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Waroona Shire Rangers

The Waroona Shire and Murray Shire have joined forces to provide a joint Rangers Department under a resource sharing agreement. Waroona shire residents can still contact the Rangers on 9733 7816 or 9531 7776.

Please note: After hours service is only available for emergencies in which there is danger to the public and only if there has been a major dog attack or if there is stray stock on the roads.

The Shire Rangers work tirelessly throughout the festive season, but it is important for the general public to note it is not a 24 hour service. Matters will be responded to outside normal office hours if the Rangers consider it to be an emergency.

Shire Rangers will respond to all matters within the appropriate time frames, dependent upon the complexity of the matter and their current circumstances. The Rangers have to prioritise response times based on assessments of the situation and the impact to the community with matters of life safety taking precedence over other issues.

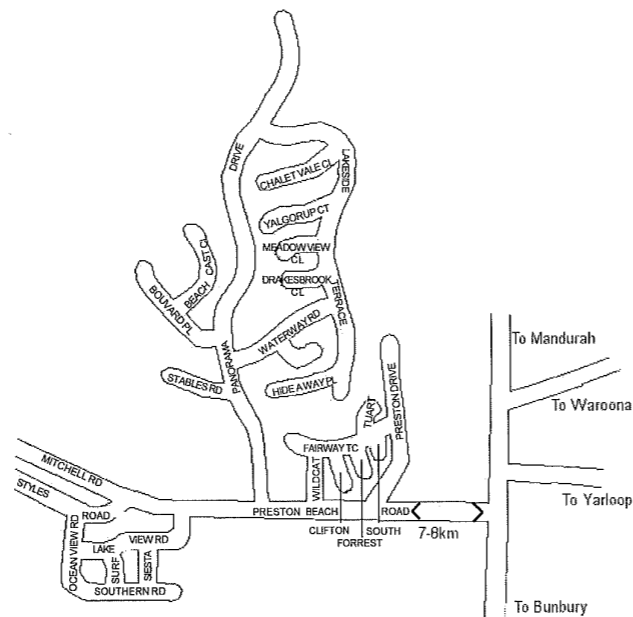
Shire Rangers are there to administer and enforce the provisions of the following:

- Local Government Act 1995
- Local Government Miscellaneous provisions Act 1960
- Dog Act 1976 & regulations
- Litter Act 1979 & regulations
- Caravan Parks and Camping Grounds Act 1995 and regulations 1997
- Bush fires Act 1954 & regulations
- Control of vehicles (off road areas) Act 1978

The administration of these Statutes and Local Laws include investigating complaints, providing public education and awareness and the issue of Infringement Notices or instigation of Prosecutions for non-compliance.

In addition to the State Statutes, Council's Rangers administer and enforce a number of various Local Laws, which have been adopted by the Council.

PRESTON BEACH TOWNSHIP



Shire of Waroona

Preston Beach Newsletter

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Special points to note:

- No Camping on Beach, in dunes or the Beach Car park
- No Open Fires - anywhere!!
- Keep dogs on leashes in all public areas
- Swim safely and be aware of rips

President's Welcome ...

Welcome to all residents and visitors to Preston Beach for the 2015/16 summer. We hope that you enjoy your stay in this quiet, pristine environment.

Preston Beach is an ideal get-away for anyone interested in fishing, swimming, golfing or just enjoy the nature experience. Whilst in the area you may like to venture further afield and visit historic Hamel, the thrombolites at Lake Clifton or the inland areas around Waroona.

The Shire Office is located at 52 Hesse St, Waroona and is open from 9am-4pm Monday to Friday. Phone 9733 7800, email warshire@waroona.wa.gov.au, website: www.waroona.wa.gov.au. Please note however, the Shire office will be closed over the Christmas & New Year period 25th December to 3rd January inclusive. Reopening on Monday 4th January 2016. The Buller Road Refuse Site will be open its normal hours and days except for Christmas Day & New Year Day. (eg, closed 25th Dec & 1st Jan).

Enjoy your summer!

