

President's Report



With Spring approaching, lots of activities and events are being organised across our Shire. After a couple of years of interruptions and cancellations, it's time to re-engage with community events and enjoy the ability to experience some of the festivals and entertainment that will be occurring. The upcoming events will be well worth attending and please try and make the effort to come along and support the groups that are organising them.

Council's budget for 22/23 was adopted at a

special meeting held on the 9th of August. This year it included a capital works programme of nearly three million dollars coupled with the commencement of the new precinct that has funding from various sources including State and Federal Governments of four million dollars. The balancing of Council's budget is always arduous and challenging and Council recognises the effort that was put in by our Corporate department this year on developing a budget that was considerate of increasing costs and the ongoing ability to deliver services that our community expects.

At our recent Local Emergency Management Committee quarterly meeting, many policies were adopted around contingencies for management, evacuations, recovery and animal welfare in the event of a disaster. Many hours of work have gone into developing these live documents and they will be presented to Council in August for

adoption. These guiding documents were then somewhat tested in a desktop exercise to see what processes and support would be needed in an evacuation of Lane Poole reserve. It was a worthwhile exercise for all involved and was led by the Police to engage every agency that had some control over parts of this area. Emergency management is an important part of Local Government and its extremely important that guiding plans are maintained in the unfortunate situation that we may find ourselves in.

As part of a Federal election commitment this year, our Council is the beneficiary of some significant funding to go towards establishing some trails in our Shire. As such, the first identified is a linking trail between the Waroona Dam and the Drakesbrook Weir. While there is still some work to do on developing this trail, it will provide an important linkage within our Shire for our residents and potential tourist visitation.

Planning and Development

(Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015

Initiation to amend Local Planning Policy 5 – Sea/shipping containers & transportable buildings

Council has resolved to initiate an amendment to Local Planning Policy 5. The current Policy applies to sea containers whereas the proposed changes seek to include transportable buildings. The purpose of this amendment is to ensure that the Shire's local planning framework is kept up to date with evolving planning issues.

- Updated development standards seek to create clear and concise expectations around the built form when sea containers and transportable buildings are to be used.
- This will ensure transparency in decision making and a consistent approach to alternative building designs.

A copy is available for inspection at the Shire of Waroona Administration Office, 52 Hesse Street, Waroona. Alternatively, the policy can be viewed online at www.waroona.wa.gov.au by following the following links: Community→Community Engagement→Current Consultation.

You are invited to review the policy and make a written submission. Submissions can be made via:

- Email warshire@waroona.wa.gov.au
- Post PO Box 20, Waroona WA 6210
- Dropping it off in person 52 Hesse Street, Waroona

Submissions close **13 September 2022**. For any enquiries, please contact Craig Zanotti, Coordinator Regulatory & Development Services, on 9733 7824.

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Chief Executive Officer

Planning and Development

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Initiation to amend Local Planning Policy 6 – Variations to the Residential Design Codes

Council has resolved to initiate an amendment to Local Planning Policy 6. The current Policy applies to sheds whereas the proposed changes seek to apply to houses, sheds, garages, carports and fencing. The purpose of this amendment is to ensure that the Shire's local planning framework is kept up to date with evolving planning issues.

- Updated and localised development standards seek to reduce red tape, pass savings onto landowners and free up the Shire's resources.
- Amongst other things, the Policy seeks to exempt the majority of sheds within urban areas from the need for planning approval. Note that you will still require a building permit.

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Bush Fires Act 1954

Appointment of Bush Fire Control Officers 2022/2023

Notice is hereby given that the Shire of Waroona, in accordance with section 38 of the *Bush Fires Act 1954*, has appointed the following persons as Bush Fire Control Officers for the period between 26 July 2022 and the date of the Ordinary Council Meeting in July 2023.

Chief Bush Fire Control Officer	Steve Thomas
Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer	Greg Lewis
Fire Control Officer Lake Clifton Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade	Gareth Davies
Fire Control Officer Preston Beach Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade	Steve Thomas
Fire Control Officer Waroona West Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade	Greg Lewis
Fire Control Officer Waroona Volunteer Fire and Emergency Services	Brian Beales
Fire Control Officer (Permit Issuing Only)	John Twaddle
Fire Control Officer (Permit Issuing Only)	Don Bebbington

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Community Precinct Update



Safe Relocation of Fauna

Quenda are a type of bandicoot normally found in forests, who help to improve ecosystem health by turning over the soil.

Last week, ten quenda were safely relocated from the future site of the Waroona Community Precinct on Fouracre Street to a more suitable home in the Shire. Eleven two-toed earless skink and a dugite were also moved

to more suitable premises. The fauna relocation marks another milestone in progress towards the construction of a mix-used community space in the Waroona town centre. For more information on the progress of the Waroona Community Precinct please visit <https://www.waroona.wa.gov.au/community/community-engagement/waroona-community-precinct.aspx>

Spring into the Shire of Waroona

The Shire of Waroona is poised to come alive in spring-time with events galore to suit every member of the family.

'Spring into Waroona' runs from September to the end of November 2022 and will provide an opportunity for visitors and residents to spend time at different locations around the Shire, while enjoying a range of fantastic entertainment.

Annual favorites like Troutfest and the Waroona Agricultural Show will be back, while the much-loved All Australian Car Day has teamed up with the Vintage Machinery Rally to deliver what promises to be an unmissable event for fans of all things vintage.

Other events include a wildflower walk in Lake Clifton, a Natural Resource Management and Coastal Conference delegate sundowner at Preston Beach, an outrigger event at

Drakesbrook Weir, a de-stash crafter's day, community markets and a three-day electronic music festival.

Shire President Mike Walmsley urged the community to enjoy spring-time in the Shire by attending as many events as possible.

"There really is something for everyone regardless of your age or background," Cr Walmsley said.

"Spring is such a beautiful time to spend time in Waroona, so tell your friends and family to come for a visit and take advantage of all the activities that are running."



For a full list of events, dates and times please visit <https://www.waroona.wa.gov.au/events/> or contact the Shire on 9733 7800.

Please note that events can be subject to change pending weather and COVID-19 restrictions.

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Next Council Meeting

Next council meeting will be 23 August 2022 at 4pm at the Waroona Council Chamber

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