



## Shire President's Message

### Budget

The Shire of Waroona's 2012/13 Budget has been prepared in accordance with the council's Community Strategic Plan and associated policy documents such as the "Plan for the Future" and Forward Capital Works Plan and by now all rate payers would have received their rates notice. Setting the annual rates is always a difficult task and this year was no different. We acknowledge that the rapidly increasing costs of living can have an impact on community living, so in order to meet community expectations we need to be extremely vigilant and importantly, realistic. Major works will include car parking and landscaping improvements at the library, construction of a new undercover niche wall at the Drakesbrook Cemetery and reconstruction of the Lake Preston Trail at Preston Beach. Several large road projects including continuing the widening of Dorsett Road and drainage works in Mitchell Road and Waterway Road in Preston Beach will take place this budget. As a Council we will continue to work diligently to source State and Federal funding in order to progress other large capital projects. A classic example is the funding to be provided for the widening of the Coronation Road Bridge, a project estimated to be in the vicinity of \$557,000, which we are waiting on final approval of funding under the Royalties for Regions regional funding scheme.

### Waroona Chamber of Commerce Awards

I recently had the opportunity to attend the inaugural Waroona Chamber of Commerce Awards presentation evening. This very successful evening brought together a large number from the local business community with a range of awards being presented to a group of proud and well deserving recipients. Congratulations to the Waroona Chamber of Commerce for their initiative in organising

this function and in addition, congratulations to all the award recipients. The bottom line is this is a very proactive stance in improving and encouraging local business which in turn provides a major benefit for the local community.

### Waroona Town Oval Lights

Council has been working closely with the Waroona Football Club and other user groups in an endeavour to upgrade the Waroona Town Oval lights. The current lighting towers do not comply with Australian Standards and are not suitable for night play and are also beyond their economic life. In 2011 the Waroona Football Club was successful in receiving \$160,000 Federal Grant Seed Funding and in 2012 the Shire were successful in receiving \$57,000 in funding from the Department of Sport and Recreation for this project. At the last ordinary meeting council agreed to commence negotiations with the lowest tenderer and user groups in order to form a contract within the 2012/13 budget constraints to commence construction of the project. Council will provide a further \$15,000 from the sporting reserve in order to get this project off the ground.

### Cat Act

Residents need to be aware of the newly introduced Cat Act. This Act requires owners of Cats to have their animal sterilised, micro chipped and registered by November 2013. At this stage, funding for a regional Cat facility in Mandurah is being sought, likewise additional grant funding is also being requested by the Shire to allow subsidies for low income earners and pensioners for cat sterilisation.

### Preston Beach Fire Shed

At the last Council meeting, council have agreed to accept a tender to undertake the internal fit out of the Preston Beach Fire Shed thus ensuring this building will be ready for the 2012/13 fire season and the anticipated arrival of the new Preston Beach fire truck. This excellent facility, which has been designed and built for the future, will also house the Preston Beach Volunteer Ranger vehicles in a separate section.

## A challenging budget

### 2012/13 Budget

The Shire of Waroona 2012/13 Budget was adopted by the Council on 13th August 2012. As residents would be aware the Council has recently adopted its "Community Strategic Plan" and it is this document that will guide the future direction of the Council including subsequent budgets.

Other aspects that have been considered when preparing the 2012/13 budget include:

1. Plan for the future and Forward Capital Works Plan which determines the allocation of Royalties for Regions Funding.
2. Incoming grants for the year (both State & Federal)
3. Maintaining rate increases to a fair level.
4. Asset management requirements.

With limited resources and a diverse range of services to provide the community, preparation of the budget has proved to be a challenging task.

### Rates

Rates were increased by 7.2% realising total rate income of \$3,205,060. Minimum rates were increased from \$700 to \$750 for GRV rated properties. UV rated property Minimum rates were increased from \$680 to \$730.

### Road Construction Program (Significant Projects)

Tallathalla Road – Gravel Sheeting	\$65,668
Peel Road West – Gravel Sheeting	\$75,409

Dorsett Road – Reconstruction & Widening	\$300,852
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Coronation Road – Reconstruction (Brockman to Somers)	\$122,453
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Mitchell Road – Install kerbing and drainage	\$70,785
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Waterway Road – Install Drainage (Lakeside Terrace Intersection)	\$31,621
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Coronation Road – Bridge Replacement (Grant Funded)	\$557,120
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Johnston Road – Shoulder reconstruction	\$36,270
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### Other Capital Expenditure (Significant Projects)

Construct Niche Wall – Drakebrook Cemetery	\$105,000
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Upgrade Ablutions Preston Beach Carpark	\$70,000
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Upgrade Lake Preston Trail – Preston Beach	\$84,500
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Upgrade Lighting Waroona Town Oval	\$284,330
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Library Carpark Upgrade & Landscaping	\$41,475
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Replace Library Air-conditioning System	\$18,200
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Purchase Vertimower for Oval Maintenance	\$20,000
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Complete Fit Out of Preston Beach Fire Shed	\$55,000
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Further more detailed information on the 2012/13 budget can be obtained from the Council office or on our website [www.waroona.wa.gov.au](http://www.waroona.wa.gov.au)

## SHIRE OF WAROONA LOCAL GOVERNMENT INVENTORY - REVIEW AND CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

In accordance with Section 45 of the Heritage of Western Australia Act 1990 the Shire of Waroona gives notice of the review of the Shire of Waroona Local Government Inventory (LGI). This review process also calls for new nominations for inclusions on the LGI. Further information on Local Government Inventories can be found on the State Heritage Office's website.

