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OFFICIAL PROGRAM



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MINISTER'S WELCOME



On behalf of my Government, I look forward to welcoming you to Australia's North West for the 2026 Shinju Matsuri Festival.

For more than half a century, Shinju Matsuri has proudly celebrated Broome's unique cultural identity and rich pearling heritage. As one of Western Australia's longest running events, the iconic festival brings together locals and visitors to honour the traditions, stories and diversity that make this region so special.

My Government is proud to support Shinju Matsuri through Tourism Western Australia's Regional Events Program, with current funding through to 2027. This support reflects my Government's commitment to promoting events that encourage regional visitation, support local jobs and businesses, drive economic diversification and showcase regional WA's exceptional tourism experiences.

We encourage you to immerse yourselves in the festivities, enjoy the unique program of events and experience the warmth and hospitality of Broome. Extend your stay longer and explore more of the world-class tourism experiences of the North West, one of the most unique regional areas in the world.

I wish you all a safe, enjoyable and memorable visit.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Roger Cook'.

**THE HON ROGER COOK MLA; PREMIER;
MINISTER FOR TOURISM, TRADE AND INVESTMENT**

2026 SHINJU MATSURI INC BOARD

The Shinju Matsuri Board brings together a wealth of skills, experience and community knowledge, united by a shared commitment to the future of this much-loved festival. We extend our sincere thanks to each Board member for their dedication, leadership and generous service to Shinju Matsuri and the Broome community.



Lynne Bunney, President

Lynne has lived in the Kimberley for 50 years. She has been the sole owner of several businesses in tourism and hospitality, including a retail clothing store, health food restaurant, 4WD Tour Operator, backpackers hostel, and travel agency. Lynne has played multiple roles for Shinju Matsuri, as an Event Organiser, Committee Member in 1979 and 2006, and currently holding a Board position for 10 years, including 4 years as President.



Vinka Bridgeman, Secretary

With 28 years in Broome, Vinka boasts over 30 years of experience in hospitality and tourism, both internationally and domestically. She has owned restaurants and catering services and currently serves as the Operations Manager for the largest meat wholesaler in the Northwest.



Jonathan Thompson, Treasurer

Jonathan has lived in Broome for 10 years, has 60 years experience as a Financial Controller including 40 years in management. He has served as Treasurer for various community groups, including Shinju Matsuri.



Carlee Ryan, Board Member

Carlee has lived in Broome for 23 years. She started out in tourism and then worked in earthmoving, civil construction and oil & gas before joining the government sector. She is a CPA and volunteers for the Kyle Andrews Foundation and now with Shinju Matsuri. Carlee balances her yang work life with a practice and teaching of yoga.



Matthew Francis, Board Member

Born and raised in Broome, Matt currently works at ABC Radio Kimberley, where he's involved in community radio, events, and storytelling. He grew up with Shinju Matsuri and has a strong love for community and culture and through radio and events, he helps share local voices and bring people together.



Lynette Chidlow, Board Member

Lynette brings a wealth of community experience to her position on the Shinju Matsuri board, having lived in Broome for 26 years and in the North of WA for over 30 years. She has worked extensively in dental health, community housing, and legal services, throughout the East and West Kimberley. Lynette is committed to fostering engagement throughout Broome, encouraging both locals and visitors to participate in the festival and experience the unique spirit of the town.



SHINJU MATSURI INC BOARD PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

CELEBRATE CULTURE, HISTORY AND COMMUNITY AT SHINJU MATSURI FESTIVAL 2026

Shinju Matsuri returns for its 56th year, celebrating Broome's rich cultural diversity, proud pearling heritage, and breathtaking natural beauty. This year's program offers a true taste of the many cultures that make Broome such a unique and special place.

The success of our festival has always been dependent on the people of Broome. We invite everyone to embrace the spirit of our town and join us in celebrating the people, traditions, and stories that define our community. Together, we can inspire the next generation to honour our past while building a strong, connected future.

The Shinju Matsuri Board is proud to continue its longstanding connection with the Broome community and in these challenging economic times, this festival would not be possible without the unwavering dedication of our incredible volunteers, passionate community members, generous sponsors, and valued local business partners.

To each of you, thank you for your ongoing support, generosity, and commitment to bringing Shinju Matsuri to life once again. Your contribution ensures the festival continues to celebrate the unique spirit of Broome for generations to come.

