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Climate Change Declaration Made

The Council voted unanimously at the August Ordinary Council Meeting, declaring that climate change is occurring, and it is part of our role to mitigate and manage its impacts on the community. The Climate Change Declaration follows Council's decision to join the Cities Power Partnership Initiative in June 2020. The Shire will work with the community, WALGA, and State and Federal Governments to implement key actions and activities for climate change management at a local level. A significant part of this declaration is to monitor the progress of the adaptation and mitigation actions and then to communicate achievements to Council and the wider community. "We are now one of 45 local governments who have endorsed a climate change declaration and we are pleased to be on this journey," Shire President Ian Mickel stated. "These initiatives have been endorsed because of the passion and support of the Esperance community. We were lobbied by the community to take climate change seriously and I believe we now have the foundations in place to actively make changes and report back to the community."

Nominations Open for Council Election

Have you ever wanted to be involved in the decision making and future planning of your community? Nominations for the upcoming Council election opened on September 2, and all members of our community are encouraged to nominate. There will be no Rural Ward election this year due to the recent Review of Wards and Representation, however there will be four vacancies in the Town Ward election. If you wish to nominate for Council, you must complete the free online induction course, and then contact the WAEC Returning Officer on 0458 805 652 or email LGro_esp@elections.wa.gov.au. More information and the induction course can be found on the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries website. Nominations close September 9. Go on, have a go!



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Plan Approved for Tanker Jetty Timbers

A move to make Tanker Jetty timbers more available to the community was agreed upon at the August Ordinary Council Meeting. Council agreed to a new policy, setting out the requirements for gifting and selling the historic timbers while preserving stock for decorative use in Shire projects. When the Esperance Tanker Jetty was deconstructed, the timber was graded from 1 to 4. This policy covers the use of Grades 1 to 3. The Grade 4 timbers were donated to Esperance Men in Sheds and other local community projects. Community Groups will be able to apply for access to Grade 2-3 timbers, at no cost, if they are creating a public project. The general public will have access to the Grade 3 timber (two pieces per household) for a set price. Proceeds from the sale of the Grade 3 timber will go to the Esperance Jetty Reserve, for the maintenance of the new jetty. The community will be able to access the timbers from August 30 with details on how to apply available on the Shire website www.esperance.wa.gov.au.

Prevent Support Heal

The Shire of Esperance has thrown its support behind the WA Association for Mental Health 'Prevent Support Heal' Campaign. The objective of the campaign is to speak up and say quality mental health should be available to all Western Australians, not just those who need hospital. The 1000 Flowers Project is a collection of 1000 stories from children and their families affected by the lack of community support and prevention for children and young people in the WA mental health system. To download your flower and start telling your story, visit preventsupportheal.org.au.



Upcoming Council Meetings

Agenda Briefing: 23 September 2021 at 1PM
Ordinary Council Meeting: 28 September 2021 at 4PM
at the Condingup Community Centre

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