



Shire President's Message

Weir Opening

On Monday 30th April, accompanied by Murray Cowper MLA and Aboriginal elder Bruce Jetta, I had the pleasure of officially opening the Waroona Weir following the recently completed upgrade of this area. This exciting event was the culmination of a two year project providing this popular and well known area with modern and safe facilities which include a swimming pontoon, extra shelter and seating, a much improved swimming area, solar lighting and a well constructed walk path that will cater for most levels of fitness. If you haven't already done so, then I would encourage you to take a look at what has been achieved. Well done to everyone who has been involved in the planning and hard work that has resulted in this being such a delightful place to visit and relax and one that we should be extremely proud to showcase and enjoy. I would also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the hard work and commitment by the members of the Waroona Lions Club who have put so much time into the upkeep of this facility over a period of many years.

Solar Heating

We recently hosted a visit by South West MLC Colin Holt who presented us with a cheque for \$16,597 for the upgrade of the solar heating unit at our popular indoor pool. Following the presentation Mr Holt was taken on a tour of the Waroona Recreation and Aquatic Centre and complemented the Shire and the community for providing such a wonderful facility.

Preston Beach Townsite Steering Committee

Saturday 19th May, the Preston Beach Townsite

Steering Committee hosted a community workshop at the Lake Clifton community centre in order to outline for example, Townsite vision and objectives, conservation and environmental strategies as well as Masterplan proposals. From the Shires perspective we were delighted to see approximately 80 people attend this meeting as we firmly believe that it is important that the community of Preston Beach and the surrounding areas have every chance to not only hear what is being proposed but also have a voice in the matter. It would be fair to say that the workshop ensured that there were plenty of lively discussions with numerous points of view expressed by the participants. We look forward to seeing the outcome of this meeting.

FRAGYLE

On Tuesday 22nd May, the environmental group, FRAGYLE, provided an interesting presentation to Council and Senior staff members. They outlined their concerns regarding the potential detrimental impact that could happen if development was to occur in the areas north and south of Preston Beach.

May Council Meeting

At the last Council meeting it was agreed to adopt a new Local Planning Policy that will guide the construction of outbuildings within the Shire of Waroona. This new policy will seek to ensure that outbuildings are constructed to a high quality and design, are suitably sized for their location, appropriately sited and used so that they do not adversely impact on the amenity of the surrounding area.

Council also agreed to purchase a new All-Terrain Vehicle to be used by the Preston Beach Volunteer Rangers. This vehicle will complement the current 4WD that is currently being used by the beach rangers and with excellent ground clearance and agility will no doubt prove to be a marvellous asset for the Rangers ensuring quick response times can be achieved safely.

Successful Preston Beach Community Workshop

Over 80 residents and landowners from Preston Beach made the trip to the Lake Clifton Herron Community Centre on Saturday 19 May to participate in the Preston Beach Townsite Strategy Community Workshop. After a short welcome and introduction by the Shire President, Noel Dew and the Shire of Waroona Manager Planning Services, Louis Fouché, the conceptual vision for the future development of Preston Beach was presented by Malcolm Smith, representing the developers.

Malcolm is a London based, leading sustainability and town centre design expert who had been brought in by the land developer Acuitus to complement the local team. His presentation showed how the settlement of Preston Beach might grow over the next 20 -30 years from the current 400 lots to a town of 3,900 homes.

The proposal he presented for development would reinforce and link to the existing town, growing, over the next 5 -15 years to the south, providing infrastructure, water, sewerage, broadband, and facilities for families including a school and areas to play. Development to the north of the townsite would follow in 15 -20 years. Health and community services would enable residents to age in the community and a new community centre, caravan park and improved beach front would provide amenity. Buffers and protection for at-risk habitats and foreshore and National Park management services would protect and enhance the environment. Most jobs in the

town would initially be home based, with employment opportunities in construction, retail, service, health, education, tourism and conservation being created as the town grows.

Following on from the presentation the community worked in groups to assess the proposal in more detail. The consultants presented technical information and discussed ideas on the topics of environment, community services, infrastructure, landscaping, development staging and built form. Community members commented that they were pleased with the level of information provided at the workshop and the opportunity to again participate in the town planning process. Opportunity still existing to provide comment and you can find the presentation and feedback form available on the Shire of Waroona website. People can also call the project information line on 1800 012 498 or email prestonbeach@bodhialliance.com.au for more information.

