



Shire President's Message

With the higher than average rainfall we have experienced in November, we have had an abundance of grass and regrowth around our Shire. While this has been welcomed by our farmers it has also lead to what will be a lot of dry matter heading into summer. It is imperative we all do what we can to eliminate some of this growth by slashing or mowing what we can to try and mitigate our fire risk. Fire breaks may need to be redone in some cases so please prepare as best you can for the approaching summer.

Councils consulting group Element are engaged to prepare the Town Centre Revitalisation

Strategy. They will be holding an information evening on the 15th of December. I encourage anyone who has an interest in this vision for the town centre to come along between 4pm and 7pm at the Memorial Hall to meet with the team and discuss and view what they have prepared from the input and consultation with businesses and residents. We look forward to comments on this strategy so please come along if you have the opportunity.

Council recently endorsed the Shire of Waroona Waste Plan. Council has been required to submit this plan for endorsement to the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation and needs to demonstrate that our Shire has targets to reduce landfill and set recovery rates for waste. Council also needs to investigate the use of the three bin system commonly referred to as the FOGO bin. Council's position on the third bin is that given our low population and relatively large

block sizes, there isn't sufficient need to warrant the third bin at this stage as the volumes of food and organic would be relatively low.

I was fortunate recently to be part of a presentation from Dr Fiona Valaseni who heads up a research team that has studied the health of the Peel-Harvey Estuary. The study found that while the Dawesville Cut had some benefits in helping flush the estuary to a degree, salinity is travelling further up the river systems and some of this water is taking longer to circulate through the estuary. Overall the Estuary health is not particularly good and would need significant amounts of rainfall and flushing to help restore its ecosystems. Some positives were nutrient runoff has decreased in the last few decades and it hosts a few new species of fish but sadly some of the traditional species like cobbler are almost depleted. The Estuary has regional significance as a source of habitat and recreation

for many people. Almost all of our Shires agricultural areas rainfall runoff makes its way to the estuary so it was good to see demonstrated responsible use of fertilisers is helping reduce the nutrient load entering the Estuary.

This will be the last Sea to Scarp for the year 2020. This year has been challenging on many levels and has also had many positive developments. Council is proud of some of the plans that have been developed such as the improvements to the Drakesbrook Weir and the Intergenerational Space and land acquisitions in our town and we also enjoyed our creatives splashing some colour around our Shire. I sincerely wish everyone a very safe and happy festive season and while we can never truly know what the future holds, we trust it will be bright and that as a strong community we look out for each other and meet all challenges as successfully as we have this year.

SHIRE CHRISTMAS OPENING HOURS

Administration / Works Depot / Licensing & Library

Closed – Friday 25th December 2020
Closed – Monday 28th December 2020
Closed – Tuesday 29th December 2020
Closed – Wednesday 30th December 2020
Closed – Thursday 31st December 2020
Closed – Friday 1st January 2021

Visitor Centre:

Closed – Friday 25th December 2020
Closed – Saturday 26th December 2020
Closed – Friday 1st January 2021

Recreation & Aquatic Centre:

Closed – Wednesday 23rd December 2020
Closed – Thursday 24th December 2020
Closed – Friday 25th December 2020
Closed – Monday 28th December 2020
Closed – Friday 1st January 2021

Merry Christmas and
a Happy New Year
from everyone at the
Shire of Waroona



Mooriel 2020 Christmas



Leo Pinzone (4) with mum, Sonia are pictured with Mooriel in festive form at Waroona Visitor Centre.

Next Council Meeting
Next council meeting will be
Tuesday 15th December
at 4pm at the Waroona
Council Chambers

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**Always Was,
Always Will Be.**
8-15 NOV 2020

NAIDOC 2020



National Indigenous
Australians Agency



NAIDOC is a time to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, culture and achievements and is an opportunity to recognise the contributions that Indigenous Australians make to our country and our community.

NAIDOC week is held in the first week of July however the COVID-19 global health crisis saw the date changed to 8-15 November 2020. Always Was, Always Will Be was the theme for 2020 NAIDOC recognising the truth of Australia's past and to acknowledge the country's 65,000 years of culture and heritage. NAIDOC provides a platform to learn and acknowledge Australia's shared history and celebrate Aboriginal culture as the oldest living culture on the planet. The Shire of Waroona together with the Waroona Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation came together to provide an evening of culture, music, comedy and traditional food.

While the kitchen crew were busy making kangaroo stew and damper, the children and adults were entertained with Didgeridoo and clapping sticks by Bindjareb Middars, art and craft, face painting and yard games.

Aboriginal Elder Mr. Robert Jetta provided a Welcome to Country, warmly welcoming guests to the event taking place on the traditional lands of the Nyoongar people. Councillor Purcell addressed the audience on behalf of the Waroona Shire followed by a performance by Phil Wallestack who entertained the crowd with music and hilarious stories of his travel around Australia and the world.

Local service providers were in attendance to provide information and craft activities. A big thankyou to:

- Waroona Community Resource Centre
- Peel Jobs & Skills Centre
- NDIS/ Wanslea
- Anglicare - Parenting Connections
- Waroona 3 year old Aboriginal Playgroup.

The Waroona NAIDOC Week event was supported by the Australian Government - National Indigenous Australians Agency.



FUSION

A 12 month youth engagement program created by the Local Drug Action Team for youth aged 12-17 years!!

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR MONTHLY SESSIONS AT LAKE CLIFTON & WAROONA HEAD OVER TO OUR JACKSON PARK

Sea to Scarp: Your Community

PING PONG

DRUMMING


BASKETBALL CLINICS

MOVIE NIGHT

HIPHOP WORKSHOP

FREE FUN ENGAGING ACTIVITIES INCLUDING DINNER





SHIRE OF WAROONA NOTICE OF MEETINGS 2021

The Council of the Shire of Waroona will hold its Ordinary Council meetings on the following dates during 2021:

January	No Meeting to be held		
February	Tuesday 23 February 2021	Council	Chambers
March	Tuesday 23 March 2021	Preston	Beach Community Centre
April	Tuesday 27 April 2021	Council	Chambers
May	Tuesday 25 May 2021	Council	Chambers
June	Tuesday 22 June 2021	Council	Chambers
July	Tuesday 27 July 2021	Council	Chambers
August	Tuesday 24 August 2021	Council	Chambers
September	Tuesday 28 September 2021	Lake Community Centre	Clifton Centre
October	Tuesday 26 October 2021	Council	Chambers
November	Tuesday 23 November 2021	Council	Chambers
December	Tuesday 14 December 2021	Council	Chambers

Meetings will be held at the Waroona Shire Council Chambers, rear of 52 Hesse Street, Waroona commencing at 4.00pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

DEAN UNSWORTH
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Come and join us for a chat on the ideas for the Town Centre Revitalisation Plan.



You are invited to come and share your thoughts at an informal 'drop-in session' to view graphic panels showing ideas and strategies for the future of the Waroona Town Centre.

WHEN: 4pm-7pm Tuesday 15 December 20
WHERE: Waroona Memorial Hall

Drop-in and chat to members of the **element** project team and provide feedback on the shared vision for the town centre.

 Light catering provided **element.**

Plans will also be available for viewing and feedback online post the session.