



Shire President's Message

Community Open Day

On Saturday 10th March approximately 130 people attended a Community Open Day held at Preston Beach. This open day was hosted by the Shire in conjunction with the Preston Beach Joint Venture Group to provide current information and the opportunity to provide community feedback on the development of the townsite structure plan for Preston Beach. Many local landowners and residents, Councillors and Staff from the Waroona Shire also took the opportunity to attend this information session. The next community open day is a Community Workshop scheduled for 19th May, again to be held at Preston Beach. Thanks to the Preston Beach Progress Association who assisted by providing catering on the day.

Community Strategic Plan

This is now in its final stages with a draft plan presented to the Shire by the consultants, SDF Global. The contents of this draft are now being considered by councillors and staff.

Change to speed limit

The current speed zoning on Nanga Brook Road has been a concern for many years with speeding being a major problem despite the fact this road being well signed with the appropriate yellow advisory speed signage. Following a meeting with the Waroona Roadwise Committee the MRWA members of this group investigated the issue and subsequently put a proposal to the Shire to reduce the speed limit from unrestricted 100kph to 90kph. Local police have reported that speeding on this road is a problem and the reduction proposed is strongly supported by

the Waroona Roadwise Committee. The Shire recognises that, whilst this new limit will result in slightly longer travel times for regular users, the end result should be a safer environment for all who use this road.

Review of Local Laws

The Shire will soon advise its intention to review our Local Laws. There are many aspects to our local laws that will be highlighted in the relevant advertising process and I would encourage any ratepayer who may have any concerns with our local laws to make comment during the public submission period.

Policy for Holiday Homes

As a result of the increasing market demand for holiday homes within the Shire of Waroona, especially in Preston Beach, we believe it is important that we consider a Local Planning Policy to guide the development of these holiday homes. For many years now this form of tourism development has meant that holiday homes have been able to operate with minimal regulations, often with a detrimental impact on neighbouring residents. The proposed policy will encourage holiday home operators to abide by recognised practices and not compromise the amenity of nearby residents. Holiday homes are an important part of our tourism industry and as such are encouraged, provided they are well regulated and suitably located. The Shire will be calling for public submissions and once again residents are invited to participate in this process.

School Holidays

We remind everyone taking to the roads to exercise lots of care and caution when driving during this particular busy time of the year. A common-sense approach to our driving habits will go a long way to ensuring you and your family will have a safe and enjoyable journey. Plan your trip and give yourself plenty of time. Turn off that mobile phone and make sure everyone is wearing a seatbelt, and of course, no drinking and driving.

Youth Advisory Council news



• A group of Waroona YAC kids helping to set up.

On Friday night at the Waroona Cricket Oval it was time to play the music, time to dim the lights and it was time to meet the Muppets for the Waroona Youth Advisory Council Movie Under the Stars feature – Disney's The Muppets.

Over 300 people gathered on Friday night for the popular annual community event and to enjoy watching a movie in an outdoor setting. The weather was in our favour this year as people brought chairs, rugs and beanbags to find a spot and some friends on the grass. The Muppets Movie appeared to be a hit for all generations as some relived their childhood memories and introduced their own children to the world of the Muppets. The Youth Advisory Council organised this Event and would like to thank Alcoa and the Shire of Waroona for their sponsorship along with the Waroona Cricket Club, Curtis Electrical, the SES and Pinjarra Waroona Youthcare for their most Sensational, Inspirational, Celebrational, Muppetational contribution to a wonderful evening.

Following on from this success the Youth Advisory Council will be having a Youth Action Event on Thursday 19th April from 4-8pm. This is a free event and this year will include skate and bmx competition, climbing wall, bouncy castle, music and a sausage sizzle. This year we are also fortunate to have a dance instructor from Buzz Dance Theatre. They will be running three workshops for us in the multipurpose room at the Rec Centre. There will be two Hip Hop workshops and a Fun and Funky session featuring fun dance games, and learning some basic contemporary dance movement. So if you want to "pop and lock" be sure to book your place by dropping into the Waroona Rec Centre or phoning 9733 2389.

