

# Technical problems ground plane

PASSENGERS travelling to Esperance from Perth on flight XR 147 on Sunday afternoon were delayed after problems with an aircraft.

A full load of passengers was asked to disembark the Skywest plane at Perth airport after "technical problems" kept the aircraft on the ground.

Esperance passengers returned to the Perth Domestic Airport terminal, re-entered security screening and awaited the next avail-



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able aircraft which left soon after. Rather than the expected 4.25pm arrival, passengers landed in Esperance around 6pm.

# Tea time for a cause

LADIES, don your best dress, fascinator, pearls and gloves and rally your support for a good cause at the upcoming Inspiring Women: Old Fashion Tea Party.

Women are encouraged to gather a table of eight to 10, with one person appointed as the table's hostess. Then they sit down and enjoy an 'evening of inspiration', with guest speakers lined up to present on different facets of personal style, including personal growth, art and craft, make-up application and skin care.

Organiser Linda Eloff said profits from the event would go to the

Esperance Crisis Accommodation Centre.

"The aim of the tea party is to inspire women but to also act as a fundraising activity," she said.

"My heart goes out to women who find themselves in difficult situations. The Esperance Crisis Accommodation Centre works with women who are in need.

"We will have a guest speaker from the centre to tell us more about their charity on the day."

The hostess and her guests can decorate the table to fit the old-fashioned tea party theme and must provide linen, cups and

saucers and tea party food.

Prizes will be awarded for the best table, best dressed and best hat or fascinator.

The hostess must ensure her table is set up prior to 3pm, with doors open from 12pm.

Tea, coffee, milk, urn, chairs and table are supplied.

The Inspiring Ladies - Old Fashioned Tea Party runs at the reception room at the Esperance Civic Centre on Saturday, February 23, from 3 to 7pm.

Tickets are \$15 per person. For more information, contact Ms Eloff on 0417 707 021.

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### SAFETY

#### Residual Current Device (RCD)

Since August 2009, WA regulations require that every home sold or leased in WA must be fitted with a minimum of two Residual Current Devices (RCDs).

RCDs monitor the flow of electricity from the switchboard and prevent electrocution by cutting the electricity supply if an imbalance in the current is detected.

Tenants are encouraged to contact their managing agent or landlord if RCDs are not fitted in a rental property and request that two RCDs be installed by a licensed electrical contractor.

Caravan parks are also required to comply with the RCD regulations as they are classed as residential premises.

Further information on the RCD regulations can be found on the EnergySafety website at [www.commerce.wa.gov.au/EnergySafety](http://www.commerce.wa.gov.au/EnergySafety)



### PARTNERSHIPS

#### Offshore Angling Classic - 10 March 2013

Horizon Power is proud to again be a major supporter of the 2013 Esperance Archipelago Offshore Angling Classic. For event information phone Murray on 0428 713 022 or Brett on 0408 934 372 or email [edsac@wn.com.au](mailto:edsac@wn.com.au)

#### Festival of the Wind - 15-17 March 2013

The Festival of the Wind is a bi-annual community event that has been held in Esperance since 1998. This year's theme is 'sustainability' and Horizon Power is pleased to sponsor the Kite Kinetics Workshop and Display.

For more information visit [www.kitekinetics.com.au](http://www.kitekinetics.com.au) or the event website [www.festivalofthewind.org.au](http://www.festivalofthewind.org.au)

### ENERGY EFFICIENCY

#### Cooling your home

Now that we're in warmer months, run your air conditioner at 24°C. Each degree difference can significantly affect running costs. Cooling your home slowly is much more efficient. Try to run your air conditioning system earlier rather than switching it on for 'instant' comfort.

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## Cross country cycle 'daunting'

By Rex Drabik

CHRISTIAN Tyler and Jayne Hanford said the decision to travel around Australia by bicycle was probably the most daunting decision of their lives.

"Once we left and got out into the country we realised what a huge journey we had committed ourselves to," Ms Hanford said.

Mr Tyler and Ms Hanford left

from New South Wales more than year and a half ago and have since cycled across the continent.

"We went up through Queensland and then into the Northern Territory," Ms Hanford said. "From there, we crossed into the north of Western Australia.

"Western Australia was probably the hardest part of the journey.

"The headwind in the north of the state was very strong and get-

ting access to drinking water was also difficult."

After travelling down the coast of the state, the couple spent some time in Perth before gradually making their way to Esperance. "We'll be staying here a bit before braving the Nullarbor," Ms Hanford said.

The couple said they were cycling around Australia to raise money for bush heritage conservation.

## Exhibition to coincide with festival

By Rex Drabik

A NEW exhibition at the Esperance Museum will be opened to the public to coincide with this year's Festival of the Wind, due to be held from March 15 to 17.

The new exhibition will feature previously unseen art works, digitised glass slide images from over 100 years ago and a DVD of well-known locals recounting sea stories from Esperance's past.

"We have been working with the Esperance Bay Historical Society and the Esperance Museum to create a nautically-themed historical exhibition that will complement the launch of the Festival of the Wind," festival coordinator Paula Nankiville said.

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Festival of the Wind coordinator Paula Nankiville and Esperance Museum curator Wendy Plunkett say the new exhibition will showcase Esperance's maritime history.

include art not previously shown in public. We hope that all ages will come along and support the event."

Esperance Museum curator Wendy Plunkett said the exhibition would showcase Esperance's rich maritime history.

"We hope this exhibi-

tion will help create more appreciation for Esperance's maritime history. The digitised glass slide images are fascinating and offer a glimpse into the Edwardian era. They capture not only a former way of life but also the cultural values of the time."

## Jetty closed for work

ESPERANCE'S Tanker Jetty was closed last Thursday morning, with the iconic landmark now a construction site while the initial stages of Waterfront project begin.

Shire of Esperance chief executive officer Matthew Scott said attempts had been made to keep the site secure.

"It is a difficult site to make 100 per cent secure," he said. "There are physical barriers and signage in place in an attempt to restrict access, similar to any other construction site."

Work has now begun on the physical decommissioning of the first 80 metres of the Tanker Jetty to allow for the creation of a headland at the base of the jetty.

Once the headland is completed, the Tanker Jetty will be reconnected with the coast with a purpose-built bridge, again allowing access to the public.

Shire president Mal Heasman asked residents to respect the exclusion areas to allow contractors to work efficiently during this phase of the project.

"Fencing and signage are in place to make a work area that is both safe for the community and the contractors," he said.

The timbers being removed from the jetty will be stored at the shire depot and incorporated in landscaping designs and public art along the foreshore.

### Esperance Port Access Corridor Project Keeping you Informed

#### Community engagement survey

Help us understand if our communication strategy is effective by participating in our online survey.

See Friday's Esperance Express for the link.

If you would prefer to receive a paper survey contact the community relations team via [epac.info@jhgc.com.au](mailto:epac.info@jhgc.com.au).

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