



## New Shire of Esperance CEO Appointed

The Esperance Shire Council is pleased to announce that Shane Burge has been appointed as the new CEO of the Shire of Esperance. Mr Burge brings with him over 22 years' experience in the local government sector where he has held several senior executive positions. Esperance Shire President Ian Mickel said he and the Council believed Mr Burge was the best person for the role. "Shane was selected from an extremely impressive field of candidates," he said. "We are delighted that Shane will be leading our organisation, working with the community towards a bright future." Shire of Esperance CEO Shane Burge said he was honoured to be offered the position.

## Jetty Construction Reaches Halfway

The new Esperance Jetty reached the halfway mark on 7 October with contractors, Maritime Constructions, driving bent 23. Esperance Shire President Ian Mickel said reaching the halfway mark was a significant milestone. "This year has been full of twists and turns and this project has certainly not been immune to that," he said. "From inclement weather to COVID-19, the jetty build has had its challenges, however, it now seems to be powering along nicely." Shire of Esperance CEO Shane Burge said he had been keenly observing the continual growth of the jetty out into the ocean each day. "We had hoped the jetty would be a little further along by now and completed by the end of the year, however, we are still on track as per the contract to be finished by March 2021," he said.



## Shire Raises Funds for Lylah

The Shire of Esperance has raised close to \$11,000 towards a customised mobility van for Lylah Schmitt and her family. Shire of Esperance Construction Team Leader, Rob Schmitt's daughter, Lylah, has ongoing health conditions, which have resulted in her being confined to a wheelchair for most of her young life. To support the Schmitt family the Shire's Human Resources Department facilitated an initiative inviting employees to donate the cash equivalent of their annual leave hours towards the cause. A total of 22 employees donated 186.6 hours of leave. Other Shire fundraising events raised an additional \$1600. Lylah's mum Jaymee Schmitt said the community had gone above and beyond for her family. "It's hard to put into words how thankful we are," she said.

## Adventureland Park Ship Playground Open

The Shire of Esperance opened the upgraded 'ship' playground in the Ralph Bower Adventureland Park to the public on 16 October. The area includes a large custom built ship with climbing elements and massive slide, a giant swing and a flying fox/cable way. The upgrades are part of stage two of the Ralph Bower Adventureland Park Implementation Plan 2018, which was developed by the Adventureland Park Management Committee and the Shire. Shire of Esperance CEO Shane Burge said he was impressed with the amendments to the play area. "These additional elements, including the custom designed ship, are unique to Esperance and set Adventureland Park apart from other playgrounds," he said. Thank you to Lotterywest for the funding towards the new playground and the support of the Adventureland Management Committee and Southern Ports.



## Upcoming Council Meetings

Agenda Briefing: 17 November 2020 at 1PM

Ordinary Council Meeting: 24 November 2020 at 4PM

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