There's so much to discover throughout the Festival, so grab a program and make the most of everything Shinju Matsuri has to offer.

It is with great pleasure that we welcome you all to 2026 Shinju Matsuri!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lynne Bunney". The script is fluid and cursive.

Lynne Bunney
President, Shinju Matsuri Inc Board

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SHIRE OF BROOME PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

HONOURING THE PEOPLE, CULTURES AND STORIES THAT MAKE BROOME SHINE

A warm welcome to everyone joining us for the 2026 Shinju Matsuri Festival. Whether Broome is your home, a place you're visiting for the first time, or somewhere that keeps calling you back, we are delighted to share this special celebration with you.

Now in its 56th year, Shinju Matsuri remains a powerful reflection of the people, cultures and stories that have shaped our town. What began as a festival inspired by Broome's diverse multicultural community has grown into one of the region's most cherished traditions, bringing people together through connection, celebration and a shared sense of belonging.

Across the festival, you'll discover the colours, flavours, creativity and traditions that make Broome unique. From vibrant cultural events and community gatherings to art, music and food experiences, Shinju Matsuri offers countless opportunities to come together and celebrate the spirit of our community.

The Shire of Broome is proud to support this iconic festival and acknowledges the committee, volunteers, organisers, performers, sponsors and community members whose dedication continues to make Shinju Matsuri such an enduring success.

As we celebrate another year of Shinju Matsuri, I encourage you to embrace the festivities, connect with one another and enjoy everything that makes Broome such an extraordinary place.

Chris Mitchell JP
Shire President



9 HORIZONTAL FALLS | GARAAN-NGADDIM



MEMBER FOR KIMBERLEY

IT IS A PLEASURE TO WELCOME YOU TO THE 2026 SHINJU MATSURI – FESTIVAL OF THE PEARL

For more than half a century, Shinju Matsuri has been at the heart of Broome's cultural calendar, bringing together locals and visitors to celebrate the history, diversity and vibrant community that make this part of the Kimberley so unique.

It is a festival that honours our pearling heritage while embracing the many cultures and traditions that continue to shape Broome today.

Whether you're attending a favourite annual event or discovering Shinju Matsuri for the first time, this festival offers something for everyone. It is an opportunity to experience the best of Broome through its food, music, art, performances and community celebrations, while sharing in the stories that connect us all.

Events like Shinju Matsuri not only showcase our remarkable region to visitors from across Western Australia and beyond, they also strengthen the connections within our own community. They remind us of the pride we have in our town and the people who make it such a welcoming and special place to live.

My sincere thanks go to the Shinju Matsuri Committee, the many volunteers, performers, sponsors and supporters whose dedication and enthusiasm make this festival possible each year. Your hard work continues to create an event that is enjoyed by thousands and is an enduring source of pride for our community.

I hope you enjoy everything the 2026 Shinju Matsuri program has to offer and wish you a fantastic Festival of the Pearl.

Divina D'Anna

Ms Divina D'Anna MLA

**Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier; Minister for
Defence Industries; Tourism, Trade and Investment;
Parliamentary Secretary of the Cabinet**

Thanks WA!

Lotterywest has proudly supported the Shinju Matsuri Festival since 2013.



PATRON FOR SHINJU MATSURI 2026

MR KUNIHICO KAINO

Kunihiko Kaino is a Japanese-born former pearl diver whose life is deeply woven into the story of Broome's pearling industry and its enduring connection with Japan. Mr Kaino, who now lives in Fremantle, will return to his beloved former home of Broome this year as Patron for Shinju Matsuri and to meet with old friends and share stories with Taiji visitors.

The 88-year-old felt such a connection with Broome that he worked tirelessly to help establish a sister city link between Broome and his hometown of Taiji, in Japan. Although the two communities had ties dating back to the early pearling days more than a century ago, the link was formalised in 1981 after years of campaigning by Mr Kaino.

"My younger days in Broome gave me so much, it was and still is a multicultural society and it helped me to grow and to learn," he said.

"That is why I knew I wanted to give back, and the way I did that, was the link with Taiji."

Kaino enjoys accompanying the Taiji students to where the lugger sits each year to tell them about the diving history of 1960s Broome.

