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Today in History

Today is Monday, October 14, the 287th day of 2013. There are 78 days left in the year.

1322 Robert the Bruce of Scotland heavily defeats King Edward II of England at Byland, north of York. Edward is thus forced to accept the independence of Scotland.

1586 Mary, Queen of Scots, goes on trial in England, accused of conspiring against Queen Elizabeth I. (Mary was beheaded the following February.)

1912 Theodore Roosevelt, campaigning for the US presidency, is shot in the chest in Milwaukee. He is saved by his thick coat and a bundle of paper in his breast pocket and goes ahead with a scheduled speech.

1939 British battleship Royal Oak is sunk in Scapa Flow with loss of 800 lives in World War II.

1944 British and Greek troops liberate Athens from Germans in World War II; German Field Marshal Erwin Rommel commits suicide rather than face execution for allegedly conspiring against Adolf Hitler.

Today's Birthdays

Dwight D Eisenhower, US general and 34th president (1890-1969); Sir Roger Moore, UK actor (1927-); Mia Wasikowska, Aussie actress (1989-).

Thought for Today

It is amazing how complete is the delusion that beauty is goodness.

Leo Tolstoy, Russian author (1828-1910).



# Input needed on future of tanker jetty

FROM THE COAST

Malcolm Heasman



The shire was glad to see so many local residents at the information session we held about the tanker jetty.

About 300 people came to further their knowledge of the current condition of the jetty.

The event was an opportunity for people to see for themselves the poor state of the retrieved jetty parts and the photographs of structural damage.

Councillors and shire officers were also available to answer questions.

Councillors then held an information stall at the Museum Village Markets and there will be a further opportunity to see the display at the shire stand at the Esperance Agricultural Show.

The aim of these sessions is to share with the community the shire's knowledge of the current condition of the jetty.

The structural report completed in August gave us a long list of compromised jetty parts and highlighted six piles that are in urgent need of remedial repairs.

The report underlined the fact the jetty is at the end of its useful life.

Last month council determined to complete remedial work to allow us to safely restore temporary pub-

lic access to the jetty.

The reality is the predicted lifespan of timber jetties is 25-40 years.

The tanker jetty, built in 1935, is now 78 years old.

Repair works over the years have allowed this lifespan to be extended such that it has already significantly outlived the expectations of its builders, but sadly, even if we had the money to keep patching it up, old age has finally got the better of it.

In the same way that wealth cannot endlessly remedy the effects of ageing in humans, the tanker jetty cannot be restored.

What we can do is ensure Esperance has a jetty the community can enjoy.

Council is committed to this ac-



Ageing icon: The Esperance tanker jetty.

tion, having resolved to replace the tanker jetty in 2011.

If you have strong feelings about

having a jetty in Esperance's future, I urge you to attend one of the community feedback workshops the shire will hold on October 30.

Community input will be collated and will guide council in future decision making.

Council needs your input so we can be sure we are acting in the best interest of the community.

The workshops will be held at Esperance Bay Yacht Club at 1pm and 6pm.

Please come along and let us know your priorities with regards to replacing the tanker jetty.

We look forward to hearing your ideas.

# Go one step further with property register

ON THE BEAT

Kalgoorlie Police

Nobody likes being a victim of burglary. What do we do to reduce the risk of becoming a victim?

We improve the security of our homes by taking measures such as installing security lights, window locks, dead bolts and monitored alarms.

We secure our yards by cutting back plants and shrubs, getting a dog and locking up our garages and access gates.

Having a strong crime prevention mentality is fantastic and will go a long way to ensure you never

become a victim of a burglary.

What many people do not consider is going that one step further and marking their property and recording it on a property register.

In the event of being burgled marking your property makes ownership clear, it will deter theft and also assists police in returning the property to its rightful owner.

Each and every year police recover numerous items of property that despite best efforts is unable to be returned with no owner being identified.

It is recommended you mark your property with your WA driver's licence number near the serial

number. If the item does not have a serial number, mark it on the back top right hand corner. Items that can't be marked such as jewellery should be photographed.

Kalgoorlie Police have ultraviolet marking pens available through the Crime Prevention Officer to mark your property without causing damage to it.

Keeping a register of all your property, particularly the items of value, will assist in identifying what has been stolen and provide police with important information about the property to assist in its recovery.

You would need to record the

property type with a brief description, colour, value, make, model and serial number. You should also record the date of purchase and indicate if it has been marked with your WA driver's licence number or not.

Any photographs taken of your property should be kept with the register and stored in a safe place. A good example of a property register can be found under the resources tab at [communitysafety.police.wa.gov.au](http://communitysafety.police.wa.gov.au). Why not make time this week to take that extra step to mark and record your hard earned possessions.

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