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SHIRE OF WAROONA



Shire President's Message

I hope this article finds everyone well and enjoying our unusually mild summer. The absence of any truly hot days has been quite a nice change for the start of 2018.

AUSTRALIA DAY

Our Australia Day Breakfast was held in the Recreation and Aquatic Centre this year and was well attended. Our Citizen of the Year Award was received by a very dedicated and wonderful community volunteer, Lynda Leroy. Lynda has mentored and helped so many of our young people for over 50 years and it was delightful to see such a dedicated and worthy member of our community receive this award. Lynda's husband Mike Leroy was also presented with the Meritorious Service Award, which recognises the hard work and dedication that Mike has displayed over the years. Another recipient of a Meritorious Service Award was Maree Ellis who has contributed so

much to our Shire and has served on a variety of committees as the current president of the Waroona Agricultural Society. Thank you Maree for all that you have given. This year our Community Group Award was presented to FRAGYLE (Friends of Ramsar Action Group for the Yalgorup Lakes Environment). We were given an extensive history from President Hillary Wheeler on the functions and achievements of FRAGYLE and thank them for the role they have played in protecting our environment.

PEEL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE INFO NIGHT

This month has been relatively busy on a few different fronts. Earlier this month I attended an Info Night and initiation of a subsidiary Committee for the Peel Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Their vision is to establish a refreshed Waroona Chamber of Commerce under the Peel Chamber of Commerce and Industry Inc that will hopefully benefit our local businesses in the areas of support, advice and initiatives to help promote and retain businesses in our Shire. We have had some eager people put their hands up to help form this group and appreciate any assistance for our

business community. I would like to acknowledge Craig and Linda from Lake Navarino for their fantastic restaurant and facilities they have rebuilt. They were splendid hosts which made for a great night.

SUMMER IN WAROONA

It has been lovely to see visitors and locals enjoying some of our Shire's special sites over the recent holiday period. The weir, dam and Preston Beach played host to many visitors, including both locals and those from out of town. Over the break my Family and I visited one of our local attractions, Trees Adventure, which is located just near the old Nangabrook Townsite in the Lane Poole Reserve. I highly recommend this to all those who love a bit of adventure. We are very lucky to have these areas to visit and I encourage everyone to enjoy them as often as you can.

PEEL REGIONAL LEADERS FORUM

In my role as President, I am also part of a group called the Peel Regional Leaders Forum which is a collaboration of the Mayor and Presidents of the Peel Region, the CEO's, a few peek bodies that represent State and Federal funding sources and also environmental and

social groups. I was very impressed by the calibre and knowledge that the group displayed. It gave me a great sense of faith that the region is in good hands and that this group will collectively work together to help our Councils prosper and continue to be a special part of the world to live, work and recreate in.

OUT AND ABOUT IN THE COMMUNITY

I would like to make a special mention of a local Lady named Betty who has not been enjoying good health lately. It was humbling to spend time with her as she has given so much time and energy in her efforts to raise money for the Community Car. It was quite staggering to hear the amount she has helped raise for this important service to our community through raffles and market stalls. Thank you Betty Derrick for all the hard work you have put in to keep the wheels rolling. Good luck to our kids who have headed back to school for 2018 and please stay safe. I Hope to see you at some of the upcoming events in our Shire.

INTERAGENCY

On Wednesday, the Shires Community Development Officer Brad Vitale held the bimonthly Waroona Interagency Group meeting at the Waroona Community Resource Centre. There was a great attendance of 30 members, representing a variety of government agencies and health service providers, who provided an insight into their roles and organisations. Nicky Smith delivered a presentation about the WALGA RoadWise initiative, followed by a presentation from Justine Hansen about Parenting Connection WA. Following the presentations, the group took the opportunity to network and access support to work towards the common goals of delivering community services and addressing issues around community safety and wellbeing. Waroona Interagency Group now boasts a database over 70 representatives from over 50 stakeholders including local governments, government agencies, health services and health providers. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, the 13th of February at the Waroona Community Resource Centre.



YOUTH WEEK GRANT SUCCESSFUL

Waroona Youth Advisory Council have received \$1,500 from Department of Communities to celebrate 2018 WA Youth Week.

