



# The Shire Flyer

Friday 30 June 2017



## From the Ordinary Council Meeting

Ordinary Council Meetings are always open to the public and provide an opportunity for members of the public to ask questions. Last month's Ordinary Council Meeting took place on Tuesday 27 June resolving to:

- Include funds into the 2017/2018 Annual Budget to be distributed in accordance with the criteria and guidelines of the Community Grants Program
- Adopt the "New Landfill Terms of Reference" and create the "New Landfill Community Reference Group" as an Advisory Committee of Council
- Establish the Youth Advisory Council and seek expressions of interest from community members aged between 12 and 25 to serve on the committee
- Agree to enter into a lease with ARINC Rockwell Collins for an area within Esperance Airport Terminal subject to certain conditions
- Endorse Schedule of Fees and Charges to be included within the 2017/18 budget

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. Contact numbers are available on the Shire's website.

### Upcoming Meetings

**Agenda Briefing:** 1pm, 18 July, Council Chambers  
**Ordinary Council Meeting:** 4pm, 25 July, Council Chambers

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

## Keep your pet rabbits safe!

There have been confirmed cases of Rabbit Haemorrhagic Disease Virus (RHDV1 K5) in Esperance. Domestic rabbit owners are advised to seek advice from their local veterinarian and use protective biosecurity measures to help keep their rabbits safe from infection. The Department of Agriculture and Food have said domestic rabbits with up to date vaccinations for the existing strain are likely to be safe. For more information visit Department of Agriculture and Food's [website](#).

Congratulations to the team at the Museum! Their hard work has led to the Esperance Museum being recognized with a 2017 Certificate of Excellence, based on the consistency of great reviews you've earned on TripAdvisor.

## Skate Workshops Flying Success

More than 220 students attended the skate clinics over the past three months. Clinics were run by Tail Tap Skate Clinics over weekends in April, May and June, with three one hour sessions a day. The clinics were free and some students attended all the sessions, while others attended one or two.



Signups for each set of workshops filled up fast with the June clinics being booked out overnight. It was great to see the improvement over the clinics and it looks like Esperance has some budding new skaters and some awesome local skate coaches!

The aim of the clinics was to give all ages and abilities an opportunity to develop their skate skills and the clinics went ahead thanks to the support of Horizon Power, Southern Ports Authority and the Shire of Esperance.

## Strategic Community Plan Update

We have been collating the survey and workshop results received. In total we received over 200 adult surveys, both hard copies and online versions, and over 400 people were involved in consultation workshops, Council Corners and other feedback groups.

We now have five themes to cover community priorities and challenges in the ten year plan. Our Community Connection, Our Natural Environment, Growth and Prosperity, Built Environment and Community Leadership. These themes have been pulled from the feedback we have received. Some interesting views that have been highlighted are shopping availability in Esperance and ways to attract and support local businesses.

If you would like to see what challenges and opportunities have been proposed please read the survey responses available on the Shire's website. Thank you to everyone who contributed.



8 out of 10 of us are concerned about plastic ending up in landfill and polluting the oceans ...  
**THAT'S WHY 100,000+ WEST AUSTRALIANS ARE CHOOSING TO BE PART OF PLASTIC FREE JULY**



### Will you join the challenge?

Please join our effort to help the environment...  
... choose to refuse single-use plastic during July

#### About the challenge

Plastic Free July is a fun challenge that gets us thinking about the amount of plastic packaging in our lives.



#### Why Participate?

- West Australians use around 100kg of plastic packing per household each year.
- Those plastics:
  - ✗ Break up, not break down
  - ✗ Are mostly down-cycled
  - ✗ End up in landfill or
  - ✗ 'Escape' and pollute the ocean.
- You'll be joining 100,000+ West Australians (and a million+ people world-wide) in making a difference.

#### Take the Challenge

Choose to Avoid, Refuse or Replace as much single-use plastic as you can during July.

#### Yes, I accept the challenge!

- Sign up for the challenge:**
  - [www.plasticfreejuly.org](http://www.plasticfreejuly.org)
- Choose what you will do:**
  - Avoid single-use plastic packaging: or
  - Target the takeaway items that could end up in the ocean: or
  - Go completely plastic free

Choose the length of your challenge:

1 day  1 week  1 month
- Get connected**
  - Post your success on social media and tag @PlasticFreeJuly
  - Promote Plastic Free July in your community, shops or workplace
- Contribute to the count**
  - Keep a tally of your choose to refuse moments and add them to our survey count in August

Avoid landfill waste

Reduce your eco-footprint

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Protect the ocean

