



Amy Andison (left) and Mike Doyle (right) from the Shire of Broome and Fair Game's Nicola Tarnowski, Matthew Scanlon, Emily Mackaway and Emily Yesberg. Picture: Simon Penn

New link provides sporting chance

■ Gareth McKnight

The people of Broome are being asked to be good sports for an award-winning social program.

The Shire of Broome is set to become the first official regional collection centre for Fair Game.

It delivers health and fitness programs throughout WA, which are facilitated through the donation of recycled sports equipment.

Sports enthusiasts are being urged to recycle sports equipment they no longer use, which will be distributed to Fair Game's partner organisations where necessary across the State.

A blue Fair Game bin will be located in the reception area at Shire office for the community to donate any sporting equipment including shoes and football boots.

Shire of Broome club development officer Mike Doyle said consultation with key community groups had identified key barriers preventing children from participating in sport.

"Access to sporting equipment was one barrier to some children in our community, so this partnership will go a long way to breaking it down," he said.

The partnership also allows the Shire to access the Fair Game warehouse in Perth, which stocks a big range of sporting equipment.

Mr Doyle said junior sport was growing at unprecedented levels in Broome and with the growth came a lot of excess equipment.

"Encouraging people, particularly children, to donate equipment they may no longer need or fit into, is a great way of continuing Broome's renowned spirit of giving," he said.

"If the equipment can't be used in Broome then there are plenty of places Fair Game work in that can benefit."

Mr Doyle said the Shire would work closely with community groups to identify and distribute equipment.

"Groups like Save the Children and Maria Jarradu are key to reaching the children that need assistance the most," he said.

"By working together and using sport as the vehicle we can build a healthier, happier community."