

# Foreshore wins top award

ESPERANCE'S foreshore has been recognised as one of the best in Australia.

The Shire of Esperance has been named an awards winner in the 2015 Parks and Leisure Australia Regional Awards for Excellence.

The Esperance Waterfront: A World Class Foreshore won the category of Parks and Open Space Development.

Winners were announced last Thursday at the awards ceremony at the South Perth Community Hall. The Esperance Waterfront project competed against a high quality field of eight nominees from both metropolitan and regional areas.

Parks and Leisure Australia (PLA) WA is the peak industry body that services parks and leisure professionals who plan, develop, manage and provide for community parks and leisure opportunities which enhance life for Australians.

The PLA Awards of Excellence were established to promote the high standard and broad range of innovative best practice the parks and leisure industry had to offer.

The Parks and Open Space Development Award celebrates and promotes vibrant, successful and well designed parks and open spaces by recognising and rewarding exceptional examples of best practice in terms of design and management.

Shire president Malcolm Heasman said he was excited to have been recognised for the extensive work completed at the Esperance Waterfront.

"This transformation has provided the Esperance Community with a foreshore that is protected from coastal erosion, while at the same time creating a world class public open space," Mr Heasman said.

"The foreshore provides a variety of recreational opportunities for our community and visitors alike and it has been a privilege to be a part of such a positive project. It is a credit to all involved that we are being recognised for the Esperance Waterfront and it was an honour to accept this award on behalf of the Esperance Shire."

The Esperance Waterfront project will progress to the PLA national finals which are held in Sydney in October 2015.

## More money to promote road safety

ESPERANCE'S RoadWise Committee has been given a funding boost to help them spread the road safety message in the region.

The Shire of Esperance RoadWise Committee has welcomed the news that a recent funding application for road safety activities planned in the region for the remainder of 2015 has been successful.

A total of \$6304 will be received from the state government's Road Safety Community Grants Program to fund local road safety campaigns and initiatives.

Esperance RoadWise has planned a number of projects that will target priority areas identified under WA's road safety strategy Towards Zero. Furthermore, the committee is hoping to address local road safety issues and add a local flavour to state-wide campaigns. Target areas to be addressed include the use of seatbelts, drink driving, speed and fatigue.

The committee acknowledges the importance of creating localised campaigns in order to effectively engage the community in road safety messages.

Committee chairman Rob Horan said they had a successful start to the year with the Blessing of Roads, Easter white cross display, Driver Revivers and the recent Belt Up round.

"On behalf of the committee I would like to thank the local media and community for the strong support we have received. We ask for that support to continue to ensure that road safety maintains a strong profile in the community," he said.

The Shire of Esperance is yet to record a fatal car crash this year, but there have been a number of crashes in the region which have resulted in serious injury.

The Road Safety Community Grants Program provides project and event funding to generate community support and participation in road safety.

Esperance RoadWise encourages other groups to apply for the grants available. Event grants of up to \$1300 are available to not-for profit groups willing to promote a road safety message with their event.

For more information visit the Office of Road Safety Community Grants website [ors.wa.gov.au/CommunityGrants](http://ors.wa.gov.au/CommunityGrants) or contact Tiffany Brown, the Goldfields-Esperance Road Safety Advisor for further information.

This project is supported by the Western Australian Government's Road Safety Community Grants Program via the Office of Road Safety.

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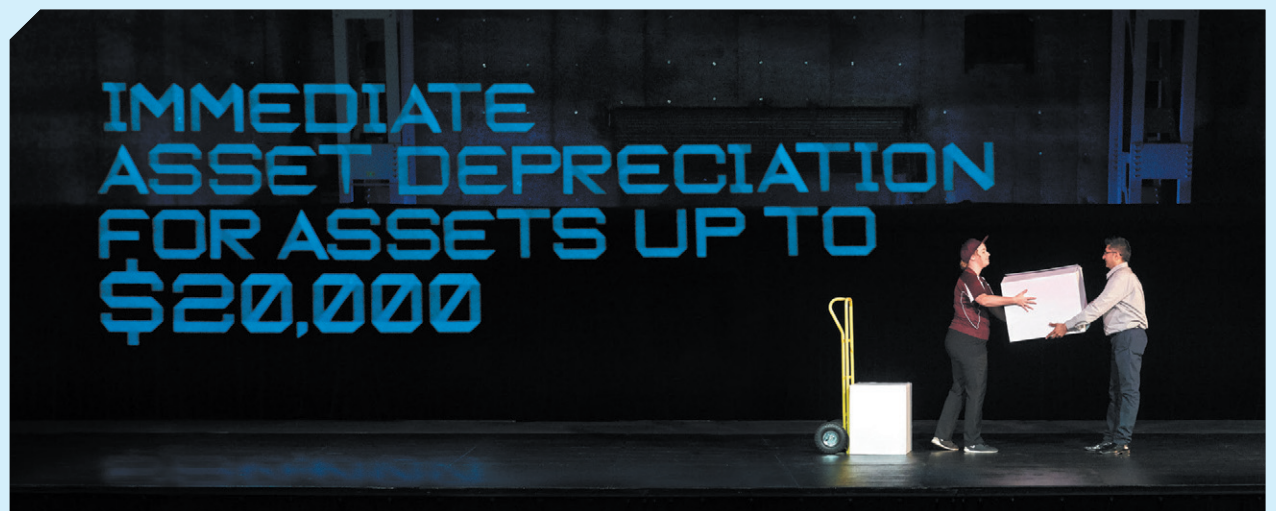


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