

## What's Happening

In the Shire of Broome?

### Responsible pet ownership



The Shire of Broome values pet ownership and actively promotes this to benefit the community and the welfare of pets.

Dog owners are reminded that dogs are required to be on a leash at all times when in a public place.

There are currently no parks within the Shire that are "leash free". Rangers are out and about in our community and on-the-spot fines may apply when dogs are off-leash in a public area.

The Shire does provide leash-free dog exercise areas:

- 1km north of the rocks at Cable beach access ramp
- The area north of the access ramp at Gantheaume beach

Please remember that leash-free areas are not for the exclusive use of dogs and their owners. Be considerate of people that may be sharing this area with you and your dog, or using this area after you leave.



### Broome couple wins rates competition

Rates make our local communities a better place to live and are a necessary part of life, but wouldn't it be great if we could have our rates paid for a year!?

Lucky Broome residents Denis and Colleen Ryan have made this a reality, after winning the WALGA "Win your rates" competition for 2022.

Denis and Colleen saw the competition and entered the unique code shown in the paper a couple of times - and now have their rates paid in full for the entire year!

It is great to see a Broome household win this national competition and we encourage all Broome ratepayers to enter for 2023.

## Potential Cable Beach ramp closure out for public comment



The Shire of Broome Council is asking the local community to have its say on whether driving vehicles north of the rocks on Cable Beach should be prohibited in December and January, given the potential negative impact to turtle hatchlings.

Turtle nesting season is from October until March each year, with the Shire already having restricted vehicle access to the beach during these months.

However, a recommendation from the Yawuru Park Council (YPC) supports the full closure of the beach to vehicles from 1 December to 31 January annually to further safeguard turtle hatchlings.

Research presented to the YPC by the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions - made up of representatives from the Shire, the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions and Nyamba Buru Yawuru - shows that tyre ruts are having a harmful impact on the survival chances of hatchlings.

Flatback turtles are native to Broome and special to the Yawuru people. They are also a threatened and vulnerable

species, and are therefore legally protected. The Flatback Turtle community that nest at Cable Beach are local inhabitants and likely form a distinct nesting rookery.

Shire of Broome president Harold Tracey said the community should provide input on this important decision.

"The Shire wants to find a solution that can safeguard our unique turtle hatchlings while also ensuring our beaches can be enjoyed by all."

"Most beaches in northern Australia are inaccessible or closed to vehicles during turtle nesting seasons, and current beach closures during the night and on high tides will continue regardless," he said.

"There will be knock-on impacts should the Cable Beach access ramp be closed in December 2022 and January 2023, such as extra vehicles using Gantheaume Beach instead. Traffic counts collected by the Shire indicate that this impact will be manageable for these months".

The public comment period will run until September 28; to make a submission, e-mail [shire@broome.wa.gov.au](mailto:shire@broome.wa.gov.au).

## New Planning Framework for Cable Beach and Chinatown/Old Broome

The Shire of Broome is asking for community input into the future design, look and feel of the Cable Beach and Chinatown/Old Broome precincts.

The Shire has existing development strategies for Cable Beach, Chinatown and Old Broome, which have been highly successful planning tools over recent years.

These strategies have also actively assisted the Shire in securing Federal and State Government funding for the Chinatown Revitalisation Project, Town Beach Foreshore Upgrades and Cable Beach Foreshore Redevelopment.

The Shire is now looking to develop more contemporary plans for the future.

The new 'precinct plans' will be similar to the development strategies, but provide a greater focus on design - particularly building design controls - and will provide a framework for encouraging investment and development in our wonderful town.

The Shire will be working with the community to develop plans

that reflects the community's vision and aspirations for the future.

The first phase of consultation for the project has commenced, with community workshops to take place later this month.

Shire of Broome president Harold Tracey said community consultation and engagement was at the core of the future of our town.

"Cable Beach and Chinatown/Old Broome are magnificent places, buzzing with character, atmosphere and great communities," he said.

"However, as Broome continues to evolve, the Shire wants to have precinct plans in place that will shape what these parts of our town look like in the future.

"I'd encourage community members to participate and have their say by providing a submission or attending one of our workshops in September.

Consultation for the project will close on October 2.

For more information click the 'Have your Say' tab at [www.broome.wa.gov.au](http://www.broome.wa.gov.au).