



SEA TO SCARP

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SHIRE OF WAROONA



Shire President's Message

BUDGET

Staff are currently working on this year's Budget. The preparation of the annual budget is never an easy task and this year it has been made even more difficult for those involved due to the enormous amount of work needed to enable us to comply with the requirements of the Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework. One of Councils most important responsibilities is to provide effective and responsible control of its financial resources. Once again this year we face the challenge of trying to balance community expectations against available resources in order to ensure the long term viability of the Council.

DOG ACT

The State Government has recently announced changes to the Dog Act, which will hopefully provide clarity and support for Local Governments in protecting the community. The Minister has advised the new Dog Amendment Bill will

include for example, micro chipping for dogs and tighter controls on dangerous breeds. The ultimate aim is to make owners more responsible and to encourage safe pet ownership. Fair to say these changes, which are in addition to the final phase of the new Cat Act provide a challenge to Local Government.

NICHE WALL

Construction of the Niche Wall at the Waroona Cemetery has commenced with the footings and panels now installed. The panels are coloured concrete and have been partly polished at the builder's yard before being transported to the site and craned into place. Roofing and paving will take place in the next few weeks.

TREE PLANTING

The Preston Beach Progress Association and the Shire in partnership with the South West Catchment Council recently planted approximately 4000 native plants at Preston Beach as part of the Preston Beach

Trail upgrade project. Volunteers from the Preston Beach Progress Association were joined by a group of Waroona High School Bush Rangers for a day. In addition great support was received from a PEDAC Aboriginal work crew who greatly impressed everyone involved with their fantastic work ethic over the four days. Well done to everyone involved and a big thank you to Sian and Naomi from the Shire for their wonderful support. For anyone who has not been on this lovely walk by the lake, I promise it is well worth the trip to check it out!

2013 COUNCIL ELECTIONS

West Australian Local Government Elections will be held this year on Saturday 19th October. The election process will commence in the near future with nominations open on Thursday 5th September and closing on Thursday 12th September.

ADOPTION OF THE INTEGRATED PLANNING AND REPORTING FRAMEWORK (IPRF)

At the June Council meeting Council adopted a number of plans under the Integrated Planning and Reporting guidelines. Council adopted a 4 year Corporate Business Plan, 10 Long-term Financial

Strategy and Asset Management plans which focus on buildings and roads. A Workforce Plan, which outlined expected workforce changes, and Strategic Community Plan were previously adopted in 2012. The new plans demonstrate the Council's capacity to deliver services and manage assets into the future and were required by the State Government to be in place by 30 June 2013.

Council's budgets will now need to reflect the objective set in the various plans, in particular the Corporate Business Plan which has a strong focus on ensuring that expenditure is at a sufficient level to meet the future maintenance costs of assets and the financial ability to replace them when the time comes. Any consideration of new assets will need to be carefully analysed as to the affordability of the ongoing maintenance and future replacement costs.

The new Integrated Planning requirements are arguably some of the most significant changes imposed on Local Government by the State Government since the implementation of the new Local Government Act of 1995, and I congratulate all the staff who have been involved in the preparation of the plans.

Waroona Recreation and Aquatic Centre

Anyone wishing to hire golf club bags and buggies may now do so at the Waroona Recreation Centre during normal opening hours (\$10.00 for 18 holes of golf and \$5.00 for 9 holes) for any

enquires please ring the Centre on 97332389. The golf club is within walking distance of the Rec Centre. The Waroona Recreation Centre pool will be closed for maintenance from 4th

July - 22nd July 2013. Recreation Centre dry side will still be open and the Gym will run as normal, group fitness timetable will still be available with some slight alterations.

