

From the President



Wet July

July has certainly provided lots of rain and kept the outside crew busy unblocking drains and removing trees from roads. As we are well aware you can never receive too much rain and it will be a great start to summer to hopefully have all our dams full and everyone's rainwater tanks at capacity. We have experienced some flooding in areas this winter but at this stage there doesn't appear to

be any lasting effects.

Community feedback

Thanks go to our residents that recently attended some community workshops to gather feedback on the design of our new town precinct. Council staff were happy with some of the positive feedback submitted at the workshop and online. Council also was delighted to receive more significant funding through Lotterywest. The grant of \$450,000 was announced by our local MLA Robyn Clarke and Lotterywest Commissioner Kingsley Dixon who informed us of the significant support Lotterywest gives our state and how successful the WA model is. Our gratitude goes out to all who supported Council both in attracting this funding and for understanding what Council is trying to achieve with this project. We are now moving into

community consultation on the final design for the \$3 million project.

Coastal Management Plan

Preston Beach recently held a drop-in session seeking input into our Coastal Management Plan. These plans are vital for future direction and as a guidance in seeking future grants and funding. This year Council will need to find the funding to complete the annual dune brushing as we were unsuccessful in attracting the grant funding that usually covers their cost. The brushing has become an important tool in re-establishing vegetation in eroded sites and as a deterrent to beach users who insist on entering areas that they shouldn't. Council appreciates everyone's input into the plan and the committee who drove it to its formation.

CEO change

At our July ordinary council meeting, Council recommended the motion to remove the CEO sharing component of our agreement with the Murray Shire. While this decision was a difficult one, the body of work that faces the Murray Shire and ours will need dedicated leadership. Dean Unsworth has set our Shire on a very positive path and we have been very fortunate to have had his leadership and energy as part of our community for the past two years. Council will now advertise the position and go through the recruiting process with a vision that Dean's replacement will carry on his good work and collaborate on more resource sharing to enhance both our Shires.

ALCOA WAROONA MICRO GRANT FUND

The Alcoa Waroona Micro Grants are now open, closing **15 August 2021**.

The funding partnership between Alcoa of Australia and the Shire of Waroona supports groups to:

- 1) Build and strengthen their organisational capacity or sustainability; or
- 2) Deliver events, projects, programs or facilities that benefit Waroona communities or simply addresses a well evidenced need.

Applications will be invited twice per year with a maximum grant allocation of \$2,000 per community group or organisation approved in any given financial year.

For more details on the Alcoa Waroona Micro Grant, please visit the Shire of Waroona website: Grants » Shire of Waroona or call Ph.: 08 9733 7800



Cemeteries Act 1986 Local Government Act 1995 Shire of Waroona

Adoption of Drakesbrook Cemetery Local Law 2021

The Shire of Waroona has resolved to make the Shire of Waroona Drakesbrook Cemetery Local Law 2021.

The purpose of this local law is to provide the rules for the regulation and management of Drakesbrook Cemetery.

The effect of this local law is intended to result in supervision and regulation of Drakesbrook Cemetery; prevention and mitigation of nuisances at Drakesbrook Cemetery; and regulation of conduct at Drakesbrook Cemetery to enhance environmental conservation, public safety, convenience and amenity.

A copy of the local law 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

This local law was published in the Government Gazette on 5 July 2021 and will come into operation on 19 July 2021.

DEAN UNSWORTH
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Murray-Waroona Resource Sharing Joint Statement

On 22 and 27 July respectively, the Shires of Murray and Waroona resolved to recommit their focus on a large number of economically significant major projects that are either in progress or under development.

From a regional perspective, the Murray-Waroona-Harvey Water Security Study is being undertaken and the growth of the agri-business sector is being facilitated, especially through Western Australian Food Innovation Precinct efforts.

From an individual Shire perspective, projects include:

Murray:

- Western Australian Food Innovation Precinct build and activation (\$35 million)
- Redevelopment of the Exchange Hotel (\$5 million)
- Stages Two and Three of the Pinjarra Heavy Haulage Deviation (\$70 million)
- Pinjarra Revitalisation Strategy (\$10 million)
- Implementation of the Dwellingup Futures Sustainability Strategy
- Sir Ross McLarty future development (\$13 million)
- Equine Industry development including significant capital upgrades to the racing and harness tracks and the Murray Regional Equestrian Centre under cover arena (\$45 million)
- Advocating for local health services and upgrades to Murray District Hospital
- Determination of the feasibility of recommencing rail from Pinjarra to Dwellingup
- North Dandalup Recreation Precinct redevelopment
- New Local Planning Scheme preparation

Waroona:

- Waroona Town Centre Revitalisation Strategy implementation (\$10 million)
- Waroona Community Precinct implementation (\$5.5 million) with the first \$3 million component to commence soon
- Drakesbrook Weir redevelopment (\$2.3 million) with first \$750,000 component to start soon
- Transforming the Waroona 'old' Agriculture Department building into a regional environmental hub (\$500,000)
- Development of Waroona Lakes hiking and bike trail from Drakesbrook Weir to Lake Navarino and Lane Poole Reserve (\$3 million)
- Activation of redundant Alcoa land and use of infrastructure assets for community recreation and economic purposes

- Strategy develop for the effective management of the Lake Navarino Recreation Precinct
- Preston Beach Foreshore Management Plan implementation
- Ensure Shire alignment to the proposed Yalgorup National Park Master Plan
- Land subdivision stimulus incentive package

Given the number of projects for both Shires, Councils have agreed that the most effective way to successfully lobby for and/or implement these projects is for each Council to employ its own Chief Executive Officer.