Arriving from Taiji, Japan, Mr Kaino worked as a head diver for Streeter and Male in Broome from 1962 to 1969, describing those years as among the most important and blessed of his life. A passionate advocate for the relationship between Broome and Taiji, he played a leading role in establishing the sister-city connection between the two communities in 1981.

Today, Mr Kaino is remembered as an important custodian of Broome's pearling history and the cultural connections forged between Australia and Japan through the sea.



An old image of Kunihiko Kaino during his days as a pearl diver in Broome. Credit: Supplied to the Broome Advertiser



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SHINJU MATSURI 2026 EVENT GUIDE

WELCOME TO SHINJU MATSURI 2026 — A CELEBRATION OF BROOME, ITS PEOPLE, CULTURES AND THE STORIES THAT MAKE THIS PLACE SO SPECIAL.

This year, the festival theme Tidal Treasures invites us to discover the treasures found in the ebb and flow of life in Broome from pearls and ocean to culture, creativity, community and connection.

Whether you call Broome home, are returning to a place you love or are discovering the Kimberley for the first time, dive in, discover something new and enjoy all that Shinju Matsuri has to offer.

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DATE Friday 21 August 2026
TIME 4pm to 6pm
LOCATION Town Beach | Jiljirrgun | Guwarri

The Shinju Matsuri Opening Ceremony is a vibrant celebration that launches 17 days of culture, community and connection. Set against the stunning backdrop of Town Beach, the evening begins with a Yawuru Welcome to Country, followed by official speeches and performances celebrating Broome's rich multicultural heritage.

The highlight of the evening is one of Shinju's most cherished traditions: the Waking of Sammy the Dragon. As Sammy comes to life, the crowd is invited to share in the magic, marking the beginning of 17 unforgettable days of celebration, culture and community.



PASPALLEY

OPENING BALL

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DATE Saturday 22 August 2026

TIME 6pm to 11pm

LOCATION The Hub at Town Beach | Jiljirrgun | Guwarri



The Shinju Matsuri Opening Ball returns for another unforgettable evening, and this year's theme is Rock 'n' Roll. Step back to where it all began and celebrate the golden era of music with the timeless hits of Little Richard, Buddy Holly, The Supremes and the King of Rock 'n' Roll himself, Elvis Presley.

Featuring live entertainment from Bevan Sidebottom and the Smooth Tones, your ticket includes a welcome drink on arrival and a substantial supper. Dress to impress, hit the dance floor, and celebrate the start of Shinju Matsuri in true rock 'n' roll style.

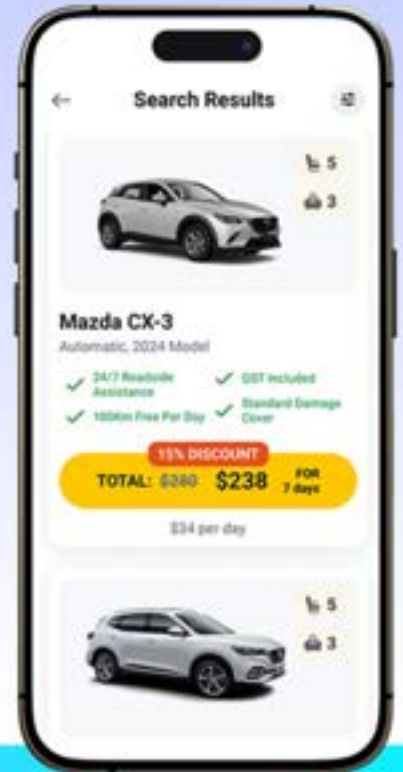


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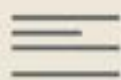
DATE Sunday 23 August 2026
TIME 3pm to 5pm
LOCATION Male Oval

Don't miss the colour, creativity and community spirit of the Shinju Matsuri Float Parade! One of the festival's longest-running traditions, the parade showcases an incredible lineup of floats created by local schools, community groups, performers and businesses, celebrating the vibrant spirit and diversity of Broome. Join the crowds in Chinatown as the parade winds its way through town, starting and finishing at Male Oval, for an afternoon of colour, entertainment and community celebration.



CARNIVAL OF NATIONS

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DATE Sunday 23 August 2026

TIME 5pm to 7pm

LOCATION Male Oval

A much-loved highlight of Shinju Matsuri, the Carnival of Nations celebrates Broome's rich cultural diversity through vibrant performances and cultural displays that honour the communities shaping the town's unique identity.

