



Shire President's Message

the many other people who supported this incredible effort. These were people who came from across the state, from interstate, from so many different walks of life and of course the wonderful support provided by members of our local community and the surrounding shires. Over the years I have often said that this function is a simple but sincere way for us at the Shire, on behalf of our community to express our gratitude to our volunteers and the Police for their hard work and dedication and I can't help but think the word "humbling" should be included.

WHEELER FIELD AIRFIELD

At our last Council meeting we unanimously voted to refer an amount of \$20,000 to the 2016/17 Budget for the purpose of assisting the upgrade of the Wheeler Field Airstrip to assist in supporting on-going air suppression of bushfires in our region. Wheeler field is located in West Coolup and has been used for firefighting air operations since 1998 with a layout of runways which provide a virtually uninterrupted flow of fire-bombing aircraft arriving, loading and departing during sustained firefighting operations. This airfield has been instrumental in ensuring a quick response to fires in our region for many years and played a big part in the January fire and, in fact, it is considered that without the infrastructure at Wheeler Field

there was a very real risk of the township of Preston Beach being lost and the fire to have reached the southern areas of the City of Mandurah. In addition to our \$20,000, the Shire of Murray are committing \$50,000, Shire of Boddington \$20,000 and the City of Mandurah \$20,000.

BIGGEST MORNING TEA

Well done to the organisers and the community of Preston Beach for their outstanding effort in raising the sum of \$1814 at their recent Biggest Morning Tea function for the Cancer Council. Approximately 60 people attended the morning tea, including Naomi and Brad from the Shire Community Development Services and, from all accounts, lots of fun was had by all. A big "thank you and well done", not only to those who attended but also to the many generous businesses and individuals who made so many generous donations to support this worthwhile cause.

AGE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY FORUMS

Our Community Development Officers, Naomi Purcell and Brad Vitale, have been very busy organising some interesting forums aimed at looking at some of the issues relating to ageing in our community. The first meeting for residents of Waroona and Hamel was held last Friday, 27th May with one for the residents of Preston Beach and Lake Clifton held on Saturday, 28th

May. During both sessions, attendees were split into two groups and workshopped an interesting range of topics that included, outdoor spaces and buildings, transport, housing, social participation, respect and social inclusion, volunteering, employment and health services. I had the pleasure of attending one of these sessions and I must say I found it interesting to be able to participate and listen to the diverse and varied comments provided by the group. I am sure everyone will look forward to a positive outcome from forums such as this.




CITIZENSHIP


On Wednesday the 11th of May, Samuel Hammington became an Australian citizen. I performed the ceremony in Council Chambers and congratulated him on the decision to take up Australian Citizenship. We wish him good luck for his future in Australia.

EMERGENCY SERVICES VOLUNTEER FUNCTION

Despite an unfortunate hiccup which occurred when we were advised at the last minute that the Football Club facility was not available, we managed, with the support of the Bowling Club to hold this important Emergency Services Volunteer Function on Thursday, 19th May. In spite of this it was pleasing to see such a large group of our hardworking Emergency Service Volunteers with their partners come together to participate in this important function. The CEO, Ian Curley and I had the pleasure of thanking representatives from the various Fire Brigades, St. John's, Preston Beach Volunteer Rangers and our local Police for their contribution during the past year with special emphasis, of course, to their outstanding effort during that horrendous fire in January. We also took the opportunity to say "thank you" to all



ALCOA WAROONA SUSTAINABILITY FUND



The current management committee of the Alcoa Waroona Sustainability Fund (AWSF). Members include – Shire: Cr Noel Dew and Cr Christine Germain, Alcoa: Mrs Beth Butler and Mr Tom Busher, community: Mrs Maree Ellis and Mr Ted Russell. The current AWSF totals \$1,333,010. A corner stone of the AWSF is to achieve long-term sustainable outcomes for the region surrounding the Wagerup Refinery with a focus on the towns between, and including, Waroona, Lake Clifton, Preston Beach, Nanga Brook, Wagerup and Hamel.

As part of the function of the committee it aims to identify important activities or projects that are being considered by local groups and organisation in the above areas.

Local groups and organisations are invited to make a submission to the AWSF Committee outlining their potential projects or programs over the next 5 years. This will form a basis for the Committee to understand the needs of the community and consider funding rounds from the AWSF. Submissions are to be categorised into:

- projects in the \$5,000 - \$100,000 range, and;
- projects larger than \$100,001.

Projects may be infrastructure based (eg new buildings or extensions, plant and equipment) or program based (eg ongoing commitment to deliver a specific service to a target group).

For further information on what level of detail is required a guideline form is available on the Shire of Waroona website www.waroona.wa.gov.au or from the Shire Office, Hesse Street, Waroona phone 9733 7800.

Information is required to be lodged at the Shire office by no later than Monday 25 July 2016.

