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## 2021 Community Grants Program Open

The Shire of Esperance's annual Community Grants Program is now open to local not-for-profit groups and associations to receive financial support for projects, facilities, equipment, programs, events and activities. The Community Grants Program is designed to develop and actively support local organisations and individuals who positively contribute to the wellbeing and cultural life of the region. This year there are four different grant categories: **Support** - Grants worth up to \$1,000. Open all year round, closing at the end of each month with recipients decided on the 15th of the following month; **Assistance** - Grants worth between \$1,000 - \$5,000. Applications close 15 March 2021; **Development** - Grants worth \$5,000 and over. Applications close 15 March 2021; **Events** - Grants worth \$1,000 and over. Applications close 15 March 2021. More information on the program can be found at [www.esperance.wa.gov.au/community-grants-program](http://www.esperance.wa.gov.au/community-grants-program).

## Civic Centre to Receive Facelift

The Shire of Esperance has commissioned Western Australian artists Chris Nixon and Andrew Frazer to design and deliver a new public artwork to be located on the façade and entrance of the Esperance Civic Centre. This project is a continuation of the Civic Centre Renovation Program, which has already seen major interior upgrades including the repainting of the roof and rendering of the exterior brick walls. The artists' conceptual plan includes a mural on the building's façade and an entrance lighting feature. The brief called for potential artists to develop an artwork that was welcoming both day and night, and that would become a landmark for the town and a source of pride for the community. Applicants were asked to consider the diversity of the Civic Centre's functions and develop a design that was conscious of the centre's many uses. The project is set for completion by mid-2021.



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## Esperance Indoor Stadium to Receive Makeover

The Shire of Esperance is inviting the Esperance community to attend artist-led workshops to help contribute to a new mural for the Esperance Indoor Stadium. The workshops, facilitated by the Shire, the Cannery Arts Centre and Esperance Community Arts, will see artist George Domahidy collaborate with the community to develop the artwork. The new large-scale mural will cover the exterior walls of the stadium and will aim to express energy, vibrancy, playfulness and a sense of fun. The project is supported through the State Government's Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries, the Royalties for Regions Program (as part of the Regional Arts and Cultural Investment Program), Regional Arts WA and Lotterywest Creative Communities COVID-19 Recovery Program. Workshops are currently being held with Mr Domahidy and community members to develop the artwork.

## Shire Receives Beach Enclosure Funding

The Shire of Esperance has received \$400,000 in funding from the State Government for a beach enclosure at the James Street groyne. The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development has committed the funds for the purchase and installation of an enclosure with ongoing operational costs to be funded by the Shire. Last month the Shire announced \$322,556 allocated towards a lap pontoon, aimed at encouraging ocean swimming inside the larger enclosure at James Street. The enclosure is expected to be complete before the start of next summer.



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## Upcoming Council Meetings

Agenda Briefing: 16 March 2021 at 1PM

Ordinary Council Meeting: 23 March 2021 at 4PM

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