



Friday 27 January 2017

The Shire Flyer



Australia Day Celebrations

Ray Ryder hosted a free Music Workshop and Open Mic night for all ages on Wednesday night. He gave tips on songwriting, recording, tour management and how to access grants that may get your music recognised. Then on Australia Day he performed at the Australia Day Family Fun Event hosted by The Rotary Club of Esperance. There was a live entertainment, activities, displays and markets. The Esperance Community Citizen of the Year Awards were presented at this event. Congratulations to Michael Harding Citizen of the Year, The Esperance Theatre Guild, Community Group of the Year, Suzanne Jose Youth U25 Citizen of the Year and John Crawley Senior Citizen of the Year.



There was The Australia Day Swim Thru, where keen swimmers braved the cold water to swim 2.5km. Congratulations to Shannon Dixon who finished first. The Outer Fringe World Festival also returned to Esperance with a Circus Spectacular show at the Civic Centre. It featured the Hardly Working Act by the Poncho Circus.



Upcoming Meetings

Agenda Briefing: 1pm, Tuesday 21 February, Council Chambers
Ordinary Council Meeting: 4pm, Tuesday 28 February, Council Chambers



Council Meeting

- Council's New Activities on Thoroughfares and Trading in Thoroughfares and Public Places Local Law 2016 will now go to The Government Gazette before it is enacted. Part of this law allows alfresco dining and relates to signage and trading. It will provide more flexibility in the application process and more consistency for local businesses.
- There were lengthy discussions on minimum requirements for the replacement jetty. Criteria was decided on and Council added the condition of requesting the appointment of a qualified consultant to prepare a draft submission to the Heritage Council, based on the criteria, for feedback before developing detailed designs.
- The State Government have recently created new regulations for planning. This means that an opportunity was available to make town planning more responsive and increase the development potential of most land. Council adopted new Local Planning Scheme No. 24 subject to modifications. This Scheme will replace one that was gazetted in 2010.
- The Financial Services Report - December 2016 and the Information Bulletin - December 2016 were all accepted

To read the full agenda and minutes please go to the Shire website www.esperance.wa.gov.au. Should you have any questions about a report item, please do not hesitate to call the Shire or your elected representatives. Community members are encouraged to source accurate information and ask questions on Shire services.

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Head to the Shire website www.esperance.wa.gov.au to sign up.

Coming Soon

We are reviewing our Strategic Community Plan and will start community consultation soon. The purpose of the plan is to look at the future of Esperance with the input of the community. This will provide a framework to ensure the Shire's resources are used efficiently and deliver initiatives and projects that are important to our community. Have a look at our current Strategic Community Plan on our website.



Volunteering

Are you interested in furthering your skills as a volunteer?

Gilda Davies from Volunteering WA will be presenting training with the Esperance Volunteer Resource Centre next month. There will be training on Event Volunteering and on Leadership in Volunteer Management which will look at how to run and organise an event, different models of leadership and how to maintain and retain volunteers.

Both sessions are on 23 February and are \$33 each, or \$55 for both and include lunch. For more information, or to sign up call 9072 0346 or find the Esperance Volunteer Resource Centre on Facebook.