**What will Esperance look like in 10 years?**
Keep an eye out for surveys, community forums, Council Corners and Community Conversations. 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 [website](http://www.esperance.wa.gov.au) for more information.

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**Roads**

After all the wet weather we have received, many of the roads within the Shire were damaged and now need work. Next week we will be working on Grass Patch Road and Bishops Road between Fields Road and Belgian Road and Griffiths Road from Between Edwards Road and Field Road. We will sending out ‘Flood Road Works’ Newsletter over the coming weeks to outline the work that has been completed, what we are currently working on, and the areas that are scheduled.

Shire roads will be prioritised based on safety, usage and access and works will be completed as soon as practical.

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.

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**Turtles in Esperance**

Shire Environmental Officers had an exciting visit last week from a wandering female turtle found in Nulsen. Oblong Turtle sightings in Esperance are not common, and the species is normally found from Jurien Bay to Hopetoun. Female turtles travel out of freshwater to open areas to lay eggs so she may have been out to lay eggs after the wet weather. Female turtles travel out of freshwater to open areas to lay eggs. Environmental Officers have released her back in the wild. If you find a turtle or other displaced wildlife on your property please contact Ranger Services on 9083 1533.

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**Upcoming Meetings**

- **Esperance Visitor Centre Management Committee**: 10am, 27 February, Council Meeting Room
- **Audit Committee Meeting**: 10am, 28 February, Council Meeting Room
- **Ordinary Council Meeting**: 4pm, 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
- **Museum Management Committee**: 9:30am, 26 April, Esperance Museum

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**Our Recovery Story**

Don’t forget to contribute your story from the November 2015 bushfires. Submissions close 10 March. The collection of stories, tributes, testimonials, poems & images are to be published in a form of a book.

For some people an important part of the bushfire recovery process is to share their experience.

To submit your contributions, find out more about supplying your story, or to have a representative meet to take down your experience, please contact Amelia 9071 0675 or email: amelia.rolton@esperance.wa.gov.au

For more information visit our [website](http://www.esperance.wa.gov.au).

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**Mosquito Warning for Esperance**

Shire environmental health officers are continuing to set mosquito traps and conduct larvae sampling as part of their mosquito management plan. The recent flooding has created ideal conditions for mosquito breeding which is likely to result in an increased risk of mosquito-borne diseases. Esperance residents are encouraged to be alert and to take precautions to avoid being bitten by mosquitoes.

You can find more information at the [Healthy WA website](http://www.health.wa.gov.au/).

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**Want to know what’s on?**

Check out the upcoming events on the home page of our website. You can search through events in the Civic Centre, Town Centre, on the Foreshore at the Greater Sports Ground and in Council Chambers. You can also look at the What’s On page on the Visit Esperance Website. The long weekend see’s many events happening in town like the VWA Alcohol Think Again Volleyball Tournament at West Beach, The Esperance Open Squash Tournament at The Esperance Squash Club, the Esperance March Tennis Tournament at the Esperance Tennis Club and The Esperance Cup at the Esperance Bay Turf Club.