Please lodge your submission to
Alcoa Waroona Sustainability Fund
PO Box 20, Waroona 6215,
or email to warshire@waroona.wa.gov.au

HAMEL NURSERY

The old, and mostly forgotten Hamel Nursery has been attracting much needed attention over the past month. A meeting was held on Friday the 13th of May at the Hamel Nursery to discuss the maintenance of the site and its future. Brad and Naomi represented the Shire of Waroona, and engaged in a discussion with Murray Cowper, Member for Murray-Wellington, Craig Olejnik and Sam Hurd from the Department of Parks and Wildlife (DPAW), and concerned Hamel residents. The main concern raised was the fire risk of the Hamel Nursery site, its southern border, and the pine plantation. All parties agreed that this was an issue that required attention sooner rather than later, and DPAW was to investigate what the next step will be. On Tuesday the 24th of May, a further meeting was held at the Hamel Hall, with representatives from the Shire of Waroona and DPAW consulting with concerned Hamel residents. The discussion covered a range of issues, most significantly the fire risk and management of the Hamel area, and the future plan of the nursery site. Craig from DPAW stated that prescribed burning could commence shortly now that the Hamel area has been included in the Master Burn Plan (active as of July 1st 2016). A visitor risk assessment has been arranged for Tuesday the 7th of June to ensure the Hamel Nursery site is safe in the condition it is in currently. The Green Army have been tentatively booked for the 18th and 19th of July to assist with a clean-up of the nursery site. Flyers are being distributed advertising the formalisation of a Friends of Hamel group, who will work in consultation with the Shire of Waroona and DPAW to care for and manage the area. The first meeting will be held on Thursday the 16th of June at 7pm at the Hamel Hall with confirmed attendance from the Shire of Waroona and DPAW. All people concerned with the Hamel area are invited to attend. With next year commemorating 120 years since the opening of the nursery at its original location, and 100 years since the opening of the nursery at its existing location, it is an exciting opportunity to clean up the site and make it a well-used family friendly place.

Next Council Meeting

Next Council Meeting will be 28th June at 4pm at the Shire of Waroona Council Chambers behind the administration office

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AGE-FRIENDLY COMMUNITY PROJECT

With surveys and flyers being circulated all around town, there has been a buzz lately, particularly with our older citizens, asking "what is this age-friendly community business". The answer is exciting. The Shire of Waroona, in collaboration with the Shire of Murray, is engaging local residents and service providers to identify and address factors that contribute to the age-friendliness of the community. The aim is to improve the community's recognition, inclusion and support of older people by identifying the age-friendly features, age-friendly barriers, and suggestions for improvements in relation to the local physical and social environment.

The Shire of Waroona's Community Development Officers Brad and Naomi assisted Age-Friendly Community Consultant Liz Storr in conducting two open forums. The first forum, held on Thursday the 26th of May at the Waroona Community Resource Centre, was well attended with a great representation of lively and engaged residents from Waroona and Hamel. The second forum, held on Saturday the 28th of May at the Preston Beach Community Centre, was also well attended and saw residents from Preston Beach and Lake Clifton sacrificing their Saturday morning sleep in to join in the fun. Attendees were surprised by the running of the forum by Liz, with many impressed by her unique approach and ability to turn something that had the potential to be a bit dull and boring, into a social event that was engaging and fun.

Each forum saw the attendees split into two groups to discuss the age-friendly features, age-friendly barriers and suggestions for improvements for the Waroona shire. To make it more engaging, and because Liz loves everything gardening, these terms were translated to roses (features), thorns (barriers) and buds (suggestions for improvement). Each group brainstormed and investigated their ideas for the roses, thorns and buds of eight key areas in the shire - outdoors spaces and buildings, transport, housing, social participation, respect and social inclusion, volunteering and employment, communication and information, and community and health services. These ideas were then posted around the room and the attendees voted on which ideas they felt strongest about. The results of these forums will be added to the results of the surveys that are currently being circulated, and Liz will present an assessment of the age-friendliness of the community, with an Age-Friendly Community Plan.

The community spirit that the shire is renowned for, has once again proven its might as the Waroona and Preston Beach forums have had the highest attendance out of the six scheduled forums. Thank-you to all the residents who came along and embraced the purpose of the forums. Also a big thank-you to Liz Storr of Storybox Consulting for coordinating an event that is being regarded as not only an innovative Shire project, but also a fun, unique social activity.

EMERGENCY SERVICES DINNER

Last month, the Shire of Waroona held an Emergency Services Dinner to recognise and acknowledge the valued efforts of local volunteer emergency services and police. The event was well attended, with Shire Councillors and staff joining over sixty members and families representing Waroona Volunteer Fire Brigade, Waroona West Volunteer Fire Brigade, Lake Clifton Volunteer Fire Brigade, Preston Beach Volunteer Fire Brigade, Waroona St John of God Volunteer Ambulance, Preston Beach Volunteer Rangers and Waroona Police. Each service presented an overview of their organisation, with Dave Gossage providing an insight into his role as Fire Recovery Coordinator. The night concluded with Shire

President Noel Dew and Shire of Waroona CEO Ian Curley thanking the emergency services and their families for the continuous effort and support they contribute to the community. A big thank you to the Waroona Bowling & Social Club for providing and setting up the venue, and catering an enjoyable sit down meal.