Over the next few months the consultant team assisted by the Steering Committee will be working to refine and develop the draft Preston Beach Townsite Strategy. Your feedback on the proposal will assist this process. Once completed the Strategy will be presented to the Shire of Waroona Council for consideration to advertise and this process will also involve additional opportunities for community to provide formal comment.

BreastScreen WA Visit to Waroona

BreastScreen WA will be visiting Waroona from 18 June to 4 July 2012. The Health Departments mobile van will be located at the Health & Community Resource Centre, 10 Henning Street, Waroona. The service will then be moving to Harvey and Colлие.

BreastScreen WA provides a FREE screening mammography service. This service is aimed at women aged 50-69 years, however all women 40 years and over are welcomed to attend.

An appointment for a free screening mammogram can be made by calling 13 20 50. Early detection is your best protection.

New faces at the Waroona Shire



Karen Oborn Coordinator Corporate Planning

Karen has taken on the position of Coordinator Corporate Planning having previously worked at the City of Bunbury and other Local Governments before that.

Karen's role is to develop and coordinate the Council's integrated planning framework and other systems for the Shire of Waroona to ensure compliance with the new Local Government reforms and legislation requirements.

Karen is also here to help the rest of the team with developing and implementing strategic plans and projects resulting from the Strategic Community Plan recently developed for the Shire of Waroona.

Karen enjoys art, reading and swimming and is hoping to move to Waroona and live on a farm again. Karen has a Bachelor of Social Science and post graduate qualifications in environmental management and tertiary education. She is also currently completing a Masters with an environment theme.



Grayson Hindmarsh Manager Environmental Health & Building Services

Grayson has taken on the position of Manager Environmental Health & Building Services having previously worked for the City of Nedlands.

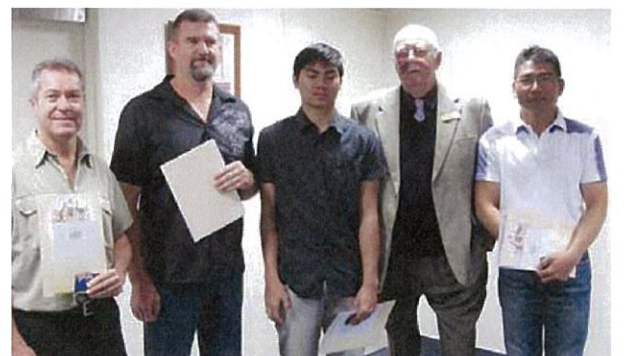
Grayson's position includes the management of Health, Building and Ranger Services. Apart from the regulatory inspections for Building and Health the asset management (building maintenance) component is an important aspect of the position.

Grayson is currently completing an MBA postgraduate degree and has worked in Local Government for 10 years.

Grayson enjoys cycling, watching cricket and playing mechanic on his vintage truck.

Staff and Councillors welcome Karen and Grayson to the Shire of Waroona.

Four new Australian Citizens



• Philip Blampied, Richard Rae, Eduard Gutierrez, President Noel Dew and Eduardo Gutierrez.

Shire President Noel Dew conducted a Citizenship Ceremony on Friday for four of our residents. Philip Blampied from the United Kingdom, Richard Rae from New Zealand and father and son Eduardo and Eduard Gutierrez from the Philippines and

Saudi Arabia together with family and friends enjoyed the ceremony. Noel welcomed them as new citizens of Australia and congratulated them on their decision to take up Australian Citizenship.

Next Council Meeting

Next Council Meeting will be 26th June at 4.00pm at the New Shire of Waroona Council Chambers behind the administration office.

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Countdown on for Sea to Art exhibition

The countdown is on and the call is out for artists for the 2012 Sea to ART Exhibition hosted by Waroona Visitor Centre & Gallery. Local artists and artisans from Shire of Waroona, Yarloop and Coolup are invited to enter with categories including painting, drawing, sculpture, printmaking, art works in fine metals, jewellery and glass, art works in fibres and textiles, and fine wood craft.

Whether aspiring or experienced, the thought of entering an

exhibition for the first time can be daunting but support and advice is available by contacting Tracy Goldsworthy on 9733 1506. The Waroona Visitor Centre & Gallery has a talented pool of experienced exhibitors available as mentors.

Entry forms with full details on exhibition dates, categories and conditions of entry are available from the Visitor Centre, open 9:30am - 3:30pm daily at 37 South West Highway.

The Exhibition will open to the public from Saturday October 20 through to Tuesday October 30 with *Artists in Residence* on Sunday October 21st between 10am and 2pm.

