



From the Ordinary Council Meeting

Ordinary Council Meetings are always open to the public and there is an opportunity for public question time at the start and before the meeting ends. This week's Ordinary Council Meeting took place on Tuesday 28 February with the following outcomes:

- The proposal for the Shire to cover the shortfall from the Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund for the Indoor Sports Stadium was endorsed
- Amendments to the Community Grants Program guidelines and Application Form were endorsed and the program is now open
- Council received the Esperance Town Centre Parking, Traffic and Pedestrian Strategy and resolved to open it for public comment
- Council endorsed the Management Plan for Ralph Bower Adventureland Park 2016-2021 which identifies key projects for future development over the next five years
- Council resolved to conduct the 2017 Local Government Election as a postal election

To read the full agenda and minutes please go to the Shire [website](#). 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.

Upcoming Meetings

Greater Sports Ground Committee: 3:30pm, 8 March, Cannock Chase Meeting Room
Ralph Bower Adventure Land Park Working Group: 3pm, 8 March, Council Meeting Room
Esperance Roadwise Committee: 3pm, 13 March, Council Meeting Room
Agenda Briefing Session: 1pm, 21 March, Council Chambers
Ordinary Council Meeting: 4pm, 28 March, Council Chambers

Community Grants

Would you like to apply for a community Grant? The Assistance, Development and Events Community Grants are now open until 28 April.

The Community Grants Program is the Shire's principal community investment program and there are several grant categories. The aim of the program is to develop and actively support community organisations and individuals who contribute to community wellbeing and the cultural life of the region.

Some previous grant recipients include \$7,000 to the Esperance Volleyball Association Inc for the Alcohol Think Again Beach Volleyball Tour and \$1,500 to Rotary Club of Esperance Inc for Australia Day celebrations.

Does your club have an event planned, need equipment or have ideas for future development? Lodge an application with the Shire!

For more information visit our [website](#).

Mosquito Update



After the recent flooding the Department of Health issued a warning to take precautions against mosquitoes. The Shire received an additional amount of larvicide which Shire Environmental Health Officers have used to treat areas on top of their scheduled treated water bodies. The areas included some storm sumps located in residential areas that were left with a larger amount of water than usual.

The larvicide used will provide some assistance in preventing the emergence of larvae into adult mosquitoes while not impacting negatively on other beneficial insects and the environment.

Health Services also made a visit to the SEPWA post-harvest meeting last Friday to provide farmers with an information pack. The farming community is more likely to be affected due to the ideal conditions for breeding of mosquitoes and subsequently could be at a higher risk of mosquito-borne diseases such as Ross River virus (RRV) and Barmah Forest virus (BFV).

More information can be found on the [Healthy WA website](#).



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](#) for more information.



Our Recovery Story

Next Friday is the last day for you to submit your contribution to Our Bushfire Recovery Story. Sharing your experience may help members of the community with their recovery process.

You can write a story or a poem, submit photos or even draw a picture to reflect your experience.

The book will be gifted, in appreciation, to the firefighters, visiting brigades, community & organisation volunteers, and most importantly those directly affected by the fires. The publication will also be made available to the community.

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:

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