Bring a picnic rug, enjoy delicious food from local vendors, and settle in for an unforgettable evening of tradition, storytelling and community spirit.





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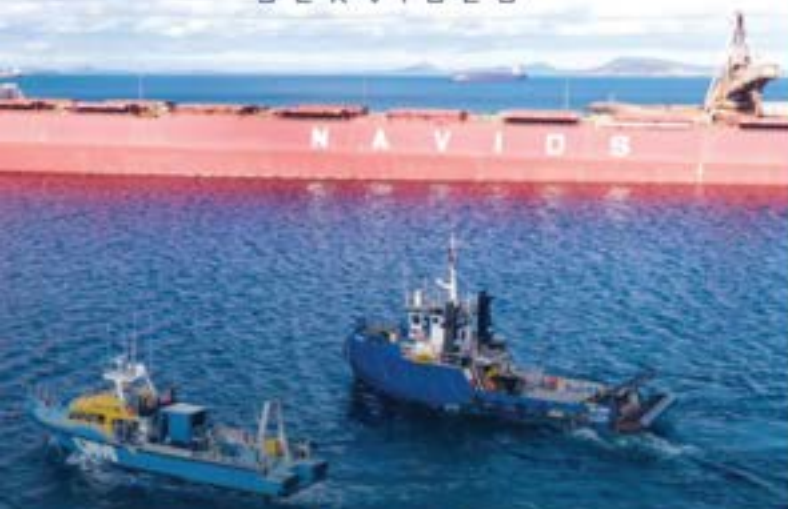
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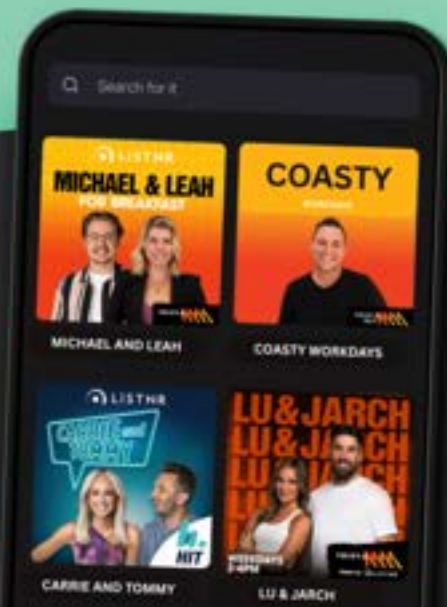
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DATE

Tuesday 25 August 2026

TIME

4pm to 6pm

LOCATION

The Hub at Town Beach
Jiljirrgun | Guwarri

Bring your furry, feathered or scaled companions to the Festival Hub for a fun-filled afternoon celebrating our beloved pets!

Take to the catwalk with your animal sidekick and show off their style, tricks or unique charm. No entry forms are required, just register on the day.

With great prizes up for grabs, it's a fun-filled event for the whole family!



SENIOR CITIZENS' MORNING TEA

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DATE

Wednesday 26 August 2026

TIME

10am to 12pm

LOCATION

The Hub at Town Beach
Jiljirrgun | Guwarri



Our annual Shinju Matsuri Senior Citizens' Morning Tea, proudly partnered with Broome CIRCLE, returns for another year at the Festival Hub at Town Beach.

Reconnect with old friends, meet some new ones, and enjoy a delicious morning tea of tea, coffee, scones and jam.

With a kids choir, live music, roaming little lions and great prizes, it's a wonderful morning of entertainment, connection and community spirit.



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SEAPLANE ADVENTURES

DATE Friday 28 August 2026
TIME 5pm to 9pm
LOCATION Short Street, Chinatown



Chinatown Feast is back, taking over the heart of Broome's historic Chinatown for an unforgettable night of food, culture and celebration. Inspired by the vibrant energy of Asian hawker markets and infused with Broome's laidback Kimberley spirit, Short Street comes alive under the stars with incredible flavours, live music and festival entertainment.

Your ticket includes a welcome drink on arrival and a menu card featuring a selection of delicious dishes from some of Broome's favourite food vendors. It's a vibrant celebration of the diverse cultures, stories and traditions that make Broome so unique.



