



Shire President's Message

information and assistance packages to residents in the 2016 fire affected area. The outreach program resulted in 796 properties being visited. Thank you to the Red Cross and adjoining local governments, including the Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale, who provided staff to assist with the outreach program. Any enquiries on the project please contact the fire Recovery Coordinator Dave Gossage at the Shire of Waroona. As the Fire recovery continues we say goodbye to BlazeAid and would like to thank them for the wonderful job that they have done for the community over the past few months. Some of the statistics from BlazeAid saw the clearing of over 150kms of fences and the rebuild of over 174kms. Further information relating to the fire recovery can be found in the article below.

LORD MAYOR DISTRESS RELIEF FUND (LMDRF)

Please be aware that the LMDRF applications for assistance and donations with relation to the Waroona and District Fires will close at the end of May 2016. The Board of the LMDRF will continue to work with the Shires of Waroona and Harvey and Local Recovery Committees to assess

applications as they're submitted and finalised. The Board encourages people affected to apply for assistance by close-of-business, 31 May 2016. Application forms can be accessed online at www.appealswa.org.au or directly from the Shire Offices.

YOUTH ACTION EVENT

The Youth Action Event proved, once again, to be a very successful night. It was a great way to celebrate the end of the school term and start the holidays with 200 people in attendance. There was plenty of positive feedback from operators, parents and children who attended, which is always great to hear and reflects on the wonderful community we have. A big thank you to our dedicated operators who support this event and make it so engaging and enjoyable for the children and the youth of Waroona.

ALL AUSTRALIAN CAR DAY

The All Australian Car Day run by the Just Cruizin Street Machiners was on Sunday the 10th April. Despite the reconfiguring of the event due to the oval returning and wild weather on the day the event was an overall success. 350 display cars scattered around the

oval provided a roving attraction for the steady crowd. There was a crowd of over 3000 and money collected at the gates goes back to community groups who volunteer and support the community. Next year will be bigger and better with the oval back on track.

PRESTON BEACH "BIGGEST MORNING TEA"

The Preston Beach Community is once again hosting a "Big Morning Tea" in support of the Cancer Foundation. In previous years the small hamlet has raised in excess of \$2300 with many locals giving up their time to ensure a fun day is had by all.

This year it will be held at the Preston Beach Community Hall on **Monday 23rd May at 10.30am.**

EVERYONE IS WELCOME and don't forget to bring your wallet! Entry is just \$5 per person. This will get you a scrumptious morning tea but there will also be door prizes, raffles, chocolate wheel spins and, if you're willing, for \$5 you can treat yourself to a luxurious shoulder or foot massage. Put the date in your diary and we'll see you there. For further information contact Irene 0498 121 146.

AGE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY

The Shire of Waroona together with the Shire of Murray have received funding from the WA Department of Local Government and Communities to implement an Age Friendly Community Strategy. The objective of the strategy is to identify and address aspects that contribute to making our community more age friendly. Local residents over the age of 60 are invited to complete a short survey which will identify projects and objectives for the working group to focus on. Please find below further details relating to this project.

FIRE RECOVERY

Over the past few months with the assistance of the Red Cross the Shire has conducted the Community Outreach Project. Teams conducting community wellbeing visits provided fire recovery

AGE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY PROJECT

The Shire of Waroona, in collaboration with the Shire of Murray, was successful in receiving a \$10,000 grant from the Department of Local Government and Communities to implement an Age Friendly Community Strategy.

With an estimated population of 4,055 people within the Shire of Waroona, 22.8% or 829 residents are aged over 60 years, a number significantly higher than the state average, the value of such a strategy is recognised in order to support the community with expected short and long term benefits.

The Shires of Waroona and Murray are engaging with local residents and service providers to identify and address factors that contribute to our communities being more age friendly. The working group behind this strategy is well represented by the Shire of Waroona community, including Councillors, progress groups and community members from Waroona, Hamel, Lake Clifton and Preston Beach, and local organisations such as Quambie Park and Waroona Community Resource Centre.

Both shires are inviting local residents over the age of 60 to complete a short survey, the results of which will identify age friendly priority projects and areas of focus for each Shire for the period of 2016-2020. Surveys are available at the Waroona Shire Office, Waroona Community Resource Centre, Waroona Recreation & Aquatic Centre, Waroona Library, Quambie Park, Preston Beach General Store, Lake Clifton Herron Residents Association, and on the Shire of Waroona website.

Community members are also invited to attend the upcoming community forums, to join in the conversation on how the community can be more inclusive and supportive of older people, and how infrastructure and services could be improved to ensure older people can maintain participation in the community.

