



## Council Plan Endorsed

The Esperance Council and Shire staff have received their instructions from the community for the next four years after Council approved the Shire of Esperance Council Plan at the May Ordinary Council Meeting (OCM). The Plan is the most important document the Shire has. It is designed to be practical and easy to understand, something people can flick through quickly and absorb information about the Shire's future direction, from infographics and dot points. The Plan is available on the Shire website, or a hard copy can be requested by emailing [shire@esperance.wa.gov.au](mailto:shire@esperance.wa.gov.au) and collected from the Administration Building on Windich Street.

## IGO Recovery Fund Keeps Giving

Esperance Aged Care Facility (EACF) are a step closer to reopening a 10-bed wing after Council approved their request for IGO COVID Recovery Funding at the May OCM. IGO Limited generously donated \$150,000 to the Shire in June 2020 to help the community recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. This has provided a subtle but constant overall boost to our community, with many organisations and businesses taking advantage of the support offered. The funds for EACF will go towards specially designed mattresses, electrical work and painting needed before the 10-bed wing can be made available again.



## Electric Vehicle Chargers in Safe Location

Council approved a request from Horizon Power to licence a small area of land between the War Memorial and CWA House. Fast Electric Vehicle (EV) chargers will be built at the site, allowing up to four cars to charge at a time. After much dialogue Shire successfully negotiated a safe site off the street and in the middle of town. Facilitating the installation of the chargers is in line with the Shire's Climate Change Declaration commitments to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to the impact of climate changes, and our Cities Power Partnership pledges. The chargers will become part of the WA EV Highway, opening up more opportunities for sustainable tourism.

## Memorandum of Understanding with SAFE Esperance

Homeless animals in the Shire will be better off after Council supported a Memorandum of Understanding with SAFE Esperance. Up to three dog and three cat cages in the Shire's Animal Management Facility (AMF) will be available to SAFE under certain conditions, including that SAFE assume full responsibility for their animals, that daily cleaning of facilities used is carried out, and that the cages will only be available when AMF occupancy rates are below 75 per cent. This agreement will exploit empty enclosures at no cost to the Shire, an efficient use of available space for the benefit of homeless animals and the community.



## Upcoming Council Meetings

Agenda Briefing: 21 June 2022 at 1pm

Ordinary Council Meeting: 28 June 2022 at 4pm