



The Shire Flyer



Friday 19 January 2018

Annual Electors Meeting

The Annual Electors Meeting is coming up soon. This meeting is held in a similar manner to an Ordinary Council Meeting and is minuted, but its purpose is to discuss the contents of the Annual Report for the previous financial year and then any other general business. The minutes of this meeting are recorded and available to the public prior to the next Ordinary Council Meeting.

A General Meeting of Electors must be held each financial year after the local government accepts the Annual Report. Each elector who is present is entitled to vote on matters to be decided, but does not have to vote. The motions moved at an electors' meeting are to be considered a subsequent meeting of Council. This is a great opportunity for residents and ratepayers to come along to ask questions and hear the facts about decisions being made for the community.

Tech Play

Fancy yourself a tech wizard? Would you like to learn about robots? The library held its first Maker Space session this week where you could program robots, play music on fruit and draw paths for little robots to follow. Sound interesting? Maybe you'll have to come along to the library next time and have a try! This was the first session held with more to come in the future.

The library won the National eSmart Week social media competition last year and the prize included a \$5000 'Maker Party in a Box' kit, packed full of digital toys to host specialist workshops which will encourage everyone to learn about technology by playing with it. The library is eSmart accredited and promotes smart, safe and responsible use of technology.



Park Updates

Consultation was carried out with local residents last year to come up with designs for upgrades to the playgrounds at Victoria Street and Eagle Court Park. The first lot of consultation was carried out in September where feedback was used to develop designs that were then presented at a second round of consultation with local residents before a design for each park was chosen. You can see both designs on the Shire website. Work for each park will commence in February and is expected to be completed by the end of March.



Tree Removals

Following a recent review of street trees within the Esperance town site, six will be removed due to conflicts with existing infrastructure, ongoing costs for maintaining powerline clearance, and road safety issues.

Commencing Monday 22nd January, we will be removing three Peppermint trees on Dempster Street (located between Balfour Street and Kemp Street), and three Peppermint trees on Pink Lake Road (located between Rowse Street and Victoria Street).

We recognise the significance of street trees within the urban setting, and the retention of suitable trees within road reservations. We are committed to planting new trees in more suitable locations, where it becomes necessary to remove any street tree.

Further information can be obtained from Council's Street Tree Policy which is available on the Shire website.



Upcoming Meetings

Ordinary Council Meeting: 4pm, 23 January, Council Chambers
Annual Electors Meeting: 7pm, 30 January, Civic Centre

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.

Swimming pools

Did you know private swimming pools and spas are required to have a barrier around them in accordance with State Legislation? Drowning is the most common cause of preventable death in children aged 0-5 and 16 toddlers have drowned in WA over the last five years.

Every four years the Shire performs compliance inspections on private swimming pool safety barriers. It is the responsibility of property owners and/or occupiers to maintain safety barriers. For more information and to view a checklist please visit our website.

Do you pick up after your dog?

To ensure you do your bit to keep the community safe and healthy, it's important to observe dog walking information signs, walk your dog on a lead at the appropriate times and tidy up after your dog. Dogs also need to be securely contained at your property, both town and rural, so that they can't escape and get hurt or hurt others. Remember, when you get a dog you are responsible for its actions.

Esperance Public Library

ZANY CIRCUS

Monday 22 January 2018
10:30am - 12

*Make juggling balls
*Learn to juggle

Join author Nanci Nott & illustrator Xanthe Turner and join our dynamic session based on their book *Zany Circus: Paradox*.

Puppets, juggling, music, drawing & writing!

Bookings essential.
Visit the Esperance Public Library to secure your child's spot.
Ages 6+

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