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## What's Happening

In the Shire of Broome?
Chinatown Ladies Night



Broome's favourite late-night shopping event is back for 2022, with the Chinatown Ladies' Night to take place next month.

This fabulous event will be held on Friday, August 5 and will be run in collaboration with local Chinatown traders and Broome Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Wander the beautiful, revitalised Chinatown and enjoy an evening of indulgence, revel in live music from local artists, snatch up a glass (or two) of free bubbles, and free canapes.

We have 15 traders opening their doors, providing a selection of jewelry, fashion, candles, and yummy treats to meet all your shopping needs.

Additionally, each trader will have fun activities to get involved in and lots of amazing door prizes up for grabs.

Shire of Broome president Harold Tracey said Ladies' Night was a great event to get the Broome community together to soak up all the revitalised Chinatown has to offer.

"I want to thank the Chinatown traders who get onboard with Ladies' Night every year," he said.

"This event emphasises the importance of supporting local business and buying local, to further strengthen our town's success and economy.

"I look forward to seeing another bustling Chinatown event, as the streets come alive in the heart of Broome.

"We hope you can join us for an evening of fun, freebies and shopping."

Chinatown Ladies' Night will take place from 5-8pm on August 5 - to read the full program visit www.chinatownbroome.com.au.

## **Revival of Pioneer Cemetery honours early Broome settlers**



Broome Pioneer Cemetery at Town Beach has had a revival, featuring a new interpretative entry feature art wall and two concrete benches.

MudMap Studio and Scapeism were commissioned to carry out the commemorative piece, drawing inspiration from a poem written by Harry Talboys - a sea captain and pearler who is buried at the cemetery.

The text from this special poem, 'Lost Footsteps', has been incorporated in the concrete of the entry wall as a handwritten graphic, to encapsulate the memory of those buried there.

Broome Pioneer Cemetery has a rich history, with connections to seafarming and the exploring pioneers of Broome from 1883 to the present day.

Photos of those buried at the cemetery have been kindly provided by the Broome Historical Society and embedded within the cemetery map, for ease of reference for those visiting.

The Broome Pioneer Cemetery project was funded by the Shire and Lotterywest, and has highlighted the

significance of the space while being respectful of the aesthetic design required.

Shire of Broome president Harold Tracey said delivering this project and honouring the founding members of our town was important to preserve Broome's unique history.

"The Shire of Broome cares about the preservation of its significant places and that is why the upgrade of the Pioneer Cemetery has been a key project to deliver for our community," he said.

"This project has had all-round community involvement from past and present residents of Broome.

"This has included using the poem 'Lost Footsteps', design and implementation from local organisations MudMap Studio and Scapeism, and input from the Broome Historical Society.

"We hope the descendants of those buried at the Pioneer Cemetery will treasure this purpose-built commemoration of their loved ones."

For more information on the Pioneer Cemetery, download the Explore Broome app.

## Shire of Broome upgrades light the way for tennis participation

The Broome community will be able to enjoy another upgrade to local sporting infrastructure, with improved lighting at our tennis courts to be completed over the next 12 months.

The \$198,000 Tennis Court Lighting Renewal project is included in the Shire of Broome 2022-23 Budget and has been supported by a successful \$60,000 grant application through the State Government's Club Night Lights Program.

Energy efficient LED lighting is set to be installed, with the upgrades to achieve the 350-lux required for club competition tennis.

A tender process to find a suitable contractor to undertake the work will commence in the near future, with the project planned to be completed by April 2023.

Shire of Broome president Harold Tracey said upgrading lighting at the tennis courts was another investment in local sporting infrastructure.

"Sporting participation has increased significantly in Broome

over recent years, with sport and recreation an integral part of any regional community," he said.

"The Shire understands that it is critical we provide the required sporting infrastructure for our community, and there has been significant investment over recent years.

"This work has included upgrades to indoor and outdoor courts at BRAC, the installation of new lighting at Nipper Roe and the Pump Track, and the improvement of the BRAC car park.

"With a new skatepark also not too far away, it is a massively exciting time for the Broome sporting community.

"Looking ahead, the Shire also adopted a new Sport and Recreation Plan earlier this year, which will act as a blueprint for further upgrades over the short-to-medium term.

"Finally, I'd like to say thank you to the State Government for supporting the Shire with a \$60,000 grant through the Club Night Lights Program."



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