



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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## **WYLIE BAY CLOSED AFTER SHARK INCIDENT**

Please be advised that following the tragic shark incident at Kelp Beds on Wylie Bay on Monday 17 April 2017 the area is now closed and will remain closed until further notice.

Shire President Victoria Brown said “We would like to express our deepest condolences to the family of the young girl who so tragically lost her life. This will be a difficult time for them and we must respect the family’s privacy. We are a community that has supported one another in times of tragedy and I don’t doubt that it will again be shown at this time.”

“Please adhere to signage and stay away from the areas that have been closed to allow those investigating the ability to do so efficiently and effectively,” Cr Brown said.

The Department of Fisheries will be conducting beach and water patrols in the area. The Department of Fisheries and WA Police are involved in the leading investigation into the incident and will be handling all media enquiries.

All media enquiries are to be directed to the Department of Fisheries. Please visit the Sharksmart website for further information. [www.sharksmart.com.au](http://www.sharksmart.com.au)

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