Noel Dew
Shire President



Some "do's" while in the area :

- ✦ enjoy your stay.
- ✦ stick to the 50km/h speed limit
- ✦ be courteous to others in the town.
- ✦ keep night time noise to a minimum as many people here are permanent residents.
- ✦ take your litter with you to help keep the environment pristine and waterways clean and healthy.
- ✦ drive carefully on the beach.
- ✦ watch out for kangaroos!

TIPS FOR THE BEACH

- **No lifesaving services operate on this beach.** Please treat these waters with care and caution at all times.
- Be courteous when parking on the beach.....park parallel to the ocean, not across the beach, east west fashion as this at times tends to block access.
- Please deflate your tyres before you get onto the beach access tracks.
- Do not drive between the tyres, this is extremely dangerous as lots of people, especially little ones, utilise this area.

- Please watch your speed. Kids playing on this beach may not hear you coming.
- Driving in the dunes is prohibited and significant penalties are applicable.
- Keep an eye on the young ones playing in the dunes as snakes are often prevalent over summer.

"Remember - No lifesaving services operate at Preston Beach - Please take Care"

PRESTON BEACH DUNE RESTORATION PROJECT

On the 17th and 21st of June 2015, members from the Preston Beach community, Waroona District High School Bushrangers and Mandurah Baptist College volunteered their time to aid in a joint costal rehabilitation project between the Preston Beach Progress Association, the Shire of Waroona and the South West Catchment Council.

With seedlings from the Leschenault Community Nursery, the two days spent restoring the dunes saw over 500 seedlings planted to revegetate the dunes and replace seedlings which had not survived from last year's planting day.

With hands on support from coastal facilitator Jenny Mitchell, of the South West Catchment Council, President John Watson, of the Preston Beach Progress Association, committee members, and the Shire of Waroona's Community Development Officers, the planting days and dune restoration proved to be very successful.

LAKE PRESTON TRAIL UPDATE

Lake Preston Trail Project is nearing completion with the observation platform being built by a local business. This project has been funded by the NRM and Lotteries to the value of \$45,000.

WARNING!



To check for recent shark activity in the area

Go to **SHARKSMART.COM.AU**

To report Shark Sightings call **Water Police on 9442 8600**

The coastline in the Preston Beach area **IS NOT** patrolled by Surf Life Saving WA

For emergencies ring 000

Preston Beach Volunteer Fire Brigade Summer Period

Summer is now here bringing with it the increased risk of bushfires and the question is..... "Are you ready"? Have you cleaned up your property? Have you prepared a bushfire survival plan? For example, have you considered what you will do if a bushfire threatens and you have no time to leave?

Research shows most Australians are not well prepared to deal with a natural disaster, with only 20% of the population having a written plan in place. Whilst Preston Beach has not had to deal with a major bushfire, the reality is, we cannot afford to be complacent and we should be prepared as best as possible to deal with, not only the risk of a fire, but also the potential devastating effects of a summer storm. We take this opportunity to remind locals and visitors to be aware that fires are not permitted on our beach at anytime throughout the year. We also would like to remind everyone to be aware of the rules relating to days of Total Fire Ban, as non observance of these rules can result in a hefty fine being imposed!

For your information, Preston Beach is currently equipped with a fairly new 3.4, Urban tanker which is housed at our Fire Station at the end of Preston Drive. At the present time we have 13 active fire fighters and as always we are looking for new volunteers to join our brigade. If you would like more information please contact Brigade Captain, Steve Thomas, on 0431 941 716.

Please note that on Saturday ,9th January 2016, the Preston Beach Volunteer Fire Brigade will be hosting a community Bushfire Awareness session at the Fire station commencing at 6.00 pm. We strongly encourage you to take the time to attend this important event which will be followed by a free sausage sizzle and don't forget, that as always, we welcome the young ones who will be given the opportunity to be trainee furies ! We look forward to meeting you at this informative and fun evening.



Please assist us by being vigilant during the hot, summer months ahead and report any suspicious activities to the Police on 131444 .

To report a fire please dial 000.

We would like to wish everyone a safe and merry Xmas and a wonderful 2016.

