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# Shire to safeguard park land

■ Nicola Kalmar

The Shire of Broome has requested that two parcels of crown land adjacent to Chinatown and Old Broome and outside the proposed Roebuck Bay Marine Park be vested with the Shire as a reserve.

Last October, the Yawuru Nagulagun/Roebuck Bay Marine Park was gazetted and 10-year management plans formally released.

The RBMP Indigenous Land Use Agreement was registered on December 13, which showed the area of Roebuck Bay previously identified as port waters in the Yawuru ILUAs as marine park and reserves. But this area has not been gazetted as a marine reserve under the Conservation and Land Management Act.

The council previously said it would not support the incorporation of port waters into the marine park on the grounds that it may have a significant impact on current operations and future expansion of the Broome townsite.

In its submission, endorsed by the council in October 2015, the Shire said it would not support the realignment of the marine park to incorporate Dampier Creek and

the lands abutting the Broome townsite.

Other concerns included proposed access restrictions to the public along the Roebuck Bay foreshore, possible access restrictions in the marine park within the Special Purpose Zone, potential impacts on the port and development proposals in the Broome townsite and on other land adjoining the marine park, and potential impediments to coastal protection works to protect Chinatown and the Broome townsite.

Council officers identified two unallocated crown land lots within the area that abut the Broome townsite that are not included in the ILUA or subject to native title.

In a report, Shire officers said it would be desirable for the land lots to be under Shire control to facilitate development adjacent to Chinatown, including future coastal protection works and the Gray Street extension.

Last week, councillors voted unanimously to recommend that council write to the Department of Lands requesting that responsibility for the lots be vested with the Shire through the creation of a reserve with a management order.



Travis Campbell, 11, Chloe Meads, 11, Finn Mackay, 11, Holly Chidlow, 12, and B...  
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## Kids splash out as upgraded

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Broome Barracudas goggled up and plunged straight back into training on February 20 to celebrate the reopening of BRAC's newly upgraded swimming pool.

After a six-month closure, club president Naomi Findlay said youngsters were thrilled to be able to get back into the pool and enjoy the \$3 million refurbished facility.

"It's been amazing," she said.

"We managed to secure some alternative venues throughout the period that BRAC pool was closed but it wasn't as easy or probably as beneficial for the kids... so this has been amazing."

Ms Findlay said the start of term had gone swimmingly well so far.

"All four squads are back in the water this week, we've got in excess of 50 swimmers that have signed up for the season for this term and we've just had our sanc-