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DRAGON BOAT REGATTA



DATE Saturday 29 August 2026
TIME 8am to 2pm
LOCATION Town Beach | Jiljirrgun | Guwarri

A festival favourite, the Shinju Matsuri Dragon Boat Races bring the ancient Chinese tradition of dragon boating to the turquoise waters of Broome's Town Beach. With origins dating back more than 2,000 years, the races celebrate culture, community and teamwork. Watch teams paddle in perfect rhythm over the 200m course as the beating drum, splashing paddles and cheering crowds create one of the festival's most exciting spectacles.



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FESTIVAL HUB BAR

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DATE Sunday 23 August to Saturday 5 September
TIME 12pm to 9pm daily
LOCATION The Hub at Town Beach | Jiljirrgun | Guwarri

The Festival Hub transforms Town Beach into a lively gathering place where locals and visitors can connect, explore and celebrate together. Set against the stunning backdrop of Roebuck Bay, it's the perfect place to relax, discover something new, and immerse yourself in the spirit of Shinju Matsuri.

Whether you're catching a live performance, joining a workshop or simply soaking up the atmosphere, the Festival Hub is where festival memories are made.

The Festival Hub Bar, presented by Matso's, is the perfect place to relax, catch up with friends and soak up the Shinju Matsuri atmosphere. Open daily throughout the festival, it's the ideal spot to enjoy an ice-cold drink, savour the Broome sunshine and take in the vibrant energy of Town Beach. Whether you're stopping by between events or settling in for an afternoon of live entertainment, the Festival Hub Bar is the perfect place to raise a glass to Shinju Matsuri.



FLOATING LANTERNS MATSURI

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DATE Sunday 30 August 2026
TIME 3pm to 7pm
LOCATION Gantheaume Beach | Minyirr

The Floating Lanterns Matsuri is one of the most cherished festival traditions and a free community event inspired by the Japanese Obon celebration. Held at Gantheaume Beach, this beautiful ceremony honours loved ones past and present as personalised lanterns drift across the water at sunset.

Pre-purchase a lantern kit online or join the Sustainable Lantern Making Workshop at the Festival Hub from 24-29 August to create your own lantern using sustainable materials before the ceremony.





Together with Shinju Matsuri we're amplifying community spirit.

Horizon Power is proud to partner with the iconic Floating Lantern Matsuri again this year.

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SHINJU MATSURI ART AWARDS

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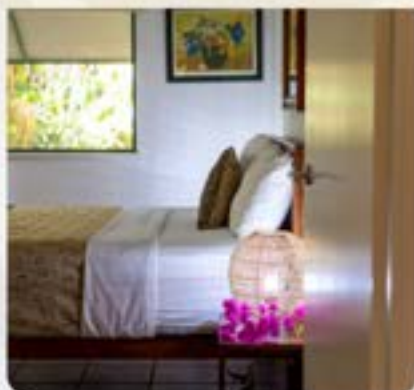


DATE Monday 31 August 2026
TIME 6pm to 8pm
LOCATION Broome Civic Centre

The free Shinju Matsuri Art Awards celebrate the creativity and talent of Kimberley artists, with winners across eight categories announced by our panel of judges at the Broome Civic Centre. Enjoy a drink on arrival as you explore this year's bold and inspiring exhibition. Don't forget to vote for your favourite artwork, with the People's Choice Award announced at the Festival Finale.

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A young boy with dark hair, wearing a grey t-shirt, is looking up and to the right. In the upper right corner, a white kite with a long tail is flying against a blue sky. The boy is holding a string that goes down to a large, cylindrical object wrapped in patterned paper, which appears to be a kite or a large puppet.

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MILLIE THE BLACK KITE

Venue: Broome Civic Centre - Jimmy Chi Hall

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Program Schedule:

Friday 21st August

School Matinee

Doors Open: 11.30am
Show Starts: 12.00pm

Friday 21st August

Shinju Matsuri Opening Night Show

Puppet Workshop: 5.30pm
Doors Open: 6.00pm
Show Starts: 6.30pm

Saturday 22nd August

Matinee

Puppet Workshop: 1.00pm
Doors Open: 1.30pm
Show Starts: 2.00pm

Saturday 22nd August

Closing Night

Puppet Workshop: 5.30pm
Doors Open: 6.00pm
Show Starts: 6.30pm



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DATE Friday 4 September 2026
TIME 5pm to 10pm
LOCATION Cable Beach | Walmanyjun

Sand 'n' Sounds returns to Cable Beach with this year's vibrant theme, Luz y Groove, a Latin beach escape filled with music, colour and coastal vibes.

