

Shire President's Message



It never ceases to amaze me, the magnificent community spirit that I get to see in the many facets of our shire. From the groups that facilitate our special event days through to sports groups and community improvement and charity. It is wonderful to see them working together on different activities that not only provide some social interaction and engagement but also welcomes our residents and visitors to enjoy some of the special things that make our rural community the great part of the state to live in.

Council recently had a presentation from South Energy who are proposing to develop a substantial solar farm approximately 12km west of Waroona. The proposed solar farm is envisaged to supply enough power to support 60,000 homes with significantly lower emissions than traditional energy generation. While they have committed a lot of time and planning into this project, they will need to secure approval and funding for this project to see it to fruition. The proposed solar farm will be approved by a joint development assessment panel after our council has processed the application due to the project coming in at around 250 million dollars. From very early discussions, this development would have some good benefits for our Shire and the

company that are behind this proposal are very happy with the selected site.

The Shire is currently running two online surveys covering the Youth Precinct and Mental Health. They don't take a lot of time to complete and the more input we can receive in these surveys the better placed we are to make the right decision going forward. Therefore, I ask that if you can spare a few minutes to do these it would be appreciated. Both surveys can be found on the Shire's website and the Shire Facebook page.

The maintenance scheduled for the pool and roof at the Recreation Centre will understandably impact our users over the next few months but this maintenance is unavoidable. The pool is

a considerable cost to council and while we can be proud to have such a fantastic community asset, it still has a huge capacity to be more utilised. Once these repairs are complete, please consider the pool as a destination for a swim or a fitness program. The Recreation Centre staff have developed a great group fit calendar so why not have a look at it and see if it inspires you to get involved.

Council has considered a conservative budget this year with a modest rates increase proposed at 2.64%. It includes another large road programme and improvements in some of our community assets. The wish-list for council always exceeds what we can fund but we consider this budget to be disciplined and suitable to our ratepayers and residents.



COMMUNITY PRIMARY MENTAL HEALTH SURVEY

From the 1st July 2019 to 30th June 2020 the Shire of Waroona will deliver a 12 month mental health program modelled on the Alliance against Depression framework. This program will be a collaborative and holistic approach to address mental health issues in the Waroona Shire, supported by WA Primary Health Alliance.

To help us ensure the program is effective and relevant to the communities needs we would appreciate if you could spare a couple of minutes to complete the survey. The link to access the survey online, is available on the Shire of Waroona Facebook page and Shire of Waroona website

www.waroona.wa.gov.au
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CommunityPrimaryMentalHealthSurvey>



Alcoa Waroona Sustainability Fund Grants Awarded

The Alcoa Waroona Sustainability Fund (AWSF) has recently approved \$310,000 in funding to 8 community organisations. A total of 24 applications were received for this 3rd round of AWSF funding.

Grants have been awarded to:

- **Waroona Bowling & Social Club** – \$30,000 towards improved lighting on the B green and new bar shutters;
- **Shire of Waroona** – \$40,000 towards new playground equipment at Centennial and other parks;
- **Waroona Community Men's Shed** – \$20,000 towards installation of solar panels on their new shed;
- **Shire of Waroona** – \$50,000 towards developing a new youth precinct area in Waroona;
- **Waroona West Volunteer Bushfire Brigade** – \$50,000 towards site works for their new fire station;
- **Waroona Community Lights Committee** – \$30,000 towards more Christmas lights around town in 2019;
- **Quambie Park Inc.** – \$40,000 towards solar panels on their new residential units in Millar St;
- **Waroona Agricultural Society** – \$50,000 towards extensions of their clubrooms.

The operation of the fund is managed by an advisory committee which comprises of 2 Shire Councillors, 2 Alcoa representatives and 2 members of the public.

Next Council Meeting

Next Council Meeting will be
27 AUGUST 2019
at 4pm at the
Shire of Waroona Council
Chambers behind the
administration office

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TROUTFEST

The excitement is building for Waroona's third Troutfest to be held at Drakesbrook Weir from 10am-1:30pm Saturday August 31st.

This Recfishwest event is family friendly and licence-free. Come along and try your hand at freshwater fishing, learn from experts and help hand-release thousands of trout into the Weir. There will be free rod hire (or bring rods if you can), kids' casting challenge, free fly fishing lessons, rigging and casting demonstrations and more. Sausage sizzles and drinks will be available for purchase.

Waroona Visitor Centre will be there this year so stop by for your chance to win one of three prize packs valued at \$50 each.

Waroona's Christian "Dready" Turner, pictured, started fishing at Drakesbrook Weir as a small child and it's still one of his favourite spots. You can check him and his fabulous fishing photos out on Instagram @dready_krueger.

For more details on Troutfest and to register your interest head to www.recfishwest.org.au



WEBINAR FOR PROSPECTIVE ELECTED MEMBERS

WALGA will be delivering a webinar for anyone considering nominating to become a Councillor in the upcoming Local Government Elections.

