



Shire President's Message

Momentum has begun again on our vision for the Town Centre Revitalisation Strategy. The Task Force held a workshop with the group Element who are helping us to formulate the strategy. We will be holding broader community meetings over the next few months and I would like to encourage everyone that has an interest in having input into this strategy to come along and be part of this discussion. We will eventually have a strategy that will guide council to start working on the town centre and help us to advocate for funding sources to help us achieve our goal.

Planning is well under way for the 90th Waroona Agricultural Show and at this stage it's looking very promising. So much energy and passion goes into organising the show each year, which makes it even more admirable at the moment given the situation could change and restrictions could return. We sincerely hope this won't be the case and the show will again be a huge success. Some other activities that will be coming up soon are the annual Troutfest which the Shire is taking a senior role in organising this year. The Alcoa Wagerup Sustainability Fund committee also recently endorsed some forward grants to facilitate groups over the coming year to help fund concerts and community events to encourage our residents to socialise and enjoy gatherings again. Please keep an eye out on our social media and local papers for

how these will work and when they will be available.

While we have all experienced interruptions and consequences of the last few months, there has been some upside to this period of time. It has been nice to see some visitors to town and some of our businesses have enjoyed a good return to strong customer numbers. We have also enjoyed the lowest influenza cases in our state in history up till now. So all the cleaning and hand sanitiser and social distancing has had some benefits.

All rate notices this year contain a few items of information that council would like to bring to your attention. There will be some info on what the DFES levy funds cover and there has also been some changes to the Fire Break notice. This

notice has undergone a few changes over the years and council is hopeful that the current version is simpler and more fit for purpose in some areas where a blanket rule can make it difficult to comply. We hope these changes are more acceptable and user friendly and that going forward into the fire season, everyone will be prepared in a consistent and sensible manner as having your property ready will also help keep your neighbours safe.



WAROONA BUDGET ENDORSED WITH NO RATE INCREASE

In reflecting the financial challenges COVID-19 has had on the community, the Waroona Council endorsed a nil rate increase for the 2020/21 financial year.

As a further acknowledgement, no fees or charges will increase for the coming year.

Shire President Cr Mike Walmsley said "The nil rates increase has made it a challenge to balance the needs of the community with the current challenges caused by the pandemic, but it is something I believe we have hit the right balance with.

We have acknowledged how difficult it is for many residents, so we have made a decision to cushion the financial blow as much as possible by freezing rates".

"We have been able to make administrative savings through resource sharing our Chief Executive Officer with the Shire of Murray and reducing our senior management team by one officer in this budget".

- The budget includes a number of initiatives that includes:
- A total civil construction programme of \$1,743,544, which includes:
- Somers Road reconstruction and widening – 800m
- Mayfield Road reconstruction and widening – 650m
- Coronation Road reseal – various sections
- Johnson Road reconstruct and reseal – 2.2km
- Nanga Brook Road Black Spot works
- Lake Clifton road verge improvements
- Peppermint Grove Road culvert headwalls and guard rail

- Millar Street school parking, kerb and path
- Chalet Vale Close and Millar Street drainage works
- Fawcett Road tree pruning
- South West Highway footpaths improvements – Millar to McDowell Street & adjacent to newsagency
- Drakesbrook Weir barbeque electricity installation
- Sporting Oval reticulation works
- Complete Waroona West Fire Station - \$99,000
- Replace CCTV cameras on South West Highway - \$10,000
- Refuse Site liquid waste facility closure - \$55,000
- Recreation Centre building upgrades - \$226,000
- Cricket Practice Net construction - \$63,000
- Visitor Centre repairs and upgrades to kitchen and floor - \$22,000
- Information Bay sign replacement - \$8,000

Council has also focused on increasing its allocation to its Plant Replacement Reserve to smooth major purchase impacts in future years.

Residents should be aware that while there is a rates freeze for this year, due to the annual Unimproved Valuation revaluations, some properties under UV may increase or decrease slightly depending on whether their property values increased or decreased.

"The overall rates collection has not increased, and any movement to UV landowners is due to valuation fluctuations through the Office of the Valuer General and not by Council", Cr Walmsley said.

