

"Finally, I would like to thank EDL for their kind contribution, for the betterment of our community."

New community-driven Communication and Engagement Strategy

The Shire of Broome Council has unanimously endorsed a new Corporate Communication and Engagement Strategy (CCES), with this ambitious document having the objective of increasing public participation over the next five years.

Community consultation and input was central to the Strategy's direction, with eight priorities and 47 associated actions included in the CCES, which was endorsed at the May 2022 Council meeting.

The Shire has not previously had an over-reaching visionary document that details how the organisation engages and communicates with stakeholders and the Broome community.

The new CCES will streamline the Shire's communication and engagement activities, while providing direction for Shire officers over the next five years.

Shire of Broome president Harold Tracey said the CCES would add diversity to the organisation's

communication methods and increase the range of engagement activities undertaken.

"The majority of the public commentary ascertained from our community in relation to the Shire's current communication and engagement processes was positive, which was certainly heartening and encouraging," he said.

"However, we can still increase the methods we use in this space to improve, make sure everyone has the chance to have a say in Shire matters, ensure people are informed of the latest news and understand our vision for the future.

"Our community is at the core of everything we do - so to have an engaged and informed community will ensure everyone is pulling in the same direction.

"This new Strategy will play an important role in achieving this, with community-driven goals included for Shire officers to strive towards."

To read the Shire's CCES, visit www.broome.wa.gov.au.