



The Shire Flyer

Friday 25 August 2017



Choose to Reuse!

Get to know your neighbours and be part of the nation's biggest ever weekend of garage sales this October. This will be the second year that the Shire of Esperance has taken part in this nationwide program.

Garage Sale Trail is back on Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 October 2017. Join over 350,000 sellers and shoppers Australia wide, as over 2 million items are set free from cupboards, garages and sheds across the nation.

For sellers it's a free, fun and social way to de-clutter, find a home for your pre-loved stuff, meet local people and make some extra pocket money. Sellers can sell on one or both days. There are free seller packs available for the first 1,250 sales registered nationally.

For shoppers, it's a great way to grab a bargain, find something unique and shop sustainably. To see what's nearby you head to www.garagesaletrail.com.au



Kids can get involved by entering the **Garage Sale Trail Colouring In Competition** with forms available from all Primary Schools, the Shire's Administration Office, the Esperance Public Library or the Bay of Isles Leisure Centre. Entries close Friday 8th September. Some awesome prizes will be up for grabs.

It's that time of year

You should receive your rates notice soon if you haven't already. Flyers are included with the notice which explain different aspects to your rates as well as other important information. Have a look through them and if you have any questions please don't hesitate to get in touch with us!

What are rates?

Your rates provide Council with the revenue needed to manage all the services and facilities which make the Shire a vibrant and attractive region to live in. Each financial year a new budget is prepared to support current needs of the entire community and plan for future needs. Council's rates are influenced by many factors including increases in the cost of providing services, proposed capital works and increases in service levels or other Council initiatives. Council also considers statistical indicators such as the Consumer Price Index and the Local Government Cost Index.

You may be eligible for a pensioner or senior rebate to receive a rebate a person must hold one or more of the relevant Pensioner or Seniors cards, and on July 1 of the financial year, own and occupy residential property as their principal place of residence. To arrange this please call the Water Corporation on 1300 659 951 with your concession card and they will then update your details.

What makes up your rates?

- Properties will either have a Gross Rental Value (GRV) which is applied to urban properties or a Unimproved Values (UV) which is used as the basis for the levy of rates for rural properties. Council sets a "rate in the dollar" for each differential rate, such as residential, commercial or rural. The rate is calculated to ensure that sufficient income is received to enable continued service delivery to our community. Your annual rates are calculated by multiplying your GRV or UV value by your applicable "rate in the dollar", taking into consideration the minimum rate. GRV is reevaluated every 3-5 years and UV is reevaluated annually.
- Domestic Rubbish and Recycling: Residential properties within the town boundary are required to have a waste and recycling bin. You can choose your bin sizes and the annual fee charged is based on the you have. Pensioners also receive a discount.
- Waste Rate: funds generated by the waste rate will contribute to the new landfill for Esperance, this ensures Esperance's waste service can continue.
- Emergency Services Levy: This is collected on behalf of the State Government who use the proceeds to fund a range of emergency services organisations, including local bush fire brigades within the Shire of Esperance. Visit www.dfes.wa.gov.au for further information on the this levy.

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. This month's Ordinary Council Meeting took place on Tuesday 22 August resolving to:

- Appoint Cr McIntyre as an ex-officio member to the Youth Advisory Council, with Cr Parker as Deputy and appoint Maddilyn McGrinder, Ellen Timmins, Lucy Hart, Fin Johnson, Ivy Shillington, Emily Parker, Hannah Lauritsen, Isabella Raszyk, Eloise Lochowicz, David Greatz, Clayton Barnett, Claudia Hodges, Charlee Osborn and Dana Sharpe as members to the Youth Advisory Council and Esther Bell as an ex-officio
- Appoint Cr Brown, Cr Griffiths and Cr Parker, Justin Bellanger as nominated by South Coast NRM; Janett Archer as nominated by LEAF; and Jaimie Arthur, Jan Biven, George Cook and Garth Wolfenden as community members to the New Landfill Community Reference Group, and Cr McIntyre, Tania Lowe and Isabell Trneny as Deputies
- Waive fees for a stall holder's permit for Participating Businesses for Garage Sale Trail this year
- Endorse the CSRFF Small Grant Funding applications from Newtown Condingup Football Club towards the club facility upgrades and the Esperance Bowling Club for the replacement of a bowling green. This support adds to the Community Grants each group received towards these projects

To read the full the Agenda and Minutes please go to the Shire's website.

Upcoming Meetings

Agenda Briefing: 1pm, 19 September, Council Chambers

Ordinary Council Meeting: 4pm, 26 September, Council Chambers

Want to know what is happening in Council each month? The agenda includes all reports Council will 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.

Growing up Safely in the Digital World Workshop

For parents & children

Story, information & activity
Tuesday 5 September @ 3:30pm
@ Esperance Public Library
RSVP by Friday 1 September.
Call 9083 1500

Author reading!

The Curious Case of the Overly Playful Platypus

eSmart Libraries eSmart Week 4 - 8 September 2017