



# The Shire Flyer

Friday 18 August 2017



## Planting at Quagi

Cascade Primary School students assisted Shire Environmental Officers at Quagi beach on Monday morning. The kids braved the wind and rain to plant a variety of native coastal species around the recently developed day use area near the new steps to the beach.

Approximately 600 seedlings were planted on the day which will provide shade and habitat for birds in the area. This adds to the thousands of seedlings already planted by Shire staff, Work for the Dole team, work placement students and South Coast Natural Resource Management's Coastal Works team.

This project is supported by funding from the Government's State Natural Resource Management Program. The Shire has a small amount of work left to do at the site involving fencing and installation of tables and seating. The project is due to be completed by the end of the year.

Over 11,000 seedlings have been planted at Castletown Quays, Quagi Beach, Twilight Beach and Lake Monjigup this winter as part of the Shire's planting program.



## Young Leaders

Nulsen Primary School hosted a leadership morning for Student Councillors from Esperance Primary, Castletown Primary and Our Lady Star of the Sea. Acting Shire President Natalie Bowman attended as a motivational speaker and participated in some team games to further build the leadership skills of this group. It is always great seeing what our young leaders are up to.



## Upcoming Meetings

**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.

Congratulations to Esperance RoadWise for being named a 2017 Insurance Commission of Western Australia Regional Safety Award Semi Finalist.

## Restore Hope Sleep Out

Last Friday I took part in the Restore Hope Sleep out with 15 other members of the community to raise money and awareness for homelessness in Esperance. While homelessness may not be as noticeable here as it is in bigger cities, we still have people doing it tough.

While it's not something I'd like to do every night, I believe it was an important way to help out a local charity that helps out so many others.

I would like to thank everyone at the Shire of Esperance who raised \$435.30 and Dome for donating \$250, and to those who sponsored other sleep out participants. Restore Hope raised around \$5,000 from the event and it sounds like there are already many who want to get on board for next year.

If you would like to make a donation or for further information visit Restore Hope Foundation Esperance on Facebook.

- Cr. Lara McIntyre



## Information Session for Prospective Candidates

The webinar hosted by the Shire went well last night with eight participants. The Shire will be hosting another information session for those interested in nominating for Council on Thursday 31 August 5:30-6:30pm. The session will cover what it means to be a Councillor, the time commitments involved, and provide an opportunity to ask questions of current Councillors.

Nominations for Local Government Elections are open from Thursday 7 September to 4pm Thursday 14 September. Head to [www.elections.wa.gov.au](http://www.elections.wa.gov.au) for more information. Don't forget to make sure you are enrolled to vote by September 1, and vote by 21 October.

## Recent Dog Attacks

The Shire Ranger Services are currently investigating a recent spate of dog attacks in Esperance. Since the beginning of August there have been 10 reported dog attacks. While the recent weather conditions might make it easier for dogs to escape, we are reminding dog owners to ensure dogs are secured. Dog attacks can be reported to the Shire on 9071 0666 between 8am and 4:30pm Monday to Friday or 9083 1533 after hours.

In the event that your dog does get out, Rangers want to reunite them with their owners as quickly as possible. Registration and microchipping pets helps this to occur and means Rangers can contact the dogs' owner and if possible return it immediately. Sometimes this isn't possible and to ensure the dog is safe and cared for they will be impounded at the animal management facility. To assist the Shire to return lost dogs to their concerned owners it is urged that dogs are registered and details are kept up to date. All dogs over the age of three months, including farm dogs, must be registered. To register your dog or find out more go to Pet Ownership under the Live section of our website.

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