



The Shire flyer

Friday 8 June 2018



Community Storytime

Staff from the Esperance Public Library had fun this week at Nulsen Primary School with a community storytime to celebrate the book fair.

The theme was all about dogs so there were many exciting activities including reading all the dog stories we could find, singing songs, and some craft activities making little dogs out of a paper bag and some dog ears that everyone could wear. Storytime is on at the library every Monday and Thursday at 10:30am.



Getting Ready for Planting

Recently we have been getting ready for planting by removing tree guards and stakes and carrying out some weeding. Our Environmental Officers have had some help from the Esperance Senior High School Bushrangers class at Salmon Beach and Castletown Quays, and Wongatha Christian Aboriginal School at Twilight Hill. We're excited to put some plants in the ground!

We have also been planting some mature trees in various parks and medians, however some were damaged over the long weekend. The damaged trees will need some pruning and extra care until they recover. All newly planted trees and shrubs will be protected by stakes or tree guards, please keep an eye out when you're out and about and be mindful not to touch them so they can grow big and strong. We have such a beautiful environment so let's keep it that way!



National Tree Day is coming up soon and we'll be participating in Esperance. Last year over 60 volunteers turned out and planted over 3000 seedlings at Lake Monjigup. National Tree Day started in 1996 and since then more than 3.8 million people have planted 24 million trees and plants across Australia. Stay tuned for more information about this year's event.

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.

Food Labelling

As of 1 July 2018, food packaging will be required to comply with new laws having to identify country of origin, as this marks the end of the two-year transition period.

Does this apply to you?

The new labels are for food offered for retail sale in Australia, excluding food sold in restaurants, cafés, take-away outlets or schools. The new labels are not mandatory for non-priority foods which include seasoning, confectionery, biscuits and snack food, bottled water, soft drinks and sport drinks, tea and coffee, and alcoholic beverages. All other foods need the new labels applied.

What do the new labels look like?

Most food produced, grown or made in Australia will have the kangaroo logo with a text and bar chart showing the percentage of Australian ingredients. Food that was packed in Australia will just feature a bar chart that shows it contains at least some imported ingredients that were simply sliced, frozen, tinned or repacked here. For imported foods, the label must clearly show the country of origin.

Any products that have old labels at the end of the transition period can be sold until the end of their shelf-life. Food labelled from 1 July 2018 must follow the new rules. For more information visit the Shire website or www.foodlabels.industry.gov.au/.



Retaining walls

The strength and durability of any timber retaining wall can become compromised over time. Do you have any concerns about your retaining wall? Give us a call and we'll be able to help you find a solution, or point you in the right direction. There are legal requirements in place to ensure that retaining walls are constructed from longer-lasting and stronger materials such as bricks, stone, concrete and other similar products. For any advice, assistance or application forms, please contact the Shire via email at shire@esperance.wa.gov.au or on 9071 0638.

Vacancies

We're looking for a Manager for the Parks and Environment team. The position will oversee the statutory and operational requirements of the teams ensuring service delivery, compliance with legislation and alignment with the Strategic Community Plan. Applications close Monday, 25 June 2018. For more information visit the Shire website or contact Human Resources on 9071 0642 or 9071 0645

eNews

Sign up to our eNews to have the Shire FLYer delivered to your inbox weekly. There are also other newsletters with information about Council decisions, projects, jobs, volunteering, what's on and community information. You can sign up for all or just a few of the Shire newsletters, it's up to you.

ESPERANCE CYCLING STRATEGY
CALLING ALL BIKE RIDERS!

Many of the projects identified in the Esperance Trails Master Plan and the Footpath Plan are almost complete. The Department of Transport and the Shire of Esperance are now looking to the future.

We'd love to hear your thoughts about how to build on the success of previous plans and help us shape the future of cycling in Esperance.

DROP IN FOR A CHAT

Thursday 14th June
3:30pm – 6:00pm
Esperance Senior High School, Pink Lake Road

Saturday, 16th June
7:00am – 10:00am
Dome Café, 21 Andrew Street

Have some great ideas but can't attend? Send them via email to cycling@transport.wa.gov.au