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SHIRE OF WAROONA



Shire President's Message

St. Josephs' 70th Anniversary

Sunday 17th March, Shire CEO, Ian Curley and I had the honour and pleasure of representing the Shire at St. Josephs' 70th Anniversary. This was an exciting day of celebration attended by a very large group of students, teachers and clergy, past and present, who came together to, not only acknowledge and celebrate this outstanding milestone, but to also meet up with old friends and reminisce on those wonderful school days. Guest speakers including Waroona Shire Councillor John Salerian, who took many back down memory lane with interesting stories of those earlier days. I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and congratulate everyone involved in organising this day. I have no doubt

this would have been a mammoth and at times a very daunting task. Well done!

Police Update

Prior to our March Council meeting we had Sgt Jeff Taylor presenting to Councillors and Senior Staff an update on policing issues within the Shire that included statistics on matters relating to crime and traffic, at the same time highlighting some of the actions and outcomes relevant to these areas. We also had an interesting discussion regarding the use of surveillance cameras and their importance in being an effective tool in dealing with crime.

Blessing of the Roads, Easter Road Safety Campaign

On Wednesday 27th

March the Shire and the Waroona Roadwise Committee once again hosted the annual Blessing of the Roads ceremony that is aimed at raising awareness about the importance of driving safely over the Easter long weekend. We thank those members of our community who took the time to attend this function because it is ultimately we the community, who have to take responsibility for our actions on our roads. I would also like to thank the students from St. Josephs and Waroona District High School for singing the National Anthem and the laying of a wreath. We also took the opportunity at this function to acknowledge the Police, Ambulance and Fire Brigade personnel for their efforts and dedication in dealing with the often horrific results of accidents on our roads over these busy weekends. In addition we thank the members of the SES for their work in manning the Driver Reviver stops across the state at this time.

Beach Report

As a result of the fine weather over Easter, the beach at Preston Beach attracted a larger than normal number of visitors. The Shire Rangers, well supported by the Volunteer Rangers, put in many hours providing a strong visual presence at the same time encouraging beach users to do the right thing. Speeding by a minority group of inconsiderate drivers continues to be a problem but the good news from the weekend was dune intrusions were few and the rangers reported that littering was practically non-existent and for this our beach users are to be congratulated.

Silver Certificate Award

Also during March the Shire of Waroona was recognised for its practices towards occupational health and safety and was the recipient of the Silver Certificate Award which was presented to us by Peter Hoare, Chief Operations Officer from Local Government Insurance Services. This



Director Community Services Steve Cleaver, President Noel Dew and CEO Ian Curley being presented with the Occupation Health and Safety Silver Certificate Award by Chief Operations Officer Peter Hoare.

prestigious award was the culmination of many years of work by the Shire staff in implementing plans and procedures to make the workplace safe. Our insurers recognise these efforts that help improve worker safety, reduce lost time injuries and subsequent insurance claims. Local Government Insurance Services also presented the Shire with a cheque for \$2500 which the Occupational Health and Safety Committee have allocated for a subsidy to allow workers

to have eye testing. Bottom line, achieving this award demonstrated a wonderful team effort and well done to everyone for their contribution!

Anzac Day Service in Waroona

The local RSL, after many years of organising the Waroona ANZAC Day service and march, is no longer able to continue to organise the event. I am pleased to say there has been overwhelming

support from interested local people and groups to carry on this proud tradition.

The march will commence, as usual, from the Memorial Town Hall at 10.45am and proceed to the ANZAC Memorial on South West Highway for the Service at 11.00am. An ANZAC service will also be held at the Preston Beach Community Centre starting at 10.00am. Everyone is welcome to attend at a venue of your choice.

Shire of Waroona Town Planning Scheme No.7 NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF LOCAL PLANNING POLICY

Notice is hereby given that the Shire of Waroona has resolved to adopt a Local Planning Policy titled the Waroona East Hills Development Policy at the ordinary meeting of Council on 26 March 2013.

27.0 Waroona East Hills Development

The purpose of the policy is to facilitate rezoning and development of lots within the scarp area to the east of the existing Waroona Townsite. The policy aims to achieve a coordinated and responsible outcome and provide guidance to owners and developers as to the expectations of the Shire. The objectives of the policy are:

1. To provide developers and landowners with guidance in relation to design and location of subdivision and development within the Policy Area.
2. To preserve the amenity derived from the scenic value of the Darling Scarp.
3. To maintain the integrity of landscapes within the Policy Area.
4. To protect and enhance the landscape, scenic and amenity values through control over design, building materials and siting of development.
5. To maintain the integrity of landscapes in the line of sight view corridor of the coastal plain.
6. Indicate preferred future road connections to be incorporated into subdivision guide plans and implemented at subdivision stage in the Policy Area.
7. Ensure bushfire protection is maintained to a high standard for future development.
8. Maintain appropriate separation between future development and extractive industry operations.
9. Protect water quality and reduce the amount of nutrients entering waterways.

The Policy is 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.

I.N. CURLEY
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Waroona Show 2013 Rural Ambassador Award

The Rural Ambassador Award is a national competition that provides an opportunity for rural youth (aged 20 to 30 years) to be a representative for the Waroona Agricultural Show and promote agriculture and the rural way of life.

