

We always knew Esperance was a super town.

Now it's official.

Esperance has recently been identified to be part of the Royalties for Regions SuperTowns initiative. Esperance will now have access to additional funding to take advantage of the opportunities created by the predicted doubling of WA's population over the next 30 to 40 years. The funding will be used to create new infrastructure, new business opportunities and new jobs to attract more investment and more people to live in the town.

What makes a SuperTown?

Esperance was identified because of its growth potential. The SuperTowns vision is to create balanced communities with enhanced access to services, affordable housing and a diverse range of lifestyle and job opportunities. SuperTowns will offer more choices for people wanting to live in regional areas and provide an attractive alternative to living in the metropolitan area.

Have your say.

To get the discussion started on the future of Esperance as a SuperTown, an official launch by the Minister for Regional Development; Lands, Hon. Brendon Grylls, will be held on Friday 26th August 2011, 12.00-1.00pm at the Esperance Bay Yacht Club. It's a great chance for you to find out how you will benefit and have your say on what Esperance needs for the future.



ESPERANCE EXPRESS – SUPPORTING THE LOCAL COMMUNITY



Cooking on a Budget

Thursday 1st September
@ the Senior Citizens' Centre
11.30am-1.00pm

Be inspired by Sue Melville and let loose the Super Chef within you - without spending a fortune!

Cake Decorating

Friday 2nd September
@ the Senior Citizens' Centre
1.00pm-2.30pm

Discover the secrets of basic cake decorating with expert decorator John Middleton!



Laptop Basics

Monday 5th September
@ the Esperance Civic Centre
2.00pm-4.00pm

Let Kelly Waight show you what your Laptop can do for you -- BYO Laptop!

Art Class

Monday 5th September
@ the Library
7.00pm-8.30pm

Unleash your inner artist. Join George Sutter as he shows you how to bring your art to life!



These workshops have been made possible with funding from The Department of Training and Workforce Development, with support from the Shire of Esperance.

All Workshops are FREE -- BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
Esperance Public Library — 9083 1500

Public is invited to Super Towns launch

AN invitation has been extended to everyone in Esperance to attend the formal launch of Super Towns to find out more about the initiative and how the community can play a key role in planning the future of Esperance and the region.

Minister for Regional Development, Brendon Grylls will officially launch Esperance as a Super Town at 12pm today,

at the Esperance Bay Yacht Club.

The session will be open to the general public and key stakeholders in the Super Towns initiative and will express the minister's vision, as well as key elements of Super Towns.

According to Goldfields-Esperance Development Commission area manager Shane Liddelow, these ele-

ments will include a broad commitment across government to the initiative, as well as a broad overview of the roles of key stakeholders and the next steps so the public understand the way forward and where they may get involved.

The open session will be followed by a closed session at 1.15pm for key stakeholders in the Super Towns initiative.

Sammy saves for the jetty

Esperance mascot Sammy the sea lion – no, not the real one, the bronze statue – is apparently holding onto about \$30,000 which is earmarked for use on the Esperance Tanker Jetty.

Donations over a period of some 11 years have amounted to \$30,521, with between \$2,000 - \$2,500 being dropped into the donation box annually.

Director of corporate services for the Shire of Esperance, Darren Kennedy said that the donations are collected many times a year.

In the 2010 - 2011 financial year, a transfer of \$2,194 was made into a reserve fund.

"This reserve basically holds the fundraising for the Tanker Jetty," Mr Kennedy said.

"It is a shire reserve and is at the discretion of the council to use." Manager of financial services at the Shire, Beth O'Callaghan, said the funds also gain interest in this account.

"The funds can't be spent on anything except the jetty," she said.

This reserve fund is different to the Esperance Tanker Jetty reserve fund that



RUTH Riddell drops some money into the Sammy the Sea Lion donation box on the Esperance Tanker Jetty.

the Shire regularly contributes to for the maintenance and future development of the jetty.

Mr Kennedy said no withdrawals have been

made from the fundraising reserve fund, and that no plans had been made to use it in the near future.

Local artist Chris Siemer donated the

Sammy sculpture used at the donation station, and Esperance local Hans Spengler crafted and donated the rock upon which the bronze Sammy sits.

Local groups urged to apply for grants

LOCAL community groups have been encouraged to apply for the Southern Incentives small grants program, which was recently launched by South Coast NRM.

The grants will be used to help community groups and land managers to look after remnant vegetation, beaches

and coastal reserves.

Applications are invited for grants of up to \$20,000 in two program rounds: Landscape Scale Conservation for projects designed to protect and enhance remnant vegetation, and Southern Shores Coastal and Marine to improve the condition and amenity of coastal

and marine environment of the region.

Application forms and guidelines can be downloaded from www.southcoastnrm.com.au and both rounds must be received by 5pm, Thursday October 6. For more information call South Coast NRM on 9845 8537.

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