Forum 1

Date: Thursday, 26th May 2016
Time: 2pm
Venue: Waroona Community Resource Centre

Forum 2

Date: Saturday, 28th May 2016
Time: 9am
Venue: Preston Beach Community Hall

*Catering provided at both events.

For more information, please contact Community Development Officer Brad Vitale on (08) 9733 7800.

FIRE RECOVERY UPDATE

The shire continues to assist the community in the recovery from the major fire earlier this year. Since we have engaged a part time recovery coordinator, Dave Gossage, a farmer's reference group has been established which has assisted in getting subsidies for bone-fide farmers for fertiliser and seeding activities. This has resulted in further support from the Western Australian Farmer's Federation who has provided grants to help farmers to get back on their feet quicker.

The Shire continues to work with the Dept of Premier and Cabinet to look at ways of assisting small business, tourism and general community recovery. Currently negotiations are underway to enable rubbish disposal to occur. We are working in harmony with the Shire of Harvey to ensure we have a coordinated approach to recovery.

Since the emergency we are continuing to work with the Red Cross in providing support for those in need. The outreach program resulted in 796 properties being visited in the Waroona shire over a staggered 7 day period. The Shire would like to thank the Red Cross and adjoining local governments, including the Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale, who provided staff to assist with the outreach program.

The shire's Community Resource Centre (CRC) has been a major part of the emergency and recovery process and it have provided 676 individual contacts for fire affected people in Waroona, Preston Beach, Lake Clifton, Hamel, Wagerup, Yarloop and Cookernup and has delivered 70 food vouchers, 356 fuel vouchers, 25 Lions Spotlight vouchers, 118 Lions Recovery vouchers to fire effected community members. As part of the outreach program the CRC made up approximately 450 food and personal hampers which were also distributed as part of the outreach program. Over 350 referrals have been made to other agencies supporting the fire, including Red Cross, HALO, CPFS, Family Support Services, Salvation Army to support those in need.

There was a "Thank a Volunteer" morning tea held for the volunteer emergency responders from the Waroona volunteer emergency services held at the Waroona CRC.

To date, the Shire has spent \$596,044.88 in fire recovery on its own assets and assisting the community, less an amount of \$261,802.66 recouped from the West Australian Natural Disaster Relief & Recovery Arrangements (WANDRRA). It is estimated a further \$250,000 will be spent over the next 12 months in this area. The total cost for this year is equivalent to 8.17% of rates income and a further 5.67% of next year's expected rates.

The Shire will continue to support the community into the future and should you have any enquiries in regards to the recovery activities please contact the Recovery Coordinator at the shire offices or the CRC in Waroona.

Next Council Meeting

Next Council Meeting will be 24th May at 4pm at the Shire of Waroona Council Chambers behind the administration office

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NEW TURF FOR WAROONA OVAL

When the January Waroona/Yarloop fire increased in magnitude the Department of Parks and Wildlife (DPAW), as the agency in charge of the fire, set up their Incident Control Point (ICP) at the Waroona Town Hall. As the fire grew, so too did the response at the ICP and the oval was used for the setting up of catering, WA Police response, parking for fire trucks and other heavy equipment and various other uses. No one could predict that the ICP would remain in place for two weeks, during which the oval not only was hit by the extra traffic but also received no water during what was very hot weather.

The result was a very sorry oval surface, with dead grass, bare patches and severe compaction. The Shire received advice that the surface was past the point of no return and so the decision was made that a new surface was required.

The Shire, with the assistance of the Western Australian Local Government Association successfully negotiated with DPAW and three other State Government Departments who agreed to assist in funding the project:

- Department of Parks and Wildlife \$80,000
- Department of Fire and Emergency Services \$50,000
- Department of Local Government \$20,000
- Department of Sport and Recreation \$80,000

Which, added to other contributions of:

- Waroona Senior Football Club \$6,000
- Waroona Agricultural Society \$2,000
- Shire of Waroona \$127,440

Fully funded the total cost of \$365,440.

Perth company Total Eden won the Tender for the works which were completed in April and comprised not only the removal of the old turf and replacement with new, but also the replacement of about 70 millimetres of soil with new sand which will give the new turf the quickest and best opportunity for establishment as well as for future vigour.

The new turf is now being monitored by Total Eden who will advise as to when it can be used as it needs to be left alone to fully establish. The new turf is, at the time of writing, about half way through the four to five weeks this usually takes.