The competition aims to discover the next generation of rural leaders who have the desire to represent and promote their community, their region and their state.

Do You:

- Have a passion for agriculture and enjoy life and work in a rural community.
- Have a good knowledge of your local community and current affairs.
- Enjoy making new friends and networking with likeminded people.
- Love a challenge.

The Rural Ambassador Award is conducted at local, zone, state and national level, with generous prizes for the successful entrant at each stage. The winner of the State Final receives \$1000, a study tour and will be sponsored to represent Western Australia at the National Finals.

For more information and a nomination form please call Alison Birch, Waroona Agricultural Society, on 9733 1092 or email waroona.ag@westnet.com.au

Entries close 30th April 2013

Next Council Meeting

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

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Blessing of the Roads Ceremony

The annual Blessing of the Roads Ceremony was held on Wednesday 27th March 2013 at the Waroona Memorial Hall as part of the Waroona Roadwise Committee Easter Road Safety Campaign.

The ceremony is aimed to raise community awareness about the importance of driving safely over the Easter long weekend. As well as providing a blessing

for the safety of all road users, the ceremony also recognises our police and emergency

services personnel who work to provide services intended to save lives and help make our roads safer.

CEO Ian Curley was the MC for the event which included students from St Joseph's Primary School and Waroona District High School singing the National Anthem, prayer from Mr Robert Bruce and a speech from Shire President Noel Dew.

The Waroona Roadwise Committee would like to thank everyone involved in the 2013 Blessing of the Road Campaign.



• Alexia Cicolari of St Josephs Waroona and Amber Vincent of Waroona District High School lay the Blessing of the Roads wreath.



• Students from St Joseph's and Waroona District High School singing the National Anthem.

Support for new direction at swimming club



• Rear; Michelle Eccles, Kate McInerney, Maxine Bembridge, Janey Napoli
Front Dot Harris, Emma Bateup, Dee Kau, Bryan Doust

With a new swim season commencing in May, Waroona Amateur Swimming Club believe that the time is right to redefine the Club's goals and strategies in order to best serve current and future members.

A recent meeting was well attended with interested community members and Waroona Recreation & Aquatic Centre staff attending to show their support for a new direction. Support was also received from a state level with Swimming WA Director and former WASC committee member Dot Harris, and SW Region 1 Co-ordinator Bryan Doust (also President of Harvey Amateur

Swimming Club) providing invaluable insights and a wealth of experience.

Treasurer Dee Kau made it clear that the Club is looking forward to living up to its motto 'Building Fitness, strength & confidence' and there are some fun activities planned for the winter season. A Club manual is being developed to cover all aspects of club life – these guidelines will be the basis for a club that provides consistency, and encourages inclusiveness and respect from and to all members.

Another to confirm their support is Waroona Recreation Centre Manager Ron Thomas who is pleased to see the Club entering

this new and positive phase. "We are very much looking forward to supporting the Club's efforts as it offers a great service to the swimming community."

Many may not be aware that Waroona Amateur Swimming Club offers a recreational membership and that the club is not just for the kids but is open to swimmers of all ages. The basic requirement is that those wishing to join can swim a minimum of 50 metres and an indicative entry age would be around 8 years, although individual cases are assessed on their merit.

Enquiries are welcome – please contact Dee on 9733 4770 or Michelle on 0427 980 295.

New Local Planning Policy

The Shire of Waroona has adopted a new Local Planning Policy 27.0 – Waroona East Hills Development. Council has prepared this policy in response to increased development pressure in the Waroona hills.

The intent of the policy is to preserve the high level of natural amenity that exists within the policy area by setting out a coordinated approach for subdivision and development planning. In order to achieve this the policy identifies key road linkages, land use provisions and development guidelines to facilitate the development of the area in a sustainable manner.

A coordinated and responsible approach to future development in the hills area is needed to ensure that

development occurs in a proper and orderly manner and best practice fire safety and access outcomes are delivered.

The policy area is bounded by the Waroona townsite to the west, Nanga Brook Road to the north, state forest to the east and broad acre agricultural land to the south.

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 within the policy area are requested to contact the Shire's Planning Department should they have any questions or need more information.



• Pat Dunne from Hamel Home-Grown Organics at the Waroona Lions Club Farmers Market.

Successful Farmers Market

The Shire of Waroona would like to congratulate the Waroona Lion's Club Farmers Market on a successful Sunday market at their new location of the Waroona Memorial Hall.

There were a record number of stalls as they filled the hall and spilled out into Drakesbrook Place. The weather was perfect as the smell of sausages and hot chips filled the air outside with

tea and coffee available inside. There was everything from candles to condiments, pickles to puzzles, face painting to fresh vegies and more and more and more...

The relocation of the markets to the Memorial Hall was to reinvigorate the Farmers Market and provide a great monthly community event with supportive spirit. The passing trade from the highway will be an asset to

the markets and to Waroona's Tourism. Congratulations to all involved.

The Shire of Waroona is proud to support the Lions Club trial period at the Memorial Hall for 3 months and hope that it is well supported by the community and continues successfully.

The Markets run on the first Sunday of every month. Please contact Pauline on 0415 565 813.

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The Shire of Waroona would like to congratulate the Waroona Cricket Club - B Grade for their grand final win in the Peel B Grade Cricket Association