

The Shire flyer

Friday 25 May 2018



Thank you Volunteers

This week we celebrated National Volunteer Week. It was lovely to see so many happy, smiling volunteers at the morning tea in the library earlier this week and we hope to see many more at the Sundowner tonight.

We also celebrated Wear Orange Wednesday, to show support by wearing orange to thank our SES volunteers.

Volunteers play an important role for the Esperance community. From firefighters, paramedics and sport coaches and everyone in between, thank you! The Shire is supported by many fantastic volunteers who help keep things running smoothly. at the library, museum, Volunteer Resource Centre, Home Care and Civic Centre.

Have you seen the wooden volunteers out and about in town? These represent some of the many different roles we have in our community and were made by volunteers Men in Shed's. They were painted by Esperance kids participating in the One and All Community Program who all selected volunteers that have shaped their lives. There's still time to get a selfie with the wooden volunteers and post on the Esperance Volunteer Resource Centre Facebook Page. To go in the draw for a prize send pictures in before May 31 when winners are announced.

From the Ordinary Council Meeting

Ordinary Council Meetings are always open to the public and provide an opportunity to ask questions. This week's Ordinary Council Meeting took place on Tuesday 22 May resolving to:

- Include Twin Town Committee members Anaelle TaleloDonjio and Ms Serena Shaddick in the delegation going to Ill de Re
- Endorse the differential rates across all categories to form the basis of proposed rate setting for the 2018/2019 budget
- Appoint Helen McCarthy and Sarah Belli as Community Members, Cr McIntyre and Cr Piercy as voting members and Cr Payne as Deputy to represent the Shire of Esperance on the South Coast Management Group Inc
- Appoint suppliers in different categories for Prequalified Supplier Panels

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



Upcoming Meetings

Agenda Briefing: 19 June, 1pm, Council Chambers
Ordinary Council Meeting: 26 June, 4pm, 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.

Proposed Rates for 2018

Council endorsed the differential rates for 2018/2019 at the May Ordinary Council Meeting and resolved to advertise the Differential and Minimum Rates. Submissions on the proposed rates will be accepted from 20 June 2018.

The proposed differential rates mean an increase of 4.45% across all the categories which is in line with the Shire's Long Term Financial Plan.

A statement of objects and reasons for the proposed differential rates is available for inspection at the Shire Administration Office, Windich Street, Esperance during office hours.

Ratepayers and Electors are invited to make a submission on the proposed differential and minimum payment for Council's consideration. Submissions must be made in writing addressed to the CEO to shire@esperance.wa.gov.au, delivered to the Shire of Esperance, PO Box 507, Esperance WA 6450 or in person to the Shire of Esperance Administration Building, Windich Street. Submissions due by 4pm, Wednesday 20 June 2018.

Have you got a naked bin?

Have you ever tried a naked bin? You could rinse your household bin each time after you empty it. Smelly rubbish? Separate food scraps for composting or even bury them in the garden... Still worried? Why not line the bottom of the bin with newspaper? This absorbs any moisture and can then be used in your composting. Many people rationalise their use of plastic bags by arguing each one is reused in the kitchen bin, why not try something different?

The plastic bag ban comes into effect on 1 July this year and applies to all lightweight plastic bags with handles, 35 microns thick, or less. There are lots of different ways to do your food shop without plastic bags, you could get some reusable shopping bags, a cardboard box, or just load up the trolley!

Did you know more than 670 million lightweight plastic bags were used in Western Australia in 2017?

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1 July 2018
#BYOBags

 Captain Active is on at the Civic Centre tomorrow afternoon at 4.30pm. This will be great fun for the kids! Visit the Shire website for tickets.