

## 2016: A year in review

The Exmouth Shire Council has achieved significant outcomes for the benefit of the local community during 2016. Council is continuing its emphasis on high end strategic planning for the long term future of Exmouth. Some of the major achievements for the year include:

### Cruise shipping

This year saw the establishment of a local Cruise Ship coordinating committee and an Exmouth representative appointed to the Tourism WA Cruise Shipping Committee.

Council continues to work to secure a deep water berthing facility in Exmouth to meet the needs of the burgeoning Cruise Shipping market and other industries.

Whilst the deep water port project is still considered a longer term opportunity for Exmouth, Council has continued its investigations into shorter term and more affordable options so that the community can benefit immediately from the cruise shipping tourism potential.

### Ningaloo Centre

The Ningaloo Centre is heading into its final construction stages and is expected to be open in April 2017.

The centre will be a landmark building with the potential to propel Exmouth into the future by

adding value to the local tourism offering and harnessing the potential for a research based industry in Exmouth. The Centre will also provide improved community facilities including a new library and toy library and spaces suited to cultural tourism.

### Airport services

Customer service has been the strong focus of 2016 with the introduction of our airport promise "Where your extraordinary Ningaloo experience begins". This promise has been embraced by airport staff and tenants and Customer Care Standards have been developed for all areas of Learmonth Airport.

### Recycling Centre

Council progressed planning for the establishment of the local Bring Centre to facilitate the recycling of paper, glass, plastics and cardboard.

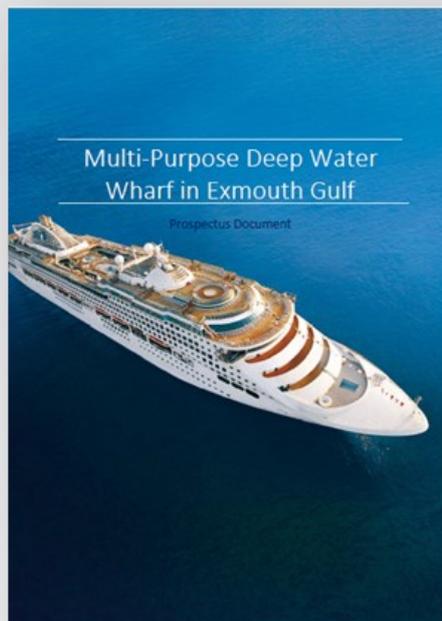
### Pool upgrades

Using funding from the Community Pool Revitalisation grant the pool's

Chlorine Gas dosing system was upgraded. The pool also hosted a number of successful events including the Virtual Rottnest Swim and Australia Day ceremonies.

### Works projects

This year the Shire completed a number of public works projects including Maidstone Crescent landscaping, carpark upgrades at Hunters beach, a new shade structure at Falls Street park and Playgroup and improvements to the family zone at town beach.



### Community Development

The Shire continues to assist Exmouth residents, groups and clubs through community development activities, school holiday programs, commemorative services and events. This year the Shire:

- Hosted the Kimberley Theatre's Staircase to the Moon production.
- Supported the provision of a series of Mental Health First Aid training workshops to upskill local residents in identifying and managing mental health crises and developing illnesses.
- Worked with its youth leadership team, Youth Action Exmouth and the Exmouth PCYC to deliver the July Festival of Sport event.
- Supported the ongoing development of the Exmouth Early Years network which delivered a series of parenting workshops and information sessions into Exmouth;



- Continued to support the Ningaloo Whaleshark Festival Committee and contributed to the event with kite making workshops, BOM weather display, guest appearances from GWN/7 news presenter Shauna Willis and Youth Action Exmouth's silent disco.

- Hosted a successful school holiday program and supported many community groups and organisations through fee waivers, event management assistance and partnerships; and

- Began the Exmouth Trails Masterplan process to develop a well managed and planned trails network to support local recreational and tourism needs.

### Lefroy Street Housing Project

Officers have been working with the Department of Housing (DoH) on the low wage, seasonal and permanent workers housing project. Construction is now well underway with the DoH funding the \$8.5 million project.

### Tourism

Council continues to support the Exmouth Visitor Centre and financially contributes to the operations of the Centre. An officer and a Council representative remain on the Visitor Centre Committee and actively support and develop the strategic direction of the Centre.

### Newsletter delivery information

This newsletter is distributed to all PO Boxes in Exmouth, and is available for pick-up at the post office, shire offices and the Public Library. This newsletter and other information (for example grant information, upcoming events etc) can also be emailed electronically and via Exmouth Info. Send an email to [cdo@exmouth.wa.gov.au](mailto:cdo@exmouth.wa.gov.au) to register your interest and let your friends know about this opportunity.

**The Shire of Exmouth administration office, library and depot will be closed from Friday, 23 December until Tuesday, 3 January 2017.**

**Check the Shire Facebook page or go to [www.exmouth.wa.gov.au](http://www.exmouth.wa.gov.au) for more information on Shire services, including tip and rubbish collection days over the Christmas New Year period. We wish you a happy and safe festive season.**

