

President's Report



One of the very enjoyable occasions that we have as a community is our Australia Day celebrations and the recognition of members in our Shire who have contributed significant time and energy into the service of others. This year we honoured some very committed volunteers who

have for many years settled into an invaluable routine of fostering history, community progression, social inclusion and interaction through building relationships and helping others and the preservation of life. To Deb, Lynne, Matt, Marion, Jenny and our Men's Shed, Thank you from our community.

Our CEO and I attended the Preston Beach Progress Associations AGM recently to help give an update on a few Shire matters. Retiring President Mr Pieter Dubbelman has lead the association positively over the last two years and incoming President Mr Mick Farragher will

have a very solid platform to run his Presidency from. Congratulations to you both for your past efforts and we look forward to a valuable working relationship with Council into the future. Our local MLA, Mrs Robyn Clarke also gave an update on some State issues on water quality, Forrest Highway slip lane construction timing and the Preston Beach Boardwalk project. The Association boasts a membership of over two hundred currently and are very active in the Preston Beach community.

The Alcoa Waroona Micro Grants Fund will close very soon and has

had tangible benefits to some of our community groups. These grants of up to two thousand dollars have been well received by the community over the past few years and have been timely with disruptions to normal fundraising occurring due to Covid. The committee will be looking for applications in the coming months for larger projects within the Shire. If your community group has a strategic focus and is looking at a significant project, it would be timely to engage with our Community Development team and get some direction on the process.

Proposals under the Mining Act 1978 Rio Tinto exploration licences

The Shire has been notified that Rio Tinto Exploration Pty Ltd has lodged applications with the State Government to undertake mining activities in the Darling Scarp. The application areas cover approximately 92,000 hectares and includes the local government areas of Murray, Boddington, Waroona, Harvey, Williams, Collie and Donnybrook-Balingup. These areas include:

- State Forest, including Lane Poole Reserve Conservation Park, the Bibbulmun track and the Munda Biddi Trail, as well as the region's A class Water Catchment;
- Natural remnant landscapes of cultural value to traditional custodians of the land, as well as other local and regional community members;
- Areas that host endangered flora and fauna, including all three Black Cockatoo species; and
- Waterways from the escarpment that feed the region right through to the Peel-Harvey catchment.

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

Should you wish to lodge a submission under Section 111A of the Mining Act 1978, you may contact the Minister for Mine's office via:

- Email at: minister.johnston@dpc.wa.gov.au; or
- Post at: 9th Floor, Dumas House, 2 Havlock Street, West Perth WA 6005.

For any enquiries, please contact Craig Zanotti, Coordinator Regulatory & Development Services, on 9733 7824.

Mark Goodlet
Chief Executive Officer

MOVIE UNDER THE STARS

**Clifford
The Big Red Dog**

VENUE: PRESTON BEACH GOLF CLUB
(33 PANORAMA DRIVE, PRESTON BEACH)
DATE: SATURDAY, 4TH MARCH 2023
TIME: 7PM - 9.30PM

Sausage sizzle, popcorn and refreshments available for purchase.
BYO chair, bean bag or blanket.

waroona.wa.gov.au/events

BLACK COCKATOO CRISIS

DIRECTED AND PRODUCED BY JANE HAMMOND
NARRATED BY JANINE OXENHAM | EDITED BY NICHOLAS DUNLOP

The extinction clock is ticking on our black cockatoos. Will we save them in time?

Presented by Fremantle Freelance in association with the WA Forest Alliance and the Wilderness Society. Come and enjoy a special screening of the Stars of our Birdlife under the stars at Drakesbrook Winery. Bring a picnic dinner, rug or chair. Food and wine/beer available (see ticketing for details).

FRIDAY 24TH FEBRUARY, 6PM FOR A 7:30 START - DRAKESBROOK WINERY - TICKETS \$20 FAMILY \$5 SINGLE
ALL PROCEEDS TOWARDS SAVING COCKATOOS - BOOK VIA EVENTBRITE <https://linktr.ee/BlackCockatooCrisis>

Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015 Advertisement of a standard amendment to Local Planning Scheme No. 7

Council has resolved to initiate an amendment to the local planning scheme.

The purpose of the amendment is to ensure consistency in the clauses relating to the protection of all significant trees and other significant vegetation (at present the Scheme only applies to indigenous vegetation).

Information relating to the proposed amendment 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 proposed amendment 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 **29 March 2023**. For any enquiries, please contact Craig Zanotti, Coordinator Regulatory & Development Services, on 9733 7824.

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WAROONA PADDLING FESTIVAL

8am - 12pm
Sunday 26 March 2023
AT DRAKESBROOK WEIR

Come and try activities | Free kayak hire
Food trucks | Music and dance | Lawn games

Working with Children Check - Changes are coming!

Changes to the Working with Children Check are coming, and so are we!

The amendments to the Working with Children legislation will come into effect on 1 July 2023. To help you understand your rights and obligations, the Working with Children Screening Unit is hitting the road. The team will be in Pinjarra and Waroona on Tuesday 28 February 2023 to provide you with information on the changes and how they might impact you.

Come and join us:

Tuesday 28 February 2023 12.00pm - 1.00pm	Waroona Community Resource Centre 10 Henning Street, Waroona
Tuesday 28 February 2023 6.00pm - 7.00pm	Lesser Hall 1915 Pinjarra Road, Pinjarra

Visit Working with Children Check Screening Units Eventbrite page or scan the QR code for details and to reserve your place at one of the public sessions.
bit.ly/wccevents2023

For more information about the amendments to the Working with Children legislation visit the Working with Children website - workingwithchildren.wa.gov.au or contact the team on WCCEvents@communities.wa.gov.au

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Next Council Meeting

Next council meeting will be Tuesday, 28th February at 4pm at the Waroona Council Chamber

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