

President's Report



The Shire's Chief Bush Fire Control Officer has taken into consideration the current conditions and has shortened the unrestricted burning season. Effectively, this means that from the 18th of May you will no longer require a permit to burn. This still requires everyone that conducts a burn to do it responsibly and to supervise a fire, so it won't become uncontrolled. If you have any doubt or are unsure of your responsibilities, please seek advice from our designated bushfire control officers.

Later this month a ceremony will be held to mark the commencement of our Town Precinct area. This project has had encouraging community consultation and support from the solid base of engaged residents who have helped shape the concepts and plans for what will be a great area for our residents and visitors to our town. Council looks forward to seeing this area come alive and to see it becoming the first stage in revitalising the town centre.

Council is currently undertaking reviews of some of our local laws in accordance with the Local Government Act. These laws are fundamental to good governance and are there to guide Council officers in compliance. Reviewing the local laws helps keep them relevant and consistent with community expectations. Being on the right side of compliance with our local laws saves many headaches going forward for everyone.

With the oncoming winter period, our busy outside crew are coming to the end of the road construction

period. They always appreciate the patience displayed as road users pass through when they are working. The demands on our roads are evident by some of the reporting that officers undertake through the traffic counters that are placed in areas around our Shire. All this information helps formulate the budget process to help Council stay on top of maintenance and which roads need reconstruction into the future.

I found it personally humbling to witness the support for the Anzac services this year. In a time where some people are finding life challenging given the events that have taken place over the last two years, people found time to reflect on what others sacrificed to enable us to enjoy the freedoms and the quality of life we have. Our community has a very solid base of people that support each other and help out when they can and who they can. I would like to thank those who rise above life's challenges and the pitfalls of selfishness to contribute to our community.

School Holiday Community Fun

School holidays may be over, but memories of the Drug Aware Youth Fusion Mega-Fest live on in beautifully painted skateboard decks and photo booth polaroids. These activities were part of a fun-filled event held at the Waroona Recreation Centre on 13 April 2022, which was uniquely run by young people for young people.



Supported by the Department of Communities, Alcoa, Regional Arts WA YCulture and Act-Belong-Commit, the event was a true community collaboration facilitated by the Shire of Waroona, in partnership with the Youth Advisory Group, Waroona Leos and Waroona Lions, Waroona Community Resource Centre and Waroona Family Support Services.

The enormously popular skateboard deck painting workshop and interactive photo booth were accompanied by face painting, a virtual reality realm and gamer zone, mechanical surfboard, cliff jump, inflatable obstacle course and a Nerf rival shoot out – all pumping to the sound of music performed by Mandurah musician, Alex Wayne.

New Citizens



Mr Kevin Fuller, Mrs Louise Fuller and Master Milo Thorley with Hon Andrew Hastie MP and Shire President Mike Walmsley



Congratulations

Many of our community members would recognise the Shire's Manager of Recreation Services, Daniel Cools. When he's not overseeing the Waroona Recreation and Aquatic Centre or helping with sports club development, you're likely to find Daniel on the netball court.

You may not have heard that Daniel has recently been selected to represent Australia in the men's open netball squad! Congratulations on your amazing achievement Daniel and we look forward to you showing the world a sample of the sporting talent we have right here in the Shire of Waroona.

Youth Fusion 2022

Young people aged 12-17 years will have the opportunity to learn fun new skills and connect with community resources during the Shire of Waroona's Youth Fusion '22 program.

The event series – which has been initiated through the Local Drug Action Team program – commences this month and will offer free-of-charge, fortnightly activities until December 2022.

The first event, Outdoor Explorers, is being led by the Mandurah Scouts at Lake Clifton Reserve from 5-7pm on Friday 20 May 2022. Attendees will learn orienteering and navigation skills while playing outdoor games. The session will be wrapped up with a pizza dinner for all participants.

Shire President Mike Walmsley said the Youth Fusion '22 program offered an abundance of opportunities for young people to try out different activities in Waroona and Lake Clifton. "Becoming a youth engaged and supportive community was identified by residents as important during the development of Waroona's Strategic Community Plan 2020 – 2030," Cr Walmsley said.

