



# The Shire Flyer



Friday 03 November 2017

## Pedestrian Crossings are Coming

New Pedestrian Crossings will be installed in the Esperance town centre this weekend to enhance pedestrian safety. The installation of crossings was identified through the Esperance Town Centre Parking, Traffic and Pedestrian Strategy which raised safety concerns regarding the priority for vehicles over pedestrians and identified improvements for pedestrian access.

Crossings will be installed this weekend:

- Around the Andrew Street/Dempster Street roundabout
- Opposite The Esperance and Dome on Andrew Street
- In front of the Police Station
- In front of Professionals Real Estate and Thorp Realty

Crossings on the raised area at the end of Andrew Street and from the library to the Boulevard will be installed in the future. There will also be some changes to parking signage which will mark parking zones rather than individual bays reducing the number of signs on the main streets. You can read the Parking, Traffic and Pedestrian Strategy on the Shire website.

For this work to take place there will be some traffic disruptions on Sunday 5 November. Temporary detours will be in place for Andrew Street and The Esplanade for roundabout construction works from 6.30am and 11.30am and temporary lane closures will occur and traffic management will be in place for line marking along Andrew Street and Dempster Street between 6.30am and 4.30pm.



The Shire has been advised by the Department of Transport that a ban is now in place on swimming and boating within 50 metres of the Tanker Jetty and the closure of the nearby water ski area.

The Civic Centre auditorium will be closed from 18 December 2017 to 1 March 2018 for building maintenance, but shows will go on!

We are now in a Prohibited Burning Time which means fires can't be lit in the open air during this time. Head to our website for more info.

The Community Citizen of the Year awards have been extended to 7 November. Nominate someone now!

## Did Someone Say Free Wifi?

Did you know the Visitors Centre now has free wifi? This is part of a 12 month trial provided by Tourism WA and with funding from Royalties for Regions. Pop in to the Visitor's Centre, surf the net and have a chat to our staff to plan your next adventure in Esperance.

## Upcoming Meetings

**Special Council Meeting:** 10am, 7 November, Council Chambers, to discuss items in the agenda including: Review of Council Committees Terms of Reference, Appointment of Elected Members to Advisory and Management Committees, Appointment of Elected Members to External Committees, RFQ – Tanker Jetty Feasibility Report, Extended Trading Hours – Christmas Eve – Woolworths Esperance

**Audit Committee Meeting:** 1pm, 7 November, Council Chambers

**Agenda Briefing:** 1pm, 21 November, Council Chambers

**Ordinary Council Meeting:** 4pm, 28 November, 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.

## Sand Renourishment



Castletown Quays suffered with the recent big swells last weekend. Ocean currents cause erosion annually along this area, particularly with heavy swells. We carry out sand renourishment to maintain an erosion buffer zone which protects public and private infrastructure such as footpaths, electrical infrastructure, roads and private property. If sand replenishment did not take place the beach would erode away exposing and/or damaging vital infrastructure.

Sand Renourishment is the current solution available, we are currently working with coastal engineers to find the most appropriate and affordable long term solution. Every change to the bay has an impact on the remainder of the coastline and needs to be taken into consideration before altering it. We have spent a total of \$682,956 in the last three financial years on Sand Renourishment, of this, we have received \$200,000 from the Department of Transport. The rock wall has worked extremely well along The Esplanade at protecting infrastructure, however it is a very expensive option.

## Street Trees

Did you know Council has a policy on street trees? This means that the Shire is responsible for all street trees which includes planting and pruning. If there is a street tree on your property that needs to be pruned, please don't do it yourself! Give our Parks and Environment team a call on 90710666 and they will arrange a time to investigate.

Would you like a street tree? Please let us know and we may be able get one for you, but please don't plant it yourself. There are many factors to consider when planting a tree in a verge including above ground powerlines, line of sight, particularly when people back out of driveways, and the alignment of other services that may be underground such as water, power, telephone cables and gas.

## Esperance is a Top 10 Regional Destination!

Esperance was voted in as number five in Top 10 Regional Destinations to experience in 2017 with Kununurra topping the list. This shows our beautiful south coast is one worth exploring with Albany coming in at number four. You can read more at [www.experienceoz.com.au/en/top-regional-destinations](http://www.experienceoz.com.au/en/top-regional-destinations)