For information on the Youth Advisory Council or its next meeting date, please contact Maree Ellis at the Shire Office.

For more information about the Action Event please contact Maree Ellis on 97337814 or 0409 370 360.

Shire of Waroona youth contributing to Community Award

The "Youth Contributing to Community Award" is an initiative to identify and acknowledge young people in the Shire of Waroona who are contributing in a positive way to making our community a better place through providing voluntary assistance to other individuals or organisations.

The "Youth Contributing to Community Award" is awarded bi monthly and recognises young people who volunteer their time toward improving our community.

As part of this recognition award the successful nominee will be asked to name a local cause or charity of their choice to receive a donation of \$100 (sponsored by Alcoa).

Community members and organisations can nominate a young person between the age of 12 to 25years by contacting the Shire of Waroona and providing a brief outline

of why they wish to nominate the young person. Nomination forms are available at the Shire Office or by contacting Community Development Officer Maree Ellis on 97337814, email cdo@waroona.wa.gov.au or on the Shire Website www.waroona.wa.gov.au

Nominations will be considered by a panel and unsuccessful nominations will be carried forward for subsequent consideration.

As part of the recognition the recipient will be required to have their photo displayed in the local newspaper along with a brief outline of why they were chosen as that particular winner.

We thank you for taking the time to nominate and encourage the youth in our community. Further information or enquiries can be obtained from Community Development Officer, Maree Ellis on 9733 7814.

Rec Centre News

Senior Netball

Nomination forms are available from the Centre. Netball will commence 2nd Term, date dependent on the number of nominations received.

Swimming Lessons

Enrolments for term 2 swimming lessons are now being taken. Please enrol early to secure the day you prefer.

Fitness

Do you want to improve your fit-ness? The Waroona Recreation Centre will be holding another 6 Week Challenge which will commence 23 April. Please register your name at the centre.

Further information is available from the Waroona Recreation & Aquatic Centre on 9733 2389.

New Building Act now in force

The new Building Act 2011 started Monday 2 April 2012 and for most people not much will change. There are new forms to fill out for Building Permits (previously called building licenses) applications and Demolition Permits (previously demolition licenses).

The new Act is designed to speed up the issuing of a Building Permit for project home builders and for commercial Building Projects by allowing a building permit application to be 'Certified' by an 'Independent Building Surveyor' before the permit is issued.

As part of the process to speed up building approval times all other approvals, such as Town Planning approval, septic tank approval

etc, must be received before the application for a building permit can be submitted to the local Shire.

The Shire of Waroona can act as the Certifier as well as the Permit Authority for all residential building projects like sheds and patios. This is called an uncertified application.

The Shire of Waroona advises anyone considering erecting a building on their property to contact the Shire and speak to a Town Planner and Building Surveyor. They can give advice on what applications and forms that will be needed to allow for a smooth process to obtain the correct permits. This will allow the building to be built as quickly as possible.

Next Council Meeting
Next Council Meeting will be 24th April at 4.00pm at the New Shire of Waroona Council Chambers behind the administration office.

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Preston Beach Community Strategic Plan Open Day



Key messages

- Townsite Strategy issues timing and purpose
- Community engagement Open Day and Community workshop
- Role of the developer

Community Considers Preston Beach's Future

More than 130 residents and landowners of Preston Beach and a few from Waroona and Harvey attended the Community Open Day held on the 10 March at the Preston Beach Community Centre. The community had turned out to grapple with the future planning for Preston Beach. The Shire commenced the development of the Preston Beach Townsite Strategy in 2006, the purpose of the Open Day was to re-engage with the community and provide information on the draft strategy which is aimed for completion by mid 2012.

Shire President Noel Dew who attended the Open Day said "we have been working on this for a long time now and there are a variety of views in the community. Preston Beach is a wonderful place nestled between the coast and the lakes; it is the Shire's only coastal town and is a valuable asset for the people of the Shire and the region. If development is to go ahead, the challenge is getting the balance right, growing the town to provide the services and facilities people need whilst preserving the things that make it special - the unique environment and the coastal village lifestyle".