The webinar will focus on the following key areas:

- Parliament's role in creating legislation for Local Government
- How to read the Local Government Act 1995 and Regulations
- Who does what at a Local Government
- A Councillor's personal responsibilities, and
- Consequences of improper conduct

As with all of our webinars, there will be an opportunity to ask questions during the Q&A Session at the end of the presentation. The webinar will be recorded and made available to the public within a few days of the event

Date: Thursday, 15th August

Time: 5.00pm to 6.00pm (including presentation and Q&A session)

Note: This WALGA webinar is not related to the mandatory candidate induction which will be made online through DLGSC's website.

To register for this free webinar, go to

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/1398457144312875277>

SEA TO ART FLASHBACK



The first Sea to ART Exhibition was held at Waroona Visitor Centre in 2008 with twenty-two artists, both professional and amateur, represented.

Pictured L-R at the first official opening are artists Llynette Neil and Jemma Goodchild with guest Sandy Goodchild. Today 35 or more artists exhibit in this inclusive showing of local artworks.

If you are passionate about art, fine woodwork, sculpting, or artwork in any medium then contact Tracy Goldsworthy 0472 595 266.

Sea to ART is open to residents of Shire of Waroona, Yarloop and Coolup. Encouragement and support are provided to artists so now might just be the time to take that first step.

The exhibition will be on all October at Waroona Visitor Centre, 9:30am-3:30pm. Entry forms need to be returned by September 9th (artworks not delivered until Sept 25).

HARD REFUSE COLLECTION

Don't forget about the Shire of Waroona's hard refuse collection which will be commencing on these dates:

Preston Beach town site/ Lake Clifton
Commencing Monday 12th August 2019

Waroona & Hamel town sites
Commencing Tuesday 20th August 2019

To check if your property is within the service zone please refer to the maps located at the Shire Administration Office, Library, Preston Beach General Store, Preston Beach Community Centre and Lake Clifton Community Centre.

For further information please contact the Shire Administration Offices on 9733 7800.

NAIDOC CULTURAL SHOWCASE 2019

On Tuesday 9 July, Waroona celebrated Aboriginal culture with a showcase of activities, food and performances at the Waroona Memorial Hall. The event opened with a Welcome to Country from local elder Mr Rob Jetta. The crowd was then treated to a dance and didgeridoo performance by dancing group 'Bibbulmun Koorda'. Councillor Walmsley talked about how he loved hearing Aboriginal stories and encouraged the continued sharing of stories and culture.

This year's NAIDOC theme is "Voice, Treaty, Truth - lets work together for a shared future". The three key elements of the theme originate from the reforms set out in the Uluru Statement from the Heart. These reforms represent the unified position of First Nations Australians. Waroona can be proud of the NAIDOC showcase bringing us together.

Attendees were able to enjoy the activities and interact with the number of information and health promotion stalls including Earbus Foundation of WA, Family Support Service, CAMHS, Noongar Playgroup, Parenting Connection WA, Anglicare, Wanslea, Peel Jobs & Skills Centre, and the South West Aboriginal Medical Service. Stacey Francis from Perth Fever Netball was a popular guest; the Leos Club of Waroona provided a free sausage sizzle; the Waroona Youth Advisory Committee provided face painting while the local Aboriginal community offered freshly made kangaroo stew and damper; tasting of kangaroo fillet, crocodile and emu sausages done over an open fire. Thank you to Waroona District High School and St. Josephs Waroona for the very impressive artwork contributions displayed.

Over 200 people supported the event, with adults and children alike enjoying a day of free activities including rock painting, arts and crafts, colouring in, and taking on the climbing wall. The event was a huge success, and would not have been possible without the support of the Shire of Waroona, our local Aboriginal community, Waroona Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation, Waroona Interagency Group, WAPHA, and the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet.



WAROONA YOUTH PRECINCT - COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

The Shire of Waroona has engaged with consultants to develop a concept plan for the development of a Waroona Youth Precinct.

The community is invited to have a say by taking part in an online survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WaroonaYouthPrecinct> by providing your input into what this public open space area may look like; include and where it will be located.

The link to access the survey online, is available on the Shire of Waroona Facebook page and Shire of Waroona website www.waroona.wa.gov.au

The survey will be open from 25/07/19 - 22/08/19

Hard copies will be available at Waroona library, Waroona Shire Office, Waroona Recreation and Aquatic Centre, Waroona Community Resource Centre and the Waroona Visitor Centre.



The Shire of Waroona cordially invites members of the public to attend the **OFFICIAL OPENING** of the **Preston Beach Community Centre**

Friday 6th September 2019, 2.00pm - 4.00pm

Preston Beach Community Centre Panorama Drive, Preston Beach

Please RSVP by Friday 23rd August 2019

to Shire of Waroona on 9733 7800 or email warshire@waroona.wa.gov.au

