



## Revitalising the Town Centre

You may have noticed cameras being installed recently at key intersections in the town centre, traffic counters being placed and information collected about parking.

The Shire is collecting data to assist in the development of a Parking, Traffic and Pedestrian Strategy to improve accessibility, connectivity, mobility and safety for everyone in the town centre. Together with community engagement and historical data, the study will help form part of the Esperance Town Centre Revitalisation Plan (ETCRP) which aims to enhance the "central heart" of Esperance.

Past community engagement revealed parking is a significant issue within the town centre for many people. These issues and the overall traffic movement in the town centre will be addressed in the strategy.

We want to make sure our town centre is a vibrant hub for the community and visitors by enhancing public spaces, improving facilities and clearly reflecting Esperance's identity and relaxed lifestyle. To do that we are looking at how our public spaces, streetscapes, and parking areas are being used and how they could be used better. Analysis of traffic issues will help us identify opportunities such as outdoor dining (alfresco), innovative and exciting retail activity like parklets and pop up shops.



Community engagement is being planned for late July and everyone is encouraged to come along and share your thoughts. Keep an eye out on the the Shire website [www.esperance.wa.gov.au](http://www.esperance.wa.gov.au) Shire website, Facebook page, noticeboards and the Shire Flyer where we will keep you up to date.

## How can the Census help Esperance?

The census helps Esperance by estimating our population and identifying demographic markers. These are used to distribute government funds and plan services for our community, including housing, transport, education, industry, hospitals and the environment.

Make sure you mark the 9th August in your diary to remember to complete the Census. The Australian Census continues to be one of the most comprehensive Censuses conducted anywhere in the world, with 45 topics, providing an important snapshot of Australia's people and their housing.

This year will be the first Census where more than 15 million people are expected to complete it online. In the lead up to 9 August, households will receive a letter from the ABS, addressed 'To the Resident', including a unique login and instructions on how to complete the Census online.

Paper forms can be requested where needed and must be completed and returned in the Reply Paid envelope provided without delay. The ABS needs the support of everyone in Australia on 9 August to make the Census a success. Everyone is encouraged to participate and take advantage of the fast, easy and secure online option. Please remember accurate Census data is good for everyone.

### Upcoming Meetings

**Agenda Briefing Session:** 1pm, Tuesday 21 June, Council Chambers  
**Ordinary Council Meeting:** 4pm, Tuesday 28 June, Council Chambers

## Waste Facility Update

Recently some public meetings were held in Scaddan and Dalyup to update the community on the new Waste Management Facility site selection. Some concerns were raised at the Dalyup meeting that a property had been chosen and that the environment could be affected by the operation of a waste facility at the specified location.

Three sites have been identified as the best possible locations for the new facility and investigations have begun at the most suitable site. If the first site does not meet the stringent criteria and approval by environmental authorities, investigations will begin again at the second site, and so on.

Before a decision on a potential site can be made and any significant works commenced, the Department of Environmental Regulation will need to approve the Shire's proposal for the site. The DER's requirements for a waste facility are that the operations must have no impact on the environment and will not be approved if this requirement is not met.

The new facility will be built to a much higher standard and further from housing than the current facility at Wylie Bay and will be screened with the intent that a casual observer would not even know it was a waste facility. The Wylie Bay Waste Facility has a separation distance of 200m from the road. The new facility will be further than 500m from any road and will have only one access point.

The first site is under due diligence and we will have some more answers within the next couple of months when the first stage of the scientific assessment is completed. We will continue to inform the community of our progress any way we can without compromising the acquisition of land. Terms of Reference are currently being developed by Shire staff for a Reference Group which will enable community members and environmental groups to take part in the planning process of establishing the new waste facility.

## Turn Your Organisation Into a Volunteer Magnet

This inspirational & informative workshop will explore: how to attract the best and most diverse volunteers, strategies for balancing the needs of volunteers and your projects, & how to make your volunteer projects magnetic!

Date: Tuesday, July 26th 2016  
Time: 9am - 3pm (lunch included)  
Venue: Esperance Civic Centre  
Cost: \$50 paid staff (Vols Free)  
~ Please RSVP by July 22nd ~



Following the training Andy will present a database demonstration on Better Impact Volunteer Management Software - see what a 21st Century Cloud Based volunteer management system looks like!  
Details: following the training, from 3:15 pm - 4:30pm.  
Please also let us know if you will be attending the demo!

**About The Trainer**  
Andy is a highly respected & skilled trainer and story teller, dedicated to the promotion of effective volunteer management and volunteer engagement. He has written and co-written several books on volunteer management, & served as President of Volunteering Australia.



For more information or to register please contact  
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## FREE Domestic Waste Disposal Weekend

8:30am - 3pm  
11 - 12 June  
Wylie Bay Waste Facility

For more information please contact the Shire on 9071 0666 or visit [www.esperance.wa.gov.au](http://www.esperance.wa.gov.au)

## Esperance Visitor Centre OPENING TIMES

From 1 June - 31 August  
Mon 9am - 4.30pm  
Tues 9am - 4.30pm  
Wed 8am - 4.30pm  
Thurs 9am - 4.30pm  
Fri 8am - 4.30pm  
Sat - 9am-2pm  
Sun - 9am - 12 noon

For more information please contact the Visitor Centre on 9083 1555 or visit [www.visitesperance.com](http://www.visitesperance.com)

## Go digital with the Shire eNewsletter

Thank you for reading the Shire Flyer! If you'd like to stay up to date with news from the Shire of Esperance you can also have the Shire Flyer delivered digitally to your inbox.

If you haven't yet signed up for our eNewsletter you can do so by heading to the Shire website [www.esperance.wa.gov.au](http://www.esperance.wa.gov.au) or click on the Sign Up button on the Shire of Esperance Facebook page.