

# Shire rejects tender

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The only tender that applied for a 20-year lease to manage the Roebuck Bay Caravan Park was rejected behind closed doors by Shire of Broome councillors last Thursday.

Councillors resolved to authorise Shire chief executive Sam Mastrolombo to investigate the options for progressing the lease and redevelopment of the site and present a report back to council for consideration within 60 days.

Roebuck Bay Holiday Park Pty Ltd was the lone applicant in a 10-week Australia-wide campaign requesting tenders to run and redevelop the site. RBHP is part-owned by former Shire of Broome president Graeme Campbell.

He is a partner with Ralston Bay Holdings, the company that has held the caravan park lease since 1989, which expires in December this year.



Mark Harris next to one of the tanks he hopes to use to breed barramundi. Pictures: Glenn Gordingley and Jakeb Waddell

# Underwater wonderland

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A businessman is pumping millions of dollars into constructing a purpose-built aquarium wonderland in Broome modelled on local waters.

The venture has been welcomed by Australia's North West Tourism and Shire of Broome president Ron Johnston as a valuable addition to the community and tourism. Aqua Broome Submerse



The construction of Aqua Broome's attractions is under way.

fish and underwater creatures in local areas and landmarks, including the reef at Broome waters," Mr Harris

to the tourism experience in Broome and we believe this will provide a unique opportunity that will attract visitors locally, nationally and internationally," he said.

In an effort to diversify, Mr Harris intends to create an aquaculture enterprise at the back of the property where barramundi fingerlings will be bred for sale to the domestic and commercial markets.

"We hold a multi-species aquaculture licence which en-

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