

The Shire flyer



Friday 23 February 2018

Landfill Site Update

The EPA has elected to undertake the highest level of assessment (Public Environmental Review) when investigating the environmental & social factors for the proposed landfill site on Kirwan Road. The Shire of Esperance and other community members requested this level of assessment in anticipation that it will provide confidence to all proponents that a full independent environmental assessment will be completed and includes the opportunity for public input at a later stage. The level of assessment is the first step in a range of environmental approvals that are required for the establishment of a new landfill.

The Shire is aware of a water flow experiment that was undertaken on a property near Lot 12 Kirwan Road. It is something we are taking seriously. We have requested further information from EMTAG, which may include a site visit to the location where the experiment was undertaken to gather more information on the study. The experiment was not carried out on the proposed landfill site.

We are keen to have the data gathered to forward this information to hydrologists and would encourage EMTAG to submit a full account of their findings to both the Shire and the EPA, who are going to complete a full environmental assessment on the Shire's application.

Special Council Meeting

The Esperance Shire Council met this week to make decisions on the five motions raised by electors at the Annual Electors Meeting held on 30 January. The Special Council Meeting was held in Council Chambers with 101 residents in attendance. Council resolved to:

- Instruct the CEO to prepare for the annual performance review with a qualified independent facilitator
- Acknowledge the concerns of EMTAG and others in the Community with regards to the proposed landfill facility on Lot 12 Kirwan Road. Defer any further decision until Council has had an opportunity to consider the EPA's Level of Assessment; the Scoping Document to be developed; the potential costs of providing any additional assessment information that may be required by the EPA ;and a third party, independent review of all current available hydrological investigations and associated reports,.
- Continue along the current path regarding the jetty, following the advice of the Heritage Council. Work towards a replacement jetty designed by a team led by a Heritage Architect within the financial restraints identified by council.
- Consider a subsidy to the Eastern Suburbs Water Charge as part of the Annual Fees and Charges budget process; and encourage the Esperance Golf Club to apply to the Community Grants Program for a project to undertake a review of the current irrigation system to identify improvements that can be made.

Full minutes of the meeting will be available on the Shire website as soon as possible.

Vacancies

We are currently looking for people to join our team. Visit our website for further information.

- Part time administration Officer at the Volunteer Resource Centre (applications close today, 5.00pm 23 February)
- Work for the Dole Supervisor (applications close 5pm 23 February)
- Technical Officer - Fleet (applications close 5.00pm Monday 12 March)
- Plant Operator at Condingup (applications close 5.00pm Monday 12 March)

Pedestrian Crossings

We will be upgrading the existing road pedestrian crossing in Forrest Street between the Library and The Boulevard Shopping Centre with a raised wombat crossing, to improve pedestrian safety.

Forrest St will be closed to through traffic but both driveway accesses into the Boulevard Shopping Centre will remain open. The two driveways into the Senior Citizens Building and the Community Health Centre will remain open but access will only be available from the Leake Street end.

Work will commence on Monday 26 February and will take three days to complete.

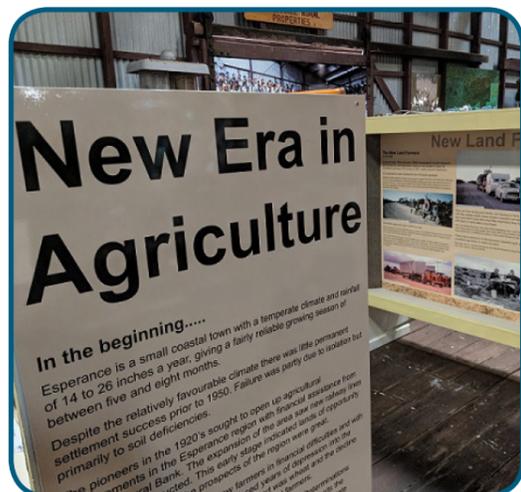
Upcoming Meetings

Ordinary Council Meeting: 4pm, 27 February, Council Chambers
Agenda Briefing: 1pm, 20 March, Council Chambers
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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.

New Era at the Museum

A brand new display for the Esperance Museum will open on March 3 which showcases development of Agriculture in the Esperance.



The New Era in Agriculture display focusses on developments during the era of 1920 through to 1980s and tells the story of how the land in the region opened up to new farming practices through trial and error to make Esperance the farming region it is today.

With the dedicated work from researchers John Guest, Wendy Plunkett and John Bridges this story was brought to life by the Esperance Bay Historical Society with the help of funding from Lotterywest.

The official opening of the New Era in Agriculture display will be on Saturday 3 March at 9am. The Museum will be open all day from 9am to 4.30pm on Saturday 3 March, with a special entry price of \$6 per Adult and \$3 per child.

March Long Weekend Esperance

Friday 2nd

- Esperance Motor Hotel Karaoke •
- Pier Hotel Karaoke with Rob 9pm •
- Tennis Tournament 1pm till late •

Saturday 3rd

- Speedway 5pm till late •
- Squash Tournament 9am till late •
- Opening of New Era in Agriculture display @ Esperance Museum 9am till 4:30pm •
- Tennis Tournament 8am till late •
- Pier Hotel Live Music - You & Me from 9pm DJ Looney Tune from 11pm till late •
- Esperance Motor Hotel Live Music - Kyza Presents from 8:30pm till late •
- Vets Football Match Esperance v Kalgoorlie 2pm Ports Oval •

Sunday 4th

- For the Love of Music - Esperance Civic Centre 7:30pm •
- Speedway 5pm till late •
- Squash 9am till late •
- Tennis Tournament 8am till late •
- Taylor Street Quarters Sunday Sesh Live Music 4pm till late •
- Museum Village Markets 8:30am to 12:30pm •
- Esperance Bay Turf Club - Esperance Cup •
- Esperance Motor Hotel Live Music - Typsy Gypsy •
- A Boy Named Cash - Esperance Civic Centre 7pm •
- Pier Hotel Live Music - You & Me from 7pm till late •

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