A copy of the Shire's current LGI is available public inspection at the Shire of Waroona office, 52 Hesse Street, Waroona, Monday to Friday between 9 am and 4 pm. A copy can also be viewed online on the Shires website. Queries relating to the matter can also be directed to the Planning Department, on 9733 7800.

Nominations for listing, as well as any comments in general about the existing listings, can be made in writing until **23 October 2012**. Your written submission(s) should quote 'Local Government Inventory' in the title and be addressed to the Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Waroona, P.O. Box 20, Waroona WA 6215 or emailed to: [warshire@waroona.wa.gov.au](mailto:warshire@waroona.wa.gov.au).

All submissions received will be considered by Council in its determination of the Local Government Inventory review.

**IAN CURLEY**  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

## Cat Act 2011

In 2011 the State Government introduced the Cat Act, requiring identification, sterilisation and registration of domestic cats in WA. These new cat laws will come into effect in November 2012 and will apply to all domestic cats in the State, however cat owners will have a one-year grace period until November 2013 to undertake the Cat Act provisions.

What does this mean for cat owners?

- Cats over the age of 6 months must be de-sexed and microchipped
- Cats over the age of 6 months must be registered with their local government.
- Cats must wear a collar with identification and registration tags
- Local governments will have the authority to enforce these laws, administer fines, seize cats and create local laws for cat control within their district.

For more information about the Cat Act, email [ranger@waroona.wa.gov.au](mailto:ranger@waroona.wa.gov.au)

### Next Council Meeting

Next Council Meeting will be 25th September at 4.00pm at the New Shire of Waroona Council Chambers behind the administration office.

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## You don't have to travel far to see fantastic wildflowers

Waroona is blessed with amazing native flora that is literally on our doorstep. A walk along Hill St near the Golf Club finds a palette of colour including Orchids, Swan River Myrtle, Wattle and Kangaroo Paws. The Hamel Wetland and the Bandicoot Brook Bushland and other reserves are coming to life with amazing spring colour. Take the time to stop and you will discover these amazing treasures.

Colleen Archibald from the Waroona Landcare Centre is organising a Wildflower walk in late September. Please call 9733 2628 to register your interest.



• Maree Ellis enjoys a walk among the wildflowers.



## Shire of Waroona Local Government Heritage Inventory – Review and call for nominations

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Under the Heritage of Western Australia Act 1990, Local Government Inventories, also known as Municipal Inventories, must be compiled and reviewed by the Local Authority. Local Government Inventories are essentially 'local heritage surveys'. As such, they are the foundation of sound local heritage planning. They identify local heritage assets in a systematic fashion and provide the base information needed for local heritage planning to achieve consistency, strategic direction and community support. More specifically, the purposes of an Inventory are to:

1. Identify the places and areas that, in the opinion of the local government, are of cultural heritage significance for the local government district.
2. Assist in determining local government conservation policies and other related policies.
3. Provide a cultural and historic record of the local government district.
4. Assist in the preparation of a heritage list under a Town Planning Scheme that applies in the local government district.
5. Assist in the designation of heritage areas under a local Town Planning Scheme.
6. Assist in achieving the heritage conservation objectives of Town Planning in the State.

Inventory reviews are intended to –

1. Ensure that an existing inventory meets the minimum standards, and to bring the findings into line with the standards if deficient.
2. Review changes in the local heritage in the preceding period, such as demolitions of places, changes in their condition, or the availability of other new information.

Inclusion of a place in the Inventory does not impose any statutory obligation or protection of the place, however the Inventory will be the basis of preparing heritage based policies and the Town Planning Scheme Heritage List, which will provide a degree of protection and include statutory controls.

Further information on Local Government Inventories can be found on the State Heritage Office's website. A copy of the Shire's current LGI is available public inspection at the Shire of Waroona office, 52 Hesse Street, Waroona, Monday to Friday between 9am and 4pm. A copy can also be viewed online on the Shires website. Queries relating to the matter can also be directed to the Planning Department on 9733 7800.

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## "GOTTAGOWAROONA"

In conjunction with state visitor Centres, RAC Travel is working towards showcasing the state's most popular tourist destinations and activities as determined by its members and the people of WA.

