



# SEA TO SCARP

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SHIRE OF WAROONA



## Shire President's Message

### PRESTON BEACH FIRE SHED.

On Saturday 6th July, the Shire of Waroona in conjunction with the Preston Beach Volunteer Fire Brigade welcomed a large group of guests to participate in the official opening of the new Preston Beach Fire Shed. Guests included Don Randall MP, Member for Canning, Murray Cowper MLA, Member for Murray Wellington, Chris Amol DFES (Assistant Commissioner - Country) and Danny Mosconi,

DFES South West A/ Superintendent. We also had the pleasure of welcoming some of our past members including Brian Waller, Alf Barker and Gerry Hancock. I had the pleasure of inviting both Alf and Gerry, who were founding members, to join with Don Randall, Murray Cowper, Chris Amol and myself to cut the ribbon and declare the building open. In addition to the official guests we were delighted to welcome representatives from the Waroona, Waroona West and Lake Clifton Fire

Brigades and also members of the local community. This excellent facility has been built with the future in mind and will also be home to the Preston Beach Volunteer Beach Ranger group.

### PEEL MOSQUITO MANAGEMENT GROUP.

At our last Council Meeting, Council agreed to enter into a reviewed Peel Memorandum of Understanding at the request of the Department of Health. This Memorandum of Understanding takes the opportunity to formalise improved training and cross local government boundary staff cohesion within the Peel Region which were identified as areas that could be improved as the result of a peer review undertaken in 2011. This partnership allows funding through the Department of Health

Contiguous Local Authority Group Scheme and given the ability of mosquitoes to travel vast distances, a coordinated approach is essential to providing the best results possible in each local government. In addition, due to the large areas of salt marsh mosquitoes breeding habitat a helicopter is required to undertake treatments and the proper coordination of treatment timings is necessary.

### LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS.

With Local Government Elections to be held on Saturday 19th October, I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that if you are currently not enrolled to vote, you have until the 30th August to do so!

## Council Budget 2013/14

The Shire of Waroona 2013/14 Budget was adopted by the Council on 15th of August 2013. This budget represents the first proposal under new guidelines associated with Strategic Planning. This involves the preparation of a 10 year "Long Term Financial Plan" supported by a 4 year Corporate Business Plan (which is essentially a four year budget).

It is this plan and the Council's Community Strategic Plan that determine the recently adopted budget. Other factors considered during preparation of the budget include;

1. The level of Royalties for Regions funding and the timing of such funding

2. Grant for one off capital works grants
3. Ongoing grants such as road works grants
4. Assets management requirements
5. User fees & charges

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

Full details of all expenditure, grant income etc., can be obtained from the Council office and/or further summarised information will be provided with rate notices and on the Councils website [www.waroona.wa.gov.au](http://www.waroona.wa.gov.au).

## Zoom in on Waroona



Geocaching is the real-world treasure hunt that's happening right now, all around you with 2,169,362 active geocaches and over 6 million cachers searching worldwide. While the treasures are termed 'dime store', the fun, education and health benefits for individuals, families and teams are priceless. Starting off is as easy as a pair of sturdy walking shoes and a hand-held GPS or iPhone.

With the enthusiasm and expertise of committed cachers like Keith (Wandering Aus) and Ursula Casper (Me&B), Waroona is receiving a boost to the number of caches hidden in our Shire.

In late 2012 Ms Casper finalized a Zoom In trail in Waroona, part of a larger trail from Perth to

Harvey. This type of caching fits perfectly with tourism by not only encouraging visitors to the town but in ensuring that those on the hunt really are having to take notice of their surroundings.

Cachers download the photos and coordinates from geocaching.com and then visit each spot, work out its corresponding photo, and follow some simple instructions to figure out the final cache coordinates. Then it's off to the final cache to confirm your find and once home, onto the website again to record your success.

For more information visit [geocaching.com](http://geocaching.com) or contact Tracy Goldsworthy, Waroona Visitor Centre & Gallery on 9733 1506.



## COMMUNITY CULTURAL DAY CEREMONIES

The Waroona Recreation Centre will be hosting a Community Cultural Day on Thursday 29th August from 11am - 2.30pm. This free event is in response to requests from residents and is a partnership between the Shire of Waroona, St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Quambie Park, Waroona Community Resource Centre, Waroona District High School and Alcoa. The day will be an opportunity to celebrate Waroona's diverse multi-cultural community and meet some new and old friends.

The event will commence with a performance from Giovanni of Commedia Academy followed by a dance display, music and light refreshments. All welcome

For more information contact: Sian Gair or Naomi Purcell on 97337800.

**Next Council Meeting**

Next Council Meeting will be 27th August at 4.00pm at the New Shire of Waroona Council Chambers behind the administration office.

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## Artists and artisans morning tea a big success

The gathering on Wednesday at Waroona Visitor Centre & Gallery for artists and artisans was a great success with around 20 exhibitors taking the chance to show their interest and to learn more about this

year's event. The Shire was also represented with Director Louis Fouche (DPS), CDO Sian Gair, CDA Naomi and Tracy Goldsworthy.

Morning tea was generously catered

by artists Jan Burne, Christine Hyde and Cheryl Newman with Naomi very thoughtfully also bringing along a delicious cake. Volunteer Barb Bennett offered her assistance and was there to help with the smooth

running of the event.