Enjoy a drink on arrival and canapés throughout the evening as incredible DJs and live percussion bring Afro, Latin and Tribal rhythms to life. Kick off your shoes, dance the night away with the sand beneath your toes, and soak up the ocean breeze for an unforgettable festival experience.



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DATE

Saturday 5 September 2026

TIME

5pm to 10pm

LOCATION

Cable Beach | Walmanyjun

Renowned as one of Western Australia's most exclusive dining experiences, the Shinju Matsuri Sunset Long Table Dinner returns to the iconic Cable Beach for another unforgettable evening.

Indulge in an opulent menu by acclaimed chef Arnott Olssen, celebrating Broome's iconic Cable Beach local ingredients and seasonal produce, paired with a premium all-inclusive selection of Western Australian beverages.

Enjoy live entertainment from local performers before kicking off your shoes, feeling the sand between your toes, and dancing beneath the Kimberley night sky.

Dress in cocktail or formal beach attire for a truly magical evening under the stars.



FESTIVAL FINALE

presented by



DATE Sunday 6 September 2026
TIME 5pm to 8pm
LOCATION Town Beach | Jiljirrgun | Guwarri

Celebrate the grand finale of Shinju Matsuri as the festival returns to Town Beach for one last unforgettable evening of music, entertainment and community celebration.

Gather your friends and family, enjoy delicious bites from the Festival Finale Food Markets, and picnic by the shores of Roebuck Bay as we farewell Sammy the Dragon for another year. The evening concludes with the spectacular Broome International Airport & Shire of Broome Shinju Matsuri Drone Show, lighting up the night sky in a fitting finale to the festival.



FESTIVAL FINALE DRONE SHOW

co-presented by



DATE Sunday 6 September 2026
TIME 7pm to 7.15pm
LOCATION Town Beach | Jiljirrgun | Guwarri

Wrap up the magic of Shinju Matsuri with the breathtaking Drone Show presented by Broome International Airport and the Shire of Broome. Watch hundreds of synchronised drones light up the night sky in a dazzling choreographed display, bringing a beautiful story by Matt Francis to life above the stunning shores of Town Beach. End Shinju Matsuri on a high with this spectacular fusion of technology, storytelling and sustainability. Bring a picnic, gather your friends and family, and watch the Kimberley sky transform with vibrant patterns and symbols celebrating Broome's rich multicultural heritage. It's the perfect way to farewell 17 unforgettable days of community, art, culture and celebration under the stars.



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FRIDAY 21 AUGUST

4pm - 6pm	Opening Ceremony presented by Paspaley Pearls	Town Beach
6pm-9pm	Millie the Black Kite	Broome Civic Centre
6pm-10pm	A Walk with the Giants	Town Beach/ Festival Hub

SATURDAY 22 AUGUST

1.30pm & 6pm	Millie the Black Kite	Broome Civic Centre
6pm - 11pm	Opening Ball presented by Dahlia Designs	Town Beach / Festival Hub

SUNDAY 23 AUGUST

1pm-4pm	Family Fun Day	The Roey
2pm-5pm	Floats from The Closet	The Broome Closet
2:30pm-5pm	Shinju Broome Car Club Show and Shine!	Male Oval
3pm - 5pm	Float Parade presented by Northside Rentals	Male Oval
5pm - 7pm	Carnival of Nations presented by Mangrove Hotel	Male Oval
7pm -11pm	Wil Thomas, with Phoebe Corke and Adele Oliver	The Old Sailmakers Shed
SHINJU MATSURI FESTIVAL HUB 12pm - 9pm		
12pm - 9pm	Art activation - 1000 cranes-Origami Workshop	Town Beach
5pm - 7pm	LIVE MUSIC: Mojo Jacket	

MONDAY 24 AUGUST

SHINJU MATSURI FESTIVAL HUB 12pm - 9pm		
6am - 7am	Morning Sessions: Sunrise Yoga with Lea	Town Beach
12pm-9pm	Art activation - 1000 cranes-Origami Workshop	
2.30pm - 5pm	Art activation - Sustainable Lantern Creation	
2:30pm-6pm	Wardrobe Swap presented by Shire Of Broome	
5pm - 7pm	LIVE MUSIC: Jaime Jackett	

