



SEA TO SCARP

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SHIRE OF WAROONA

Australia Day celebrations bring out our best

The Shire of Waroona would like to congratulate the 2013 winners of the Meritorious Community Services Award and the Australia Day Award. Awards were presented at the Australia Day Ceremony at Drakesbrook Place. Awards recipients included:

- Elaine Platell** - Australia Day Award for her many years of volunteer work for a number of organisations.
- Matthew Vitale** - Australia Day Award - under 25 years for his leadership to Waroona Basketball Association.
- Just Cruizin Street Machiners Club** for community spirit and annual Christmas Lights Cruise.
- Andrew Templeman Twells** - Community Service Meritorious Award for his commitment and service to Waroona Volunteer

Ambulance.
Sheila Panton - Community Service Meritorious Award for her volunteering in the community.
Diana Schupp - Community Service Meritorious Award for giving tirelessly as volunteer editor of the local Waroona newspaper the Drakesbrook Despatch and a volunteer for other community organisations

The Shire of Waroona would like to acknowledge the following for their contribution to this event. Lions Club of Waroona, Alcoa, Bendigo Bank, Waroona Guides, Just Cruizin Street Machiners, Waroona Police, Waroona Voluntary Fire Services, Waroona St John Ambulance, Waroona Community Car, Nick Derosa, RSL and Franco family.



Winner from Waroona

The State Library recently held a regional competition for families through their Better Beginnings Program. Over 900 entries were received from all over WA and one of the winners was Simone Fiorenza from Waroona.

Out of almost 900 entries, Simone won a Sony e-Book reader and a set of 10 picture books. She kindly donated a couple of books to the Waroona Library including "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" by Eric Carle, which regional WA families voted the most popular book. Staff at Waroona Library would like to congratulate Simone on her win.



The Better Beginnings Program has, for a number of years, provided babies and young children with free reading kits. There are a number of these kits at the library for babies from

0-12 months. Just call into the library to pick one up or collect one from your local Health Care Nurse next time you visit. It's never too early to start reading to your children.

Volunteer Meeting

The Department of Fire & Emergency Services (DFES) has extended an invitation open to Shire representatives, Chief and Deputy Fire Control Officers, Volunteer Fire & Rescue Captains and SES Local Managers to attend a meeting seeking input into the State review of the existing Emergency Services Acts. This is a significant step forward, given the last State review was over 50 years ago. This meeting will allow the volunteers and council officers to provide input, with local expert knowledge to help positively influence future working arrangements.

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 Website..... www.beyondblue.org.au

Relationships Australia
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 Website. www.wa.relationships.com.au

Mandurah and Peel Tourism Organisation

Request for Board Members

The Mandurah and Peel Tourism Organisation (MAPTO) Incorporated is requesting nominations for board members to aid in the delivery of a five year tourism strategy and to facilitate the delivery of tourism growth for the Peel Region.

The role of the organisation is to lead, facilitate and advocate the delivery of key tourism outcomes for the Mandurah and Peel Region. Utilising best practice destination development, it is expected that the organisation will take a lead role in tourism development and marketing and act as a facilitator and advocate for destination planning and management across the region.

Board members are expected to bring innovative ideas and effective strategic thinking to the table to help Mandurah and the Peel Region build on its position as one of Western Australia's premier tourism destinations.

The organisation is seeking enthusiastic and committed applicants who have a solid understanding of tourism marketing, distribution channels and tourism visitation, and who will add value to the existing Board. Applicants with an understanding of the local and national tourism industries are encouraged to put their names forward.

Board members will serve a 2 year term, with eligibility for renewal for a further 2 years. The members of the Board meet bi-monthly to discuss new and current projects and provide direction to the executive. MAPTO Inc. is an incorporated business under the Associations Incorporation Act 1987 (Western Australia). Nominations to the board do not attract any remuneration.

Skills and qualifications:

- Strong financial and business development experience
- Experience as a member of a commercial or major community based board
- Tourism industry experience desirable, but not necessary
- Excellent skills in strategic and analytical thinking
- Team player with personal impact and superior communication skills.

Closing date for applications is 01 March 2013.

Applications should include a covering letter outlining relevant skills and qualifications and will be accompanied by either a brief statement of claim or a concise CV. Applicants from outside Mandurah are strongly encouraged.