Following the success of last year's inaugural Youth Fest, which saw over 300 parents and children enjoy a variety of FREE amusements at the Waroona Skate Park, Waroona Youth Advisory Council applied for the funding to make this year's event even bigger and better!

The 2018 Youth Fest is currently being organised, and President Joelle Chaffey has revealed that there will be a few of the favourites from last year but also some new attractions. Last year there were bouncy castles, climbing wall, bungee trampolines, bungee joust, and sumo wrestling from Monsterball Amusements; skate and BMX competitions and demonstrations by Freestyle Now; sausage sizzle and drinks by the Waroona District High School P&C; face painting, fairy floss and popcorn from the Youth Centre; information stalls from GP Down South and St John Ambulance; and the highlight of the night was the live demonstration of a car crash rescue organised by the Waroona Volunteer Fire Emergency Services and St John Ambulance Waroona - it is going to be hard to top all that!



SHIRE OF WAROONA

APPLICATION FOR PLANNING CONSENT FOR EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRY LICENCE AT LOT 2 JOHNSTON ROAD, WAROONA

Council wishes to inform you that it has received an application for Planning Consent for an EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRY located at the above mentioned property.

Details of the proposal are available for public inspection at the Shire of Waroona office, 52 Hesse Street, Waroona, Monday to Friday between 9am and 4pm.

Written submissions should be lodged with the Shire before the close of business on the 6th of March 2018.

Written comments: Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Waroona
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WAROONA WA 6215

Electronic comments: warshire@waroona.wa.gov.au

Fax: (08) 9733 1883

All submissions received will be considered by Council in its determination of the proposal.

IAN CURLEY
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS SUCCESSFUL

Congratulations to Joelle Chaffey, Community Development Assistant at The Shire of Waroona who has recently been successful in receiving \$3,703 to further her studies as part of the Department of Local Government and Communities Local Government officers' development program. Joelle received a Community Development Scholarship, which was available to country local government employees in WA to participate in community development training. This scholarship will go towards completing a Bachelor of Business, double majoring in Community Development and Management.

This is the third scholarship that the Shire has received as part of this program, with Brad Vitale, Community Development Officer receiving \$10,000 to assist with completing a Bachelor of Business, double majoring in Community Development and Management at Murdoch University, and Daniel Cools, Recreation Centre Officer receiving \$4,016 to assist with completing a Diploma of Leadership and Management at South West Regional TAFE.

Next Council Meeting

Next Council Meeting will be 27th February 2018 at 4pm at the Shire of Waroona Council Chambers behind the administration office

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AUSTRALIA DAY 2018

What perfect weather for the annual Australia Day Celebrations & Awards Ceremony. It was great to see so many community members start their Australia Day supporting this iconic community event. Lions Club of Waroona once again excelled in starting the day with a delicious breakfast, this year assisted by the Leos Club of Waroona in serving just under 300 meals! The breakfast was followed by a convoy of local businesses, community organisations and emergency services in the street parade and children were entertained with face painting, colouring in competitions, Lions Train and the Meanda Park Miniature Animal Farm.

Cr John Mason performed his usual best as MC for the official ceremony. Shire President Cr Mike Walmsley delivered an excellent Australia Day Address, reflecting on the colonisation of Australia and the First Fleet. Jacinta Dwyer beautifully sang the National Anthem, as the Waroona Girl Guides, Youth Advisory Council and members of the Baldja Program raised the Australian, West Australian, Aboriginal and Torres Strait flags with great pride.

The much anticipated Australia Day awards were presented as follows:

Shire of Waroona Meritorious Community Service Award – 25 Years & Over recipients:

- Maree Ellis
- Mike Le Roy

Citizen of the Year Award:

- Lynda Le Roy

Award for Active Citizenship (Group / Event):

- Friends of Ramsar Action Group for the Yalgorup Lakes Environment



President Mike Walmsley with the Australia Day Award Recipients

Australia Day celebrations were also held at Preston Beach and Lake Clifton, organised by the respective Progress Associations, who once again excelled in their community spirit.

The Shire of Waroona would like to acknowledge Lions Club of Waroona, Leos Club of Waroona, Alcoa, Waroona Youth Advisory Council, Waroona Girl Guides, Baldja Program, Rob Jetta, Jacinta Dwyer, the Just Cruizin Street Machiners and all the street paraders for their contribution to the event.

MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION

Last month the Shire was successful in its application to receive \$5,618 through Western Australia Mental Health Commission to conduct Suicide Prevention Training. The training will consist of safeTALK and Applied suicide intervention skills training (ASIST). The training will commence in the time frame of 1st February 2018 – 31st January 2019.

SafeTALK is a half-day alertness workshop that prepares anyone over the age of 15, regardless of prior experience or training, to become a suicide-alert helper. Most people with thoughts of suicide don't truly want to die, but are struggling with the pain in their lives. Through their words and actions, they invite help to stay alive. safeTALK-trained helpers can recognize these invitations and take action by connecting them with life-saving intervention resources, such as caregivers trained in ASIST.

ASIST is the world's leading suicide intervention workshop. During the two-day interactive session, participants learn to intervene and help prevent the immediate risk of suicide. Over 1,000,000 people have taken the workshop, and studies have proven that the ASIST method helps reduce suicidal feelings for those at risk.

WRAC SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS 2017/18 EVENT SUMMARY

The Waroona Recreation Centre hosted a family pool party on Thursday the 25th of January.

Over 70 people came to enjoy the activities put on by the Recreation Centre staff and YAC volunteers. Families enjoyed a water balloon catching competition, an inflatable thong swimming relay, colouring in competition, face painting, bouncy castles, sausage sizzles, icy poles, music and more. The afternoon was thoroughly enjoyed and we eagerly anticipating the next pool party.

The vast array of activities on offer saw kids and adults alike getting involved. All who participated had a good laugh and some even won prizes. A complimentary sausage sizzle helped to refuel the hungry crowd and the icy poles and drinks proved to be a hit.

With closing time for the colouring in competition approaching numerous last minute entries frantically finished off their master pieces. The winners were announced for the two divisions and prizes were awarded. Over all it was a fantastic day enjoyed by all who attended.

The Waroona Aquatic Centre had numerous other activities throughout the Summer School holidays including Badminton, Swimming Coaching, Xmas Card Decorating, Xmas Cookie Decorating and Zorb Soccer.

These Activities helped to bring locals and visitors to the centre and a great source of fun over the School Holidays. We look forward providing more activities for community over the April-May School Holidays.

UP COMING 20TH YEAR AQUATIC CENTRE CELEBRATION MORNING TEA

SATURDAY 17TH FEB 2018, 10.30 AM

On the 14th of February The Waroona Aquatic Centre (WRAC) Celebrates its 20th birthday, after opening its doors on this day in 1998.

The WRAC staff are interested in hearing from those who would like to attend a morning tea on the Saturday 17th February 2018 at 10.30 am. As WRAC staff management we appreciate those in the community and reflect on those that worked tirelessly to get the Waroona Aquatic Centre built. It took many fundraisers and a lot of community effort to have this great facility built 20 years ago and we are very proud of how far it has come over this time.

We are also interested in hearing the stories of those who have enjoyed this facility over the last 20 years, feel free to contact us to share your fond memories.

If you wish to attend this celebration please RSVP the Centre via email: reccentre@waroona.wa.gov.au or phone the Centre on 9733 2389.

CAMP HERO

On the 8th of January, as part of the Baldja Program, 24 young people from the shire were sent to start a unique and personal five day journey at the Nanga Bush camp. The camp taught the youth of Waroona how to help others who are struggling with a mental illness, understand themselves on a deeper level, work in a team in difficult situations, how to live a healthy lifestyle and so much more. The camp was a success in opening the youth up to new possibilities and building their confidence to overcome fears. The camp gave each participant the tools to lead a better future not only for themselves but for the people around them. We look forward to see what the students bring back to the community after embarking on this journey. Thank you to zero2hero for facilitating the camp.

Movies Under the Stars

23rd February 2018

Waroona Cricket Oval



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Sausage sizzle, drinks, lollies and chips

Bring your own picnic chair or rug

Gates open @ 6PM

Movie starts @ 7:15PM

\$7 per Ticket

Children 3 and under have FREE entry

Children under 12 MUST be accompanied by an adult

Tickets available from

Waroona Shire - 9733 7800 or @ the gate - CASH ONLY

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Do you have a property still recovering from the Waroona-Yarloop 2016 fire?

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