Quotes attributable to Shire of Murray Shire President Cr. David Bolt:

"The sharing of a CEO for the past two years has been very successful given the number of projects that are now in front of us. It has also helped both organisations rapidly identify a solid pipeline of additional projects and opportunities that will be key to ensuring our Shires flourish into the future."

"By adopting common processes and procedures, we have also built strong foundations that should support further savings and allowing us to explore new areas for our alliance into the future"

"Murray Waroona resource sharing will continue to provide positive outcomes for both organisations and has demonstrated that by working together local governments with similar demographics and shared vision can reduce costs while improving their sustainability, ultimately delivering better value and services for their local communities and ratepayers".

Quotes attributable to Shire of Waroona Shire President Cr. Mike Walmsley:

"The sharing of the CEO with Murray has yielded some very positive outcomes for our council in the last two years. With the arrangement though it has become clear that the tremendous number of projects that have been activated will need dedicated leadership from both Councils". "The vision is that dedicated CEO's will have a strong working relationship across both Councils and still continue to deliver great outcomes for our communities". "Dean Unsworth has displayed an unmatched work ethic and is an extremely capable CEO. Our Council has been strengthened by his leadership and the next person to fill this role will be expected to keep up the momentum and work closely with him in furthering the resource sharing agreement."

The Shire of Waroona will soon commence recruitment, with the view to appoint a new Chief Executive Officer later this year. Mr. Unsworth will remain joint Chief Executive Officer until the successful applicant commences to ensure a seamless transition.



"Shire Presidents Cr. Walmsley, Cr. Bolt with Murray Waroona CEO Dean Unsworth recommit focus on economically significant major projects"

SHIRE OF WAROONA ANNUAL TENDERS

Tenders closing at 2:00pm on Tuesday 17 August 2021 are invited for the following:

- 2021/22-01 SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF GRAVEL BASECOURSE MATERIAL
- 2021/22-02 SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF CRUSHED LIMESTONE
- 2021/22-03 SUPPLY OF BITUMEN SEALS AND ASPHALT

Tender documents are available by contacting the Shire of Waroona Depot Office on (08) 9733 7817 or depot@waroona.wa.gov.au

Enquiries regarding these tenders should be directed to Murry Bracknell, Manager Works and Services on 0427 772 501.

The lowest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted. Canvassing of Councillors will disqualify. Late tenders or email and facsimile tenders will not be accepted.

Prospective tenderers are advised that the Shire will not be submitting tenders in this instance.

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PRECINCT CONCEPTS CONSIDERED BY COMMUNITY

Local residents and business owners recently braved the cold and wet weather to attend two information sessions at the Waroona Memorial Hall and provide their input to the latest concept plans for the Waroona Community Precinct.

The Shire of Waroona has engaged landscape architect firm, EPCAD, to progress the Precinct planning, including a detailed review of the location and earlier community feedback to prepare three concept sketches for consideration.

Over two sessions on Thursday 29 July, Howard Mitchell and John Brinkhurst from EPCAD explained the detailed thinking behind the concepts, and how important factors have been incorporated such as pedestrian linkages to the town centre, inclusive design for people with mobility challenges and integration of the various components so there is something for all ages.

"We were here to listen to the community, understand how people want to see the Precinct develop and hear what is important for Waroona," said Mr Mitchell.

Community members contributed a broad range of ideas and suggestions including the importance of ensuring a uniquely

Waroona feel to the Precinct which reflects the connection to water, agriculture, nature and local history. Interesting discussion was held about the way the pump track and skating elements could be seamlessly integrated into the area and the preferred locations for playgrounds and event spaces.

Director of Planning and Sustainability for the Shire, Rod Peake, said attendees provided important insights and shared some great examples of other parks and facilities.

"Our community is really engaged in this project and their suggestions will help inform what takes prominence in the Precinct and how local families will use the space," he said.

Once the preferred option, or combination of options, has been confirmed, EPCAD will commence work on the detailed design for the Precinct. With \$3 million of funding already committed to the project, it is anticipated that construction will commence in March 2022. Funding has been confirmed with \$1.3 million from the WA government, \$450,000 from Lotterywest, \$450,000 from the Alcoa Waroona Sustainability Fund, \$450,000 from the Shire, \$300,000 from the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure grant from the Federal Government and local fundraising efforts.



Community members, Shire Councillors and staff, and the team from EPCAD from one of the information sessions at Memorial Hall.

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Next Council Meeting

Next council meeting will be Tuesday 24th August 2021 at 4pm at the Waroona Council Chambers

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