



Shire President's Message

was ultimately another wonderfully successful Show.

Strategic Community Plan

With regards to the survey for this Strategic Community Plan it is pleasing to note we had 331 responses. Of these forms, 275 were completed "on line" and 56 "hard copies" were received. The consultancy company will shortly be compiling the relevant figures and data and the results will be forwarded to us by the end of November, with a summary report expected to be presented to Council at our December meeting. A big thanks to everyone who took the time to respond.

Works Program

The annual renovation work is currently being undertaken on the Waroona town oval and the cricket ground, this work includes weed spraying, coring and top dressing. Out at Preston Beach drainage work has commenced on Lake View Road with the road construction to follow soon after, whilst at Lake Clifton the annual verge mowing is well underway.

Preston Beach Greenwaste Site

Residents at Preston Beach are advised that Council recently

adopted a proposal to temporarily close the greenwaste area (adjacent to the beach car park) for a period each year to coincide with the summer high fire risk season. The closure will take effect on the 15th December and reopen on the 15th March. A sign will be put in place directing residents to the Buller Road Refuse Disposal Facility.

Sea to Art

I recently had the honour of officially opening the Sea to Art Exhibition which is now in its ninth year and as always is a very much anticipated event on the Shire of Waroona events calendar. The exhibition will remain open until Wednesday 30th November and currently has 100 pieces of art in many mediums on display, thanks to our 30 or so very talented artists. I am sure everyone would agree that an event such as this takes a considerable amount of time, people and planning and everyone who has been involved, staff, volunteers and of course the artists are to be commended for their outstanding efforts in this regard. Well done to Tracy Goldsworthy whose tireless commitment and pride in this event always ensures that this exhibition takes place every year, showcasing Waroona and the very talented people living

here. Thanks to the hard working young members of the Waroona Youth Advisory Council who were the wait staff for the evening and the happy bar staff from the Waroona Playgroup. I would also like to acknowledge Alcoa and the Shire of Waroona for sponsoring this event. In conclusion, I would encourage everyone to try to find the time to visit this excellent exhibition during the month of November.

Are you Ready?

On Saturday 29th October, the Preston Beach Volunteer Fire Brigade held their annual "Are you Ready?" information session at the Fire Station and it was pleasing to note that a large number of the local residents took the opportunity to participate in this worthwhile briefing, especially with the bushfire season just around the corner. Following the session, everyone was invited to participate in a barbeque, with the young ones provided with a range of fun activities. Well done to the Brigade members for their efforts in encouraging everyone to be prepared and have a plan in place to deal with an emergency situation should the occasion arise.

LIVE FREE ENTERTAINMENT

In support of
White Ribbon

FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES

&

SHIRE OF WAROONA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

INVITE YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN THE

WHITE RIBBON DAY PLEDGE

25 NOVEMBER 2016

END DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

WAROONA OVAL

Pledge starting at 6.15pm

Live Entertainment & Food & Drinks Available

Free Bouncy Castles & Face Painting



WAROONA HERITAGE TRAIL

On Tuesday, the 4th of October, Community Development Officer Brad Vitale assisted Waroona Historical Society in their first Walk Over October activity. Approximately 30 walkers gathered at Waroona Visitor Centre as the starting point of the trail, where they received trail brochures and prayed for the rain to stop. The walkers were lucky that the rain stopped and the clouds parted to allow a comfortable guided walk along the highway. Members of the Historical Society gave a guided tour of the Waroona Heritage Trail (from the Visitor Centre to Centennial Park with a quick walkthrough the Historical Society museum), highlighting the historical significance of a number of sites. Participants were also able to use their smartphone to scan the QR codes which accessed webpages created by students from St Joseph's Primary School with information on these sites.

Once the walkers made it to Centennial Park, they were greeted with a free sausage sizzle provided by

the Leos Club, and a nice warm coffee by the Youth Advisory Council. The Historical Society brought along a few historical documents for participants to look through – which was of great interest especially to the children and adults who had lived in Waroona their entire life. It was great to see this activity participated by people of all ages and abilities including the Leos Club of Waroona, Waroona Youth Advisory Council, members of the local community, and even walkers from Pinjarra, Mandurah and Rockingham.



WHAT'S ON IN WAROONA CALENDAR

Brad Vitale, Community Development Officer is working on compiling a "What's On in Waroona" community events list calendar to be published monthly. The hope is to have a one stop shop for events that are occurring in the community, by listing them all in one calendar. This will be valuable in planning for events as clashes in dates, times and venues will be minimised, and therefore increase attendance at each event (rather than having to decide between two events on the same day). This will also be beneficial when considering what type of event to hold, as organisations can ensure that their event isn't

duplicating one that has recently occurred. All organisations are encouraged to submit their events to be included in the calendar, whether it be a school, sporting club or community group. The calendar will be distributed to all community organisations, and will also be available on the Shire of Waroona website www.waroona.wa.gov.au/events-calendar/ If your organisation would like to submit an event, or for more information, please contact Brad on 9733 7800 or cdo@waroona.wa.gov.au

Next Council Meeting

Next Council Meeting will be 22nd November at 4pm at the Shire of Waroona Council Chambers behind the administration office

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WHITE RIBBON DAY

Family Support Services, in collaboration with Shire of Waroona, will be holding a community sundowner event in support of White Ribbon Day. White Ribbon is the world's largest movement to end men's violence against women and girls, and to promote gender equality and healthy relationships. Their vision is to develop a nation that respects women, in which every woman lives in safety, free from all forms of men's abuse, through education, awareness, campaigns, preventative programs and partnerships.

