

## Ordinary Council Meeting Resolutions

Ordinary Council Meetings are always open to the public and provide an opportunity to ask questions. This week's Ordinary Council Meeting took place on Tuesday 23 January resolving to:

- Support the introduction of Third Party Appeal Rights for decisions made by Development Assessment Panels in regards to the WALGA Proposal
- Adopt the Policies to support the Activities in Thoroughfares, Public Places and Trading Local Law 2016
- Request the CEO commence the process for the development of a new Fencing Local Law
- Adopt the Corporate Business Plan 2017/18 – 2020/21
- Accept the invitation received to attend the 30th anniversary of the Twin Towns relationship in Il de Ré in 2018 on behalf of Cr Victoria Brown, Ms Cathy Bamblett, Ms Catherine Davies, Mrs Amanda Thomas, Ms Megan McDowall, Mr Phil Jones, Cr John Parsons and Cr Piercey
- Relinquish Management Orders over Reserves 21360, 24633, 26912 and 27365 in favour of the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions

Want to know what is happening in Council each month? The agenda includes all reports Council must make decisions on, minutes from Council and committee meetings, monthly financials and an operational report. To read the full the Agenda and Minutes please go to the Shire's website.

### Upcoming Meetings

Agenda Briefing: 1pm, 20 February, Council Chambers  
Ordinary Council Meeting: 4pm, 27 February, Council Chambers

## Do you have questions about Pink Lake?

### Why has Pink Lake lost its colour?

Esperance's Pink Lake has lost its pink colour due to a number of contributing factors. With the construction of the railway line and South Coast Highway, Lake Warden and the eastern lakes no longer flush into Pink Lake during heavy rains, this flushing brought in accumulated salts from other lakes into Pink Lake. Commercial salt mining, which began in 1896 & ceased in 2007 also reduced salt levels in the lake.

Further reductions to the lake's salt concentration has been caused by freshwater entering the system through a combination of surface water inflow and increased groundwater inflow due to clearing in the catchment area associated with nearby subdivisions of land.

Essentially, increasing salt concentrations, combined with decreasing water levels from evaporation during summer, trigger the appearance of the pink colour that can be seen in lakes across the country.

### Is Pink Lake's real name Lake Spencer?

Pink Lake was once known as Lake Spencer. However, in 1966 the then Shire President, CR W S (Bill) Paterson, requested the name be changed to Pink Lake; seeing this as a positive move in capitalising on a local tourism attraction. Unfortunately over the years Pink Lake has lost its colour due to a combination of environmental circumstances that has meant the name is not quite as fitting anymore.

## Tech Play

Fancy yourself a tech wizard? Would you like to learn about robots? The library held its first Maker Space session this month where you could program robots, play music on fruit and draw paths for little robots to follow. Sound interesting? Maybe you'll have to come along to the library next time and have a try! This was the first session held with more to come in the future.

The library won the National eSmart Week social media competition last year and the prize included a \$5000 'Maker Party in a Box' kit, packed full of digital toys to host specialist workshops which will encourage everyone to learn about technology by playing with it. The library is eSmart accredited and promotes smart, safe and responsible use of technology.



Welcome to a new way of getting around Esperance

There's exciting new changes happening to public transport in Esperance.

### New ticketing system

SmartRider is a reusable smart card which allows easy travel anywhere on the TransEsperance system. You simply add value to your card before you travel, then 'tag on' and 'tag off' at the start and end of your journey. SmartRider automatically calculates the lowest fare, and includes discounts and entitlements for students, seniors and pensioners. SmartRider can also be used on other TransRegional and Transperth services.

### New bus stops

New bus stop posts will soon be installed around the Esperance region. Remember you can only board the buses at TransEsperance bus stops.

### Still have existing MultiRider tickets?

No worries. Following the introduction of SmartRider, passengers will have three months to use the remaining value on any MultiRider tickets they may have.

Like to know more?  
New brochures telling you all about the SmartRider system will be available in local schools and throughout the community. You can also call the TransEsperance depot on 9072 1177, or the InfoLine on 13 62 13 (TTS 13 62 13).  
Hearing or speech impaired? Call via NRS 133 677 and ask for 13 62 13.

Public Transport Authority  
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## Time Team Expert Guy de la Bedoyre is coming to Esperance!

He'll be doing a talk at the museum on 13 February at 6.30pm and it will be gold coin entry.

Kids can spend a night at the museum on Wednesday 14 February at 5pm, it's \$5 and bookings are essential. Contact the library on 90831500.

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