## Shire of Exmouth MEDIA RELEASE





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## **SUMMARY:**

 Exmouth welcomes Their Excellencies the Hon Sir Peter Cosgrove, Governor General of Australia and Lady Cosgrove to town.

Almost 80 Exmouth residents had the opportunity to meet Their Excellencies the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove and Lady Cosgrove at a civic reception hosted by the Shire of Exmouth in the Ningaloo Centre last night.

After a short formal ceremony to begin the evening, the Governor General and Lady Cosgrove spent more than an hour speaking with community members who had gathered to welcome him to Exmouth.

Shire of Exmouth Commissioner Ian Fletcher said it was an honour to host the Governor-General and Lady Cosgrove in Exmouth and provide them with an insight into the local community and the World Heritage Listed Ningaloo Coast.

As well as being the first dignitary to attend a formal function at the Ningaloo Centre, the Governor General visited volunteers at Mrs Macs Shed, called in at Exmouth Volunteer Sea Rescue and spoke with some of Exmouth's young leaders at Exmouth District High School.

He also travelled to the Vlaming Head Lighthouse for a briefing on the areas World Heritage values and toured the Naval Communications Station Harold E Holt.

Commissioner Fletcher said it was a pleasure to introduce the Governor General and Lady Cosgrove to so many of Exmouth's hard working volunteers, showcase the town's unique history and lifestyle and its ongoing role in Australian defence and security.

"We are really fortunate to have been able to host the Governor General and Lady Cosgrove in Exmouth," he said.

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