

FROM THE COAST

Creative Design to Fly in Perth

Every year the Shire of Esperance has the opportunity to showcase local artists in Perth during Local Government Week with Banners in the Terrace. This is where designs from 80 Councils around WA are displayed on Banners along St Georges Terrace and Adelaide Terrace.

The Shire held a competition this year to decide on the design to send to Perth and recently announced the winner and runners up of the local Banners in the Terrace competition. Congratulations to the winner - Middle School, Education Support Centre, Esperance Senior High School, the runners up Andrew Reynolds and Charlie Liddelow, and the Highly Commended design by Will Pike.

Over 140 entries came in from schools, individuals and community groups featuring bright bold designs that represent different elements of Esperance. Entries were painted, drawn or digitally created and it was really great to see so many entries this year. Council voted to decide the winning design and discussed the amount of work that had gone into each entry. This year's theme was 'members first' which encouraged entrants to think about how communication and connection are important as members of the Esperance community.

All the entries will be on display in the Esperance Public Library over the next few weeks which will give everyone the opportunity to see the creativity members of our community have. Everyone should be proud of their designs and again it was really fantastic to see so many entries.

The combined effort from the winning entry was also exceptional. This group of students worked together to decide on the elements to include in the design-from the colours used to the features they chose to display. The group decided to include the Whale Tail in their banner and they each painted bold colours which were combined to create the background. They also learnt Aboriginal dot painting which was used for the lettering of Esperance and meant that Aboriginal culture was represented in the banner. I am so pleased this will be representing The Shire of Esperance in Perth this year.

The design will be digitally printed on a banner and will fly in Perth from the end of July to early August this year. It will also be competing against the other banners representing local governments from around the state. Last year Esperance's design by Tanya Jenkyn was Highly Commended in the Professional/Digital Category.