Waroona Group Fitness Timetable SCHOOL HOLIDAYS WEEK 1: Monday 8th July

Day	Time	Class	Instructor
Tuesday	6.00 am	BOOTCAMP	Tayla
Thursday	6.00 am	BOOTCAMP	Tayla

Day	Time	Class	Instructor
Monday	6.00am	REVOLUTION	Tayla
	9.00 am	REVOLUTION	Tayla
Tuesday	5.30 pm	REVOLUTION	Tayla
Wednesday	6.00 am	REVOLUTION	Tayla
Friday	6.00 am	REVOLUTION	Tayla

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS WEEK 2: Monday 15th July

Day	Time	Class	Instructor
Tuesday	9.00 am	BOOTCAMP	Trace
	10.00 am	BOOTYLICIOUS	Trace
Wednesday	9.00 am	GYM BOOTYBLASTER	Trace
	5.30 pm	BOOTCAMP	Trace
Thursday	9.00 am	TNT	Trace
	10.00 am	BOOTCAMP	Trace
Friday	9.00 am	BOOTCAMP	Trace
	10.00 am	BOOTYLICIOUS	Trace

Day	Time	Class	Instructor
Wednesday	9.40 am	SPIN Express	Trace

Men's shed for Waroona

A steering committee has also been formed to start a "Men's Shed" in Waroona. This popular concept has been successfully developed

in many rural and city areas and is growing in popularity. Anyone interested in being a part of this exciting project is encouraged

to contact the Waroona Agricultural Society for further information or leave your details at the Shire Office and we will pass them on.

Dune project brushed up

The Shire of Waroona was successful in securing a grant for \$10,060 from Coastwest. This Project included weed control and spraying of the wetland and dune area located to the left of the Preston Beach southern access track and also an area extending behind the green waste collection zone. Following this spraying was a very successful planting day, attended by community members, Preston Beach Progress Association Members and visitors from Footprints Resort.

Dune Brushing was the final part of the 2012-2013 Coastwest Project. Dune blow out and at risk areas were brushed with tree cuttings that residents of Preston Beach have been stock piling at the green waste area near the Preston Beach Car Park. This dune brushing assists in preventing access and further erosion

and promotes seed collection and natural revegetation.

The Preston Beach Volunteer Rangers work hard at patrolling the beaches and promoting a positive message to users and visitors. These Rangers were able to guide Noel Smith from Foreshore Rehabilitation and Landscaping to key dunal areas that required brushing to prevent further erosion. The use of a positrack machine allowed for the placement of brushing into the dune areas.

The Shire would like to thank CoastWest and the Western Australian Planning Commission, Foreshore Rehab and Landscaping, Carramar and Hamel Nurseries, Gary Witney Weed Spraying, Preston Beach Progress Association and the Preston Beach Community for their assistance in this successful project.



• Positrack machine laying dune brushing

Next Council Meeting

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

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Greening the Lake Preston Trail

If you have been to Lake Preston recently you will notice some significant changes. It is looking a lot greener - not from the tiny seedlings that have been planted but from the coreflute tree guards that are protecting them. Over 3000 plants were planted along the Lake Preston Trail and in the coming years it will be their foliage that greens the area. A large section has been fenced off to prevent kangaroos from grazing on seedlings and to give them their best chance at establishing. This fencing will remain in situ for 3 or more years.

Partnerships between the Shire of Waroona, South West Catchment Council, Department of Environment and

Conservation and the Preston Beach Progress Association have led to the success of this project.

The Shire of Waroona was able to secure funding of \$30,913.36 from the South West Catchment Council and undertake this project. The upgraded car parking and trail head start you on a journey along the revegetated lake side. Planning of the project encompassed weed control and management, some erosion control, Trail Head upgrade, Heritage Pole repositioning, car parking, plant species selection, fencing, trail alignment and revegetation.

Planting took place over four days and was

greatly assisted by Denis King and members of the Preston Beach Progress Association and PEEDAC. Our days were brightened also by the Waroona District High School Bushrangers who came to join us with their enthusiasm and bravado. Thank you to the school for letting these students have a hands on biology lesson and plant trees that they will hopefully be able to come back and remove the coreflutes from in coming years.

