



Grants boost community

Council approved applications from eight community organisations for \$230,494 in Annual Grants Over \$3,000 at the June Ordinary Council Meeting, as part of the Shire Community Grants Program. The Community Grants Program is the Shire's principal community investment program, and consists of Small Grants Up To \$3,000 and Annual Grants Over \$3,000. Some of the projects recently funded are an emergency response and storage facility for the Esperance-Goldfields Surf Lifesaving Club, an extension to Esperance Rotary Club's community storage shed, and a trial of a technology pilot for water management during bushfires by Esperance Zone Innovation.

Contribute to holiday home consultation

There are an estimated 150 approved holiday houses in Esperance, with an additional 30 properties estimated to be operating illegally across town. The Shire recognises the increasing demand for short stay properties and the importance of holiday houses to the overall tourist accommodation mix. We want to hear your views on opportunities to better manage the impacts of the short stay accommodation sector on the local community. All the details are available on the Shire website or scan the QR code. Read the Holiday House Briefing Paper and then give your informed opinion through the survey, drop a pin and a comment on the map, or suggest a different option on the ideas wall.



Support for NBL1 games in Esperance

Council got behind an exciting event organized by the Esperance Basketball Association (EBA) when they approved the waiver of venue hire fees for the EBA's upcoming NBL1 Game and associated events in early July. The South West Slammers and Kalgoorlie Giants State Basketball League teams are slated to play two men's and two women's games at the Esperance Indoor Stadium between Friday 8 and Sunday 11 July. A fantastic opportunity for basketball enthusiasts of all ages, umpires, and coaches to participate in free player and umpire clinics on Thursday 7 and Friday 8 July is also on offer.

Museum closure planned for after school holidays

Council noted that the Museum will be closed for six weeks from July 18, allowing hard working volunteers time for a break. Building maintenance, cleaning, and project work will also be undertaken during this time. Big kudos to the volunteers, who stepped up last summer to keep the Museum open seven days a week during the peak tourist season, a huge effort to help the local community and tourism. This is even more impressive when considering the drop in volunteer numbers since COVID hit.



Upcoming Council Meetings

Agenda Briefing: 19 July 2022 at 1pm

Ordinary Council Meeting: 26 July 2022 at 4pm