



The Shire Flyer



Friday 15 December 2017

Pink Lake Fire Chat

The Department of Fire and Emergency Services, the Shire of Esperance and Pink Lake Brigade held a Community Bushfire Preparedness Street Meet on Saturday the 9 December in Pink Lake. Over 30 Pink Lake residents attended this community-get-together to find out more about how best to prepare their properties for bushfire. The Street Meet was well timed as there was a bushfire caused by lightning two days later.

The street meet provides a great opportunity for people to gain practical skills and knowledge that relates more specifically to their area and to meet their local brigade and neighbours. The Department of Fire and Emergency Services, the Shire of Esperance and Local Bush Fire Brigades plan to hold further Street Meets next year.

To find out more information if a bushfire starts in your area go to Emergency WA www.emergency.wa.gov.au or 13 DFES (13 3337) or the Shire of Esperance at www.esperance.wa.gov.au.



eSmart Week Winners!

Our library won the National eSmart Week competition! The national prize is a \$5000 'Maker Party in a Box' kit, packed full of digital toys to host specialist workshops which will see students learning about technology by playing with it.



The library was recently awarded their e-smart accreditation, a program funded through a partnership between the Telstra Foundation and the Alannah and Madeline Foundation, which means they are recognised as part of a national group to host cybersafety awareness sessions and other digital learning community meetings.

Telstra, the Alannah and Madeline Foundation and eSmart were very excited to announce Esperance Public Library in Western Australia as the 2017 winner of this years' competition!

This achievement is due to the awesome work from all of our fantastic library staff! Stay tuned for these workshops next year!

Upcoming Meetings

Ordinary Council Meeting: 4pm, 19 December, 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.

Christmas Pageant

It was exciting to see all the smiling faces at the Community Christmas Pageant last Sunday. Many people turned out despite the heat and there was a long line of excited kids waiting patiently to have a photo of Santa. For those who left letters for Santa...we hear he is writing responses and they'll be on their way soon There was also a huge crowd for the Lions Carols by Candlelight.



Signage Missing in Action

Recently some portable signage indicating a recent shark sighting has gone missing. This signage is essential in notifying beach goers of when a sighting occurs. Portable signage is important as it can be moved to mark different access points, particularly as many of our beaches can be accessed from more than one direction. Please leave signage in place to make sure all beach goers are given an equal warning.

Shark sightings should be reported to the Water Police on 9442 8600. This is the central coordinating agency that forwards relevant information to local service providers, including Esperance Fisheries Officers, Shire of Esperance Officers, State Emergency Services personnel and both DBCA and Shire Rangers. Sightings are shared via the Shire of Esperance Facebook page. For more information on shark activity visit the Sharksmart website. www.sharksmart.com.au



Breast Screen WA to visit Esperance

BreastScreen WA's mobile screening mammography service is scheduled to visit Esperance from 9/01/2018 until 6/04/2018, and will be located at the Esperance Sports and Recreation House carpark, off James Street.

Breast cancer is the most common life threatening cancer for women and one in eight women in Australia will develop breast cancer in their lifetime. Having a screening mammogram (breast x-ray) every two years significantly increases the chance of a woman surviving breast cancer and reduces the amount of treatment required.

BreastScreen WA provides a FREE screening mammography service and all women aged 40 years and over are welcome to attend. Appointments are necessary and can be made online <http://www.breastscreen.health.wa.gov.au/> or by telephoning 13 20 50.

Waste and Recycling collections will remain unaffected during the Festive season. Please put your bins out on normal scheduled collection day by 5am.