P.S...Kids, keep a lookout for Santa who will be paying a visit to Preston Beach on Xmas eve, touring around town on the back of the Fire truck.....he would love to meet you!

FOR ALL FIRE EMERGENCIES PLEASE DIAL 000

Summer Holidays Message from Preston Beach Volunteer Rangers



Once again, residents and visitors to our beach can expect to see the familiar sight of the Preston Beach Volunteer Rangers undertaking regular patrols of the 17 kms of coast controlled by the Shire of Waroona. The main focus of the rangers is to educate drivers of the need to take care of this pristine environment and to act responsibly whilst driving on this beach.

It is important to note that this year, the Waroona Shire Council have introduced new rules pertaining to the beach and we recommend to everyone planning to drive on the beach that you familiarise yourself with these rules to avoid being on the receiving end of a significant fine. For example, having someone riding on the back of a ute or occupants of a vehicle not wearing a seat belt will incur a \$200 fine. The rules relevant to driving on the beach here at Preston Beach can be obtained from the local shop or alternatively the rangers will provide you with a brochure.

The bottom line is we want to ensure this beach is a safe environment for everyone to enjoy, especially the many

young children who love to play on the sand. The volunteer beach rangers work closely with Shire Rangers, local Police and the Preston Beach Volunteer Fire Brigade and if we see people acting inappropriately we will pass vehicle details and footage from the in car camera onto the relevant authority.

NOTE: Speed limit on beach is 20km/h

One issue that does concern us is the increase in the number of drivers who think it is okay to speed on the beach.....this is not only disrespectful to other beach users it is also highly dangerous and will not be tolerated! The reality is that it is up to all of us to do the right thing, so that we can continue to enjoy the privilege of driving along this beach for many years to come!

The Preston Beach Volunteer Rangers welcome you and trust you will have a safe and happy time on the beach. We can be contacted on: 0427 199 754 or 0418 957 451 and Shire Ranger Services: 9733 7816.

PRESTON BEACH TOWNSITE STRATEGY

The Preston Beach Townsite Strategy project commenced in 2006. The Draft Strategy documents were completed by the proponents in 2012. The documents include town planning, environmental and a range of technical studies supporting the Strategy report. The Draft Strategy and an application for the amendment to the Peel Region Scheme have been lodged with the Shire and the Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC). An application for the amendment to the local Planning Scheme was lodged with the Shire in 2013. In April 2015 the Chair of the WAPC advised Council in writing that it could not support the rezoning of Rural land to Urban proposed in the Townsite Strategy in terms of the Peel Region Scheme. For further information on the project, please contact the Shire's Planning Department.

HOLIDAY HOMES REQUIRE COUNCIL APPROVAL

Council's Town Planning Policy for Holiday Homes was developed to ensure that holiday homes do not compromise the amenity of residential areas and to consider the inequity with other tourism accommodation providers. In order to address this concern the policy encourages operators to abide by recognised best practice, relevant legislation and this policy. Holiday homes require the approval of Council through an application for Planning Consent in terms of the Shire's Town Planning Scheme and approvals are required to be renewed annually. Copies of the Policy are available at Council's office or on Council's website. Enquiries about Planning Consent Applications can be directed to the Shire's Planning Department.

MOSQUITO ADVICE

Mosquitoes are found in Lake Clifton, Preston Beach and surrounding areas. Care should be taken to avoid being bitten as mosquitoes can carry diseases which may cause painful or swollen joints, sore muscles, skin rashes, fever, fatigue and headaches. Consider the following mitigation procedures where possible or practicable:

- ◇ Avoid areas of high mosquito activity, especially around dawn and dusk.
- ◇ Wear protective (long, loose-fitting) clothing when outdoors.
- ◇ Use a personal mosquito repellent. Only infant-strength repellents should be used on small children. (Obtain medical advice where necessary).
- ◇ Install insect screens and use mosquito nets and mosquito-proof tents.
- ◇ Ensure that any containers around the house are empty of water.
- ◇ Protect infants and children against mosquito bites with suitable clothing, bed nets or other forms of insect screening.

For any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the Shire's Environmental Health staff on 97337800.