Next Council Meeting
Next council meeting will be
Tue 25 August 2020
at 4pm at the Lake Clifton
Community Centre

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LONG-TERM VISION FOR WAROONA ENDORSED BY COUNCIL

Following a long process of five community workshops, district wide survey, coffee conversations with 18 groups, the Waroona 2030 – Strategic Community Plan was endorsed this week.

The Plan illustrates a vision that the Shire of Waroona will create a sense of place and identity, embracing creativity, our natural environment and a strong and diverse economy.

Underpinning this vision are aspirations to have a connected and involved community, a diverse economy, care for our environment, effectively manage our assets and embed strong leadership through good and transparent governance.

In order to deliver these aspirations, a more focused four-year Corporate Business Plan, Towards Waroona 2030 Corporate Business Plan 2020-2024 details the projects and initiatives that are aimed to be delivered between now and June 2024.

Shire President Cr Mike Walmsley said that the process was the most extensive and thorough in his memory and is confident that the strategies maps out a clear direction for the future.

“We have worked closely with our community to come up with a collective and shared vision and what we need to do to achieve the potential we have”, Cr Walmsley said.

“It is ambitious and it will need support from Federal and State

governments and also input from the community for us to reach these goals, but working collectively, our aspirations can be achieved.

Some of the major initiatives into the future includes:

- Redeveloping and activating the main street of Waroona;
- Creating agricultural workers accommodation to help stimulate the local economy and agricultural businesses;
- Focus on increasing tourism across the Shire;
- Develop an accessible boardwalk and beach access at Preston Beach;
- Providing a play and recreation space at Lake Clifton;
- Further develop the Drakesbrook Weir;
- Work towards increasing water supply to the Shire.

Cr Walmsley said that the projects above are only some of the initiatives identified and acknowledges that some of them will need assistance from other tiers of government.

“The Shire will actively lobby for better services and quality of life for our current and future residents”.

The documents can be viewed and downloaded at the following links:

- Waroona 2030 Strategic Community Plan
- Towards Waroona 2030 Corporate Business Plan 2020-2024

Community Engagement Activities August 2020

We welcome the community to join us in a series of events to help re-imagine the next chapter for the Waroona Town Centre.

'Finding the new pulse for Waroona's heart'

15 AUG 2020 Collaborative Community Visioning Workshop

Date: Saturday 15th August
Location: Waroona Memorial Hall
Time: 10:00am - 12noon
Catering: Light catering provided

RSVP (required): towncentre@waroona.wa.gov.au by 12 August, more details via the link below.

Note: This workshop will follow current State Government COVID-19 guidelines.

17-31 AUG 2020 Three Online Surveys

Each with prizes for randomly selected winners.

COMMUNITY SURVEY
Target group: all local community.

Two Prizes
• \$100 voucher from the Waroona Hotel
• 3-month WRAC adult membership

YOUTH SURVEY
Target group: youth - young adults

Two Prizes
• \$100 voucher from the Waroona Post Office/Surf Shop
• A 3-month WRAC youth membership

VISITOR PERCEPTION SURVEY
Target Group: all visitors

Three Prizes
• \$100 voucher from the Waroona Visitor Centre and Gallery
• \$20 food/coffee voucher from the Pinjarra Bakery
• \$20 food/coffee voucher from the Waroona Cafe

Note: Online surveys will be available to be completed from 17-31 August 2020

WIN SURVEY PRIZES

Workshop RSVP and links to surveys are available here: <https://www.waroona.wa.gov.au/community/community-engagement/town-centre-revitalisation-strategy.aspx>



Local Government Act 1995 [s.5.56]

Local Government (Administration)

Regulations 1996 [r.19D]

SHIRE OF WAROONA ADOPTION OF STRATEGIC COMMUNITY PLAN 2020 – 2030

The Shire of Waroona has resolved to adopt Waroona 2030 – Strategic Community Plan 2020 – 2030.

This Strategic Community Plan will apply to the district for the period specified in the Plan, 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2030.

A copy of the Strategic Community Plan may be inspected at, or obtained from the Shire Administration Office at 52 Hesse Street, Waroona, between 8.30am and 4.00pm Monday to Friday. A copy is also on the Shire's website www.waroona.wa.gov.au

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER