



Naming of Reserve

Esperance Council have the opportunity to formally name Reserve 41097, the area around the Duke of Orleans Bay, and are asking for community comment before considering the proposal again in 2022. None of the names we are so familiar with in the area would be affected by the naming. The name proposed, Tjaltjraak Boodja Park, comes from the Esperance Tjaltjraak Native Title Aboriginal Corporation, and would recognize the areas immense cultural significance, with a rich history of story places, burial sites, ochre sources, stone arrangements, and archaeological sites describing aspects of ancestral journeys and adventures. To view the proposal visit esperance.wa.gov.au/current-consultations and send your comment through to shire@esperance.wa.gov.au by February 11.

E-scooters Coming to Town

We should be seeing purple e-scooters around town in the days before Christmas, after the Council approved a traders permit for electronic scooters to be made available to Beam Mobility. Each robust purple scooter is expected to last upwards of four years and comes with a purple helmet, anti-bacterial hand grip coatings, enough charge to travel 60 kilometres, and insurance coverage. The scooters are managed by the company using GPS technology that will restrict speeds to 10 kilometres on footpaths and 25 kilometres on shared paths, and riders will be rewarded for parking in the correct locations. We're all excited to use this transport option around our beautiful town.



James St Precinct Masterplan

After two rounds of animated consultation, the community have a final opportunity to provide feedback on the James Street Cultural Precinct Development Plan, available to view at esperance.wa.gov.au/james-street-cultural-precinct. The plan has been heavily influenced by community input. There was popular support for a new co-located facility to house the Esperance Library, Visitor Information Centre, Volunteer Support Centre, Museum, flexible community and arts spaces, and commercial hospitality offering. The retention of the water feature, relocation of the Grace Darling Park and improvement of pedestrian connections were also important. Review the plan and send comments to shire@esperance.wa.gov.au, drop written comments to the Shire Admin Building or post to PO Box 507, Esperance - by January 14.

Good News for Summer Trading

Council considered several matters around summer trading at the November OCM. Council supported extended trading hours between Christmas and New Year. Ministerial permission is being sought for the additional hours, which would allow the option for shops to open on all public holidays between December 26 and January 3. With a reply due mid-December, check for updates here: esperance.wa.gov.au/christmas-retail-trading. Council also resolved to seek expressions of interest for the trial of a trading permit for weekend hours at the Jetty Headland. Contact the Shire on 9071 0627 for details on how to apply. The Museum will be open seven days a week from December 20 until the end of January. Big thanks to the Museum volunteers who generously offered to fill more shifts so this important tourism destination can open every day between 1.30pm and 4.30pm.



Upcoming Council Meetings

Agenda Briefing: 14 December 2021 at 1PM

Ordinary Council Meeting: 21 December 2021 at 4PM

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