

# The Shire Flyer

Friday 11 August 2017



## Local Government Week



Last week a small group of Councillors from the Shire of Esperance attended the annual WALGA local government week convention. What an inspiring and informative week it was! We heard from guest speakers and had the opportunity to share ideas with Councillors from other Local Governments.

We took the opportunity to visit the Banksia Rd Composting facility in Bunbury. It provides a weekly organics collection service for residents, significantly reducing what goes into landfill. The waste is treated with aeration and heat to kill bacteria and seeds and an organically certified compost is produced and resold to ratepayers and businesses in the region. This plant is ranked in the top 3 in the state and I look forward to further conversations with them to see how we can do something similar in Esperance.

Some of the speakers talked about tools to help our local businesses and assist local entrepreneurs and gave us insight into what technologies will be coming our way in the near future, and how this will impact our community.

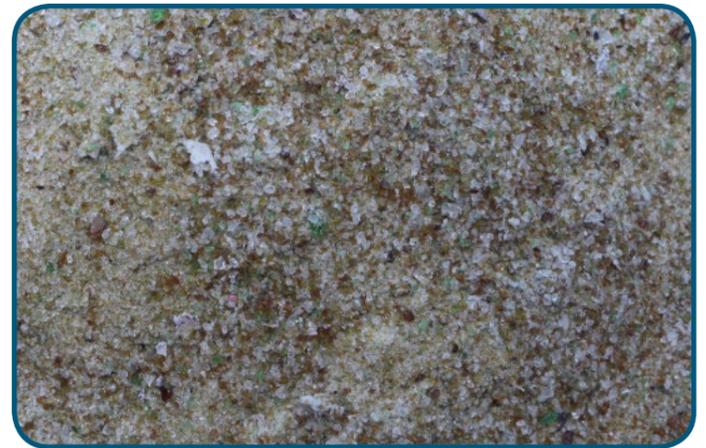
It was also fantastic to see the Esperance banner flying proudly for Banners in the Terrace. While the design did not win this year, it was a beautiful symbol of our town.

- Acting Shire President, Cr Natalie Bowman

## Did you catch our Facebook competition?

What do you think this photo is of? It's crushed glass from our glass crusher which is used to recycle glass at the Wylie Bay Waste Facility. Glass is no longer sent out of the Shire to be recycled, it is now crushed locally and used in our road base materials. This saves \$40k a year on freight costs alone. We're always looking at ideas to help reduce the amount of waste we produce.

Stay tuned for more competitions on Facebook to get you thinking about how you recycle.

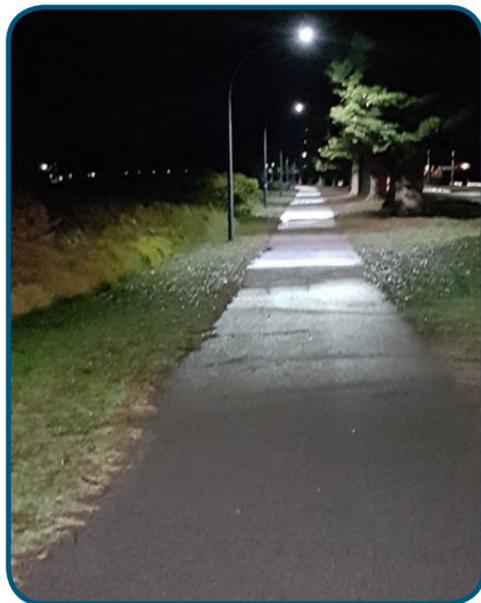


## Upcoming Meetings

**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.

## Foreshore Footpath Lighting



The town construction team have recently replaced all the old 80w Mercury Vapour light heads with new energy efficient LED's along the foreshore footpath at Castletown Quays, Goldfields Road and Norseman Road

The LED lights will reduce maintenance costs as they are rated to last for 100,000 hours, or 11 years, unlike the Mercury Vapour globes that last 2-3 years.

The LED lights will also help with reducing power usage by approximately 6100 Kw per year.

## Local Government Elections

Don't forget to make sure you are enrolled to vote in the upcoming Local Government election. Eligible voters must be either a resident, eligible non-resident owner or non-resident occupier of a rateable property within the Shire of Esperance or a nominee of a body corporate that owns or occupies rateable property in the district or ward.

Eligible voters must also be correctly enrolled to vote in the State or Commonwealth elections and be at least 18 years old on election day. Head to the Western Australian Electoral Commission website to check your enrolment status, they will be running the election on behalf of Shire.

If you are interested in nominating to be a councillor we will be screening a free webinar hosted by the WA Local Government Association. It will cover an overview of Local Government, the roles and responsibilities of Council and Council members, behavioural expectations of Elected Members, an overview of the skills required to be a successful Councillor and impacts on home life. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions. It'll be held from 5:00-5:45pm on Thursday 17 August at Council Chambers. You can also register to participate at home.

Another information session will be held from 5.30-6.30pm on Thursday 31 August in Council Chambers.

## Restore Hope Sleep Out

Tonight Councillor Lara McIntyre will be representing the Shire of Esperance for the Restore Hope Sleepout. She'll be braving the cold to raise awareness about homelessness and to raise money for the local charity Restore Hope. If you would like to make a donation whether it be time, money, household goods or food please contact 0428 712 315.

## COMEDY GOLD



**FEATURING:**  
Ben Darsow  
Rich Naberhood  
Kehau Jackson  
Kel Balnaves

**Doors Open 7pm  
8pm Wed 23 August 2017  
Esperance Civic Centre**

Tickets \$25 from the Library, Visitor Centre, Shire Administration Building or online at [www.esperance.wa.gov.au](http://www.esperance.wa.gov.au)

