

President's Report



we will be holding the annual rate payers meeting in Preston which is usually held in December. The lateness in the rate payers meeting is a reflection of the new auditing service delivered by the Office of the Auditor General. All Local Governments are now audited by the department through their own auditors and a selection of contractors. This was the first audit by our new auditor and it took longer than previous audits due to their workload and information transfers. The good news is that Council had a very good audit and our Finance team were commended on their solid accounting acumen.

Road works continue around the Shire to improve road widths and drainage in some areas. While road spending forms a large part of our annual budget, the challenge for all of us in the future is the escalating cost of fuel and oil. Like everyone, these impacts can limit the budgeted amount of work to be undertaken through cost escalation which is impacting the broader community currently. Council is not immune to these rises and will navigate through these challenges as best we can.

The ablutions at the Recreation Centre

have been completed and are now fit for purpose. Upgrades to this area have taken a little while but the outcome has been worth the wait. While some of the measures around vaccination compliance have at times been challenging to keep up with, we still encourage as much use of these facilities as we can as they are an investment in our communities physical health and a great resource for the active members in our Shire.

Council has taken an enhanced role this year in the Anzac Day services. Combining with the Waroona Lions Club, the Ag Society and the Bowling Club, with direction from the Waroona Hamel RSL, which unfortunately will be closing its chapter after over 100 years of existence, the community will hold the dawn service and the traditional eleven o'clock service. We are certainly hoping this service will proceed given the disruptions we have endured over Anzac Day in the past few years. We sincerely thank the RSL for the many years of organising this event and to its current president Tracey Fickling and family, our gratitude for your support.

Our many visitors to Preston Beach recently have participated in both clean up events and driver educational lessons. Our beach is an asset that we all have a responsibility for and a duty to protect for everyone that uses it. We are fortunate that we have access to it with our vehicles and as a Shire supported by some dedicated volunteers, we try and maintain the area so the general public can enjoy the coastline. While we encourage any complementary groups or individuals to help us preserve our beach, it's disappointing to hear that some users are abusing the privilege by having passengers riding on the roofs of vehicles and on side steps. It may only take one unfortunate incident to generate change on how we use the beach, so if you happen to see bad behaviour, please call it out for all our beach visitors.

The March Council meeting will be held at the Preston Beach Community Centre and I encourage any one that has a little time to spare to attend the meeting to see how a council meeting is conducted. Following the Ordinary Council meeting

New Citizen



New Citizen Dinah Dela Torre and Shire President Mike Walmsley

Bushfire Service Medallions

The following member's of the Waroona West Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade have been awarded the Bush Fire Service Medallion:

10 Years
Anthony Snell
Spencer Snell

The medallion's have been forwarded to District Officer Brett Finlay for distribution.

In a state covering one third of the Australian continent, it is only possible for DFES to provide a comprehensive high quality fire and emergency service to the standard expected by the Western Australian public because of the contribution made by our well trained and dedicated volunteers.

Book Spinners at the Waroona Library

The library has purchased two book spinners for the Junior Library. One will be used for Junior Fiction and the other for Junior Kindy books.

Providing 360 degrees vision, display spinners make it easier to see the books. Face out book display, small sections and upright. Stylish and colourful, book spinners are a fun and modern way of displaying books They add a functional dimension to traditional library settings.



Visitors to the library were Jessica, Emily, Emily and Harrison

Origins Exhibition

City of Mandurah made the difficult decision to cancel the 2022 Peel Open Studios which was set for April. The aligned exhibition, Origins, went ahead and is open at Mandurah Performing Arts Centre from Saturday March 5th until Sunday April 10th. Eleven of the Waroona Visitor Centre's creative volunteers put together a stunning piece featuring 9x5s. With the brief "do what you love in red, white and black", this multi-media artwork is just a taste of the diversity within the Shire's creative community.



Pictured at the official opening with "Elements" are Sarah Robertson, Kathy Krauth, Carmen Tyrer and Polly Bonner.

Net proceeds from the sale of this collaborative work will benefit the Waroona West Volunteer Bushfire Brigade.

Show & Tell in the Gallery

Artists and makers will be on hand at Waroona Visitor Centre on the following dates to demonstrate their various craft. Visitors and locals are welcome to come along to watch them work and to have a chat between 10:00 and 2:00.

Saturday 19 March

Alana Rainer - felting & wearable art
Jeanette Audino - jewellery & beadwork
Polly Bonner - hyperbolic crochet, textile art

Public Notice

In accordance with section 5.27 of the Local Government Act 1995, the next annual electors' meeting will be held at the **Preston Beach Community Centre on Tuesday 22nd March 2022 at 6.00pm** following the March Ordinary Council Meeting.

The Agenda for this meeting will be available at least 72 hours prior to the meeting via the Council's website www.waroona.wa.gov.au. In addition to any other relevant items the Council's 2020/21 Annual Report will be the first matter of discussion.

An electronic copy of the 2020/21 Annual Report can be found the Council's website as well in hard copy at the Shire Administration Office.

Community members are requested to register their attendance, so that numbers can be catered for and appropriate COVID safety provision are put in place.

To facilitate the answering of questions at the meeting, it is required that **24 hours' notice** be given to any questions concerning financial or other matters which may require research.

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Mobile Vendors

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In recent years 'pop-up' and mobile vendors have become increasingly popular and are known to generate a lot of 'street' trade, in addition to space activation around town sites. Resulting in a need to enable quality mobile food traders to provide members of the public with services, that enhance the vibrancy and economic activity of the Shire. Without adversely affecting other existing 'bricks and mortar' businesses. As a result, the Shire of Waroona is seeking submissions from the community regarding;

- A Draft Mobile Vendor Policy; and
- A Draft Mobile Vendor Guidelines.

Copies of the draft proposed documents are available from the Shire Administration Office. The submission period will close at 4pm on the 29 April 2022 and should be addressed to the undersigned.

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Saturday 26 March

Carmen Tyrer - felting techniques
Barb Bennett - knitting & crocheted mandalas
Ren Theelen - photography & digital art

Waroona Visitor Centre is open 9:30am-3:30pm daily with a gallery featuring the works of over 50 local and regional artists and makers.

Please call 9733 1506 to confirm dates closer to the time if you are hoping to catch up with a particular creative.

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Next Council Meeting

Next council meeting will be Tuesday 22nd March 2022 at 4pm at the Waroona Council Chambers

WAROONA VISITOR CENTRE

Open 9:30am-3:30pm • 37 South Western Highway, Waroona
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