

Sea to Scarp

SHIRE OF WAROONA MONTHLY NEWSLETTER | OCTOBER 2024



SHIRE PRESIDENT'S REPORT



October has traditionally been a very special month for our community. It usually signals the start of warmer days and the appearance of hay rolls and prime cattle across the shire. We also see the transition to our traditional summer sports. It is also a

what sets our show apart is the commitment of so many good, selfless volunteers that year in and year out present themselves to offer a very inclusive and friendly exhibit of what is a strong rural community. We certainly live in a time of immediate response. We also live in a period of increasing negativity that can corrode positive efforts and sadly disrupt constructive culture. The important belief is that optimism should always overpower pessimism and creating a basis for a brighter and more enjoyable cohesive community lies in our ability to create it together.

My hope is that we can all take some inspiration from what a combined and committed group of volunteers can achieve for what has occurred for 93 years in our community and emulate that into our daily lives to keep our bonds strong and durable. On behalf of

council, congratulations to the Waroona Agricultural Society on another very successful show.

A friendly reminder that there is a requirement to prepare for the upcoming summer. The forecast is likely that we may see a repeat of a long dry summer so I encourage landowners to prepare while we still have some cooler weather. Permits are required in October to burn so please reach out to the shire admin or local brigade if you need assistance. Our sincere thanks and appreciation go out to Dave Rose who recently retired from his position of maintaining our many roads on his trusty grader. Dave also helped in many other aspects across the shire and he leaves us with over 34 years of service. Thank you Dave for your enduring commitment and enjoy your retirement.

Cr Mike Walmsley, Shire President

significant time to see our most valuable asset, our people, come together and foster pride and community spirit in hosting the annual Waroona Show. It never ceases to amaze me how the true character of people in our community combine together to showcase our iconic agricultural and historical place in the state of Western Australia. Most country towns host a local show and while it can be said they are all driven by strong community engagement,

COMMUNITY CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARDS

NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN!

If there's a local hero in your community, nominate them today so we can recognise their contribution and impact.

They may be helping at a sports club, raising donations or funds, volunteering with the emergency services or elevating arts and culture.

Nominate them now at citizenshipawards.com.au

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If you would like any assistance in nominating a local community member, call 9733 7800.

Nominations close 31 October 2024.



RECEIVE YOUR RATES 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.

To register please visit www.eraswa.com/Waroona/ or visit the Shire of Waroona website or Facebook Page.



Nominate now

WHAT'S ON

THANK A VOLUNTEER
BREAKFAST

Save the Date

SATURDAY 7TH OF DECEMBER 2024

Shire of Waroona kindly invites all volunteers to attend

FUNDING ROUND OPEN

The Alcoa Waroona Sustainability Fund is now open for applications.

Funding opportunities are available from \$10,000 up to \$50,000 for projects aligning with one of the following priority areas:

- Capital Improvements
- Public Space Enhancement
- Durable Equipment
- Economic Development
- Environmental Sustainability
- Education and Training
- Community Wellbeing

Applications are closing on Friday 15 November.

For further information, contact the Shire's Community Development Team on 9733 7800 or visit www.waroona.wa.gov.au/grants.



MOSQUITO CONTROL

Spring brings longer, warmer days and provides ideal conditions for mosquitoes to breed and migrate far from breeding grounds. Spring also sees an increase in the time we spend outdoors which means we need to become "mosquito aware and prepare" to avoid mosquito bites and mosquito borne viruses.

What can you do?



Cover up - Wear long, loose-fitting, light-coloured clothing, covering as much of the body as you can. Mosquitoes can bite through tight clothes like jeans. Make sure children are also appropriately covered up.

Repel - Use insect repellent containing DEET (diethyltoluamide) picaridin or Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus (OLE), also known as PMD, and always follow the instructions on the label.

Clean up - Stop mosquitoes breeding in water pooling around your home or holiday accommodation by emptying water from containers.

LEGIONNAIRES' DISEASE WARNING

The WA Department of Health has recently issued a warning about Legionnaires Disease. This bacterial disease is a severe, and potentially fatal, form of pneumonia contracted by breathing in dust from soil products contaminated by legionella bacteria. The gardening products which commonly contain legionella bacteria include bagged potting mix, mulch and compost. Another strain of the bacteria can also contaminate water in air conditioning cooling towers, whirlpool spas, fountains, misting systems and shower heads (which may include safety shower and eyewash facilities). A Department of Health representative states that 187 notifications of legionnaires disease linked to garden soils and/or potting mix have been made since the beginning of 2020. The full warning can be viewed and downloaded from the Department of Health website:

<https://www.health.wa.gov.au/Media-releases/2024/August/Legionnaires-disease-spring-warning>

IMPORTANT DATES

Christmas CLOSING DATES
SHIRE OF WAROONA
ADMINISTRATION OFFICE
Closed Wed 25th December 2024 to
Wed 1st January 2025
(reopening Thurs 2nd January 2025)

SAVE THE DATE
Carols by Candlelight
SUN 15 DECEMBER
CENTENNIAL PARK, WAROONA

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