Sea to ART is a Summer Event proudly supported by Alcoa Australia and Shire of Waroona.

For further information contact Tracy Goldsworthy at the Waroona Visitor centre on 9733 1506 or email visitorcentre@waroona.wa.gov.au.



Excellent school partnership

A wonderful collaboration between St Joseph's Primary School and local organisations will see the schools senior students bringing QR Codes to places of interest within the Shire. A QR (quick response) code is a two-dimensional code consisting of square dots arranged in a square pattern on a white background. When used in conjunction with a smartphone, the Waroona QR codes will take users to dedicated webpages created by the students. These pages will be filled with history, photos, interesting information and anecdotes.

"The innovation allows the children to achieve the new Australian National Curriculum outcomes of working with primary historical evidence in their local context," said Principal Matthew Faulkner. "This is coupled with the children advancing their use of information and communications

technology (ICT) through the use of iPads, QR codes and webpages. In essence the children will research an historical or cultural place of interest in the Shire and create a webpage for visitors to access through the use of a QR code at the point of interest. The web access can provide dynamic information for visitors as long as they have a smartphone with them."

Manager Tracy Goldsworthy welcomed the students to the Visitor Centre in May to discuss research ideas. "The students have chosen subject sites rich in history and culture and I'm really looking forward to watching the project progress. Not only will this initiative provide them with a much stronger connection to the significance of points of interest within the Shire, it will give a fresh and youthful perspective to those who use the QR codes when visiting our area."

Combustion Heaters and Smoke Nuisance

Although wood-burning heaters are a popular means of home heating, they can cause unnecessary air pollution, create an environmental nuisance for your neighbours and waste your money through unburnt fuel if they are used inefficiently. Remember these important tips-

- Use dry fuel and seasoned timber which maximises heat release during combustion
- Make sure the fire is burning brightly so that there is enough heat for complete combustion
- Balance the mix of air and hot combustion gases to promote complete burning
- Allow enough time for complete burning of all the fuel.

If there is a lack of any or all of the above factors, your fuel will not burn completely, more pollutants will be released and you may cause unnecessary angst between your neighbours.



Everlyn Slattery, who paints under her maiden name of Sturges with her resin/acrylic "My Favourite Tree", and Vida Hill with her painting "Chicken Run" will again enter the Sea to ART Exhibition. These talented artists are both members of Waroona Visitor Centre & Gallery and have art in the Centre for sale.



Town Planning and Development Policy

Town Planning Scheme No. 7 (1996)

Notice is hereby given that the Shire of Waroona has resolved to adopt the Shire of Waroona Local Planning Policy for 25.0 - Outbuildings.

25.0 Outbuildings Policy.

The purpose of the Outbuildings policy is to achieve a balance between providing for the legitimate garaging, storage and other domestic needs of residents and to minimise the adverse impacts that outbuildings may have on the amenity, appearance and character of neighbourhoods and on neighbours.

The objectives of the policy are:

- a) To provide a clear definition of what constitutes an "outbuilding".
- b) To ensure that the siting, design and scale of outbuildings are site responsive and respect the character of an area.

- c) To encourage the use of outbuilding materials and colours that compliments the landscape and amenity of the surrounding areas.
- d) To ensure there is a relationship between the scale of the dwelling and the scale of the outbuilding.
- e) To provide a process for approving outbuildings that require Planning Consent in terms of the provisions of the Town Planning Scheme.

The Policy has been adopted as a formal Planning Policy pursuant to Clause 2.4 of the Shire of Waroona Town Planning Scheme No. 7.

Copies of the Policy are available for inspection at Council's office 52 Hesse Street, Waroona, Monday to Friday, between 9am and 4pm or on Council's website www.waroona.wa.gov.au.

IAN CURLEY
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



Exhibition for Local Artists

Entry forms for the 2012 Sea to ART Exhibition will available from Tuesday 5th June.



Forms can be collected from:
Waroona Visitor Centre, 37 South Western Highway, Waroona
Shire of Waroona Office, 52 Hesse St, Waroona
or by email request to visitorcentre@waroona.wa.gov.au

Submissions close: 3pm Friday 14th September

The Exhibition will run from Friday the 19th October until Tuesday 30th October at the Waroona Visitor Centre.

This exhibition showcases local artists and their creative works.

Artists must be residents in the Waroona, Coolup or Yarloop area or be members of the Waroona Visitor Centre by 30 June 2012

For more information please contact;
Waroona Visitor Centre 9733 1506
Shire of Waroona 9733 7800

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