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SHIRE OF WAROONA



Shire President's **Message**

ALCOA-WAROONA SUSTAINABILITY FUND

Please be aware that the Alcoa Waroona Sustainability fund will be open to local groups and organisation to apply for grant funding beginning in August 2015. This is a fantastic opportunity for groups to fund additional facilities or upgrade those facilities already in place within the Shire of Waroona. Please refer to the article with in this addition for further details.

BUDGET ADOPTION

The months of June, July and August are very busy for the Shire of Waroona staff as they are working very hard wrapping up 2014/15 projects and preparing the new financial year 2015/16 budget. The Special Council Meeting to adopt the Budget has been set for Tuesday 4th August which is two weeks early than last year. Shortly after, the rates notices will be sent out with last day of payment set for Friday 18th September 2015.

REC CENTRE MANAGER - FAREWELL

Wednesday 1st July marked the final working day for one of our favourite faces up at the Waroona Recreation Centre, Ron Thomas. Ron has been with the Shire of Waroona for over 7 years and he has decided to leave the working class life and take up the life of leisure. We would like to take this opportunity to wish him all the best for the future and good luck with his travels. He will be greatly missed.

NAIDOC WEEK

Monday 6th July marked the beginning of NADIOC week to which the Shire of Waroona held its celebration event on Friday 10th July. The event included activities such as Aboriginal dancing, Story Time, didgeridoo playing as well as a skills clinic run by former Essendon Bombers player Leroy Jetta.

PEEL BUSINESS EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Congratulations to all those businesses that have been nominated for 2015 Alcoa Peel Business excellence awards. A total of 22 Shire of Waroona businesses were nominated and we wish them all the best of luck.

PRESTON BEACH PLANTING

Throughout the month of June a joint costal rehabilitation project between Shire of Waroona, South West Catchment Council and Preston Beach Progress Association saw the planting of over 750 seedlings along the dunes as well as the Lake Preston Trail. Thank you to all the volunteers that gave their time to assist make this project a successful one.

RECENT AWARDS

Big congratulations go out to Mike Whitney and Adrienne Bellairs from the Waroona Bowling Club. Mike received the Club Plus WA award for Excellence and Adrienne the award for Volunteers Contribution. Also congratulations to Kirsten Waller for winning the South West Group Rural Ambassador Award representing the Waroona Agricultural Society.

2015 HARD REFUSE COLLECTION

Council Hard Refuse Collection will be taking place in August and any of the following items will be collected.

White Goods (Stoves, Washing Machines, Fridges – the doors are to be removed from fridges and freezers for safety)

- Televisions
- Scrap Metal
- Old Furniture
- General Junk

The collection dates are:

Preston Beach Town site/ Lake Clifton Commencing Tuesday 18th August

Waroona & Hamel Town sites Commencing Tuesday 25th August

Residents are encouraged to check if their property is within the service zone by referring to the maps located at the Shire Admin Office, Library, Preston Beach General Store, Preston Beach Community Centre and Lake Clifton Community Centre.

It is important that residents pay close attention to the requirements of verge collections. Non-compliance with these requirements may result in some of the waste remaining on the verge.

The Shire request resident to place all waste in a neat pile on the verge no earlier than one (1) week prior to the dates above. A maximum volume of hard refuse to be collected from each resident is two (2) cubic metres.

For further information please refer to Council's Hard Refuse Collection Policy & Guidelines for further information or contact the Shire Office on 9733 7800.

RESOURCE SHARING EXTENDS TO RANGER SERVICES

The Shires of Murray and Waroona continue to work collaboratively with one another as they continue to expand resource sharing efforts between the two Shires.

The Shire of Murray Council recently approved a proposal to establish a resource sharing agreement with the Shire of Waroona for contract Ranger and Administration Services.

The agreement will see the Shire of Murray providing contract Ranger Services to the Shire of Waroona for an initial period of three years with Rangers being endorsed to undertake law enforcement and administrative functions. Legislation such as the *Dog Act 1976*, the *Cat Act 2011* and other State Acts, as well as both Shire's local laws will be enforced.

"Benefits of the resource sharing will see the employment of additional staff which will support operations in both Murray and Waroona and ultimately strengthen services across both districts in fire prevention and other annual compliance and community programs.

