



Shire President's Message

Interesting to note, that as I write this report the Shire is still engaged in clean-up operations following the major storm event that crossed our shores recently. Whilst it was not as devastating as the one that hit Centennial Park one year ago, this one, nevertheless, left a trail of debris right across the shire and beyond. Once again the remarkable community spirit that prevails in the Shire of Waroona was on display as neighbours helped neighbours. I personally received a call to say that half a roof had uplifted from a house in Preston Beach. Within 15 minutes there were a dozen people ready to help in any way they could and in no time we had the debris secured and what was left of the roof tied down. No doubt my experience would be mirrored by many others across the state on that day. I would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone who has been involved in assisting and cleaning up across our shire.

Holiday Home Policy

Following a period of community consultation Council recently adopted a 'Holiday Homes Policy' to ensure that holiday homes are regulated, encouraged and suitably located within the shire. It is important to recognise that holiday homes are very much a component of the short stay accommodation sector particularly in popular tourist destinations within the state. Over the past decade a growing number of holiday homes have been made commercially available which has resulted in an increasing trend to purchase or build holiday homes for holiday home use, thus as a result, the issue of impact on neighbouring residential amenity has been of particular concern in the community. Council felt that the adoption of this policy would go a long way to alleviate this concern.

Preston Beach Townsite Strategy

Council have agreed to appoint an environmental consultant in order to review the environmental

and town planning reports related to the Preston Beach Townsite Strategy and associated statutory processes. The developers are proposing to lodge the Townsite Strategy, Peel Region Scheme Amendment and Local Planning Scheme sometime this year and, as such, it was felt necessary to ensure an independent assessment of these three applications within expected time frames.

Proposed Clifton Beach Wind Farm

Rate payers are reminded that there will be a series of Community Open Days to allow all community members to find out about the proposed Clifton Beach Wind Farm. The first Open Day was held on Friday the 6th of July between 1pm and 6pm and Saturday the 7th of July between 10am and 4pm at the Lake Clifton Community Hall. This will be followed by a further Open Day at Preston Beach Community Hall on Friday 20th July between 1 and 6pm and Saturday 21st between 10am and 4pm.

Dune Restoration

The Shire has recently undertaken a significant dune restoration program at Preston Beach. The first part of this project saw a large amount of green waste transported from the designated "green waste area" at the car park and strategically placed on the sand dunes. Following this, contractors undertook a major fencing project to provide high quality, definitive fencing on the north and south beach access tracks. The result, to say the least, is impressive and, I believe, demonstrates our commitment to protect this important and valuable asset in our shire, our coastline.

2012/2013 Budget

Staff are currently working on the preparation of the 2012/13 Budget which will be considered by the Council at a Special Council Meeting scheduled for Monday 13 August. The Shire rates for this year will be sent out shortly after the meeting allowing 35 days for payment. The last day for payment of this year's rates will be towards the end of September.

Old Machinery Show

Work is progressing well for the up-coming Old Machinery Show which will be held at the Waroona Showground on Sunday 9th September 2012. The show will be open between 9am and 4pm and is sure to delight machinery enthusiasts as well as family interests.

Integrated planning and reporting framework-LG reforms

Recently the Shire of Waroona undertook a range of community engagement activities in order to ask community members for their vision for the Shire in 2022. The results formed the foundation of the "Strategic Community Plan". The vision for the Shire of Waroona emerged from many discussions with local residents. The views throughout the shire were many and varied but there were consistent messages that people expressed. One being the community values the unique aspects of our natural environment, coast and countryside and wanted to see them conserved and appreciated by all residents and visitors. (objective #4)

In keeping with the Shires commitment to uphold the communities' vision and aspirations, Shire representatives attended the Southwest Australia Ecoregion

Initiative road show in Mandurah, as they have just released their 'Strategic Framework for Biodiversity Conservation', for our region. This framework has been developed in partnership with WWF, WALGA, DEC, DPI, Department of Agriculture and a range of other departments. The aims of the framework are to help us make informed decisions about Waroona's growth that will enable us to preserve existing native vegetation especially areas identified in our "Strategic Community Plan"- Yalgorup System; Yalgorup National Park; Preston Beach; Lake Clifton; Lake Navarino, Drakesbrook Weir, Baden Powell Water Spout, Nanga Bush Camp and the State Forest. As well as recreate clusters and corridors to link remaining native vegetation and restore degraded areas.



