

## From the Ordinary Council Meeting

Ordinary Council Meetings are always open to the public and provide an opportunity for community members to ask questions and hear what is happening in Council. This month's Ordinary Council Meeting took place on Tuesday 23 July with Council resolving to:

- Lay the Esperance Civic Centre Public Art item on the table to allow for liaison with a qualified public art professional to provide advice on how to best outwardly portray and promote the Civic Centre so it is seen as a premier event space for both locals and visitors
- Authorise the issue of a Direction Notice under the Planning and Development Act 2005 to require cease the unauthorised development effective 20 August and require the owners to either obtain a development approval or remove development within 60 days
- An exemption was granted allowing a residential property owner to keep more than two dogs subject to several conditions, including compliance with the Dog Act 1976 and Dog Local Law
- Rates Concessions were granted to properties that were deemed to have limited access to services, including no roads and infrastructure or had a very low valuation
- Appoint Mr Philip Jones as community representative to the Esperance Twin Towns Committee.

## Upcoming Meetings

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

## Photos of Pink Lake when Pink?

The Shire of Esperance is working with local environmental consultants to look at the parameters and options to make Pink Lake pink again. The goal behind wanting a pink Pink Lake is based on tourism, environmental and community amenity values.

The work will include investigating environmental and ecological values, current conditions and constraints for making Pink Lake pink and the potential engineering options, costs and barriers to this. This may include restoring the water balance with Lake Warden now being the terminal lake for the western Lake Warden Wetland System, and to migrate salts from Lake Warden to Pink Lake.

This project will be completed in partnership with the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attraction and the Lake Warden RAMSAR Technical Advisory Group.

To help with our investigation we are looking for photos of Pink Lake when it was pink. If you have photos that you are happy to share we would appreciate if you could send a copy to us, and if known, let us know the year and month the photo was taken. We would prefer a digital copy if possible, which can be sent to us via email or through Facebook.

## Budget Time

The Shire of Esperance 2019/2020 Annual Budget was adopted at a Special Council Meeting held on Tuesday 30 July.

A balanced cash budget was presented to Council representing \$74m cash expenditure (made up of \$34m operating and \$40m in capital). This is being funded from \$21m in rates, \$20m in other operating revenue, \$13m in Capital Grants, \$16m from Net Reserve Transfers and \$4m carried forward from previous year projects.

Key capital expenditure items that are to be implemented in this year's Annual Budget include \$7.5m for Jetty Replacement project (deconstruction and construction), \$7.1m new Indoor Sports Stadium, \$20m Road Maintenance and \$1m Scaddan Country Club Upgrades. \*

## Skylab Anniversary draws to a close

The Shire of Esperance would like to thank all those involved in the celebrations of the Skylab 40th Anniversary Community Program.

Over 1000 guests walked through the doors of the Esperance Museum during the school holidays, 6-21 July. This is more than quadruple the July average experienced over the last few years. All events were well attended, with over 300 people attending the Searching for Skylab Premiere at the Civic Centre and 'Skylab Redux – Out of Orbit' exhibition at the Cannery Arts Centre respectively.

Hosting events of this nature are made possible with collaboration and support from local organisations and businesses. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our event sponsors and partners: Freight Lines Group, Retravision, Cannery Arts Centre, International Centre for Radio and Astronomy Research, 103.9 Hope FM Community Radio, Esperance Library Friends, Apex Club of Esperance, Esperance Bay Historical Society, Rotary Club of Esperance Bay and Shire of Esperance - Waste Revolution.\*

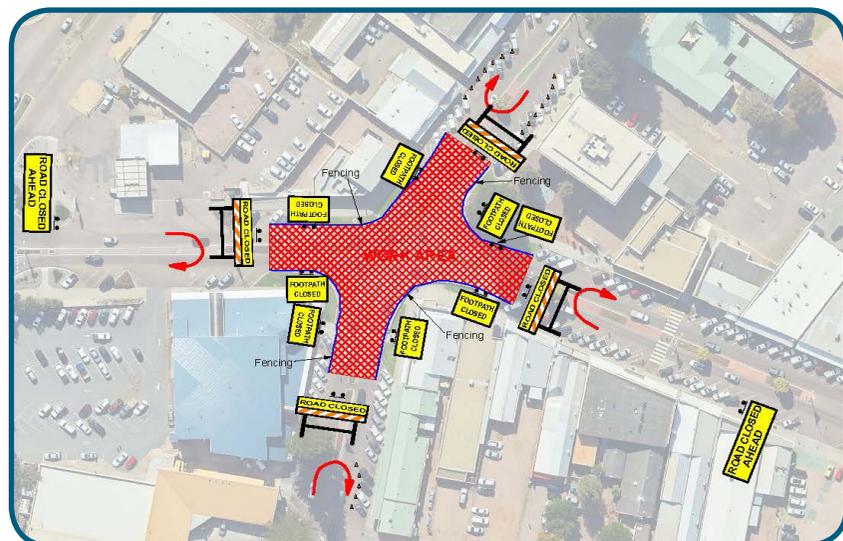


## Weekend Roundabout Closure

The Dempster/Andrew Street Roundabout will be closed 5.30pm Friday 9th August until 6.00am Monday 12th August 2019. Access to all shops will still be available, please note the traffic management plan.

Asphalting works are required to be undertaken for the new roundabout. The complex works to the roundabout require a full two days of work, which will be done over the weekend to keep disruption to a minimum. No vehicular traffic will be able access this area during this time. Works include raising drainage pits, profiling (which is milling and removing the current surface) and placement of new asphalt.

To limit disruptions to local businesses all four entrances to the roundabout will be turned into Cul de sacs to maximise traffic flow to all trading businesses. Traffic Management will be in place throughout the closure. \*



\*Visit the Shire website to learn more or to read the reports mentioned.