



The Shire flyer

Friday 21 December 2018



Edge of the Bay Blows Crowds Away

The Esperance foreshore was bustling with action over the weekend with all the Edge of the Bay festivities.

The event would not have been possible without the support from Horizon Power, Southern Ports, Lotterywest, Road Safety Commission, Healthway – Make Smoking History, Esperance Civic Centre and the Shire of Esperance.

Thank you to Renton Millar from Shredability for bringing us King of Concrete, Kyron Smithson from KyzaPresents for coordinating the local tunes, the community groups who came along and promoted their passions and shared activities.

Thank you to local artists Rachel Vibart, Campbell Garratt, Steve West and The Billy Baxter Kentet, The Dudas and Josh Thomas; state-wide acts Zap Circus, Hart and the Hunting Birds; skaters Jedd McKenzie, Luke Ward, Zepp Hayes and Liv Lovelace and Esti Nagy who painted the mural.

In total there were 36 competitors in the King of Concrete Skatebowl Competition. Zepp Heyes won the Open age category, Isi Campbell took out the Women's and Under 12, while Zeyke Cook won the Under 16 and Zen Evans won the Under 9.

Around 1000 people came and went throughout the day, participating in the community activities, watching the skating and enjoying the live music.



Merry Christmas

On behalf of all Councillors and staff at the Shire of Esperance, we wish you a safe and Merry Christmas and all the best for 2018! Enjoy the time with family and friends and if you're on the road, remember to 'Slow Down and Enjoy the Ride.' Waste and Recycling collections will remain unaffected during the Festive season. Please put your bins out on normal scheduled collection day by 5am.

Upcoming Meetings

Agenda Briefing: 15 January, 1pm, Council Chambers

Ordinary Council Meeting: 22 January, 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:

- Lay Development Application for Acacia Gardens in Pink Lake to reopen on the table while further discussions are had with all parties.
- Enter into a lease with Scouts Australia WA Branch for the whole reserve
- Sponsor up to three students from Esperance for the biennial Student Exchange Program to France
- Reject all tenders for Construct Coomalbidgup Bush Fire Facility and commence negotiations with potential contractors, with a proposed contract within budget constraints to be presented back to Council

From the Annual Electors Meeting

Eighty-nine people attended the Shire of Esperance's Annual Electors Meeting this week. The meeting gave electors an opportunity to raise motions for Council to consider at a subsequent meeting, a chance to ask questions about the Annual Report 2017/2018 and to ask questions about any other general business. Six motions were raised from the floor, all of which were carried. Please visit the Shire website for the full minutes which will be made available soon.

Project Updates

The Shire has just received the final concept design for the Indoor Sports Stadium and it will be going to public tender in January. Construction will commence once the tendering process is complete and consideration has been taken into account to minimise the impact on sporting organisations and other user groups.

H+H architects are continuing work on the Final Concept Design for the replacement jetty and these should be available early next year. The Shire submitted an application for Round 3 of the Building Better Regions Fund for the replacement jetty last month. We expect to hear more about the funding early next year.

The Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) have endorsed an Environmental Scoping Document for the Shire of Esperance to operate a modern waste management facility at Lot 12 Kirwan Road. Early next year the Shire will begin costing and scheduling works required for council to proceed with this approval. For more information visit our website.

Inspect your home!

Every summer, Australians are injured or killed as a result of structural failures and drownings in the outdoor areas of our homes. Safety checks become especially important as many of us choose to entertain and enjoy the outdoors in the festive season.

Our balconies, decks and patios may require attention and since the end of last summer these could have developed structural problems over the winter, posing an unseen risk.

Safety barrier fencing and gates on our swimming pools and spa pools (including temporary pools) should also be checked. The safety of homeowners, occupiers, family, friends and children should always be the number one priority.

Please read the recent media release from AIBS (Australian Institute of Building Surveyors) urging home owners to not be complacent about familiar home surroundings this summer and have safety checks on structures in outdoor entertaining areas.