



FOGO in 2024

The introduction of a Food Organics Garden Organics (FOGO) service for the Shire was approved subject to the successful commissioning of the Myrup Community Drop Off and Waste Transfer Station, and is expected to commence 1 July 2024. Crucial advantages to the FOGO system include a projected annual 3,629t reduction in greenhouse gas emissions, and 3,504t of waste diverted from landfill. Once the new service is online, the weekly rubbish collection will pick up the FOGO bin, while the general refuse and recycling bins will be collected on an alternating fortnightly basis.

Invasive Weed Control

Shire Parks and Reserves staff will keep using a range of tools and options in their overall weed management and maintenance program, while continuing to investigate emerging alternative options. This was backed up by Council's decision at the February Ordinary Council Meeting, after a report on investigations into the use of steam technology and other alternatives for weed eradication was presented. Strategies used for weed control include mulching to smother weeds, competitive planting, hand weeding, biological control and spot, broadscale selective and broadscale non-selective herbicides. The aim is to minimise pesticide use where possible while continuing to maintain the Shire's public open space, parks, infrastructure and reserves to community expectations.



Council to Write to Premier and MPs

Council considered the pro-choice petition tabled at the January Agenda Briefing, requesting that Councillors oppose vaccination mandates and declare the Shire of Esperance a 'Pro-Choice community.' After heartfelt discussion this was not approved due to community support for opposing views, and the need for public health mandates. The Council will write to the Premier and all Members of State Parliament, expressing support for local industry such as agriculture, small business and volunteers and emphasising how the mandates are adversely affecting some elements of our community.

We're Climate Clever!

The Shire of Esperance has partnered with Climate Clever to work towards reducing our emissions, in line with community expectations and our Local Government Climate Change Declaration. Residents, businesses and schools can sign up to the free Climate Clever website (climateclever.org), record baseline emissions with the easy to use calculator, find out what appliances are using the most resources, and get suggestions on how to improve energy waste to save money and reduce carbon footprints. Sign up today!



Upcoming Council Meetings

Agenda Briefing: 15 March 2022 at 1pm

Ordinary Council Meeting: 22 March 2022 at 4pm