

## The Shire Flyer



Friday 17 February 2017

#### **Esperance Floods**

We have had widespread flooding across our state which has affected many residents in the Shire of Esperance.

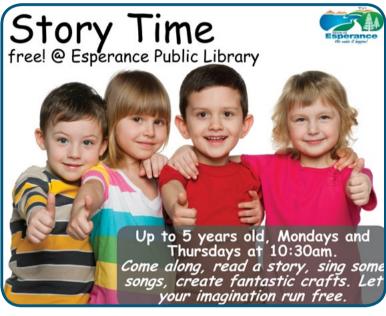
Shire and Main Roads staff have been inspecting roads to assess the damage. Shire roads will be prioritised based on safety, usage and access and works will be completed as soon as practical The flooding has been declared a natural disaster which means we may be eligible for funding.

We thank everyone for their patience and to those who have provided us with information about roads and those who have shared the Shire's notifications. We have a huge distance of road to cover so it will take some time to clean up and repair damage.

If you would like further information please visit the Shire's website or contact us on 9071 0666. If you would like information on Main Roads please visit their website or contact 138 138.







### What will Esperance look like in 10 years?

We need your input on how you would like to see Esperance in the next 10 years. What challenges and opportunities do you see for our town? This information is vital for planning the future and it is important everyone's voice is

heard. Head to our <u>website</u> for more information.

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### Have you ever wanted to study in France?

If you are a student aged between 15 and 18 you are invited to apply for a four week exchange which will see you living with a host family in the Ile de Ré region in France in July. Île de Ré is an island off the west coast of France near La Rochelle and is Esperance's Twin Town. Students will have the opportunity to try new foods, meet new people and experience a different culture.

Applications close Friday 24 February. For an information kit and application form visit our website

### **Upcoming Meetings**

Agenda Briefing: 1pm, Tuesday 21 February, Council Chambers

Ordinary Council Meeting: 4pm, Tuesday 28 February, Council Chambers

Ralph Bower Adventure Land Park Working Group: 3pm 8 March, Council Meeting Room

Esperance Roadwise Committee: 3pm 13 March, Council Meeting Room

## Mosquito Warning for Esperance

The recent flooding has created ideal conditions for mosquito breeding which is likely to result in an increased risk of mosquito-borne diseases. Shire environmental health officers are continuing to set mosquito traps and conducting larvae sampling as part of their mosquito management plan. Mosquito virus activity was found to be present this summer in Esperance and is likely to be triggered again with the recent rainfall events.

Esperance residents are encouraged to be alert and to take precautions to avoid being bitten by mosquitoes. This includes wearing protective clothing when outdoors, using personal repellent, avoiding outdoor exposure at dusk and dawn and using nets and mosquito screens. Some ways to prevent breeding around your home include emptying out or discarding containers that may hold water, regularly emptying, cleaning and refilling of bird baths, stock troughs and pet water bowls, keeping swimming pools properly maintained and free of debris and covering rainwater inlets and outlets, vent pipes of septic tanks, wells or other large water containers with insect proof mesh.

You can find more information at the Healthy WA website.

