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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.

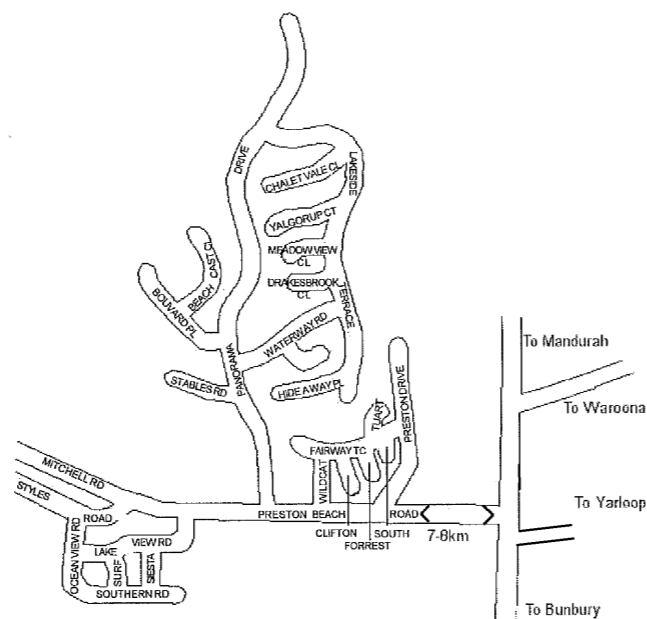
Shire Rangers are there to administer and enforce the provisions of the following:

- 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 in particular Local Government Property Local Law which contains specific guidelines in relation to Preston Beach.

PRESTON BEACH TOWNSHIP



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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 2017/18 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.

Shire contact details are on the back page of this brochure. Office hours are 9am-4pm, however please note, the Shire office will be closed over the Christmas & New Year period 25th December to 1st January inclusive. Reopening on Tuesday 2nd Jan 2018. 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). If your residential kerbside rubbish collection is normally a Monday, this will take place on Tuesday 26th Dec and if it is Tuesday, then this will take place on Wednesday 27th Dec. Enjoy your summer!

Mike Walmsley, 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"

Beware of Ticks

At certain times of the year kangaroo ticks can be prevalent in Preston Beach. Walking through thick scrub is not recommended. A good quality repellent will greatly assist in keeping these little nasties from becoming attached to you! A leaflet on the ticks can usually be found at the General Store. Bottom line, a persistent itch is usually a good indicator you may be an unwilling host.



**NOTICE
CLOSURE OF GREEN WASTE
AREA**

Due to the risk of fire, Council has directed that the green waste area at Preston Beach shall be closed between 15 December 2017 – 15 March 2018 Green waste can be disposed of at the Buller Road Refuse Site 702 Buller Road, WAROONA Please direct any queries to the Shire of Waroona Works Depot on 9733 7817



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 phone 000

PRESTON BEACH DUNE RESTORATION PROJECT

The Shire of Waroona, in partnership with the Preston Beach Progress Association (PBPA), were again successful in securing a \$8,980 grant from the Department of Planning's Coastwest grant in 2017 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, rubbish collection and replanting which assists in preventing access, stabilising dune blowouts and reducing erosion. It also promotes seed collection and natural revegetation. We would like to thank the people of Preston Beach for their on-going support by supplying brush and branches in the collection area throughout the year. Keep it up when it re-opens next year.

With funding again successful in 2018, 140 students will be planting in June. Supervision of the planting is helpful and if you would like to volunteer on the planting day, keep an eye out on the PBPA Facebook page for updates.

Preston Beach Volunteer Fire Brigade

The drive into Preston Beach from the Forrest Highway still serves as a stark reminder of the devastating 2016 fire that threatened to wreak havoc on our little hamlet and should be a constant reminder that we must be prepared and vigilant during the bushfire season. The reality is, we do live in a bushfire prone area and as such we need to have an understanding of our local area conditions and be prepared to make our own decisions if there is a fire in the area. Do not make the mistake of relying on others to warn you of an approaching bushfire. Relevant authorities are advising that we should not wait for a text message or a knock on the door. You must take responsibility for your own safety, be prepared; have a plan! If you are not sure how to do this, we suggest you go to the DFES website. The great thing about this site is that, not only will it provide excellent advice on how to prepare and plan for a bushfire or storm event, but it will also keep you up to date on any fires or severe weather warnings as they occur.

The Preston Beach fire shed is located at the end of Preston Drive and currently houses our 3.4 urban tanker and a 4WD light tanker.



Currently we have 20 trained volunteer fire fighters. If you would like to consider joining our brigade please contact:

- Brigade Captain - Steve Thomas.0431 941 716
- 1st Lieutenant - Don Bebbington.0418 943 635
- 2nd Lieutenant - Clint Vagg.0407 192 387

We encourage everyone to be vigilant during the hot summer months and if you see anything suspicious please report immediately by phoning:

- DFES.....000
- Police.....131 444

Remember, fires are not permitted on the beach at any time.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and happy time for the festive season.

Please phone 000 to report a fire..

Summer Holidays Message from Preston Beach Volunteer Beach Rangers



Preston Beach Volunteer Beach Rangers welcome locals and visitors to the beach once again for the summer season. As we have been doing for the past 18 years we will be encouraging everyone to respect and enjoy your time on this special and pristine stretch of coast. We encourage beach users to observe a few simple, common-sense rules that will ensure this beach remains open to four wheel drive traffic for years to come and at the same time provide a safe place for all to enjoy. If you are uncertain as to what rules apply please ask one of the volunteer rangers, or a Shire Ranger, for a leaflet explaining Shire rules for this beach.

Taking care of our young beach users is, for us, a priority and as such we have zero tolerance for those that think it is OK to speed or drive in a dangerous manner. We encourage everyone to support us in our endeavours to ensure this is a safe and friendly beach and if you see people acting irresponsibly please let us know by phoning:

- Preston Beach Volunteer Rangers..0427 199 754
- Or phone..0418 957 451
- Shire Rangers .9733 7816

**NOTE:
Speed limit on beach is 20km/h**

We look forward to meeting and welcoming you to Preston Beach. Take care, drive safely and enjoy your time here this summer. Merry Christmas to all.

Preston Beach Community Centre Redevelopment



The redevelopment of the Preston Beach Community Centre on Panorama Drive is moving ahead with funding for the project confirmed from the Shire of Waroona, the WA State Government Royalties for Regions Fund and the Alcoa Waroona Sustainability Fund while we are currently waiting on the outcome of an application for funds from Lotterywest.

Plans and specifications for the new building are being developed by the Shire's architects in consultation with the Preston Beach Progress Association. Once the building design has been finalised, the project will progress to a tender process in order to appoint a builder. Construction is expected to commence in 2018.

The existing Community Centre is leased from the Shire and managed by the Preston Beach Progress Association who makes the facility available to a range of other community users.

BUSHFIRE AWARENESS DAY

The Preston Beach Brigade will be holding a Bushfire Awareness Day on Sunday 7th January which coincides with the 2nd anniversary of the Waroona Yarloop Fire. It will be held at the Preston Beach Fire Shed at 11am until 1pm with a gold coin sausage sizzle. The 2hr event will give you the opportunity to get all the information you need and the opportunity to chat with our brigade members along with representatives from DFES and our local Rangers. There will also be an opportunity for the kids and young at heart to dress up as fireies and squirt water from our truck. This is always a lot of fun for all. We look forward to seeing you there and sharing an informative yet fun couple of hours together.

Steve Thomas, Captain

FOR ALL FIRE EMERGENCIES PLEASE DIAL 000