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Pedestrian Crossings

New Pedestrian Crossings will be installed in the Esperance town centre this weekend to enhance pedestrian safety.

The installation of crossings was identified through the Esperance Town Centre Parking, Traffic and Pedestrian Strategy which raised safety concerns regarding the priority for vehicles over pedestrians and identified improvements for pedestrian access.

CEO Matthew Scott said, "The crossings, known as wombat crossings, have been approved by Main Roads and are designed to make crossing safer for pedestrians."

Shire President Victoria Brown said, "Now we will be more like other towns when it comes to crossing the road. This will make walking around town safer for pedestrians and will be more familiar to our visitors.

"It may take local drivers in town time to get used to, so I ask that everyone be patient while we become familiar with the changes."

Crossings will be installed this weekend:

- Around the Andrew Street/Dempster Street roundabout
- Opposite The Esperance and Dome on Andrew Street
- In front of the Police Station
- In front of Professionals Real Estate and Thorp Realty

Crossings on the raised area at the end of Andrew Street and from the library to the Boulevard will be installed in the future. There will also be some changes to parking signage which will mark parking zones rather than individual bays reducing the number of signs on the main streets. You can read the Parking, Traffic and Pedestrian Strategy on the Shire website.

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