

FROM THE COAST

Get Ready for the Garage Sale Trail

You've only got one month to get ready for this year's Garage Sale Trail. Start cleaning out your closets and sheds so that your unwanted belongings can become someone else's treasure. It's a fun and free way to clean up your home, meet new people, make a few bucks and find some great bargains too.

Declutter and get yourself ready to hunt for treasures on the Garage Sale Trail on Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 October. Let's see if we can help 150 other local councils meet the national goal to see 2 million items listed for reuse and enable 120,000 new neighbourly connections Australia-wide over the weekend long event.

Participating in this year's Garage Sale Trail is another way to join in Esperance's Waste Revolution where unwanted and pre-loved goods don't end up in landfill. It gets us thinking about the waste we create and about how we can repurpose things we no longer want.

Hopefully we will have a big involvement again this year. In 2016 we had 31 garage sales registered with both businesses and individuals getting involved. We've got about a dozen sales registered already so if you want to be a part of the Nation's biggest Garage Sale head to www.garagesaletrail.com.au to register your sale.

This will be a busy weekend in Esperance with the Esperance Agricultural Show and the close of polls for Local Government Elections. There'll be so much to do in town, you can enjoy the show, shop for some bargains and while you're out and about drop your postal vote in to the Returning Officer at the Shire if you haven't posted it already.

And on that topic, don't forget this is a postal election. Keep your eyes peeled for postal voting packs in the mail which will arrive in the next few weeks. Completed votes need to go in the reply paid envelopes and can either be posted in the mail or placed in the sealed ballot box in the Shire Administration building. Votes must be received by 6pm Saturday 21 October to be counted, but if you haven't mailed your vote by 19 October it's recommended you use the sealed ballot box at the Shire or hand deliver your sealed vote to the Returning Officer on Election Day at the Shire Chambers. You can find more information at the Shire website esperance.wa.gov.au or the Electoral Commission website elections.wa.gov.au.