"We are proud to be delivering such a full program of youth engagement activities in partnership with our many valued community stakeholders and encourage as many young people as possible to participate."

The Shire gratefully acknowledges the Alcohol and Drug Foundation for supporting Youth Fusion '22.

Attendees can RSVP to the Outdoor Explorers event here: ([Outdoor Explorers - Youth Fusion '22](#) | Facebook). The full program of events will also be added to the Shire's events calendar at [Events Calendar > Shire of Waroona](#) as they are confirmed.

Street Library in Preston Beach

All mothers in Preston Beach were given a wrapped gift of a book at the Preston Beach Progress Association's Mother's Day event, which also coincided with the launch of the area's new Street Library.

Donated by Street Library Australia, the little library is located outside the Preston Beach Community Centre to benefit both locals and visitors to the town. It has been beautifully painted by resident, Lovel Anstee, with Katherine Mackenzie volunteering as the first Street Librarian for Preston Beach.



SHIRE OF WAROONA CORPORATE PLANNING AND GOVERNANCE OFFICER

The Shire of Waroona is located in the Peel Region and offers residents an enviable small town country lifestyle featuring the forests of the scarp and Preston beach on the coast, not far from the major centres of Mandurah to the north and Bunbury to the south.

The Council is seeking a suitably experienced and motivated person to fill the position of Corporate Planning & Governance Officer.

The Corporate Planning & Governance Officer will maintain, compile and amend as needed, all modules of the integrated planning framework and facilitate and administrate the Shires governance and risk management frameworks with all legislative requirements including policies, procedures, delegations and completion of statutory obligations.

Work Type: Full time
Applications Close: 4pm Wednesday 1st June 2022
Salary: LGOA Level 6/7 \$64,000 to \$72,000 negotiated according to qualifications and experience

To be considered for the position, applicants must submit a covering letter, resume and address the selection criteria as per the instructions found in the application package which may be obtained by visiting Councils website www.waroona.wa.gov.au or by an email request to Kirsty Ferraro, Manager Corporate Services at mcs@waroona.wa.gov.au.

Further information on the position can be obtained by contacting the Manager Corporate Services, Kirsty Ferraro on (08) 97337 800.

Applications should be clearly endorsed "Private and Confidential – Vacancy – Corporate Planning & Governance Officer".

Water Pipe Replacement

Mid May – late June the Water Corporation are replacing ageing water pipes along King, Hair and Hesse Streets, Waroona. Traffic management will be in place around work areas. Thanks for your patience during this essential work. Learn more about work and locations <https://www.watercorporation.com.au/pipesforwa>

YOUTH FUSION

A series of free events for 12-17 year olds.
Proudly presented by the Shire of Waroona through the Local Drug Action Team Program, in partnership with our community.

Session 1:

OUTDOOR EXPLORERS
Have a go at orienteering, navigation and flag games with the Mandurah Scouts, then have a slice of pizza on us.
Come prepared with comfortable shoes, a rain jacket and a bottle of water!

FRIDAY 20 MAY 2022
5.00 - 7.00 PM
Lake Clifton Recreation Reserve
114 Tuart Grove Avenue, Lake Clifton



Important Reminder

The Shire of Waroona has a range of regulations, policies and local laws it upholds to support the delivery of the community's goals and vision in the Strategic Community Plan. There are also other State and Federal laws, which protect the environment and have an impact on planning and development matters.

As a Shire we support sustainable development, that achieves economic growth, land conservation and community development.



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This is to ensure we work together, to protect the wellbeing of the community and our natural assets for future generations.

PLEASE REMEMBER – you need to obtain written consent BEFORE clearing any natural vegetation or mature trees!
Written permission is also required - before undertaking any activity in a Shire Road Reserve.

It is also illegal to take any wood alive or dead from a Shire Reserve.
For the clearing of vegetation, you can contact the Shire's planning services. A Shire officer will work with you to establish if you need to get an assessment done on your site, in relation declared and engendered flora and fauna, as well as wetlands and waterways. Your property may also be subject to a 'conservation covenant' preventing land clearing. **Please be Aware: Property owners and machinery operators, who clear land without approval may be prosecuted, fined and/or ordered to rehabilitate.**

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Next Council Meeting

Next council meeting will be Tuesday 24th May 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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