



## Shire President's Message

### Vintage Machinery Show

I was recently joined by the Member for Murray-Wellington, the Hon. Murray Cowper in opening the inaugural Waroona Vintage Machinery Show held at the Waroona show grounds. A large crowd took advantage of the fine weather to marvel at the interesting array of vintage machinery on display provided by exhibitors, some of whom, I might add, had travelled from as far away as Southern Cross, Wickiepin, Albany and Geraldton. Obviously without the support of these people and their wonderful collections, this event would not have been possible. It is also very important to acknowledge the vision, planning and lots of hard work provided by the local members of the Old Machinery Club of WA and in particular, Neil Twaddle from Waroona and Roland Ulrich of Mandurah, well supported by wives Sandra and Margarit. Neil has been a passionate collector for the past 16yrs and has featured on the "Collectors" program on the ABC with his large and diverse collection. Roland has been involved with a range of events for 40 years and has been avidly collecting and restoring old engines for the past 12 years. It is important to recognise that community events such as this can provide enormous benefits to the local community through increased tourism and spending. An event such as this gives us the chance to reflect on and celebrate our history and appreciate all that we have today. We, the Shire of Waroona, were very pleased to have been able to partner the Old Machinery Club of WA, with the excellent support of the Lions Club of Waroona, to bring this exciting event to our town and we hope it can become an annual and much anticipated event.

Next on the events list is the popular Waroona Agriculture Show on Saturday 13 October, "Sea to Art" exhibition from 19-31 Oct at the Waroona Visitor Centre, "Oktoberfest" on 20 October at the Preston Beach Hall and "Art6215" exhibition on 18 November at the Lake Clifton Hall.

### New Preston Beach Fire Truck

A new 3.4 fire truck was due to be delivered to the Preston Beach brigade within weeks, however, that has now been postponed until next year. A complaint

was been lodged with local member Murray Cowper, and FESA have now offered to provide a single 2.4 broadacre appliance to complement the existing 1.4 OKA truck, as a temporary measure until the new vehicle arrives. Reluctantly, we have accepted the offer to ensure adequate fire protection for this season as delivery of the expected truck this year will not happen.

### Recreation Centre Gymnasium Extension

HMA Architects has been appointed to undertake design work on extending the current gym at the Recreation Centre. A site inspection was held last week to scope out the project and commence work on the plans and specifications. Construction of the extension is due in 2013/2014.

### Farewell to Maree Ellis

Shire Councillors and Staff recently joined together to say thank you and farewell to a very popular and well respected staff member who after some 15 years has decided to retire in order to spend some quality time with her husband exploring our wonderful country. Of course I refer to Maree Ellis who commenced employment with the Shire on the 11<sup>th</sup> Dec. 1997 as a casual recreation aquatic assistant. In 2003 Maree was appointed to the newly created position of Community Development Officer, a role Maree has held with distinction. Over the years Maree undertook an amazing array of tasks, regrettably far too many to mention here, and in doing so, not only won the respect of all who worked with her but also the respect and admiration of the community of Waroona for her vision, dedication and passion in so many different ways. With a remarkable "can do" attitude nothing was too hard, no problem too difficult to conquer. On behalf of Council, Staff and Community we thank Maree and wish her an enjoyable and happy retirement.

### Discarded Bikes

Whilst conducting the kerbside bulk rubbish collection our Depot Staff diligently collected and sorted all the discarded pushbikes. The bikes were then donated to the Waroona District High School to assist with a project they are doing. This donation was welcomed and Principal Mark Charlesworth extended his appreciation and thanks.

### Fire Prevention

As the warmer weather starts to approach, residents across the Shire are reminded to be vigilant about fire protecting their properties. It is every landowner and occupier's responsibility to ensure their premises is fire safe for the duration of the season. The Shire Firebreak Order comes into effect on 17 November; however, this only sets out the minimum requirements. Let's keep our Shire safe from fire in 2012/2013.

## 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.

IAN CURLEY  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

### Dog Registration Renewals have now been sent and must be paid by the 31st October 2012.

Under the provisions of the Dog Act, all dogs within the Shire over the age of 3 months must be registered. Registrations are carried out at the Shire office and are available for 1 and 3 year periods, commencing on the 1st November each year.