TUESDAY 25 AUGUST

SHINJU MATSURI FESTIVAL HUB 12pm - 9pm		
6am - 7am	Morning Sessions: Shinju Sunrise Sound Healing	Town Beach
11am-1pm	Mahjong	
12pm - 9pm	Art activation - 1000 cranes-Origami Workshop	
4pm - 6pm	Pets in the Park presented by Kimberley Ports Authority	

WEDNESDAY 26 AUGUST

SHINJU MATSURI FESTIVAL HUB 12pm - 9pm		
6am - 7am	Morning Sessions: For Your Future Self Pilates Class	Town Beach
10am - 12pm	Senior Citizens Morning Tea presented by MG Tyres	
11am - 1pm	Mahjong	
12pm - 9pm	Art activation - 1000 cranes-Origami Workshop	
2:30pm-6pm	Art activation - Sustainable Lantern Creation	
5pm - 6pm	Hype Run Club	
6pm - 8pm	Salsa Class ft Latin Dance Instructor & DJ	

THURSDAY 27 AUGUST

All Day Event	Broome Bowling Club- Shinju Matsuri Open 4's	Broome Bowling Club
9am-11am	Make Your Own Pearl Buttons	Men's Shed Broome
7pm-9pm	Stephen Pigram & Australian String Quartet	Sun Pictures
SHINJU MATSURI FESTIVAL HUB 12pm - 9pm		
6am - 7am	Morning Sessions: Sunrise Cacao Connection by RISE & FLOW	Town Beach
11am - 1pm	Mahjong	
12pm - 9pm	Art activation - 1000 cranes-Origami Workshop	
2:30pm-6pm	Art activation - Sustainable Lantern Creation	
4pm-5:30pm	Kimberley Cooking with Trish Pepper	
6pm - 8pm	Shinju Quiz Night with Matty J & Erin Parke	

FULL PROGRAM OF EVENTS - SHINJU MATSURI 2026

FRIDAY 28 AUGUST

5pm - 9pm **Chinatown Feast** presented by Horizontal Falls Seaplane Adventures Short Street
 5pm-7pm Jeanette Dyson EXHIBITION- Black Stump Gallery Black Stump Gallery

SHINJU MATSURI FESTIVAL HUB 12pm - 9pm Town Beach

6am - 7am Morning Sessions: Pilates & Juice with Move Collective Co
 12pm - 9pm Art activation - 1000 cranes-Origami Workshop
 2:30pm-6pm Art activation - Sustainable Lantern Creation
 6pm-8pm LIVE MUSIC : Rob Pascoe & Damon Carren

SATURDAY 29 AUGUST

8am - 2pm **Lions Dragon Boat Regatta** Town Beach/Festival Hub
 6pm-10pm Staircase to Shinju Cocktail Party- Mangrove Hotel Mangrove Hotel

SHINJU MATSURI FESTIVAL HUB 12pm - 9pm **STAIRCASE TO THE MOON** Town Beach

6am - 7am Morning Sessions: Sunroom Pilates 18:43
 12pm - 9pm Art activation - 1000 cranes-Origami Workshop
 2:30pm-6pm Art activation - Sustainable Lantern Creation
 3pm-4pm Drumming Workshop with TAIKO ON -
 5:30pm-10pm Mabu Nurlu Buru - Good Song Country

SUNDAY 30 AUGUST

3pm - 7pm **Floating Lanterns Matsuri** presented by Horizon Power Gantheaume Beach

SHINJU MATSURI FESTIVAL HUB 12pm - 9pm **STAIRCASE TO THE MOON** Town Beach

6am - 7am Morning Sessions: Sunrise Yoga with Iris 19:36
 12pm - 9pm Art activation - 1000 cranes-Origami Workshop
 3:30pm-4:30pm LIVE MUSIC : Broome Town Band
 5pm-8pm Shinju Jam Sesh

MONDAY 31 AUGUST

6pm - 8pm **Art Awards Presentation Night** presented by Shire of Broome Broome Civic Centre

SHINJU MATSURI FESTIVAL HUB 12pm - 9pm **STAIRCASE TO THE MOON** Town Beach

6am - 7am Morning Sessions: Sunrise Yoga with Lea 20:31
 12pm - 9pm Art activation - 1000 cranes-Origami Workshop
 6pm-8pm LIVE MUSIC: Jake Stephen

