



## FROM THE COAST

### Esperance Youth

Esperance has some enthusiastic and amazing youth within the community and it's always exciting to hear what these inspiring individuals get up to.

We had a group of students who are passionate about protecting our environment present at the Ordinary Council Meeting last month. Eva Coralan, Zoe Maccan and Kalira Docherty from Esperance Senior High School spoke about the damage to our environment caused by plastic bags and it is heartening to see young individuals driving change in our community.

The new Skate Park has proven to be a huge success following the well-attended opening and skate competition at Edge of the Bay with recent clinics booked out; as a result Esperance will soon have two local skate coaches. Scott Davies and Reese Haslam really stepped up helping out with these clinics and now they are on their way to running workshops of their own.

Earlier this year Daisy Kirchner and Sadie Wheeler were awarded Coastal Bravery Awards after rescuing two tourists caught in a rip at West Beach. It is reassuring to know we have brave members in our community ready to jump to action to help someone out.

We have inspiring young artists, photographers, volunteers and leaders who are already making a difference in Esperance. It is young people like these, and many others, who play a vital part in our community that Council would love to hear from. What better way to plan for youth than to have youth make the plans? Do you want to contribute to make a difference and tell Council about issues that affect young people?

We are looking for passionate and proactive members of the Esperance Community aged between 12 and 25 years to nominate for the Shire of Esperance Youth Advisory Council. The committee will consult and provide guidance to Council and be responsible for youth focused projects, programs and events. This will not be an easy task, but will be a rewarding experience and will build up the skills of the young leaders we have in our community.

If you have ideas and are passionate about making change in your world, then this is the opportunity for you! You'll be able to share and plan what you would like to see happen in your community. Applications and more information can be found on the Shire's website and nominations close 4pm on Friday, 21 July.