



## FROM THE COAST

What's on?

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We have had some great events and initiatives in the Esperance community over the last few weeks and many of these have provided opportunities to learn from one another and share ideas.

Recently a Neighbourhood Watch has started up for Esperance and it's pleasing to see members of the Esperance community jump on board to band together to help keep Esperance safe. We had our first meeting a fortnight ago where we learnt about the history of Neighbourhood Watch, how it works today and what we can do to make a difference. It was great to see this initiative started by Chris Pope, a community member who saw an opportunity to make a difference. There is now an Esperance NHW Facebook page which already has 1475 members. Crime prevention is everybody's business and we aim to be a proactive community, rather than a reactive one. Locals can sign up for eWatch, an electronic Neighbourhood Watch newsletter.

There is a lot happening on Esperance's Waste Revolution front. Many members of our community are passionate about making changes to reduce waste. You may have seen some Councillors during the French week markets and it was a good opportunity to chat one on one about what each individual can do and to try your hand at making bees wax wraps. This was followed up with our Community Waste Workshop where we talked about how we can all avoid and reduce our waste with different tricks for around the home and workplace. This was a fantastic opportunity to share ideas and learn from one another and the enthusiasm in the room was electric. We're only just beginning our journey and every little change each individual makes helps to drive us in the right direction. The Shire is participating in the Garage Sale Trail again this year and I look forward to seeing us build on last year's event, diverting waste from landfill whilst making a little cash on the side.

From Community tree planting, the WAFL, the Yellow Dot Ball and everything in between we have had some great events lately and there's more to come. The Over the Fence Comedy Film Festival was on last night at the Civic Centre, and Barbara and Barry's Sweet, Sour & Saucy is on this Thursday. Tickets are \$30; head to the Shire's website to find out more. It's always lovely to see our community out and about and enjoying life.