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DRAFT STRATEGIC COMMUNITY PLAN OPEN FOR COMMENT

The Shire of Esperance is today releasing the Draft Strategic Community Plan 2017-2027 for public comment. Data has been collated from consultation carried out at the beginning of the year and the Shire of Esperance is seeking further input from the community

The community input received has been invaluable in updating the Plan to be reflective of our current community values and aspirations. Community goals were identified along with future challenges and opportunities during three months of engagement. The Plan has captured the thoughts and ideas put forward, and identifies the strategies and outcomes developed that will work towards achieving these goals and ensure "The Esperance Community is vibrant, welcoming and supportive and values its social connections and natural landscape".

Shire President Victoria Brown said, "We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Esperance community for their input and interest in making sure the Plan is representative of our diverse community. This is the backbone document that guides Council decisions and provides direction for the Esperance community."

Deputy President Natalie Bowman said, "This Plan is really exciting. It is great to see the changes from last time and it is our direction for the future. The outcomes should inspire us and they are goals which we should want to achieve. The finalised Plan will guide the Shire, other agencies and community groups with funding applications for projects that can be linked to desired outcomes and goals within the Plan."

Please head to the Shire website www.esperance.wa.gov.au/strategic-community-plan to review the Draft Strategic Community Plan 2017-2027. All comments need to be made in writing and can be submitted to shire@esperance.wa.gov.au or the Shire administration building. Submissions will be accepted until 13 September 2017.

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