

Shire President's Report



Congratulations to the Waroona Agricultural Society on another successful Show. It never ceases to amaze me of the effort and organisation that goes into delivering the annual Show. Each year a huge number of volunteers from across the community engage to either help set up the grounds or support other organisations to fundraise. It energises these groups and takes a significant amount of focus to

bring it all into fruition. To everyone who plays a part in helping support this event, thank you for such a tremendous effort.

At 10am on the 21st of October, our annual Troutfest will again return to provide joy to all the children that are releasing trout to restock the Drakesbrook Weir. This free family event has helped showcase one of our special destinations in the Shire and serves as a great way to engage in fresh water fishing. We welcome our friends from Recfishwest who are always on hand to help facilitate the release and advise on all aspects of recreational angling. There will be a fishing competition and expert advice on how to achieve success in fly fishing with practical demonstrations. Thanks go to Alcoa

for their continued support for Troutfest and our Lions and Leos who provide catering for the event.

The Drakesbrook Weir has recently installed a CCTV system to help stem some of the less desirable activities that occur from time to time. This resource will help maintain the areas appeal and serves as surveillance to capture unacceptable behaviour. The Council, with the support of the community, have made this area into something to be proud of and with further upgrades over the next few months, it's important that anyone who wishes to upset the unique qualities this asset holds will be held accountable. Improvements to the Weir will include improved parking areas and a playground. This will also include improved access for

pedestrians and cyclists from the townsite.

Nominations are now open to recognise those in the community who go above and beyond to help make our lives just a bit better. Meritorious community service awards are a great way of thanking the good people you notice who help in various ways in our community. Nominations forms can be found on the Shires website or by contacting our engaging staff. They close at the end of October and are always well received by the recipients as they are a genuine way of saying thank you and people have noticed the good things you do.

-Cr Mike Walmsley, Shire President

Latest News & Updates

Illegal Residential Structures and Camping in the Shire of Waroona

In light of the growing housing needs faced by many, the Shire of Waroona has noted an increase in individuals setting up temporary accommodations, including tents, caravans, and sheds on their properties. We understand the current challenges of finding affordable housing are impacting many.

The regulations in Western Australia limit camping on one's land to three days within a 28-day period and do not permit residing in structures like tents, caravans and sheds, as they are considered non-residential. In addition,

temporary camping structures do not comply with our townscape and statutory requirements.

The Shire regularly conducts compliance checks to ensure that everyone is living in safe and approved conditions. Our primary concern is the health, safety, and well-being of our community. With an especially intense fire season expected over the summer months, the Shire is taking measures to ensure people's lives are not put in further danger. This may include infringements and seizure of property,

in extreme cases. While it may seem uncompassionate, these regulations exist to ensure everyone's safety and comfort.

Caravans, tiny homes and granny flats may be considered as additions for the rear of properties situated on adequate sized blocks, and with connections to sewerage and electricity. These applications align with our planning regulations and contribute to our environment's well-being.

Please know that we empathise with

the living challenges many people are experiencing and the Shire is open to working with community members on a case-by-case basis. For those at risk of homelessness or housing insecurity, there are State Government and support agencies that can help. The Waroona Community Resource Centre is a good starting place for assistance.

You are welcome to contact Infrastructure & Development Services at the Shire of Waroona on 9733 7800 to discuss your individual situation or concerns in the community.

Thank You & Congratulations to our Winners – Rates Incentive

Thank you to our diligent property owners who paid their rates on time and in full by the due date, your contributions and timely payments make a significant impact to ensure our community's continued well-being, growth and sustainability. To acknowledge this commitment, we're thrilled to announce the Rates Incentive Prize Draw winners:

- 1st Prize** Robin & Adele Emery who won \$1,000 cash proudly supported by Charles Hull Contracting.
- 2nd Prize** Kayla Lee who won \$900 cash proudly supported by Shire of Waroona.
- 3rd Prize** Joann & Raymond Vergone who won an accommodation voucher proudly donated by Lake Navarino Holiday Park.
- 4th Prize** Benedict Terroade who won a gift voucher proudly donated by West Australian Symphony Orchestra.
- 5th Prize** Anne Fisher who won a gift voucher proudly donated by IGA Waroona.
- 6th Prize** Rodney & Vanessa Abel who won a gift voucher proudly donated by Waroona Rural Services.
- 7th Prize** Vic Rumenous who won a gift voucher proudly donated by Ian Diffen City Discount Tyres Waroona.
- 8th Prize** William Bishop who won a gift voucher proudly donated by Waroona Electrical Services.
- 9th Prize** Lewis Harper who won a gift voucher proudly donated by Waroona Electrical Services.

Thank you to our sponsors who kindly donated to the prize draw. We had an overwhelming response this year and we look forward to your participation in the future.



RECEIVE YOUR RATE NOTICE ELECTRONICALLY!

You can now register with the Shire of Waroona to receive your Rate Notices via email. This not only reduces the use of paper

significantly but ensures you never miss a bill again!
By signing up, you can now receive Rate Notices, Instalment Notices,

Final Notices, and any other important information relating to your rates and property in the Shire of Waroona directly to your email.

For more information or to register please visit www.eratewa.com/Waroona/ or visit the Shire of Waroona website and Facebook Page.