To obtain a concession rate on registration for sterilised dogs, a sterilisation certificate must be produced when registering. In townsites the maximum number of dogs is 2 and rural areas the maximum number of dogs is 4. All dogs must be registered.

#### Dog Registration Prices

Unsterilised	1 year	\$30.00
Unsterilised	3 years	\$75.00
Sterilised	1 year	\$10.00
Sterilised	3 years	\$18.00

- Working Dogs are 25% of the above fees.
- Pensioner Concession Card Holders are 50% of the above (a copy of you concession card must be produced when registering).

For further information contact the Shire Office on 9733 7800 or [warshire@waroona.wa.gov.au](mailto:warshire@waroona.wa.gov.au) during office hours.

### Next Council Meeting

Next Council Meeting will be 23rd October at 4.00pm at the New Shire of Waroona Council Chambers behind the administration office.

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## Thankyou to our Ranger Services

I wish to thank our local ranger and others that are involved in caring for the many abandoned dogs that have been neglected and cast aside for some reason or another. It must be heart breaking for these caring people to be constantly picking up these animals and trying to find them loving homes.

Like many, I've always overlooked getting a dog from the shelter and have chosen to spend money by getting a certain breed etc. However, I now realize that some of the best dogs we could hope for are locked away, patiently waiting for a kind owner to adopt them into their family. Just recently I became

a carer for one of these dogs and brought her into our home on a trial basis, within a few days I came to the conclusion that this dog, that was abandoned, was now definitely going to be part of our family and we could not wish for a better companion. She is older, very well behaved, gets along with our cat and has won my husband over completely. We look forward to sharing many years with her as she has brought us so

much pleasure already in just the short time that we've had her. So if you're looking to care for a dog on a permanent basis and willing to show it the love it deserves, I recommend that you contact our local ranger before you visit the pet shops as she will give you all the advice that you need.

Thanks for all you've done.

Regards,  
Lorraine & Ken.

## Weir signage installed

Visitors to the Drakesbrook Weir can now learn a little more about the history surrounding this fabulous place from interpretive signage which was installed last week by the Shire of Waroona. Historical information and photographs on the three new signs, give a snapshot of the development of the Weir and the irrigation district as well as other information pertaining to the area. Acknowledgements must go to Rivercare Officer Jane Townsend for her design work, Glenece Walmsley and the Waroona Historical Society for the photographs and verification of the information and



Maree Ellis for the extensive works that coordination of the project and text. This signage completes the past 18 months.

## Business incentive grants

The Shire of Waroona invites new or current business operators to apply for funding through the Business Incentive Grants Program 2012/13.

The Shire of Waroona has established a Business Incentive Grant Fund to provide amounts of up to \$2000 of discretionary funds to individuals or businesses who wish to locate or expand their business into one or more of the vacant business premises in the Central Business District of Waroona. These grants can assist with the costs of opening a new business or expanding an existing business. The funds are designed to encourage new and current business proprietors to make use of existing empty business premises in the Waroona CBD; fronting South Western Highway - from McDowell Street to Parnell Street; Fouracre Street - from Millar Street to Coronation

Road; Millar Street - from Fouracre Street to SW Highway and Coronation Road - from SW Highway to the Railway line.

This grant round is now open and applications will close on the 2nd Monday of each month. Application forms and guidelines are available from the Shire Council Office at 52 Hesse Street, Waroona on council's website [www.waroona.wa.gov.au](http://www.waroona.wa.gov.au) or by emailing [cdo@waroona.wa.gov.au](mailto:cdo@waroona.wa.gov.au) with a request. Advice regarding the application is available by contacting Naomi Purcell, Community Development Officer on 97337814.

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## Swimming Lessons

Swimming Lessons for babies and toddlers will commence on Monday 14th October. There are some vacancies available. For further information contact Waroona Recreation and Aquatic Centre on 9733 2389.

