



The Shire Flyer

Friday 04 August 2017



Community Tree Planting

Last Sunday over 60 volunteers, including Esperance Scouts, turned out for National Tree Day at Lake Monjilup. It was fantastic to see so many smiling faces despite the cold weather. Over 3000 seedlings were planted from 29 different species including Calothamnus quadrifidus, Lambertia inermis, and Melaleuca striata which complement the biodiversity in the area.

Lake Monjilup was affected by a bushfire in January 2015. The area is recovering well and planting these seedlings was vital to restore biodiversity, create habitat and protect the wetland. This project was supported by funding from the Western Australian Government's State NRM Program supported by Royalties for Regions, the Shire of Esperance, Esperance Volunteer Resource Centre and Esperance Toyota in partnership with Planet Ark for National Tree Day.



On Wednesday planting was carried out at Castletown Quays. Eighty students and 23 parents from Castletown Primary school planted nearly 1000 trees. We are two thirds of the way through our winter planting program funded by State NRM and Coastwest with the help of Community Volunteers, the Shire Work for the Dole team, ESHS Bushrangers, South Coast NRM Coastal works team, Esperance Tjaltjraak works team, and Shire staff. Over 9000 seedlings have been planted at Castletown, Quagi, Twilight and Lake Monjilup this winter. We have more tree planting with Cascade Primary School and Esperance-Goldfields Surf Lifesaving still to come.

Sea Eagles Visit

This week we had a visit from the Sea Eagles from Nulsen Primary School. It looks like they enjoyed learning about all the things the Shire looks after!



Good News for Buskers

Council is looking at ways to make our town centre more vibrant and completes the amenity. One way is encouraging street entertainment. There is now no permit fee for street entertainers in our town and we are looking at other ways to make it easier and more enticing. The new Fees and Charges went through in the 2017/2018 Budget which waived the permit fee for street entertainers. Visit the Shire's website for further information.

Upcoming Meetings

Agenda Briefing: 1pm, 15 August, Council Chambers
Ordinary Council Meeting: 4pm, 22 August, Council Chambers

Want to know what is happening in Council each month? The agenda includes all reports Council must make decisions on, minutes from Council and committee meetings, monthly financials and an operational report. To read the full the Agenda and Minutes please go to the Shire's website.

Road funding cuts

The Shire of Esperance road maintenance budget has been impacted after the State Government announced they will make cuts to road funding. This is an alternative to the \$10 million they were hoping to save by removing the vehicle registration concession for local governments. This new option has a big impact on regional communities who have a large road network. It would mean a loss of \$285,497 from the Shire's budget and have a massive impact on our road maintenance program. The Shire is opposing this cut, along with West Australian Local Government Association and Goldfields Voluntary Regional Organisations of Councils.

Coastwest Grant

The Shire of Esperance recently received a Coastwest grant of \$12,500 for Dempster Head Management Planning adding to the \$25,000 allocated in the 2017/2018 budget. We will be working with South Coast NRM, Esperance Wildflower Society, Esperance Anglican Community School and other groups on this project.

This project will update the Dempster Head Management Plan 2002 and will address Phytophthora (dieback) infestation, pedestrian, bike and vehicle pathways, recreational activities, the Rotary Lookout and car park, signage, protection of native flora and fauna, rehabilitation, formalizing access to Lovers Cove, and future developments on the reserve. We will be consulting with key community groups and are in the early stages of planning so watch this space for more information.

Shire Vacancies

Interested in working for the Shire? We offer a diverse range of career options striving to make our town a fantastic place to live and work and aim to provide our community with excellent facilities and services. We are looking to fill the following positions

- Corporate Administration Officer, applications close 5pm today
- Manager Asset Planning, applications close 14 August
- Casual Customer Service Officer - Visitor Centre, applications close 18 August

Head to the Shire website to find out more.

HR Workshops

The Business Development Centre are hosting Horizon HR workshops for employers on 15 August, and private consultations on 16 August. The workshops are designed to give employers tools to deal with serious misconduct and poor performance by employees. Please contact Catherine on 9071 3377 for all bookings and enquiries. Or email, admin@businessesperance.com.au For more information head to their Facebook page or visit <http://www.businessesperance.com.au/>



Finest Frocks and Suavest Suits Competition
7pm Thursday 10 August 2017
Esperance Civic Centre

WIN
a Vintage Photo Shoot with DHP Photography worth \$500!

How to enter:

1. Get your ticket to Barbara & Barry's Sweet Sour and Saucy from Shire outlets or online at www.esperance.wa.gov.au
2. Visit your local Op Shops and browse the specially selected vintage racks
3. Get dressed in your finest vintage dress or suit
4. Registrations at the Civic Centre from 6pm. Judging at 7pm sharp!