Upcoming Events

Troutfest
Date: Saturday 21 October 2023
Time: 10am-1pm
Location: Drakesbrook Weir, Waroona

Childrens Week – Cardboard Creations
Date: Wednesday 25 October 2023
Time: 10am-11.30am
Location: Waroona Library

October Council Meeting
Date: Tuesday 24 October 2023
Time: 4pm onwards
Location: Shire of Waroona Administration Office – Council Chamber

Business After Dark
Date: Thursday 26 October 2023
Time: 5.30pm onwards
Location: The Rec Waroona

New Citizen



Shire President Mike Walmsley with new citizen Nancy Peralta

Colour My World

Mooriel's team has brought a big bang of colour to South Western Highway with her latest stunning wardrobe addition inspired by the Waroona Show hall theme, "Colour My World".

Resembling a vibrant and dazzling rainbow, Mooriel is a splash of spring joy in a season that has been slow to cast off the winter blues.

A fixture on the lawn of the Waroona Visitor Centre, Mooriel's most recent outfits have included Winter in Waroona, respect for NAIDOC, a cosy cow onesie, and a stunning red, black and white crochet gown and fascinador ensemble fit for the Melbourne Cup.

Waroona Artist Takes Top Prize at Ellenbrook Art Award

Waroona resident Carmen Tyrer secured the prestigious \$7,500 top prize at the Ellenbrook Art Award with her remarkable felted merino wool creation, titled "Mire a Miro." The Ellenbrook Art Award, an annual contest and exhibition, is organised by Ellenbrook Arts in collaboration with the City of Swan. The announcement of this year's winners took place during the exhibition's opening on 8 September.

Carmen, a versatile artist, hails from a Chilean family with a rich textile tradition, and her expertise spans knitting, weaving, spinning, felting, and working with fleeces. For her winning masterpiece, she utilised the finest grade high-quality merino wool which was sent to a mill in Italy to be combined with exquisite mulberry silk before being returned for her to work her magic. Carmen drew her inspiration from the renowned Catalan artist Joan Miro (1893-1983).

Sandra Murray, one of the judges for the Ellenbrook Art Award, lauded Carmen's entry for its "exceptional technical skill," describing it as both wearable and a remarkable work of art.



"I am elated and honoured to have received the prestigious Overall Award," Carmen said when asked what the win meant to her. "And I can't explain how proud I am seeing textiles take the spotlight in this competition."

Another of Carmen's passions is creating delicate flora sculptures in cold porcelain. These superb pieces, made to her exacting standards, bring to life the flowers, leaves, nuts, and berries of the Australian bush in garlands and jewellery.

Carmen operates from a home studio where she welcomes visitors by appointment. Her creations can also be found at the Waroona Visitor Centre where she is a volunteer, and where you will find her demonstrating her various crafts one day per month.

Alcoa Waroona Sustainability Fund Advisory Committee

Applications are invited from an enthusiastic and dedicated person from the Shire of Waroona community to fill one (1) position as community representative on the Alcoa Waroona Sustainability Fund Advisory Committee for a two (2) year term.

The Advisory Committee will be responsible for administering the Alcoa Waroona Sustainability Fund and the Alcoa Waroona Micro Grant Fund. The Committee will have the responsibility of developing guidelines for grants and making recommendations for successful grants to the Shire of Waroona Council for final approval.

Prospective applicants need to be aware that they may be called upon from time-to-time to make difficult decisions when it comes to analysing projects and making recommendations for funding. The committee currently meets approximately 2 to 3 times per year.

Application forms and further details are available from the Shire Office or on the Shire website www.waroona.wa.gov.au. Completed applications are to be received by no later than 4pm on Wednesday 1 November 2023. Applications can be submitted by post, email or hand delivered to:

The CEO
Shire of Waroona
PO Box 20
52 Hesse Street
Waroona 6215
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Volunteers – HeART & Soul of Local Gallery

Meet Alana Rainer who joined the Waroona Visitor Centre as a volunteer and consignor in its gallery in late 2021 after seeing an advertisement promoting the values of *Act, Commit, Belong*.

"Your vibe attracts your tribe, as the saying goes, and volunteering here has given me a platform to exhibit my felted creations. It also allows me to connect with like-minded people and to help visitors plan their stay in our beautiful Shire," she explained.

With an amazing knack for displaying stock, Alana now enjoys arranging and refreshing the displays of fabulous works by the fifty artists showcased in the Visitor Centre. Before moving to Waroona two years ago, Alana owned her own gift outlet down south.

Alana's curating skill, together with her bubbly personality and genuine interest in people, is invaluable and a great help in maintaining the excellent reputation of the Visitor Centre and the gallery.

If you are looking for a volunteering opportunity that offers you the chance to connect, learn, and gain inspiration while enhancing your self-confidence, or if you are seeking a local outlet for your creative works, call Manager Tracy Goldsworthy 0472 595 266.



Local Government Notices

Adoption of Local Planning Policy 17 – Vegetation

On 26 September 2023, Council resolved to adopt the above local planning policy.

The purpose of this Policy is to provide a clear vision, approach and expectation for development and land use that may disturb or clear vegetation in rural and urban areas. This Policy applies to native and some non-native vegetation. It provides a greater level of protection and encourages a net gain in vegetation coverage.

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

For any enquiries, please contact Craig Zanotti, Coordinator Regulatory & Development Services on 9733 7800.

Mark Goodlet
Chief Executive Officer

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