• Author Cheryl Newman with Library Officer Ronnell Capp at the book launch.

Book launched

The Library had its first book launch on the 20th June. There was a great turnout for Cheryl Newman who has published her 1st novel "Deceit". Deceit is a fast paced mystery romance and it is set in the South West of Western Australia. Deceit is available at the Waroona Library and for purchase from Amazon. Cheryl is a local who volunteers at the Waroona Library. Cheryl has begun her next novel and we wish her all the best.

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 26.0 – Holiday Homes.

26.0 Holiday Homes Policy.

The objectives of the policy are:

- To recognise the increasing market demand for holiday homes within the Shire of Waroona and to provide operators and other stakeholders with clarity on the issues that Council wishes to address.
- To encourage holiday homes in residential dwellings in appropriate zones and locations where the proponent addresses relevant issues and suitably manages the use on an ongoing basis.
- To ensure that these types of uses do not compromise the amenity of residential areas or nearby residents.
- To encourage operators to abide by recognised best practice, relevant legislation and this policy.
- To support the role of holiday homes as part of the tourism industry.

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

Shire depot news

The works crew has been busy with the storm damage clean up and would like to thank all local residents who helped out by clearing dangerous trees off the roads and cleaning up their own front verges. All roads are open and generally safe to travel on with caution. There are branches of debris on road shoulders, which will be removed over the next month. The road and park maintenance programs will be delayed due to the storm damage clean up. All construction and preservation works have been completed for the year.

Next Council Meeting

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

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Recreation and Aquatic Centre News

The swimming pool will be closed until Monday 16th July, due to maintenance. All dry area programs will run as normal. Group fitness classes will not be held from Monday 9th July till Monday 16th July.

Bicycling WA will be holding their annual Waroona to Dwellingup bike ride from the Recreation Centre on Sunday 15th July. Cyclist will be leaving from the Waroona Recreation Centre from 9.30am along Hill Street to Nanga Brook Road, Dwellingup & return. Road users are advised to note altered road conditions during those times.

For further information contact Bicycling Western Australia Telephone

(08) 9489 7003, website www.bwa.org.au or email info@bwa.org.au

Environmental benefits from Liquid waste pond upgrade

"The Environment is the winner with an upgrade of the Liquid Waste ponds at Buller Road Waroona", said Shire President Cr Noel Dew. "With the current growth of the Waroona area quite often we overlook the needs of the community to dispose of waste and in this case liquid waste."

Director of Community and Strategy, Mr Steve Cleaver stated that the existing clay drying dams were beyond their economic life and the new HDPE lined ponds will cater for one million litres of liquid waste per year. The state of the art ponds use a constructed wetland bio filter of South African Vertiver grass to strip nitrogen and phosphorous from the effluent. The system uses a combination of bacteria, sunlight and a

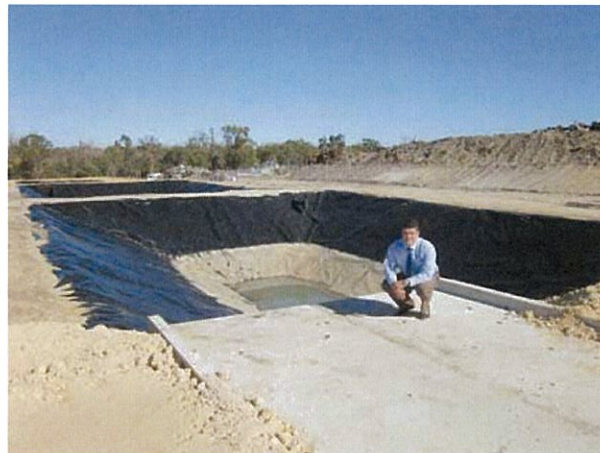
Vertiver grass bio filter to treat all the liquid waste. Also, due to the connected piping between the ponds the liquid cannot overflow

the banks, as what may occur in the old ponds making them much more environmentally sound. They can also be relined when the liners are at the end of their life meaning they should still be here long after we are gone.

