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COMMUNITY PLAN READY TO GO

The Esperance Shire Council endorsed the Strategic Community Plan 2017-2027 at the September Ordinary Council meeting. The Community Vision developed will guide planning for the future in Esperance.

“The Esperance Community is vibrant, welcoming and supportive and values its social connections and natural landscape.”

- Community Vision, Strategic Community Plan 2017-2027

The community input received was invaluable in updating the Plan to be reflective of community values and aspirations in Esperance. This is a Plan for the whole Esperance Community and it outlines the goals for planning into the future.

There are five key areas incorporated in the plan from community input:

- Strong **Community Connections** – connecting our community to achieve a healthy, inclusive, active and safe place to live
- To protect our **Natural Environment** – Exploring alternative renewable energy, minimising waste and protecting our natural environment for everyone to enjoy
- To see **Growth and Prosperity** in our local economy – Promoting Esperance as a place to live, work, invest and visit to encourage growth in our region ensuring we have a prosperous future
- To maintain and strengthen our **Built Environment** – Maintaining, upgrading and planning for present and future infrastructure to service the community
- Strong **Community Leadership** – Fostering Leadership and accountable decision making

Shire President Victoria Brown said, “I would once again like to thank everyone who has contributed whether it be in a workshop, by completing a survey or stopping to talk with one of us at the markets or in town. The information you have provided has been instrumental to developing this plan. I’d also like to thank those who provided feedback on the draft Plan when it was open for comment.

“We have been working on this for the past few months and it is exciting to see the finished product. This is a guiding document for the whole community. I encourage everyone to have a flick through it. If you are looking for funding or providing a service that is supported by an outcome in the plan it will be easier to source external assistance.”

A copy of the Strategic Community Plan 2017-2027 can be downloaded from the Shire website, or a black and white printed copy can be requested by emailing shire@esperance.wa.gov.au and collected from the Administration Building on Windich Street.

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