WAROONA BENEFITS FROM ROYALTIES FOR REGIONS GRANTS

Local groups were pleasantly surprised to be invited to morning tea at the Shire Council Chambers on Thursday 9 June to meet with the Hon Colin Holt, Minister for Housing, Racing & Gaming, Member for South West Region, and members of the Peel Development Commission to receive news that they were to receive grants from the Royalties for Regions Community Chest Grants.

The Waroona Bowling Club will receive \$24,020 towards new sunshades and fencing; Waroona Golf Club \$22,000 towards a new clubhouse roof and kitchen upgrade; St Joseph's School \$10,000 towards shade sails in the basketball area and the Shire \$50,000 towards an emergency generator to provide continuous power to the admin centre for power outages during times of emergency. The total cost of all the projects funded is \$217,425 with \$106,020 being provided by Royalties for Regions.

LOCAL PLANNING POLICY TOWN PLANNING SCHEME NO. 7 OF 1996

Notice is hereby given that, in terms of Clause 6 of Schedule 2 to the *Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015*, the Shire of Waroona has resolved to revoke Local Planning Policy 19 – Telecommunications Infrastructure at the ordinary meeting of Council on 24 May 2016.

IAN CURLEY
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



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2016 COASTWEST DUNE RESTORATION CONTINUES

The Shire of Waroona, in partnership with the Preston Beach Progress Association, were again successful in securing a grant from the Department of Planning's Coastwest grant in 2016 for the successful and ongoing Preston Beach Dune Restoration Project.

The project primarily located around the Preston Beach main carpark, is focused on dune brushing and replanting which assists in preventing access, stabilising dune blowouts and reducing erosion. It also promotes seed collection and natural revegetation.

Local residents and the Shire continue to stockpile native green cuttings in a dedicated area that is spread onto problem areas by local community volunteer, Geoff Stacey. The continued support from Coastwest has enabled the dune brushing to extend up to 2km both north and south of the main carpark.

The project has been running since 2011 and the Shire has again applied for more funding in 2017. **The 2016 community planting day will be held on Thursday 30th June with 130 students from Mandurah Baptist College attending.** Overseeing the day will be a Green Army team, with the event open to all members of the public, which are very welcome to attend.

The Shire would like to thank Coastwest and the Department of Planning, Preston Beach Progress Association, Preston Beach volunteer rangers and the Mandurah Baptist College for their assistance in this project.

Fire Recovery Vouchers

Lions Fire Recovery Vouchers are available from the Waroona Community Resource Centre 9am to 4pm Monday to Thursday and 9am to 3pm Friday.

Vouchers are available to those have been affected by the fire:

Fuel	\$25.00
Land holder 1 to 4 hectares	\$250.00
Land holder over 4 hectares	\$500.00

Please bring ID with you that provide the residential address of the affected property.

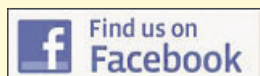
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PRESTON BEACH BIGGEST MORNING TEA

Congratulations to the Preston Beach community for organising and supporting a very successful Biggest Morning Tea. The event was well attended seeing over 50 local community members tucked very cosily into the Preston Beach Community Centre. There was plenty of laughter and chatter as the morning progressed with raffles, door prizes and a never ending supply of yummy food. Jan Bebbington managed to find just enough room in the filled to capacity centre to set up for onsite massages, which continued throughout the day. As a result of the number of fun and cheerful activities provided, the Preston Beach community was able to raise \$1814 for the Cancer Council. A big thank you to all the community members who attended and embraced the event with such positive attitudes and high spirits. And for all those who contributed what became a mountain of delicious foods. A special mention goes to Irene Dew who organised the Biggest Morning Tea and coordinated the enjoyable madness. Well done Preston Beach!



EDICOL DYE WORKSHOP

Trudi Whitcher, a Mandurah artist who has been based at the Contemporary Art Spaces Mandurah (CASM) for a year was wanting to share her love of Edicol Dye as a medium in art to the wider community. Contact was made late last year and plans for a Summer Workshop in January were booked. Unfortunately due to the fires this workshop had to be cancelled. We were able to reschedule and Trudi was insistent that she wanted to offer this workshop complementary after the fires affecting our community.



A mix of accomplished and budding artists joined at the Memorial Hall on Saturday the 14th of May to “get creative”. It was a wonderful day of exploration, learning and exciting outcomes, as well as a delicious shared lunch with socialising and networking opportunity.



The fourteen attendees wrote personal notes of thanks to Trudi and had the opportunity to contribute by donation for the opportunity to attend the workshop.

“Thank you for the joy of sharing my love of edicol dye with Waroona artists. I was touched by the gesture of the personal thank you notes from everyone, their kind words meant so much....” – **Trudi Whitcher**

