

We caught a glimpse of future tourism during the Total Solar Eclipse, with visitors from all over the world, wanting to experience what was on offer. We benefitted immensely by the increased media attention, promoting Exmouth as a top tourism town. This increased activity hi-lighting the need for the planned Tourism Activation Strategy, this is an important step in allowing us to gain support for tourism and to open doors for our tourism industry.

As chair of the Local Emergency Management Committee, I have been involved in the review of our Local Emergency Management Arrangements and many other aspects for our community safety, and recognise the need for updated Cyclone Evacuation facilities.

Our Recreational Masterplan, is underway and I believe this is vital so we can establish our community needs well into the future and plan to advocate for infrastructure that will make a real difference to local families and enhance the livability of our town.

As Shire President, I have embraced the opportunity to enhance my knowledge by participating in local government training. This has enabled me to progress in the role with confidence, and with knowledge of governance, town planning, local and state strategies and advocacy.

I am aware there are questions on everyone's mind! The need for worker's accommodation? The Tantabiddi Boat Ramp upgrade? Land Releases? Solutions for illegal camping? Aged Care and Recycling? Council will be continually advocating to State Government and agencies to move these projects forward.

Whilst our future is bright, with strong foundations, good governance, transparent and accountable decision making and increased stakeholder and community engagement, we need to be proactive so it remains this way.

I have plans in place, to be fully committed to the demands of this expanding role moving forward, and with your support, I can continue to work with you to achieve great things for our town.

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