The Gotta Go WA campaign aims to put Western Australia under the spotlight in a quest to find WA's favourite holiday experience, destination or activity – as voted by the people of Western Australia.

The campaign will highlight what WA has to offer and will encourage more people to holiday in their own State by engaging with the community and asking them to share their knowledge of WA and their favourite spots to explore and enjoy.

The twelve week campaign commenced on Monday 10 September and will be widely promoted. "This is another excellent initiative from the RAC and a wonderful opportunity for the local community to show their pride by promoting our beautiful Shire," said Manager Tracy Goldsworthy of the Waroona Visitor Centre & Gallery. "So far the Visitor Centre has provided over 20 nominations for the site, together with editorial and photos. We're now asking the community to get behind the campaign to vote for experiences and destinations within our Shire."

You can vote, add new listings and upload photos by visiting [www.waroona.wa.gov.au](http://www.waroona.wa.gov.au)

[gottagowa.com.au](http://gottagowa.com.au) and choosing the Peel Region to see Shire of Waroona destinations.

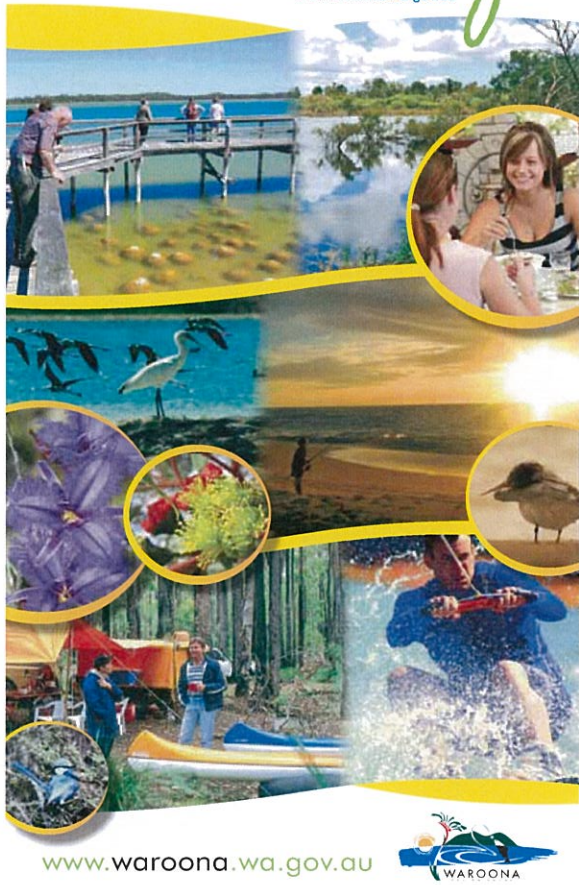
Waroona Visitor Centre & Gallery is open 7 days, 9:30am – 3:30pm at 37 South West Highway,

Waroona. Telephone 9733 1506 or email [visitorcentre@waroona.wa.gov.au](mailto:visitorcentre@waroona.wa.gov.au)

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### SHIRE OF WAROONA MERITORIOUS COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS 2013

The Council is pleased to announce that nominations for the Shire of Waroona Meritorious Community Service Awards are now open. These awards acknowledge the voluntary contributions made by local people for the benefit of our community.

Nominations are welcome from individual members of the public or from any local clubs and organisations for residents working in a voluntary capacity for the benefit of the community. A maximum of two (2) twenty five (25) years and over and one (1) under twenty five (25) years Meritorious Community Service Awards per year will be presented.

### PREMIER'S AUSTRALIA DAY ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP AWARDS 2013

The Shire of Waroona is pleased to announce that nominations for the Annual Premier's Australia Day Awards are now open. The awards foster, recognise and celebrate significant contributions to community life and active citizenship in all local government areas of Western Australia.

There are three categories for the Awards being:

- for a person of 25 years or older
- for a person under 25 years
- for a community group or event

The recipients will be selected from nominees who have shown active citizenship and;

- Made a significant contribution to the local community in the past year or over a number of years through active involvement.
- Demonstrated leadership on a community issue resulting in the enhancement of community life.
- A significant initiative which has brought about positive change and added value to community life
- Demonstrated inspiring qualities as a role model for the community.

The recipients of the above awards will receive their Certificates at the Australia Day Celebrations in Waroona on Saturday 26th January 2013.

Nomination forms for Meritorious Community Service Awards and Premier's Australia Day Active Citizenship Awards 2013 and further information are available at the:

- Shire Administration Office; or
- The Shire Website – [www.waroona.wa.gov.au](http://www.waroona.wa.gov.au)
- Shire Library

Please submit your nomination to:

The Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Waroona, PO Box 20, WAROONA WA 6215 by no later than 4 pm Friday 23rd November 2012.

These awards are a joint initiative of the Australia Day Council of Western Australia, the Western Australian Local Government Association (WALGA) and the Office of Premier and Cabinet.

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