



Tjaltjraak Boodja Park

The previously un-named Reserve 41097, inland of the Duke of Orleans Bay, will soon have an official title after Council supported the application to name it Tjaltjraak Boodja Park. The application now heads to Landgate for approval, with signage to be arranged once it has state sanction. The proposed naming was put out for public consultation over summer, with the majority of submissions being supportive. The naming of Reserve 41097 will not affect any existing place names, but it will certainly bring to mind the wealth of knowledge and lived experience held by our local first nations peoples and recognise the cultural significance of the area.

Shire Supports Shark Attack Response

Council resolved to support the position of the Esperance Ocean Safety and Support Group and officially invite the Minister for Fisheries and the WA Premier to visit Esperance to witness conditions on the ground and discuss ways to deal with issues of ocean safety. The Ocean Safety and Support Group's Position on Esperance White Shark Attack Response requests that the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development - Fisheries build capacity within the Esperance community to enable an immediate and effective response to white shark imminent threats and attacks, and Council are happy to support the local community by backing this call.



James Street Cultural Precinct takes the next step

Realisation of the James Street Cultural Precinct is one step closer after Council endorsed the James Street Cultural Precinct Development Plan. Securing a suitably qualified consultant for delivery of a detailed concept design, business case and costings for the priority development packages is about to get underway. The Cultural and Tourism Hub package of the Development Plan, with the library as the major component, will be delivered first. Esperance's existing library is coming to the end of its life and it is a Shire priority to deliver a modern replacement facility to the community. The Museum Village is to be retained in its current location, leaving the option to relocate into the Precinct core open for the future and improving connectivity with the rest of the Precinct in the meantime.

On the road to better safety

Work has begun on two important road safety projects. Fully funded by the joint State and Federal Government Regional Road Safety Program, completed works are expected to reduce run-off-road and head-on car accidents for Eleven Mile Beach Road and Fisheries Road from Ridgeland Road to the end of the sealed section by between 43 per cent and 67 per cent. With the rate of fatal and serious injury road crashes five times higher in regional WA than the same type of crash in the metropolitan area, the Shire are committed to continuing work on, and investigations into, safer roads for the community. The projects will seal road shoulders where required, provide a wider and more forgiving road environment, install Audio Tactile Line Marking to warn drivers when they are leaving the road, and provide centre and edge line marking where missing.



Upcoming Council Meetings

Agenda Briefing: 19 April 2022 at 1pm

Ordinary Council Meeting: 26 April 2022 at 4pm