

The Shire flyer

Friday 8 February 2019



Scaddan Bushfire Shed Opening

The Scaddan Bushfire Shed was officially opened on Friday 2 February 2019.

Minister for Emergency Services the honorable Francis Logan MLA, WA Member for the Agricultural Region the honorable Darren West MLC, Fire and Emergency Services Commissioner Darren Klemm, Shire of Esperance President Victoria Brown, Shire of Esperance CEO Matthew Scott, attended and unveiled the plaque to officially open the Scaddan Bushfire Shed.



This two bay facility has been a project undertaken over the last 18 months to give the Scaddan Bushfire Brigade a base to store their appliance, associated equipment and a place to meet and undertake training. With two Bays it will allow for any expansion in the future, give the brigade a base from which to operate and coordinate their work.

Chief Bush Fire Control Officer Ashley Stewart and Scaddan Bushfire Brigade Captain Gavin Egan used the occasion to recognize the voluntary service of its longer serving members; 26 members of the brigade were presented with 10 year service medals; 4 of these were further presented with their National Medal; two with their 15 year clasp and two with their 20 year clasp.

Algal Bloom

Members of the public are being warned to stay away from a small algal bloom occurring at Port Beach and a small section of Taylor St Beach. A sample has been sent away for identification and it has been identified by the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation as cyanobacterium, *Trichodesmium* spp.

The Department of Health advises against recreation in waterways during algal blooms particularly where algal scumming or discolouration is visible and advises against eating or handling of fish found in these circumstances. Contact with algal scum can result in skin irritation and a rash may develop in sensitive people. Pets should also be kept away from water during the bloom.

Shire of Esperance Environmental health officers will continue to monitor the situation and signage is in place in affected areas. Signs will be removed once the bloom has dispersed. For further information contact the Shire's Environmental Health Services on 9071 0600. If you see an algal bloom please report it to ALGALWATCH on 08 6250 8064 (office hours).

Skate Park Works

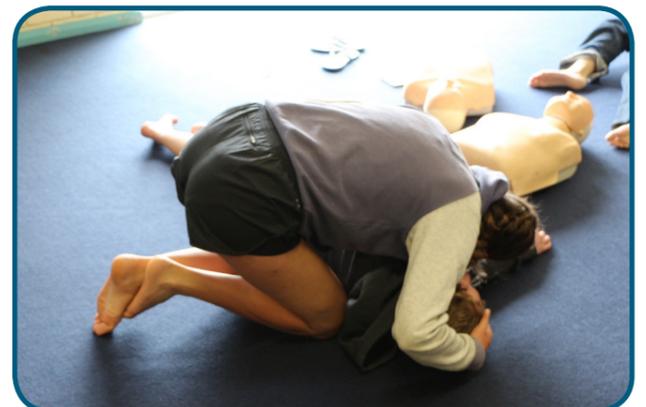
The skate park will be closed to the public from Monday 11 to Friday 15 February 2019.

This is to reseal the skate surface to ensure its quality and longevity. These works are being undertaken for the benefit of the park's users, please respect the temporary closure as entering the site during this time will cause damage to the skating surface.

Bronze Course

Are you interested in learning how to save life? The Bay of Isles Leisure Centre will be holding a Bronze Medallion Course Monday 11 to Wednesday 13 March 5-8pm with the examination and requalification on Thursday 14 March 2019.

Enrolment forms can be collected from the Bay of Isles Leisure Centre reception. Bronze Medallion is an entry level qualification to the aquatic industry and provides participants with the skills to be a lifesaver!



Upcoming Meetings

Agenda Briefing: 19 February, 1pm, Council Chambers

Ordinary Council Meeting: 26 February, 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.

Shackleton: Escape from Antarctica

A new panel display on tour from the Australian National Maritime Museum is here at the Esperance Museum.

Shackleton: Escape from Antarctica, brings together first-hand accounts and dramatic images by official expedition photographer Australian Frank Hurley to tell the compelling story of Shackleton's Imperial Trans-Antarctic Expedition of 1914-17 and his bid to stay alive.

Through the eyes of modern-day adventurer Tim Jarvis AM, who re-enacted parts of Shackleton's journey, and biologist and Shackleton fellow Mel Mackenzie, the display follows the harrowing experiences of both parties and asks visitors to think about their reaction and decisions.

Check out the panel display at the Esperance Museum until March.

Where can I park?

As school goes back it's a good time to think about where we can and can't park, particularly around schools. It's the driver's responsibility to park their car legally to help ease parking issues and keep our children safe. Please do not park on footpaths or median strips, block driveways or obstruct pedestrian crossings; and please obey all signage. A common misconception is that it is better to park on a footpath or verge than on the road, you may be taking up less space on the road, but this makes it more dangerous for path users, particularly those with prams, wheelchairs or on mobility scooters.

You can make things move more smoothly by walking or cycling to school, parking a little further away and obeying street signage. If you need help or advice on parking contact Ranger Services during office hours on 9053 1533