NRM and Lottery West Funding will assist the next stage of the project - interpretive signage and a viewing platform at the point on the Lake and will allow for an interactive visitor experience of this



• Volunteers at Lake Preston Trail greening

heritage listed Ramsar Wetland We would like to thank

South West Catchment Council, DEC, Preston Beach Progress

Association, PEEDAC, Gary Witney Weed Spraying, R and H

Enterprise, Carramar and Hamel Nurseries and the Preston Beach Store.



• Waroona Police Station OIC Sgt. Jeff Taylor and Director Community Services Steve Cleaver.

CCTV camera upgrade

The Shire of Waroona in partnership with WA Police obtained a substantial Community Crime Prevention Fund grant for the purchase and upgrade of several CCTV cameras. The CCTV system has been installed and allows real-time viewing and recording of activities at several sites in the town including the main street and several other areas in the town.

The installation of these cameras in and around the Waroona townsite will prove to be an invaluable resource,

which will assist Police to identify, apprehend and charge offenders with offences that in many instances are not witnessed by other members of the public. The system records in full colour, even at night, and the zoom up facility of the camera produces extraordinary clarity and makes identification of individuals easy. The Police have easy access to the footage and the ability to download the content in a suitable format to present in Court. This is a positive step forward

in the combined endeavours to make our community a safer place to live. Shire President Cr Noel Dew credits the success of this project to the way in which the Shire of Waroona, Police, local business and members of the community strive to work together to facilitate successful outcomes for the community. SEA TO SCARP COMMUNITY SPORTING & FUNCTION CENTRE A steering committee has recently been formed to investigate building a multi-purpose community/sporting

centre in the Waroona Showgrounds area. The proposal is to house a number of sporting and community groups to provide an all-in-one purpose built facility. Local sporting or community groups in Waroona are invited to contact the committee if you might be interested in being included in such a facility. Enquiries can be made direct to "The Steering Committee, c/- PO Box 186, Waroona 6215" or leave your details with at the Shire Office and we will pass them on.

Councils share catchment load

The four neighbouring Councils of Serpentine-Jarrahdale, Murray, Waroona and Harvey share the rivers and estuary of the Peel region. During a recent workshop they worked together to protect this living system from pollution. This was part of the Peel-Harvey Catchment Councils Local Government Stormwater Strategy which built on earlier, federally funded, work with some of the Councils successfully retrofitting old drains.

Given a kick start by the City of Mandurah and further funding from the Shires of Murray and Waroona this project started in February 2012. The aim is to improve the water quality of the Ramsar listed

Peel-Harvey Estuary by helping Local Governments with their stormwater management.

Peel-Harvey Catchment Council Chair Jan Star AM stated "Local Governments are aware and want to manage their stormwater to improve water quality but traditionally systems were installed for flood mitigation and often involved pipes discharging untreated water directly into our rivers and estuary. We are helping to link people together, provide support and information and ultimately we hope to increase investment into the catchment to continue to retrofit old stormwater systems and improve the way we install new ones".

At the workshop the group discussed how best to work together and achieve a coordinated approach to catchment management to improve water quality.

The workshop was well attended with 11 officers across the four councils, comprising of directors, managers and other council officers. PHCC Stormwater Strategy Officer, Paddy Strano stated "A key element of the project is to agree to work closely and to share experience and resources, with the PHCC helping with facilitating a unified response".

Contact: Jane O'Malley, Executive Officer, PHCC, 9583 5128 or jane.omalley@peel-harvey.org.au

2013 Hard Refuse Collection

Will be commencing on
 Tuesday 13th August 2013
 Waroona & Hamel Townsites
 Tuesday 20th August 2013
 Preston Beach Townsite &
 Lake Clifton

Please refer to Council's Hard Refuse Collection Policy & Guidelines for further information or contact the Shire Office on 9733 7800.

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