



FOGO on the way

Council endorsed options that will help with the implementation of a Food Organics Garden Organics (FOGO) service for the community at the January 2022 Ordinary Council Meeting (OCM). The options will form the basis of service, processing, and cost assumptions for the FOGO Operational Implementation Plan. The Communications and Engagement Strategy was also endorsed at the meeting. So, what's next? The Shire CEO will pursue grant opportunities to provide financial assistance for the potential introduction of the FOGO Service.

Myrup Waste Management Station

The Detailed Concept Design for the Myrup Community Drop Off and Waste Management Transfer Station has been endorsed by Council, with the next step expected to be commencement of related procurement processes such as a Request for Tender for Detailed Construction Drawings, Quantity Survey and associated reports required under legislation. Council also approved a minimum contribution of \$6,713,728 towards the Myrup Community Drop Off and Waste Management Transfer Station Project, from the Shire's Sanitation (Rubbish Removal) Reserve, to satisfy grant application conditions.



Community Grants Program Simplified

A significant review of the Community Grants Program has been undertaken this year, to come into effect from the 2022/23 financial year. The changes are intended to simplify the application and approval process and enable a more responsive approach to supporting community groups. The proposed changes were unanimously approved by Councillors at the January OCM, with recurring operational funding for the Esperance Brass Band, Esperance Community Arts and the Cannery Arts Centre also supported. This removes the need for these community organisations to spend time and resources on the same application process each year. The acquittal process will still apply to confirm grants have been used for the approved purpose and any grant conditions have been met.



Beach Wheelchair Grant

During the consultation phase of the James Street Beach Enclosure, feedback from the Disability Access and Inclusion Workgroup suggested increasing accessibility to the beach and infrastructure through the inclusion of a beach wheelchair, accessibility matting and a storage facility. This has now come to fruition, with Council voting to accept \$10,000 in funding from the WA Department of Communities for the equipment. The Town Beach and Foreshore, along with the all abilities playground, has been designed as an inclusive environment, and accessibility to the beach and swimming pontoon will further enhance the area for all. The equipment has been ordered and it is anticipated that the area will be fully functional by the end of March 2022.



Upcoming Council Meetings

Annual Electors Meeting: 8 February 2022 at 7pm

Agenda Briefing: 15 February 2022 at 1pm

Ordinary Council Meeting: 22 February 2022 at 4pm

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