



Shire President's Message

followed by that horrendous fire in 2016. On each occasion the Lake Clifton brigade played a significant role joining with other brigades in protecting our community.

For me personally, I can go back some 18yrs ago when I first joined Council and I can remember attending community meetings in what was then the original Lake Clifton fire shed and sharing the building with some of the biggest mozzies I have ever seen. From the Shire's perspective, we believe we have a responsibility to assist our volunteer fire fighters as much as we can and we hope that this facility will assist in achieving that objective.

NAMING OF THE PRESTON BEACH ROAD CAUSEWAY

Following a request from the Preston Beach Progress Association, Council, have agreed to a proposal to name the Preston Beach Road Causeway in honour of the late Alf Barker. Alf, who was a Shire employee for over 30 years as Works Manager/Supervisor, was very much involved in the construction of many of the Shire roads we drive on today, including the Preston Beach Causeway. Alf was a very much loved and respected member of the Preston Beach community and, in fact was amongst the first to build there back in the early fifties. The Shire will be working with the Preston Beach community to organise an official dedication in the near future.

CLOSURE OF UNNAMED ROAD RESERVES

Council recently received a request from the Department of Parks and Wildlife to consider a proposal to permanently close roads 228 and 13736 in order to facilitate the inclusion of this land into the Yalgorup National Park. Following discussion, Council resolved to advise DPAW and the City of Mandurah that it does not support the proposed closure as it will comprise the potential for the establishment of formalised secondary access to and from Preston Beach for emergency purposes. Road 228 traverses through both the Shire of Waroona and the City of Mandurah and whilst it currently is unconstructed and not identified for construction in the short term, a closure would impede the possibility of having this turned into an emergency access road if required.

PEEL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

The Shire of Waroona recently hosted a meeting of the P.D.C. at our council chambers and at this meeting the Shire C.E.O., Ian Curley and myself were invited to make a presentation to the board relevant to our Shire. We took this opportunity to highlight some of our aspirations for the future and to also reflect on some of the issues that have confronted us in the past 12 months and especially those that we are still grappling with at the present time.

VALE GEOFF STACEY

The community of Preston Beach were saddened by the recent unexpected passing of Geoff "Bubbles" Stacey, aged 58. Geoff had a passion in caring for the pristine section of coast we have in our Shire at Preston Beach and rather than just talk about it, he set out on a path of positive action. He Invested in a tractor, fitted it out with a front end loader and embarked on a journey of stabilising our sand dunes. For many years, locals and visitors would witness this big, blue tractor slowly wending its way along the beach with a load of dune brushing from the green waste area at the car park to be eventually deposited in an area Geoff had identified as an area requiring attention. Geoff had no tolerance of those who thought it was okay to drive into the dunes and if he saw someone driving into the dunes then he would, with the help of his big, blue tractor make sure it was a darn sight harder to get back out the way they went in! In addition to the above Geoff worked closely with the Preston Beach Volunteer Ranger group and was always willing to help out in any way, whenever required and always with a big smile. We extend our sincere condolences to his loving family.

LAKE CLIFTON FIRE BRIGADE BUILDING OPENING

I recently had the honour of officially opening the new Fire Brigade building at Lake Clifton. Executive staff and Councillors joined with representatives from the Department of Fire & Emergency Services (DFES) and members of the Waroona, Waroona West, Lake Clifton and Preston Beach volunteer fire brigades to celebrate this special event. I took the opportunity to thank DFES for their ongoing support for this project and also acknowledged our co-ordinator of corporate planning, John Crothers, for his hard work and persistence throughout this project. I am on record of saying that I believe that volunteers are quite often the heart beat or the pulse of a strong community and the Lake Clifton Fire Brigade are a prime example of that. We only have to look back over the past six years and you will see that this group has been involved in many serious major events. In 2011 we had that catastrophic fire that swept through this Lake Clifton area, then in 2015 we had the major fire in Waroona,

WAROONA HISTORY BOOK NOW FOR SALE

An updated version of the Waroona History book 'Drakesbrook Days and Waroona Years' (3rd Edition) written by Laurie Snell is now available to purchase.



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ALCOA WAROONA SUSTAINABILITY FUND GRANT ROUND NOW OPEN

Local groups and organisations are advised that the Alcoa Waroona Sustainability Fund Committee will be conducting a 2nd round of grant funding in April 2017. Application forms and guidelines are available from the Shire office and website (www.waroona.wa.gov.au) applications closing on 5 May.



SHIRE OF WAROONA NOTICE OF CHANGE OF MEETING DATE

The scheduled April Council meeting falls on Anzac Day, so it will therefore be changed to Wednesday 26th April.

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- Thursday 13th April – GYMNASTICS
Age: 4 – 16
Time: 10am – 12pm
Cost: \$5.00
- Wednesday 19th April – JUNIOR BOOTCAMP
Age: 10 +
Time: 10am – 11am
Cost: \$5.00
- Thursday 20th April – BOARD GAMES
Age: 6 – 12
Time: 10am – 11.30am
Cost: \$5.00

SEA TO ART EXHIBITION

Its seven months out and planning has started for the milestone 10th anniversary of the Sea to ART Exhibition which is held in the Waroona Visitor Centre's gallery.

Artists met in March to discuss various aspects of the event including the format for this year's opening, and fundraising ideas in support of St John Ambulance Waroona Sub-Branch and the Waroona Leos.

One fundraising proposal that received unanimous support was a 9x5 display within the exhibition and this will be an open entry in any medium or craft. The 9"x5" boards will be available from the Visitor Centre in May and artists, craftspeople, quilters, etc. will donate their finished pieces for sale with proceeds going into the fundraising kitty.

Those interested in exhibiting and/or creating a 9x5 can send their contact details to visitorcentre@waroona.wa.gov.au or phone Tracy Goldsworthy 9733 1506 to be included on the email or postal list.

The exhibition has a wide range of categories including fine woodwork, textiles, metal work, jewellery, mixed media, sculpting, painting and drawing and is open to residents of Yarloop, Coolup and Shire of Waroona.



Pictured L-R Eileen Macpherson; Christine Hyde & Jan Hill

A COMMUNITY RESILIENCE SUNDOWNER FOR ALL RESIDENTS



Join local residents and volunteers for a community Sundowner and dinner kindly cooked by Victor's Gourmet Delights.

Monday, 17th April

5pm—8pm

Waroona Memorial Hall

Sheep on a spit, lamb chops and sausages provided.
BYO drinks and a dessert to share.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Please RSVP to Brad on 9733 7800 or cdo@waroona.wa.gov.au by Monday, 10th of April to assist with catering

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANTS 2017

The Shire of Waroona Community Development Grants Program 2017 is now closed.

Thank you to all community organisations that applied. This year's program saw the greatest number of applications ever received, and as a result was oversubscribed. All applicants shall receive notification of their application by early May.

For any queries relating to the Community Development Grants Program 2017, please contact the Shire of Waroona Community Development Officer on (08) 9733 7800 or at cdo@waroona.wa.gov.au