

Day out for members of Red Hat Society

The local branch of the Red Hat Society enjoyed a day out making cakes and admiring old machinery at the Esperance Mechanical Restoration Group's headquarters on Saturday.

Queen Bee of the Bay of Isles Babes Beryl Stewart said the group meets monthly, with different members organising venues, and they also get together for an informal "hatters natter".

Mrs Stewart said there were 37 members in the Esperance branch and they all enjoyed dressing up for their days out.

"You've got to wear a purple dress and a red hat and lots of bling," she said.

Mrs Stewart said plans were already underway for the group's next appearance at the Christmas Pageant, one of the highlights on its calendar but could not publicly disclose details of its intentions just yet. The Red Hat Society was established for middle-aged ladies, 50 and over, to have fun, dress up, have tea parties and grow old outrageously. It is based on the five F principle; fun, friendship, freedom, fulfilment and fitness.



Molly Bergh, Nona Vine and Imelda Norwood.



Rosemary Wanless, Daphne Diack and Margot Siemer.



Jill Brooks, Beryl Coussens, Shirley Vodden and Sharon Tasker.



Yvonne Morris, Dot Brophy, Sue Staaden and Helen D'Emden. Photos: TIM SLATER

Boost for Esperance

A skydiving team from Red Bull promotions was in Esperance last week filming a spectacular video clip which could boost the region's tourism potential.

The team travelled to Middle Island and filmed a parachute drop over the island, featuring the magnificent pink Lake Hillier.

The finished clip includes footage shot from a helicopter, on the island, attached to skydiver Chuck Berry wearing a wingsuit and another skydiver filming Mr Berry.

Mr Berry has created history becoming the first person to fly over the stunning bubblegum-pink lake on the island which was the home of legendary south coast pirate, Black Jack Anderson more than 180 years ago.

"As a professional skydiver I have been lucky enough to travel the world, but this flight is by far the most beautiful," he said.

"The lake is unique and absolutely mesmerizing; I feel incredibly privileged to have been blessed with this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity."

To view the video, which provides stunning footage of Middle Island and the Recherche Archipelago go to the *Kalgoorlie Miner* facebook page and click on the link.

Tanker jetty closed today

The tanker jetty will be closed from today to allow further construction works to proceed on the headland.

A Shire of Esperance statement said it was not known when the jetty would be re-opened.

"However we are in close contact with the contractors who will keep us informed of the progress," the statement said.

"Temporary access will be made available as soon as it is possible to do so, with the priority being to ensure the safety of the community whilst allowing for the continuation of the construction work that needs to occur."

Updates will be provided as work progresses.



Liz Nash, Beryl Stewart and Jan Gozzi.



Elizabeth Kavanagh, Dawn Stead and Elaine Campbell.