The Shire of Murray currently have resource sharing arrangements in place for Information Technology and recently Health Services, which demonstrates the strong and cooperative partnership between the two Shires," said Shire of Murray CEO Dean Unsworth.

The Ranger and Administration Services resource sharing agreement commenced on 1 July, 2015.

Shire of Waroona CEO Ian Curley said "this agreement is another great example where combining resources between local governments in the region can strengthen services and reduce costs. The advantage of this new service being

the increase to a 7 day per week ranger service for the Waroona area".

Residents in the Shire of Waroona will continue to contact Ranger Services on the existing phone number (08) 9733 7816, and Shire of Murray residents will continue to use (08) 9531 7777.



Next Council Meeting

Next Council Meeting will be 28th July at 4pm at the Shrine of Waroona Council Chambers behind the administration office

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ALCOA WAROONA SUSTAINABILITY FUND GRANTS

Local groups and organisations are advised that the Alcoa Waroona Sustainability Fund Advisory Committee will be advertising for grant applications from the Sustainability Fund in August this year.

The Sustainability Fund purpose is to fund facilities and projects with enduring value for the communities surrounding the Wagerup refinery. Funds will be allocated to community organisations, initiatives, processes and activities that contribute to the local government region known as the Shire of Waroona. The closing date for receipt of applications has been set for 9 October 2015 so local groups and organisations can start planning now.

The Advisory Committee has set an upper limit of \$250,000 it may distribute in this round. The individual amount will be dependent on the strength of the applications, however, it is expected that no individual application will be less than \$10,000 nor exceed an amount of \$50,000.

To be eligible you must be an incorporated community group or organisation who is domiciled and provides services predominately within the Shire of Waroona including, but not limited to, Waroona, Lake Clifton, Preston Beach, Nanga Brook, Wagerup and Hamel.

Applications can be for a broad range of community development projects both large and small that make a positive contribution to the economic, social, recreational or environmentally sustainability of the communities within the Shire of Waroona.

Projects that attract matched or partial funding from other sources and promote the concept of co-location (where appropriate) will be encouraged.

Grant application guidelines and application forms will be available from the Shire's website www.waroona.wa.gov.au when they are released.

SEATO ART 2015

Entry forms for the eighth annual Sea to ART Exhibition are now available at Waroona Visitor Centre & Gallery and Shire of Waroona. Completed forms will need to be lodged late September with exhibit items not being required until late October for the November display.

The exhibition is an eclectic collection of art in numerous forms and mediums and this year will no doubt bring more surprises from our talented local community. Entry is open to residents of Shire of Waroona, Coolup and Yarloop.



Sea to ART is not only for the experienced exhibitor – those looking to dip their toes into the exhibition arena will find a support network to give them the confidence to do so.

For more information on please contact Tracy Goldsworthy on 9733 1506 or email visitorcentre@waroona.wa.gov.au. Sea to ART is a Sea to Scarp Summer Event sponsored by Shire of Waroona and Alcoa Australia.







LET'S GET COSY!

The thinking caps are on, designs are coming together, needles are clicking and those hooks are a-hooking!

As part of Sea to ART 2015 there will be a crazy cosy competition for the quirky, the quaint and the queer – and we're not just talking the yarn artists!

This will be fun and you won't want to miss out. An added bonus is that when you enter by donating your creation you will be helping St. John Ambulance as the cosies will be sold as a fundraiser.

So spread the word! Tell your family, tell your friends – it's open to all and sundry from here, there and everywhere.

Keep watching the Despatch for more details or contact Jan Burne on 9733 3301 for more information.



Exhibition is open to Local Artists

Residents of Shire of Waroona, Coolup & Yarloop are invited to exhibit in Sea to ART to be held Nov 2015. Categories include painting, drawing & printmaking in any medium; mixed media art; works in fine metals, jewellery & glass; works in fibres & textiles; fine wood craft, etc.

Entry forms due in by 3pm Friday 25/09/2015

Forms available from:
Waroona Visitor Centre & Gallery, 37 South West Hwy
Shire of Waroona Office, 52 Hesse St
or email request to visitorcentre@waroona.wa.gov.au



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