

EXMAS 2021

During December, the festive spirit has been in full swing in Exmouth, with residents decorating their homes and businesses, Christmas Carols being hosted by Exmouth Christian Fellowship, and Santa visiting the Ningaloo Centre. The Shire of Exmouth, with sponsorship from Horizon Power, was delighted to host the 2021 EXMAS Christmas Lights Competition. Winners were announced via social media on 20 December. Thank you to our panel of judges and congratulations to all who entered!

The winners are:

Best Themed Business Display: 2nd Hand Bookshop

Best Themed Shop Window: Idaho Boutique

Best Homes Awards:

1st Place, 3 Gnandaroo Rd; 2nd Place, 7 Kestrel Pl; 3rd Place, 9 Ningaloo St;

4th Place, 38 Kennedy St; 5th Place, 26 Christie St. **People's Choice Best Home Award:** 9 Ningaloo St.



















SCUBA SANTA AT THE NINGALOO CENTRE

During December, the lower primary students from EDHS were treated to a special Christmas visit at the Ningaloo Centre. Santa had lost his bag with his special treats for the students. Lucky for Santa, the children saw his bag in the Ningaloo Centre's main Aquarium and he was able to retrieve it with a quick swim before treating the children.



SHIRE OF EXMOUTH 2021-2026 UNIVERSAL ACCESS AND INCLUSION PLAN (UAIP)

Consultation has finished on the draft Shire of Exmouth 2022-2027 Universal Access and Inclusion Plan (UAIP) with excellent feedback being provided in community sessions, via survey and also the Community Services team ran a workshop with Shire of Exmouth staff, brainstorming solutions to the challenges those with diverse needs face when accessing our community. These ideas have been drafted into outcomes, strategies and actions which form the basis of the UAIP. The UAIP will be presented at an upcoming Ordinary Council Meeting before providing a final opportunity for feedback on the UIAP document from the community before adoption by Council.

COMMUNITY VACCINATION CLINIC

Exmouth community members over 12 years can Roll up for WA and get a COVID-19 vaccine this week between 21 and 23 December at the WACHS community vaccination clinic in the Shire of Exmouth's building on 24 Maidstone Cres. Walk-ins are welcome. For more information Ph: 132 6843 or head to rollupforwa.com.au



BREASTSCREEN WA MOBILE VISIT TO EXMOUTH

WA's FREE screening mammogram service is coming to Exmouth. The mobile clinic will be at the Exmouth District Hospital from 10 December 2021 to 10 January 2022. Women 50 to 74 years are invited to have a FREE screening mammogram. (All women 40 years and over are eligible). Breast cancer is the most common life-threatening cancer for women and 1 in 7 women in Australia will develop breast cancer in their lifetime. Having a screening mammogram (breast x-ray) every two years significantly increases the chance of a woman surviving breast cancer and reduces the amount of treatment required. More than 75% of breast cancers occur in women over the age of 50. Research shows that screening is most effective for this age group. To make your free screening mammogram appointment – book online www.breastscreen.health.wa.gov.au or call 13 20 50.





HIKING PROJECT

The Shire of Exmouth was successful in being awarded a grant from the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries.

The WA Hiking Participation Grants Program is aimed at growing participation in hiking in Western Australia through the development and delivery of new opportunities for participation, skills development and capacity of leaders.

This pilot hiking project will be aimed at developing members of a new hiking club in the Exmouth region. To discuss an interest to be being involved with this pilot project, which includes learning about hiking in the Cape Range area and also being able to gain a free Provide First Aid certificate, please contact Rod McGrath, Manager Community, Sport and Recreation, Shire of Exmouth, via email: rmcgrath@exmouth.wa.gov.au or phone: 9949-3000.