TUESDAY 1 SEPTEMBER

10am - 4pm **Art Awards Exhibition: 1st Sept - 5th Sept** Broome Civic Centre

SHINJU MATSURI FESTIVAL HUB 12pm - 9pm Town Beach

6am - 7am Morning Sessions: Sunrise Cacao Connection by RISE & FLOW
 11am-1pm Mahjong
 12pm - 9pm Art activation - 1000 cranes-Origami Workshop
 3pm-5pm Art activation-SANDLES - Candle Creating Workshop
 6pm-8pm A Stargazers Guide to the Cosmos' Presented by Astro Tours -
 Remembering Local Legend Greg Quicke

WEDNESDAY 2 SEPTEMBER

10am - 4pm **Art Awards Exhibition: 1st Sept - 5th Sept** Broome Civic Centre
 5:30pm-8:30pm Pearl Meat Masters-Willie Creek Pearls Pearl Luggars-Chinatown
 6:30pm-8:30pm Broome's Astronomy Experience - Greg Quicke's Astro Tour,
 Celestial Sounds Shinju Special

SHINJU MATSURI FESTIVAL HUB 12pm - 9pm Town Beach

6am - 7am Morning Sessions: Sunrise yoga with Laura
 11am - 1pm Mahjong
 12pm-9pm Art activation - 1000 cranes-Origami Workshop
 3pm - 5pm Art activation-SANDLES - Candle Creating Workshop
 5pm-6pm Hype Run Club
 6pm - 8pm Shinju Karaoke Night with Jaime Jackett

THURSDAY 3 SEPTEMBER

10am - 4pm	Art Awards Exhibition: 1st Sept - 5th Sept	Broome Civic Centre
5:30pm-7:30pm	Shinju Matsuri Pop-Up Choir'	The Old Sailmakers Shed
7:30pm-9pm	Raised In Big Spirit Country	Goolarri Media

SHINJU MATSURI FESTIVAL HUB	12pm - 9pm	Town Beach
6am - 7am	Morning Sessions: Shinju Sunrise Sound Healing	
11am - 1pm	Mahjong	
12pm-9pm	Art activation - 1000 cranes-Origami Workshop	
3pm - 5pm	Art activation-SANDLES - Candle Creating Workshop	
4pm-5:30pm	Kimberley Cooking with Arnott Olssen	
6pm-8pm	LIVE MUSIC : Scotty McDougall	

FRIDAY 4 SEPTEMBER

10am-4pm	Art Awards Exhibition: 1st Sept - 5th Sept	Broome Civic Centre
5pm - 10pm	Sand 'n Sounds presented by Matso's Broome Brewery	Cable Beach
6pm-10pm	Ricker Fest-35th International Short Film Festival	Sun Pictures
7:30pm-9pm	Raised In Big Spirit Country	Goolarri Media

SHINJU MATSURI FESTIVAL HUB	12pm - 9pm	Town Beach
6am - 7am	Morning Sessions: Pilates & Juice with Move Collective Co	
12pm-9pm	Art activation - 1000 cranes-Origami Workshop	
3pm - 5pm	Art activation-SANDLES - Candle Creating Workshop	
6pm-8pm	LIVE MUSIC : Patu	

SATURDAY 5 SEPTEMBER

10am-4pm	Art Awards Exhibition: 1st Sept - 5th Sept	Broome Civic Centre
5pm - 10pm	Sunset Long Table Dinner	Cable Beach
5:30pm-7pm	Jukebox Blues	The Old sailmakers Shed
7:30-9pm	Raised In Big Spirit Country	Goolarri Media

SHINJU MATSURI FESTIVAL HUB	12pm - 9pm	Town Beach
6am - 7am	Morning Sessions: Sunroom Pilates	
12pm - 9pm	Art activation - 1000 cranes-Origami Workshop	
5pm-8pm	LIVE MUSIC : Broome Senior High School mini-fest	

SUNDAY 6 SEPTEMBER

10am-2pm	Art Awards Exhibition: 1st Sept - 5th Sept	Broome Civic Centre
5pm - 8.30pm	Festival Finale presented by Lotterywest	Town Beach
7pm-8pm	Drone Show presented by Broome International Airport and Shire Of Broome	Town Beach

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