



The Shire Flyer

Friday 12 May 2017



Norfolk Pines

Work was completed this week to treat Norfolk Island Pine trees infected with a fungal disease. Previous testing confirmed the presence of a pathogen called *Neofusicoccum parvum* after some trees had been showing signs of decline from the tops downward. Samples were sent to a laboratory for analysis and recommendations from consultation with the laboratory and a qualified Arborist were to remove the infected part of the tree and apply nutrients to the soil. The removal of the infected area will promote recovery on the trees.

Eight trees were pruned back to take away the infected areas, and five trees needed to be removed entirely as the infection had progressed the whole way down the tree. Two trees identified as potentially needing treatment were found to not be infected by the disease.

The trees will be continually monitored to check the disease has been eradicated and has not spread to other trees. Our annual replanting program is underway and we will look at replacing some of the iconic Norfolk Island Pines that were lost over the next few months.



The black colouring shows the presence of the pathogen *Neofusicoccum parvum*.

Building Code of Australia Information session



Morning Session:
Building Code of Australia Information Session

This is a half day program covering the future initiatives of the BCA; Product certification and technical interpretation to common queries. This session will also cover the minimum level of documentation for roofing.

Afternoon session:
Roof Compliance Information

A dedicated session on checking roof compliance on site will be presented. This information follows the 2016 release of the general inspection report into metal roof construction in Western Australia.

WHEN: 17 MAY 2017

WHERE: CIVIC CENTRE RECEPTION AREA

COST: FREE

TIME: 9:00AM - 2:00PM

Morning tea & Lunch Provided

Please contact the Shire on 9071 0638 to register your interest or Email trish.fender@esperance.wa.gov.au

Upcoming Meetings

Agenda Briefing: 1pm, 16 May, Council Chambers

Ordinary Council Meeting: 4pm, 23 May, Council Chambers

To view the agenda for upcoming meetings please visit the [Shire website](#).

Building a retaining wall?

The strength and durability of any timber retaining wall becomes compromised over time. Do you have any concerns about your retaining wall? Give us a call and we'll be able to help you find a solution, or point you in the right direction. There are legal requirements that exist to ensure that retaining walls are constructed from longer-lasting and stronger materials such as bricks, stone, concrete and other similar products.

For any advice, assistance or application forms, please contact the Shire via email at shire@esperance.wa.gov.au or on 9071 0638.

National Volunteer Week

This week we have been celebrating the many volunteers that make Esperance the proactive and engaged community it is. Thank you! Volunteering plays a vital role in all communities from emergency services, to coaching to organising events.

The Esperance Volunteer Resource Centre provides a valuable service to individuals, business and community groups, matching volunteers with groups or industries of choice. They can help you find opportunities in your field of interest, where help is most needed and what will ultimately be the most rewarding work for you. Volunteers in Esperance make a difference in our lives every day. If you'd like to help your community, call the Volunteer Resource Centre on 9072 0346.

Local Heroes

Congratulations to Rob Hewlett, Daisy Kirchner and Sadie Wheeler who were awarded Coastal Bravery Awards last week, and to Paul Gaughan who was awarded the Western Australian Excellence in Volunteer Management.

Skate Clinics a Huge Success

Registrations for our May skate clinics are already fully booked! The first round of clinics in April were also fully booked and it looks like we've got some new up and coming skaters! Registrations for the clinics in June will open soon. Keep an eye out on the Shire's website and Facebook page for updates.

The clinics are run by Tailtap Skate Clinics and are free thanks to the generous support of Horizon Power, Southern Ports Authority and the Shire of Esperance.



Ready for a laugh?

The Melbourne International Comedy Roadshow is on at the Esperance Civic Centre!

Don't miss your chance to join the laughs. Get on board, grab your mates and get giggling as the ultimate comedy roadtrip rolls into town. It will feature stand-up, sketch, slapstick and songs in one hilarious show. The cast of Australian stars, talented newcomers and international performers will visit over 80 destinations.

It's on Wednesday 31 May 8-11pm. Tickets are from \$42.90 and are available from Shire outlets or on the Shire website.

