



Fairy Sandie performed in front of delighted youngsters at Broome Library last week after her Australia Day family concert was cancelled due to the rain. Picture: Simon Penn.

Fairy Sandie spreads magic at the library

Fairy Sandie flew to Broome for the Australia Day family concert last Monday, but her show had to be cancelled due to the rain.

Children were not left disappointed, however, when she put on a special last-minute show at Broome Library two days later.

Sandie, a former Broome resident, said she was delighted to be back in town and helping put some smiles on young faces.

Poison suspe dog d

■ Nicola Kalmar

Suspicions surrounding suspected dog poisonings in the Kimberley have grown after laboratory tests confirmed a dog was deliberately poisoned in Derby.

Broome veterinary nurse Helen Mooney said a recent toxicology report found poison present in the dog's stomach but further tests were needed to identify the type of toxin.

The pet was found dead in its backyard in December.

The finding has heightened concern with local dog owners who have raised the alarm on social media about alleged attacks and several cases of dogs dying in suspicious circumstances were reported around Broome and Derby.

Shire of Derby West Kimberley ranger John Kerry said there have been at least 12 cases of suspected dog baitings reported in Derby before Christmas.

Shire of Broome manager of enforcement and compliance Markus Gaschk said rangers had tended one case in recent months in which the owner suspected the dog had been poisoned, but could not be confirmed.

"Poisoning a dog is a criminal offence and so we would recommend anyone who suspects this

Broome box jellyfish warning

Large numbers of potentially deadly box jellyfish have been seen swarming around the wharf in Broome and have washed up on Cable Beach.

Shire of Broome law enforcement and compliance manager Markus Gaschk said rangers have placed warning signs at the beach as a pre-

caution following the discovery, and are checking regularly for any further sign of them.

More information on jellyfish and stinger safety can be found on the Shire of Broome website at www.broome.wa.gov.au/comm/jelly.htm.

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