To apply online, visit our website www.mandurah-peel.com.au or contact Clive Nethorpe on 0427 190 623

Litter fines increase

In an effort to minimise the amount of littering that continues to occur in our great state of Western Australia, the Keep Australia Beautiful Council (KABC) and the Department of Environment and Conservation have strengthened the law that deals with these offences. The Litter Act 1979 and the Litter Regulations 1981 have been amended to give KABC more tools to be able to tackle littering.

A summary of key changes include:

- The fine for an individual who litters a cigarette butt goes up from \$75 to \$200
- Increase in the maximum fine for littering offences to \$5000 for individuals and \$10000 for corporations, or in the

case of offences against litter regulations, \$5000 for both individuals and corporations

- In cases of littering from vehicles, to deem the person responsible for the vehicle to have committed the offence where neither the litterer nor the driver of the vehicle can be identified
- A new offence of 'littering that creates a public risk' will carry an infringement penalty of \$500 and a prosecution maximum of \$5000

The Shire, through Ranger Services is embarking on an awareness campaign to work proactively with the community in dealing with this issue all Councils face.

SEA TO SCARP SUMMER EVENT

WAROONA YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL PRESENTS

Alcohol Free Event

MOVIE UNDER THE STARS

FEATURING

Friday 1st March 2013

Waroona Cricket Oval Admission \$5.00

Children Under 4 Free

Gates open 6pm
 Movie starts 7:30pm

PG: PARENTAL GUIDANCE SUGGESTED
 Action, Smoking & Drug Content

Bring your own chair or picnic rug

Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult

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 Waroona Visitor Centre - 97 331 506
 At the gate - Cash sales only

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Shire President's Message

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First of all, on behalf of all of us here at the Shire, we would like to wish everyone a healthy and prosperous 2013 and as always we look forward, in anticipation, to what no doubt will be another exciting and challenging year.

Australia Day.

Once again on the 26th of January a large group of community members and visitors gathered at Drakesbrook Place to celebrate Australia Day. This is a special day, providing us with the opportunity to reflect on the past and all of those wonderful people who worked so hard to help make this country of ours such a wonderful place in which to live. The day also allows us to contemplate the present and the future and importantly to acknowledge many of our own for their outstanding contributions to our community. Our celebrations commenced with a sumptuous breakfast

provided by the hard working members of the Waroona Lions Club who have once again demonstrated their remarkable community spirit. Our young ones were treated to an exciting range of activities such as face painting, pony rides, animal farm and balloon twisting. "Taffy" provided an entertaining poem about his first experience as an immigrant from Wales as a young boy in Australia. Musical entertainment was provided by Rod Drummond. MC for the event was Deputy Shire President Larry Scott who introduced Jessica Hull to sing the anthem followed by Rod Drummond who sang the national anthem in the language of his people. The Waroona Girl Guides raised the flag. I then had the honour of giving the Australia Day Address. The function culminated with the presentation of the Australia Day and Meritorious Awards. Sheila Panton,

Di Schupp and Andy Templeman Twells received Waroona Community Services Meritorious Awards. Mathew Vitale received the Premiers Australia Day Under 25 Award and the Just Cruising Street Machiners Club took out the Australia Day Group Award. Finally, the prestigious Premiers Australia Day Award was awarded to a very popular lady, regarded by many as a "quiet achiever" and of course I refer to Elaine Platell. Congratulations to everyone and thank you all for your outstanding contributions to our community.

Oval Lighting

Pleasing to be able to report that the Oval Lighting Project is expected to be under-taken in March/April.

Preston Beach Fire Shed.

Also pleased to report that the new fire shed for Preston Beach is rapidly getting closer to being completed with the internal fit-out well under way.

National Broadband Network.

Councillors and staff will meet with representatives from NBN in February to discuss plans for the roll

out of the network within the Shire of Waroona. It is anticipated that Waroona and Preston Beach townsites will be serviced by fibre optic and that lower population areas not covered by the fibre optic, e.g. Lake Clifton, will be serviced by the fixed wireless network. In order to meet this requirement, two new installations will be needed, one at Old Bunbury Road, Lake Clifton and the other to be sited at 147 Coronation Road, Waroona.

Staff Farewell.

Sadly, we recently said farewell to two highly respected staff members, Tamara Olsson and Karen Obom both of whom have moved on to further their respective careers. Tamara has accepted a position as the Deputy CEO with the Shire of Bruce Rock and Karen taking a position as a Project Co-ordinator at Murdoch University. It would be fair to say that both Karen and Tamara made a significant contribution to the Shire in their own individual way and in doing so have set the benchmark for the future.