The inaugural White Ribbon Day Sundowner will be held on Friday, 25th November from 6pm to 8pm at Waroona Town Oval, near Jim's Kitchen.

There will be a short one minute pledge against domestic violence towards women, to commence at 6.15pm. Following this, there will be a number of family friendly activities on offer including a live band, bouncy castle, face painting, raffles, and health promotion stalls. Lions Club of Waroona will be selling hot food and drinks, and Family Support Services will be selling White Ribbon Day merchandise.

It is hoped to have as many people pledging as possible, and to have a sea of people in their different work/sporting uniforms to really capture the broad representation of the community supporting the White Ribbon initiative.

Should your organisation wish to be involved through attending the event or by donating items for the raffle, please contact Donna Carty at Family Support Services on 9733 2902 or Brad Vitale at Shire of Waroona on 9733 7800 or via email cdo@waroona.wa.gov.au

ARE YOU BUSHFIRE SEASON READY?

Residents and landowners within the Shire of Waroona are reminded of their responsibilities to ensure properties have effective measures in place including installed and maintained firebreaks as of 30th November through to the end of the restricted burning period in 2017. The Shire of Waroona currently contracts its Ranger services out to the Shire of Murray and they will be carrying out district inspections to ensure compliance as of 1st December. The Shire of Murray Rangers are equipped with an IT system that has the technology to generate on the spot infringements for non-compliance and no leniencies will be provided to those who do not adhere to the provisions set out in the Fire Break Order. Please note that as the land owner it is your responsibility to make sure fire breaks are completed and should you engage a contractor to undertake the work it is your responsibility to ensure the works are completed by the due date and in accordance with all provisions. Further information is available on the Shire of Waroona's website.

FLORA SURVEY & PHOTO COMPETITION

On Tuesday, the 11th of October, Brad Vitale assisted Harvey River Restoration Taskforce in hosting a flora walk and photo competition at the Coronation Road Reserve. Over 40 walkers gathered to discover and photograph the local flora of the area, whilst enjoying the sunshine and outdoors. In attendance were community members, the Green Army (as part of Conservation Volunteers Australia), a school group from Fairbridge Camp (who are all studying a Certificate II or III in Conservation and Land Management), and avid flora specialists from around the region. It was great to see people of all ages and abilities learning together and engaging with each other over a shared passion of the environment. This was the third year that the Flora Survey has been held, and as a result, nearly 250 native species have been recorded in this small reserve. This project was supported by the Peel-Harvey Catchment Council's River to Ramsar project through funds from the Australian Government.



YARN BOMB WOW

It is official according to visitors - Yarn Bomb Waroona has the X factor!

The "sticky streets" principle is behind the event and the colour and fun has certainly given travellers a good reason to stop and to wander. Visitor numbers are up and it's anticipated that there will be increased traffic into our local businesses.

The Visitor Centre display is a favourite with the kids. Spot It Activity sheets are available for the children to record their sightings of fairies, mushrooms, flowers and creatures.

A Yarn Bomb Waroona Trail Guide is also available so that visitors and locals don't miss any of the displays around town. Businesses wishing to get involved can create their own displays and contact the Visitor Centre to be included on the guide.

Check out Yarn Bomb Waroona's Facebook page or call in to 37 South West Highway for more information.



SEA TO ART
EXHIBITION
LOCAL ART
FOR VIEWING AND SALE

Throughout November

SHIRE CONTINUES SUPPORT WITH ENGAGING A COMMUNITY EMERGENCY SERVICES COORDINATOR

Shire President, Mr Noel Dew was pleased to announce the expansion of the role of our part time fire recovery coordinator.

"As we continue to deal with the communities recovery issues into the future there is a need, as a community, to address and prepare for the coming fire season."

Mr Dave Gossage AFSM will be transitioning into the part time role of Community Emergency Services Coordinator that will be progressing the shires Prevention, Preparedness, Response and Recovery requirements, including supporting the Shires Volunteer Bush Fire Brigades and community into the future.

Shire CEO, Ian Curley welcomed Dave's commitment to the community of Waroona.

REGISTER YOUR MOBILE FOR SMS MESSAGES

The Shire of Waroona has a SMS Notification Service for Total Fire Ban & Harvest & Vehicle Movement Bans, as well as information relating to restricted/prohibited burning periods. As soon as a Total Fire Ban or Harvest & Vehicle Movement Ban is called, all mobile phones registered will receive a SMS directly to their mobile phone. This service is free of charge. Please note that these bans are called by the Waroona Chief Bushfire Control Officer and/or Dept of Fire & Emergency Services (DFES). To subscribe for this service please email your details to eso@waroona.wa.gov.au or phone the Shire Office on 9733 7800.

WALK OVER OCTOBER

Walk Over October is an annual state-wide initiative that provides a forum to showcase the region's walk related clubs/groups, services and facilities, and promote the health, environmental, economic and community benefits of walking. A range of agencies and groups are invited to promote a new or existing weekly walk group and/or host a free/low cost special walk activity for the Peel community in the month of October. Together these walks make up a calendar of events that is promoted to the community.

ANNUAL ELECTORS MEETING

Please be aware that the Annual Meeting of Electors is scheduled to be held at Council Chambers at Waroona Shire Office on Tuesday 20th December 2016 at 6.00pm further details and information will be available closer to the date.



Shire of Waroona
Kindly invites all volunteers to
Thank a Volunteer Breakfast



When: Saturday 10th December 2016

Where: Waroona Football Club

Time: 8am

To assist with the catering please indicate your attendance by **Friday, 2nd of December**

RSVP: Phone 9733 7800 or Email cdo@waroona.wa.gov.au