## Local business Townscape Developments Grants

The Shire of Waroona invites business operators in Waroona to apply for funding through the Townscape Development Grants Program. The funding is available for works on business premises in the town of Waroona fronting South Western Highway - from McDowell Street to Parnell Street; Fouracre Street - from Millar Street to Coronation Road; Millar Street and Thatcher Streets - between South Western Highway and Fouracre Street, and, the industrial area located on McLarty Street (east). The applicants must be the owner or occupier of the premises.

The Townscape Development Fund was established by the Shire of Waroona to provide amounts of up to \$3000 of discretionary funds to commercial business owners in the Waroona townsite to assist with upgrading their premises. These funds are designed to assist with projects that will enhance the aesthetics of the area and

compliment the works in the town centre. Grants will be awarded to projects that meet the principles of the Waroona Town Centre Redevelopment.

Application forms are available from the Council Offices at 52 Hesse Street, Waroona, on council's website [www.waroona.wa.gov.au](http://www.waroona.wa.gov.au) or by emailing [cdo@waroona.wa.gov.au](mailto:cdo@waroona.wa.gov.au) with a request. Advice regarding the application is available by contacting Naomi Purcell, Community Development Officer on 97337814.

Applications should be forwarded in a sealed envelope addressed to the undersigned and must be received by 4pm on Thursday 15th November 2012.

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## Firebreak information

With reference to Section 33 of the Bush Fires Act, 1954, you are required to carry out fire prevention work on land owned or occupied by you in accordance with the provisions of this order.

If your land is over 2500m<sup>2</sup> you must have a firebreak installed immediately inside all external boundaries and also immediately surrounding all buildings situated on the land. Bringing the land back to mineral earth. This firebreak must be no less than three (3) metres wide and a four (4) metre height clearance.

If your land is less than 2500m<sup>2</sup> you must remove all flammable material on the land except living standard trees, from the whole of the land.

You are required to have your firebreaks

installed by no later than the 17th November 2012. Penalties apply if you are found not in compliance of the Bush Fires Act 1954 where a penalty of \$250 applies. The Shire Ranger will conduct inspections.

If you believe your property may be exempt from the above restrictions you must apply in writing to the Council by Thursday 1st November 2012 for a Property Variation. This includes strategic breaks and also irrigation areas.

**"ALL IRRIGATION LAND THAT DOES NOT HAVE A FIREBREAK IN PLACE MUST HAVE AN EXEMPTION"**

A full copy of the Bushfire Requirements can be collected from the Shire Administration Office or by visiting [www.waroona.wa.gov.au](http://www.waroona.wa.gov.au)

## WRAC Summer 2012 Group Fitness Timetable

Group Fitness Studio	Day	Time	Class	Instructor
	Monday	8am	Aqua	Deb
9.30am		FBS	Deb	
5.30pm		Power	Tracy	
Tuesday	5.55am	Bootylicious	Tracy	
	9am	Power	Tracy	
Wednesday	8am	Aqua	Deb	
	9.30am	FBS	Deb	
	9.15am	Aqua Zumba	Tracy	
Thursday	5.55am	Power	Tracy	
	9.15am	TNT 101	Tracy	
	10am	Bootylicious	Tracy	
Friday				

Spin Studio	Day	Time	Class	Instructor
	Monday	5.55am	Spin	Kaye
9am		Spin 101	Kate	
Tuesday	5.30pm	Spin	Tracy	
Wednesday	5.55am	Spin	Kaye	
Thursday	8.40am	Spin Express (30mins)	Tracy	
Friday	5.55am	Spin	Kaye	

All classes WILL run between these dates ... bikini bodies here we come!

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December

**Power** A weights to music class that strengthens your entire body. This class uses barbells to perform exercises like squats, presses, lifts and curls. Great music & awesome instructors get the results you came for!

**Bootylicious** A 45 minute class designed to blitz your abs, butt and thighs.

**Spin** "Tour De France Indoors" – a combination of hills, sprints, climbs and motivating music. This class will provide the ultimate fat-burning and cardio-vascular workout.

**Spin 101** For the ultimate beginner this class will take you through all the basics at a pace just for you!

**TNT 101** This is a 45 minute tighten and tone, low impact class designed for the very beginner...no coordination or matching top & pants sets necessary!!

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