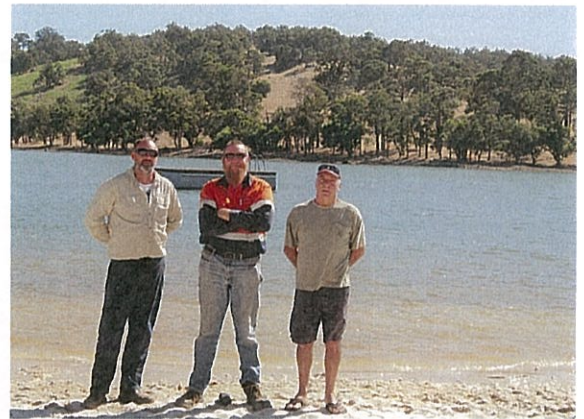
Local Residents Help Out

Over the weekend of the 5th and 6th of January a member of the public managed to undo the link that secures the swimming pontoon in place at the weir and caused the pontoon to drift to shore. Shire Worker Mark Wake, with the assistance of two local residents Brian Taylor and Todd McCall spent several hours securing the pontoon back to the original location on Wednesday 9th January.

Before the pontoon was re-secured Mark installed new warning signage and painted the deck. The pontoon was constructed by McCall Bros and Todd assisted with the installation of the pontoon back in November 2011 ready for the official opening of the weir upgrades in April last year.

The weir has modern and safe facilities for all to enjoy. This includes the pontoon, retaining walls and reticulated lawns, shelters and seating area, an improved swimming area, with beach sand, solar lighting, well constructed walk trail, barbeque facilities, shady parking and upgraded toilet facilities. The Shire takes great pride in this location and hopes all visitors and residents can enjoy and respect it too.

The pontoon is secured to ensure that it is in a safe location throughout the year and visible in the main swimming area. The Shire would like to thank Mark, Brian and Todd for their help in securing the pontoon so everyone can enjoy this great facility.



Mark Wake with Brian Taylor and Todd McCall at the Drakesbrook Weir.

Beach success

Shire of Waroona Ranger, Sarah Cope is firmly of the opinion that years of hard work and dedication by Shire Rangers, strongly supported by the Preston Beach Volunteer Rangers has ensured a positive and successful outcome for not only the environment at Preston Beach but also for the many beach goers who frequent this popular spot. The rules for this beach are simple, stay out of the dunes, no camping, no fires and no litter. Quad bikes, ATVs and motor bikes are not permitted. 4WDs must be registered and drivers licensed.

According to Sarah and the volunteer rangers, this recent busy holiday period has highlighted the positive outcome of having a strong, regular and visible ranger presence on our beach with the vast majority of beach users electing to do the right thing and this in turn ensures that the beach is a much more friendly, and importantly, safe environment. Over this summer period littering has been minimal, quads and bikes are rare and the few that have decided to test their luck and ventured into the dunes have expressed surprise at how quickly they were caught. These dunes are fragile and the Shire has a firm, no tolerance approach to this type of activity. The only downside would have to be, a small minority who think it is ok to speed. This practice is not only irresponsible it is also extremely dangerous. The Shire of Waroona has a strong commitment to protecting our strip of coast and in addition to



Sarah and Volunteer Rangers and vehicles

employing a casual ranger for the busy holiday period we ensure the volunteer rangers are well equipped. In addition to their 4WD utility and quad bike, the rangers have recently taken possession of a new versatile and powerful ATV. It is worth noting that the Preston Beach Volunteer Rangers, whose role is primarily an educational one, have now been in existence for some 13 years and have been a great success story. It is also important to acknowledge the great support we get from the Waroona Police.

Sarah believes that the majority of those who use our beach are delighted to see the rangers patrolling regularly and would like to thank everyone for their support and attitude in ensuring that Preston Beach will continue as a safe, enjoyable place to fish, swim or just kick back and relax.

Dune restoration – one man's crusade

Local Waroona resident, Geoff Stacey, is another person with a passion to help protect the fragile environment at Preston Beach. On many weekends you will see Geoff with his tractor and trailer carting native green waste many kilometres down the beach to fill up any blow out areas, thus

allowing that area to build up again. Whilst dune intrusions are not that prolific on our section of the coast, Geoff's hard work makes it even more difficult for anyone contemplating this type of activity. On behalf of the many beach users who frequently see Geoff in action, we say "thank you and well done"!



Next Council Meeting

Next Council Meeting will be 19th February at 4.00pm at the New Shire of Waroona Council Chambers behind the administration office.

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