

From the Coast

End of Year Celebrations

As the year draws to a close planning for end of year celebrations are flurrying away behind the scenes and we have quite a few events coming up!

Edge of the Bay is back again this year with even more packed into two days on. It all kicks off with the Esperance Roadwise Community Yoga, markets, music and skateboarding.

We have a fabulous skate facility which will host the Esperance leg of King of Concrete and this will be happening on the Saturday of Edge of the Bay. This competition has Under 12, Under 16, Open and Ladies categories that locals and visitors can be involved in. Some up and coming young skaters are coming to town and I'm sure our local skaters will learn a thing or two from Poppy Olsen, Hayley Wilson, Jedd McKenzie and Zac Callahan.

The Illuminate Festival will be going off at the Soundshell on the Saturday night. Artists Old Blood, Ruby May and Brayden Sibbald will be coming to town and local acts John Ratcliff, Rachel Vibart, Grand Casual and Firehorse will show off our home-grown talent. The Edge of the Bay weekend concludes with the Seniors' Dinner for residents who are aged 60 years or over.

We have some fantastic volunteers in our community and we rely on them for so much; from emergency services to sports coaches and to those just lending a hand. They are vital in keeping our community running. Volunteers are invited for a brekkie celebration for 'Thank a Volunteer Day' on Thursday 5 December from 7.30-10am in the Esperance Museum Garden.

The annual Christmas Pageant is coming together and is on Sunday 10 December. This is something everyone can be involved in. It is a good opportunity for sporting groups and service clubs to be involved in the parade, but there's nothing stopping you from banding together with family and friends to be involved. If being in the parade is not for you, we'll see you there watching the procession go by. There'll also be community markets on this day. You can meet and have a photo with Santa after the parade and then sit down and relax whilst Lions Carols by Candlelight take place.

Head to the Shire's website for more information, there's something for everyone this festive season so see you there!