Entry forms are now available so please encourage anyone you know with an artistic bent to get in touch by email [visitorcentre@waroona.wa.gov.au](mailto:visitorcentre@waroona.wa.gov.au) or by



• Gloria Johnson from the Waroona Agricultural Society with Centre volunteer Barbara Bennett and artist and volunteer, Maureen Alexander  
• Cheryl and Jane, SeaART. Artist and volunteer Cheryl Newman with craftsperson Jane Humby



• Sue Downey, SeaART • SeaART, Louis Fouche and Les Rowe

## Exhibition entry forms available

Luisa Ciccotosto of Waroona is looking forward to exhibiting in this year's Sea to ART. Luisa recently started lessons at the Yarloop Community Resource Centre with accomplished artist and seasoned exhibitor, Vida Hill.

"Although I've never painted I've always enjoyed trying different crafts," said Luisa. "It's quite a coincidence that I actually bought two of Vida's works at the markets in Centennial Park some years ago and now I'm taking lessons from her. I love a challenge and have been really pleased and very surprised at what I've accomplished with Vida's guidance and experience."

Luisa will be one of a number of new exhibitors encouraged by



Vida to display their art and in doing so to show others what can be achieved with some lessons, inspiration and encouragement.

Sea to ART is open to

residents of Yarloop, Coolup and Shire of Waroona and entry forms are available from Waroona Visitor Centre & Gallery at 37 South West Highway, Waroona and the Shire at 52 Hesse Street, Wa-

roona. Please call 9733 1506 if you would like a form posted or emailed. Entries close Friday Sept 20th, 2013. Sea to ART is a Summer Event proudly supported by Shire of Waroona and Alcoa Australia.

## Family Support Service News

Family Support Service is funded by Department for Communities and falls under the umbrella of Waroona Community Resource Centre, to provide a service which builds capacity in the Waroona and Harvey Shires to support families, individuals and the community.

We aim to help families and individuals to gain the skills, confidence and knowledge to effectively manage their own lives.

Our service is committed to families, communities and individuals in the Waroona and Harvey Shires in a manner that is appropriate and accessible to people from indigenous and culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.

Families and individuals are helped to explore their own

solutions to problems, by linking them to community resources, including support network. Practical assistance is offered, links to emergency relief, informal counselling, advocating for you, information and referral to other services. Also development of personal networks, fun and educational programs, information about community resource/service and NILS (No interest loan).



The Family Support Service has been successful in gaining funding for outreach services to the Harvey Shire including offices at Yarloop, as well as maintaining services within the Waroona Shire. The service welcomes Savannah Kirkland as the new Family Support Service Officer working with Cheryl Wainwright who is the service's Senior

Family Support Service Officer. Savannah previously worked in an administrative role at the Yarloop Community Resource Centre and looks forward to her new role as the service continues to grow and expand.

Over the last 3 years the service has developed within the three areas of emergency relief, one on one support and programming, alongside networking with services to be present in Waroona.

The service starts in Yarloop on the 12th of August and in Harvey on the 13th of August. You can find the Service at the Waroona, Harvey and Yarloop Community Resource Centres.

Family Support Service hours:  
Waroona Mon-Thurs 9am-5pm  
Harvey Tues and Thurs 9am-5pm  
Yarloop Mon 9am-5pm

### KidSport continues in the Shire of Waroona!

The Shire of Waroona has successfully been delivering funding from the Department of Sport and Recreation through the KidSport initiative to eligible children in the region.

This program provides an opportunity for children to participate in community sport and recreation. Clubs must first register with the Shire of Waroona which then allows children to redeem vouchers with their chosen club for the nominated season. These vouchers are then reimbursed by the Shire of Waroona through the KidSport funding.

Eligible families must hold a Health Care or Pension Concession Card.  
What are the eligible criteria?


- Applicant must be aged 5-18 years.
- Parent / Guardian must have a Health Care Card or Pension Concession Card or be referred by a 'recognised' referral agent.
- Applicant's primary place of residence must be in the Shire of Waroona (exceptions may apply).
- It is preferred that applicants register with a club that is in the Shire of Waroona (exceptions may apply).


What else?

- Funding will cover the cost of fees to join the nominated sport or recreation club (this may include other related costs as identified by the club.)
- Maximum of up to \$200 per child per calendar year.
- Fees are only for the nominated registered season.
- No retrospective fees will be paid.
- No limitation to applications per family as long as criteria is met.

Should you have any queries relating to KidSport, please contact Naomi Purcell – Community Development Officer on 9733 7800 or email [cdo@waroona.wa.gov.au](mailto:cdo@waroona.wa.gov.au)

Link to DSR website: <http://clubsonline.dsr.wa.gov.au/kidsport>





### Community Development Grants 2013

The Shire of Waroona invites community groups to apply for funding through the Community Development Grants Program 2013.

These small grants up to a maximum of \$800 are designed to assist community groups with projects and activities that enhance services, support young people, provide arts and cultural development, and meet the principles of community development.

Assistance may be provided for operational expenses to assist groups and communities develop local projects, provide training and support or share skills and knowledge with others.

Application forms are available from Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2012 at Council's 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 Community Development Officers on 97337814.

Applications should be forwarded in a sealed envelope addressed to the undersigned and must be received by 4.30pm on Friday the 20<sup>th</sup> September 2013.