



2022 General Electors meeting date set

Council accepted the Shire of Esperance Annual Report, containing the 2020-2021 Financial Report, at the December Ordinary Council Meeting (OCM). The Annual General Meeting of Electors has been set for Tuesday 8 February at 7pm, at the Esperance Civic Centre. This meeting is held to discuss the contents of the Annual Report, and to address any other general business relevant to the Shire of Esperance which may be raised by an elector. We encourage everyone to attend, experience the workings of their local government and raise any issues of importance. Please be aware that electors asking questions are requested to state their name and address prior to asking the question. The Annual Report is available at esperance.wa.gov.au/annual-financial-reports.

Public transport trial

The proposed trial of a town bus service was supported by Council at the December OCM. There have been calls from the community for a town bus service for several years, and this was highlighted again at the recent community consultation with the Strategic Community Plan. Council supported the request to fund 50 per cent of the cost of the trial. The Public Transport Authority will be seeking public feedback on desired routes and times in early 2022, with the trial expected to commence in later months. If the trial is successful, funding of the service will be taken over by the State Government.



FOGO a go-go

Overwhelming public support for a Food Organics Garden Organics (FOGO) bin system was expressed during a recent community consultation by the Shire. At the December 2021 OCM, Council recognised and supported these sentiments. Council will now pursue FOGO and work toward a 2023/24 implementation. This will align with the new Myrup Waste Management Facility and work toward reducing our waste to landfill.

Greater flexibility for Hicks Street Hostel usage

At the December OCM, Council moved to allow greater flexibility for the Hicks Street Hostel. It will now be available for short term crisis accommodation upon referral from a relevant agency, on the condition the arrangement meets the short term use requirement. The Hicks Street Hostel was used as a hospital hostel for remote patients from the 1960s until 2015, when need for the service had waned. The building has had minimal use since then, and it is hoped the effect of the current accommodation shortage in Esperance will be blunted by the provision of this additional option.



Upcoming Council Meetings

Agenda Briefing: 18 January 2021 at 1PM

Ordinary Council Meeting: 25 January 2021 at 4PM

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