

Council Connections



03/05

James Street Cultural Precinct

The Shire has been engaging with the community on the proposed James Street Cultural Precinct, which aims to position the area as a hub for local culture, tourism and history. The Precinct builds upon the Esperance Town Centre Revitalisation Master Plan 2015-2035, which identifies a cohesive vision for James Street that incorporates the existing history and current culture of the area, whilst also looking towards the future. The consultation process involved gathering feedback from the community and stakeholders. Three 'scenarios', outlining potential layouts of the Precinct, were created using feedback received and were then used as inspiration for the community to create their own ideal precinct using elements from each. The feedback will be used to develop a final concept before being decided upon by Council.



Community Perception Scorecard Results Positive

The results from the Shire's 2021 MARKYT Community Scorecard, released in March, were received last month and indicated a significant improvement in community opinion on most operational services and facilities provided by the Shire compared to previous years. The Scorecard received 900 submissions from community members, which rated Shire services on a scale from 'excellent' to 'terrible', resulting in Esperance receiving a score of 81/100 as a place to live, five index points above the Shire's previous score. The results indicate which services are being met, exceeding or underperforming and will be used by Council to set the direction of the organisation.



20/05

Shire Employee Wins WA Volunteer Award

Esperance Home Care Volunteer & Client Service Coordinator, Marion Mitchell, has been awarded the 2021 WA Excellence in Volunteer Management Award. The award is presented in acknowledgment of an individual who has demonstrated outstanding practice in the management of volunteers and the delivery of volunteer programs, by those volunteers. We are incredibly proud of Marion for this exceptional accomplishment, and we thank her for her years of dedication helping others through her role at Home Care.



Shire Decides on Waste

Last month Council resolved to enter into an agreement with the Shire of Coolgardie to deliver Esperance's waste to the Coolgardie Waste Facility. The 30-year agreement, commencing December 2022, will see Esperance's waste transported to Coolgardie's landfill. A high-level cost analysis showed that this option was more cost-effective than purchasing land and developing a landfill within the Shire. Council also identified the current Myrup truck wash and liquid waste facility as the preferred site for a future Community Drop-Off and Waste Management Facility, where sorting and processing will take place, significantly minimising the amount of waste transported to Coolgardie. The facility will incorporate collecting, sorting, processing, and transportation of residual materials en route to Coolgardie. The site also has capacity to host the Food Organics Garden Organics (FOGO) program, if undertaken in the future. The Wylie Bay Waste Facility will be operating as normal until further notice.



30/05

Esperance Civic Centre Celebrates 40th Birthday

The Esperance Civic Centre celebrated its 40th birthday with live music, food and drink, and of course, birthday cake. We were thrilled to be joined by Freeman of the Shire and long-time Civic Centre Manager Neville Mulgat, who regaled attendees with stories, reminiscing about past concerts and events. Thank you to all who contributed to making the event a night to remember.



Upcoming Council Meetings

Agenda Briefing: 15 June 2021 at 1PM

Ordinary Council Meeting: 22 June 2021 at 4PM

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