There has been years of discussion about the future development of Preston

Beach. How big should the town be and what form should it take? Both the Shire of Waroona's Local Planning Strategy and the WAPC policy of 2008 have left the questions to be answered by the Preston Beach Townsite Strategy.

Acuitus and their team of planning and environmental consultants were also in attendance at the Open Day and were keen to explain their role in development of the Townsite Strategy. "We are pleased to be able to support the Shire in developing the Strategy" said Anthony Rowbottam, Director at Acuitus. "We need to know what can be achieved here at Preston Beach and our planning, technical and environmental studies will help us and also inform the development of the Townsite Strategy".

"We, like the Shire are keen to hear what is important to people and what they need. We are aware that there are some people that want development and others that do not. Older people and younger families are telling us they need to leave town to be closer to health or education services, and there are also issues with water quality. Also, we understand that people want a caravan park and new community hall" he said.

"The Townsite Strategy is an important first step in planning for the future" said Mr Rowbottam. "It will bring the certainty about the future of Preston Beach that the town community and landowners need by setting the broad vision for the whole town and its surrounds. Once

the Townsite Strategy is agreed, we will be able to seek approvals from the WAPC, EPA and Commonwealth Department of Environment for staged development" he said.

If you would like to be involved, the next community event will be the Community

Workshop on Saturday 19 May and you can register your interest to attend by contacting the project information line on 1800 012 498 or email PrestonBeach@bodhialliance.com.au. For more information about the Open Day or Preston Beach Townsite Strategy visit the Shire of Waroona website.

Youth Alert Youth Alert **FREE** 

YOUTH ACTION EVENT

THURSDAY
19TH April 2012 

WAROONA SKATE PARK

FROM 4PM TO 8PM *Featuring buzz* **Free**

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE

- SKATE AND BMX COMP 4.15pm – 5.00pm *Hip Hop*
- CLIMBING WALL 5.30pm – 6.15pm *Fun and Funky*
- BOUNCY CASTLE 6.30pm – 7.15pm *Hip Hop*

MUSIC
Where: Waroona Recreation Centre Multi-Purpose Room
Max 30 participants per class
Bookings at Rec Centre 9733 2389

FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE
(For the kids)

PRIZES AND GIVE AWAYS 

CONTACT: MAREE ELLIS 97 337814 for further details

A "Sea to Scarp Summer Event" presented by the Waroona Youth Advisory Council and proudly supported by Alcoa, Coates Hire and the Shire of Waroona





The Shire of Waroona Joins KidSport!

The Shire of Waroona is pleased to announce that it has received funding from the Department of Sport and Recreation to administer KidSport.

This program provides an opportunity for children to participate in community sport and recreation. Clubs must first register with the Shire of Waroona which then allows children to redeem vouchers with their chosen club for the nominated season. These vouchers are then reimbursed by the Shire of Waroona through the KidSport funding.

Eligible families must hold a Health Care or Pension Concession Card. Exceptions do apply and registered persons such as teachers, doctors or social workers may also validate vouchers.

What are the eligible criteria?

- Applicant must be aged 5-18 years.
- Parent / Guardian must have a Health Care Card or Pension Concession Card or be referred by a 'recognised' referral agent.
- Applicant's primary place of residence must be in the Shire of Waroona (exceptions may apply).

It is preferred that applicants register with a club that is in the Shire of Waroona (exceptions may apply).

What else?

- Funding will cover the cost of fees to join the nominated sport or recreation club (this may include other related costs as identified by the club.)
- Maximum of up to \$200 per child per calendar year.
- Fees are only for the nominated registered season.
- No retrospective fees will be paid.
- No limitation to applications per family as long as criteria is met.

Should you have any queries relating to KidSport, please contact Naomi Purcell – Community Development Assistant on 9733 7800 or email cda@waroona.wa.gov.au

Link to DSR website: <http://clubsonline.dsr.wa.gov.au/kidsport>