BEFORE



DURING



AFTER

YOUTH ACTION EVENT

The Youth Action Event proved, once again, to be a very successful night. Families with children of all ages came to the Waroona Skate Park on Friday the 8th April from 4-8pm for a fun filled night. It was a great way to celebrate the end of the school term and start the holidays with 200 people in attendance. There was plenty of positive feedback from operators, parents and children who attended, which is always great to hear and reflects on the wonderful community we have.

The event was free to attend and provided Freestyle Now Skate/BMX/Scooter demonstrations and displays and there were up to 50 kids competing, supporting and encouraging each other in the skate park. The Nifty Nook provided a place for children to be creative. This year they decorated hearts as part of the Heartfelt Project – supporting the Waroona and Yarloop areas after the fires with hearts and mandalas, spreading colour and joy into fire affected areas.

The Wrecking Ball was a new feature this year and the Bouncy Castle was as popular as ever with the Bucking Billy Bull always being a favourite. GP Down South have become a regular feature and their van is well frequented, providing the kids with lots of information and giveaways, which is a great way to get youth involved in positive health promotion. Face painting is always well received by all ages and the Waroona YAC have developed their skills to a high level.

We would like to thank Lee Davis, Louie Chiera and the Waroona Recreation and Aquatic Centre Staff for their assistance and support with the Waroona Youth Advisory Council and this event. Our dedicated operators who support this event and make it so engaging and enjoyable for the children and the youth of Waroona: Xtreme Bouncy Castles, Freestyle Now, The Nifty Nook, GP Down South, Waroona St John Ambulance

This event was supported by the Waroona Youth Advisory Committee, The Shire of Waroona, Alcoa and The Department for Communities.



Skye Bennell - Duel on The Wrecking Ball



The Heartfelt Project provided a great craft activity for the children to engage in

BIGGEST MORNING TEA

Monday 23rd MAY 2016
Preston Beach Community Hall
10.30am onwards – \$5.00 Entry

*ALL FUNDS RAISED GO TO THE
CANCER COUNCIL OF W.A.*

For further information contact Irene 0498 121 146

DISCOVERING EDICOL DYE AS AN ART MEDIUM



'Fisherman's Eye'

Waroona Memorial Hall,
South West Highway Waroona
Saturday 14th May 2016
11am – 4pm

All materials supplied. Tea and coffee supplied, bring a plate to share for lunch. Trudi has offered this workshop as complimentary in support of our community after the fires. If you feel inclined a donation can be made – this workshop is valued at \$50

Maximum 16 participants

Overview

Edicol Dye is a non-toxic, highly coloured, economical powdered dye. Most people know it as the colourful watery paint used by kindergarten and primary school children. However, few know how versatile this wonderful medium is. In this workshop we will be playing and experimenting with edicol dye, exploiting the various ways one can create with this medium.



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The best thing this workshop has to offer you is that your creativity will soar. Edicol dye is relatively inexpensive, it gives you permission to play, experiment, and not be precious about your outcomes allowing your inner artist to be unleashed.

For more information or to book your place in the workshop call Naomi Purcell on 0418936952 OR

Email: cdo2@waroona.wa.gov.au



Emergency Services

Department for Child Protection and Family Support (CPFS) Waroona Yarloop Bushfires Recovery Information

CPFS' Recovery Project Officers, Lori, David and Patrick are now working from the Harvey Recovery Centre, 1 Becher Street Harvey, which is open 10.00am to 2.00pm Monday to Friday, or by appointment.

The CPFS Recovery Team can assist you with -

- Information, practical assistance, accessing services;
- Personal support and referrals to a counsellor ring –
 - David on 0417 457 583 or
 - Patrick on 0437 223 299
- Accommodation requirements if you live in the Yarloop Clean-Up Zones ring –
 - Lori on 0455 073 354.

You can

- come into the **Harvey Recovery Centre** and have a chat with **Lori, David or Patrick**,
- or you can catch up with Lori and Patrick at the **Cookernup Morning Teas on Wednesday mornings, 10.00am.**
- or you can see Lori at the **Waroona Community Centre, 10 Henning Street on Wednesday afternoons, 1.00pm to 4.00pm.** You can ring Lori on 0455 073 354 for an appointment or just pop in.

If you participated in the *Yarloop Community Consultation interviews* and you would like to talk with someone about how you are feeling, you can visit David or Patrick at the **Harvey Recovery Centre, 1 Becher Street, Harvey** or if that is not convenient you can ring them on -

- David on 0417 457 583 or
- Patrick on 0437 223 299.