



## FROM THE COAST

### Community planting to extend Esperance foreshore

This Sunday will be a great day for everyone in Esperance to come together to help make our magnificent foreshore development even better. Residents and recent visitors to Esperance may have seen the progress of the construction of our new Esperance Skate Park and youth precinct which is set to open in November. A community tree planting will be happening in the area and will see some stunning native species extend the beauty of our waterfront.

The landscaping has been carefully designed by contractors to provide a natural buffer to areas that can be exposed to high winds potentially disrupting skaters as well as blowing sand, rubbish and vegetation litter into the site. Norfolk Island Pines form a link to the Esperance Waterfront tree planting and plants have been carefully selected to suit the conditions and maintain consistency of the existing landscaping and colours of our beautiful foreshore. The location provides users of the facility with an exciting glimpse over the Esperance Bay, Esperance Port and further.

The new Skate Park incorporates the more popular elements of the existing skate park and build on them with the feedback and consultation from our well attended community workshops to create something completely unique. Convic is world renowned for their expertise in designing skate parks and they have worked to maintain consistency in all the design elements including pathways, furniture design, plants and colours to create a space that is seamlessly integrated into the broader Esperance waterfront development. Another consideration during the design phase was ensuring high visibility and accessibility through the entire site to encourage skaters to show their skills to passers-by, provide an all-inclusive area and has the added benefit of minimising the risk of antisocial behaviour. The result will mean a new, unique design featuring different styles of obstacles, that is state-of-the-art, distinctly Esperance and a beautiful space for all members of our community.

2400 seedlings of local species such as Coastal Pigface, Native Juniper and Cushion Fanflower will be planted in the area this Sunday with the help of volunteers in order to re-establish the dunes along the foreshore. The Shire will provide gloves, shovels and drinking water and encourage everyone to bring their own hats and enclosed footwear. This is an all-ages event and no tree planting experience is necessary. Volunteers will enjoy a free sausage sizzle lunch following the event.

If you'd like to help establish this highly anticipated part of our award winning foreshore development come along with hat and your boots to the Community Tree Planting on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 10am at the Andrew St Boat Ramp Carpark.