Designed by specialist

Waste Engineers from Perth they were approved by the Department of Environment two years ago but could not proceed due to their high cost. Recent funding by the State Governments Royalties for Regions allocation to the Shire of Waroona enabled the project to proceed. The ponds were built by local contractor Mike Jenkins.

It is a great outcome for the Waroona community. If the local facility had to close, contractors would have to drive long distances to dispose of this waste. Transport costs would ultimately be borne by the business or home owner who needed to dispose of this waste.



• Director of Community and Strategy Steve Cleaver at the Liquid Waste pond

Visitor Centre News

With the assistance of a number of volunteers and artists the Waroona Visitor Centre's Gallery has undergone another transformation. The walls are adorned with new paintings and wall decor and the shop floor with new displays.

Time and time again we have locals saying it's the first time they've been in, and expressing their surprise at the quality and range of stock on offer, not to mention the comprehensive WA tourism information necessary for planning holidays.

For many locals and commuters the Centre is a regular stop. This is gratifying for those who volunteer so much time to not only promote the local area but to promote local art and produce.

The challenge is out to all residents, whether you've been in before or not, to drop into the Centre to see for yourselves how fabulous it looks.

New holiday homes planning policy

The Shire of Waroona has adopted a new Town Planning Policy 26.0 – Holiday Homes. Holiday homes are a component of the short stay accommodation sector of Western Australia and an important aspect of the overall mix of tourism accommodation, particularly in popular tourist destinations within the State. Over the past decade a growing number of holiday homes have been made commercially available, resulting in an increasing trend to purchase or build homes for holiday home use.

The informal development of this section of the tourist accommodation market has meant that holiday homes have so far operated with minimal regulation, resulting in an uncertain legal environment, issues of inequity with other service providers and land use conflict. The issue of impact on neighbouring residential amenity has caused particular concern in the community.

Subsequent to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure's formation of the Holiday Homes Working Group in 2005, WAPC Guidelines titled 'Holiday Homes - short stay use of residential dwellings' were released. A key finding

Waroona Ranger Services news

Our ranger services team has seen a staff change with Senior Ranger Bobbi Wetnall leaving after 3 years. On behalf of Councillors and Staff at the Shire of Waroona we would like to wish Bobbi all the best for her new adventure. Taking on the position of Senior Ranger is Sarah Cope who has previously worked with the Shire as a casual ranger.

Sarah will be out on regular patrols, focusing on dog registrations. For all dog registrations expiring on 31st October 2012 please be reminded that a renewal will be sent out. If you have changed address or the dog has changed place of residence please contact

of this working group was to encourage Local Government to develop Local Planning Policies dealing with Holiday Homes.

Council recognises the increasing market demand for holiday homes within the Shire of Waroona and this new Policy will provide operators and other stakeholders with clarity on the issues that Council wishes to address.

A main concern of Council is to ensure that Holiday Homes do not compromise the amenity of residential areas or nearby residents. In order to address this concern the new Policy will encourage operators to abide by recognised best practice, relevant legislation and this policy.

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. Landowners in the Shire of Waroona that are currently renting out holiday homes or intending to do so, on a short term basis are requested to contact the Shire's Planning Department.

the Shire Administration office on 9733 7800 to check and update your records. New dog registrations can be made at any time.

Sarah will be looking into the limitation on the number of dogs within the residential areas. In accordance with the Dog Act 1976, only two dogs over the age of 3 months are permitted in any one household unless a 3 dog permit has been granted by the Shire.

Our Ranger Services department has a Stock Sheet to assist with straying livestock. If you are property owners with livestock please contact Ricki Bellairs on 9733 7800 to register your details.



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