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 POWER

## Esperance Planned Power Interruptions

**Where?**

Connolly Street (between Pink Lake Road and Cherrywell Road), Pink Lake Road (between Downes Street and Eleven Mile Beach Road), Valley Road, Downes Street, Princess Street North, Princess Street South, Cherrywell Road (between Downes Street and Esperance Parade), Esperance Parade, Barron Close, Common Road, Alana Street, Borefields, Barook Road, Tuart Forrest Grove, Dunkley Circuit, Helms Drive (between Dunkley Circuit and Kingsmill), Kingsmill, Canning Drive, Mayfield Place and Mississippi Bend.

**Date**

Thursday 29th August  
 9.00am - 3.00pm

**Why do we need to have the power interruption?**

The power interruption will enable the replacement and upgrade of power poles throughout Esperance to improve the safety and reliability of your electricity supply. Horizon Power thanks the community for its patience and understanding while this essential work takes place.

**Do you have any queries?**

Please contact Horizon Power's Esperance Office on 9072 3400.

I WAS quite sad to read "Jetty future to be decided" (*Esperance Express*, August 23) with the comprehensive list of things our poor old Shire of Esperance has to do to maintain our assets.

The inevitable conclusion led up to show the "What else can we do?" attitude of councils over the past 20 years to the need to safeguard our iconic jetty.

Before the last election I berated the then council for the 20 years of neglect which had brought the jetty to its knees.

I thought when we dumped most of them that a new start was in the offing and we may get some action at last.

Ha! The previous council spent \$100,000 on a divers' report to show what needed doing.

What did they do? They sent the report to another consultancy to see what they should do - another \$100,000.

That report said it would be cheaper to pull it down and rebuild.

As far as I am aware piles of money were always available from grants, council funds and community fundraising to do some maintenance but not a nail was driven.

The last million was hurriedly spent on

drainage to prevent its loss.

Never mind, a new council (now highly paid), a new day and who knows?

We do! It is the same as before.

Pull the jetty down for sure but build a new one?

We should be so lucky.

Commission yet another report.

The state government is first in the firing line - they gave council \$150,000 for taking responsibility for its maintenance and not a further cent has been forthcoming.

We must wonder how strongly councils have fought for a fair go.

We have had one and sometimes two members of parliament living here.

How brutally have they been pestered for a fair go?

Busselton has had considerable donations from state taxes over many years totalling \$30 million but then they have the good fortune to be a swinging seat and both sides have been running to them with the cheque books out.

The 'new' jetty was built in 1934 - my father helped build it.

He and I and my three brothers have fished off it, plus my four children, nine grandchildren and four great-grandies.

Thousands of Goldfields people have also used it over its 78-year lifetime and many have indicated they won't be coming back without the jetty.

Council appears to have allowed the Taylor Street Jetty, which was given to the people of Esperance by Minister McIvor when Bandy Creek Harbour was built, to be allocated to one commercial user and fenced off to the public.

I believe any councillor who supports the demolition of this icon without a replacement should hide their heads in shame.

We have been deluged with money for the you beaut SuperTown project.

What do we badly need most?

A new hospital to replace the disgracefully outdated one we have and a repaired or replaced jetty to service locals, tourists and cruise liners.

So, come on councillors, show us what you are made of.

Nothing is impossible if there is a will to get it done.

I would be most happy to be shown to be barking up the wrong tree.

**Merv Andre**

## GST woes wasted votes Timely reminder of Crook record

IN response to Colin de Grussa ("Liberals lacking on GST share", *Esperance Express*, August 21), the retiring independent WA Nationals federal MP went off to Canberra with the election promise of reversing the GST rip-off.

He had ample opportunity of negotiating a result when he was the deciding vote in parliament on legislation, and most notably his vote on the 1.8 per cent flood tax levy, which could have helped him achieve his cause.

The vote went through Parliament at 73-72.

This cost the WA taxpayers a rough researched figure well in excess of \$180 million and gained WA nothing.

The claim by the WA Nationals that the Liberals had not supported them in trying to change the GST when the

coalition was in opposition, is being tricky.

The independent for O'Connor was the one rubbing shoulders with the Labor government and he wasn't able to achieve a change in the share of WA's GST.

To change the GST you need the majority of the states to agree.

The thinking voter would have to wonder why the WA Nationals are trying to go to Canberra with the same election promise when both major parties have said they will not deal with independent representatives.

Please don't waste your vote and send an independent for O'Connor to Canberra again.

**Tom Brown**  
**Esperance**

## Ratepayers paying for waste

I AM writing this letter in regard to our new rates this year.

They are outrageous.

They send me my bill in September but the billing period starts on July 1.

I pay my rates by direct debit on a weekly payment system which suits us.

They now tell me I have to pay interest on the six week overlap which is there fault not mine.

The shire doesn't do anything in my street.

The only thing it does is collect the rubbish. The street is never swept by

street sweeper, verges are never mowed. Nulsen is a disgrace.

Are our rates paying the electricity that is used by shire office?

It's so hot in there it's ridiculous and at the depot they leave the air conditioner on all night so the office is warm on arrival next day.

Waste is all I see and we are paying.

The council needs to take a long look at this town. as \$1429 is obscene rates for this Nulsen area.

**Carolyn Matheson**  
**Iona Street, Esperance**

### THUMBS UP

TO all the children who entered the AATFA awards this year. Fantastic effort. A great night.

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TO booking holidays.

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TO heaters in this cold weather.

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TO fabulous art exhibitions. It is fantastic to be able to view the quality work of our local artists.

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TO the young musicians and singers who participated in the Music Festival at the Esperance Civic Centre on the weekend.

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TO the workers who took our garden waste away for us and moved our letterbox where we wanted it.

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TO awesome weather on Saturday, was a fantastic family day.

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TO good coffee on tired mornings.

### THUMBS DOWN

TO the woman who at high

speed, ran the stop sign at Padbury Street and Pink Lake Road on Monday, passing between my car and the car behind me. She did not look and did not even try to stop.

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TO work colleagues who do not take on the full responsibilities of their job.

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TO motorists who do not understand WA Road rules. It is legal for cyclists to travel two abreast.

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TO people who cannot read. Stop means stop, not go.

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TO the motorists who drive too close to the centre of the road.

Whatever happened to keeping as close as possible to the left hand side?

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TO power outages and going to work without my morning tea.

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TO small-minded vandalism. Use your brain and find something else to entertain yourselves.

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TO roadworks that meant ripping out a grove of olive trees from the neighbour's yard. Now we have headlights through the front of our home all night.

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TO all the rubbish being left behind on our beautiful beaches. We went to a beach near Bandy Creek at the weekend and came out with a bag of rubbish.