



The Shire flyer

Friday 30 November 2018



Cultural Training

Recently Councillors and Shire management staff completed a Cultural Change Training Program provided by Kaata Tidje. Gail Reynolds-Adamson and Jennelle Reynolds presented the training and incorporated a tour of local sites and tastes of bush foods.

This was a fantastic opportunity to learn about the Traditional Owners of the Esperance region and the Aboriginal culture and history throughout Australia. The training will help guide Council to develop a robust Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) and pave the way for future engagement activities with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in Esperance. The next step will be for Council to meet with representatives from Esperance Tjaltjraak Native Title Aboriginal Corporation to discuss the development and inclusivity needed to have a RAP that is supported by the Esperance community.



Annual Electors Meeting

The Annual Electors Meeting is on at 7pm Monday 17 December at the Esperance Civic Centre. All community members are encouraged to attend the meeting and read the Annual Report.

Please be advised the 2017-2018 Annual Report is available on the Shire Website and hard copies are also available in the Administration Building and Library on Windich Street.

Learning about Mosquitoes

Wongutha students recently had a look under the microscope and learnt what is involved when working as a Shire of Esperance Environmental Health Officer. Students learnt about mosquitoes, studied them under a microscope and took away information on how to better protect themselves from mosquitoes at school and home.

If your school is interested in including this area of Environmental Health in your Health or Science Curriculum do not hesitate to contact Health Services on 9071 0666 and a free 1-hour presentation can be arranged.

Mosquito education can improve human health by reducing the exposure of mosquito transmitted diseases and environmental health by reducing the demand for chemical control of mosquitoes. The presentation is developed for primary and high school students. Students through this program learn how they can reduce mosquito breeding around their home, practice mosquito avoidance, report significant increases in mosquito numbers and promote mosquito awareness in the community.

Grass Patch Road

The Shire of Esperance wishes to advise the Rural Road Crew will be working on the shoulders on Grass Patch Road from the highway for a 1 km stretch. This disruption is effective Tuesday 4 December 2018 to Friday 21 December 2018.

The shoulder works on Grass Patch Road will cause minimal delays. One lane will be closed at a time, with manned traffic lights in place, and road trains given priority. The road will be opened up to two lanes under traffic management after hours when works are not being carried out.

The Shire acknowledges these works are an inconvenience to road users, unfortunately we have a very large sealed road construction program that we have to complete in the drier months of the year and rescheduling the works would have consequences for the other works we need to complete, we will keep the disruption to a minimum. The Shire thanks you for your patience and cooperation and apologises for any inconvenience.

Upcoming Meetings

Agenda Briefing: 11 December, 1pm, Council Chambers

Ordinary Council Meeting: 18 December, 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.

From the Ordinary Council Meeting

Ordinary Council Meetings are always open to the public and provide an opportunity for community members to ask questions and hear what is happening in Council. This month's Ordinary Council Meeting took place on Tuesday 17 November resolving to:

- Work with Esperance Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Tourism Esperance to host bi-annual small business forums to engage more effectively with small business and become recognised as a "Small Business Friendly Local Government"
- Accept a \$114,816 grant from the Department of Fire and Emergency Services for the completion of a Bush Fire Risk Management Plan for the Shire of Esperance
- Accept the \$774,067 grant from Department of Fire and Emergency Services through the Local Government Grant Scheme for the construction of sheds for the Coomalbidgup and Quarry Road Bush Fire Brigades
- Accept the 2017/2018 Shire of Esperance Annual Report and convene the Annual General Meeting of electors



Alexander Bay

Alexander Bay will be open for the school holidays, however the campground will remain closed until 13 December. There has been some delays in the arrival of the new toilet block.