



SEA TO SCARP

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SHIRE OF WAROONA



Shire President's Message

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

Congratulations to my fellow Councillors who have been elected unopposed in this year's Local Government Elections and to Cr Trish Witney on being elected Deputy Shire President.

SEA TO ART EXHIBITION

Friday 2th October I had the pleasure of opening the Sea to Art Exhibition at the Waroona Visitor

Centre. Waroona has a lot of hidden talent and it is wonderful to have it showcased. It is really amazing to see the different mediums that have been used for this year's exhibition.

EMERGENCY SERVICES FUNCTION

On Friday 1st November the Shire held the Emergency and Police Service Recognition and Thank You Function for all volunteers of the Waroona State Emergency Services,

Waroona Volunteer Fire Services, Waroona West Bush Fire Brigade, Lake Clifton Bush Fire Brigade, Preston Beach Bush Fire Brigade, Preston Beach Volunteer Rangers and Waroona St John Ambulance and the Waroona Police. These wonderful, dedicated people give up their own time to help our community in times of need. Groups such as these are always looking for more volunteers and I'm sure they would love to hear from anyone in the Community who would like to join with them and become a part of this wonderful service.

AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

Nominations are now open for the 2014 Premier's Australia Day Active Citizenship

Awards and the Shire's Meritorious Community Service Awards. These awards acknowledge the voluntary contributions made by local people for the benefit of our community. Nominations close at 4 pm on Friday 21st November 2013, and are presented on Australia Day 2014. Further details can be obtained from the Shire Office.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the outgoing Shire President, Cr Noel Dew and the Deputy President, Cr Larry Scott for their past service and dedication to the community and the Shire of Waroona.

Shire President
Cr Chris Germain

Review of Local Planning Policy 1 – Community Consultation

The Shire of Waroona is undertaking a review of existing Local Planning Policy 1 – Community Consultation. The objective of this Policy is to ensure that an appropriate level of community notification is undertaken to keep any potentially affected party aware of a development proposal or any other matter which may affect them. The policy is drafted to provide appropriate opportunity to make a submission to allow their concerns to be considered by Council prior to it making a

decision on the subject proposal. Shire of Waroona Planning Officers have cited a number of operational issues in the everyday application of the existing Policy and this review seeks to remedy these issues. Issues identified include:

- Advertising time periods being inconsistent with the Model Scheme Text;
- The inability for the delegated officers to advertise an application for a longer period than 21 days without Council approval;
- Inconsistency with the Shire's Town Planning Scheme; and
- Inconsistency with other Local Planning Policies.

in processing Planning Consent applications faster. The reduced processing time will also benefit applicants. The draft policy will be advertised for 21 days to allow for submissions. The policy will also be placed on public display at the Shire's Hesse Street Office and Council's website at www.waroona.wa.gov.au. Members of the public are invited to discuss the policy with Planning Services staff and make comment on the draft policy during this advertising period. All submissions received during the advertising period will be considered by the Council. Submissions on the Policy may be made in writing and should be lodged with the Shire on or before 26 November 2013.

It is considered that the updated Policy will aid the Planning Department



Government of Western Australia
WA Local Government Grants Commission

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

To be Held at the:

Shire of Waroona
Thursday, 14 November 2013
Commencing at 2.30pm and Concluding at 4.30pm

Order of Proceedings:

1. President to open the hearing.
2. Introduction by the Chair of the Commission
3. Presentation by the Commission on its role, function and the process it uses to determine Financial Assistance Grants.
4. Discussion on Submission (if submitted)
5. Close of hearing

The WA Local Government Grants Commission recommends on an annual basis to the State Minister for Local Government on the allocation of Financial Assistance Grants to local governments in Western Australia.

In accordance with the *Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act 1995* the Commission is required to conduct public hearings with local governments in connection with the Financial Assistance Grant recommendations and also to discuss any submissions made to the Commission by local governments.

Organisations or persons wishing to make a submission, in connection with the Financial Assistance Grant recommendations of the Commission, at the above hearing, are requested to register their interest with:

Miss Laura Dell'Utri
WA Local Government Grants Commission
Tel: (08) 6552 1453
E-mail: Laura.dell'Utri@dlgc.wa.gov.au

SHIRE OF WAROONA PROPOSAL TO BORROW

The Shire of Waroona proposes to borrow the sum of \$110,000 for a term of 5 years at an interest rate not exceeding 6% for the purpose of construction of Waroona Recreation and Aquatic Centre Gymnasium expansion.

One month's public notice of the proposal is given, as required by the Local Government Act 1995.

Further details may be obtained from the Council office 52 Hesse St Waroona or by telephone 9733 7800.



Christmas Rubbish Collection Services

- Monday 23rd December 2013
- Tuesday 24th December 2013
- Monday 30th December 2013
- Tuesday 31st December 2013



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New variable message sign trailer to increase safety

On Thursday 17 October a small presentation was held at the Shire Depot for the handover of a Variable Message Sign Trailer which was part of a funding application and contributed to by the Shire of Waroona as part of this year's budget.

The key focus of the VMS Trailer is to increase road safety for all road users, the trailer will be used for scheduled road works, events, school zones, and holiday periods. The VMS Trailer can be uploaded with message and images to enhance awareness to the driver

that a hazard or event is ahead. The VMS Trailer has been fitted with speed display radar so drivers can be made aware of their speed while approaching roadwork's, this is for both the safety of the driver and the safety of road workers. It is expected that the VMS trailer will be in use with the coming weeks.

The funding for the project was provided by the Community Road Safety Grants Program which is funded through speed and red light cameras.



Shire of Waroona CEO Ian Curley, Mark Wake, Murry Bracknell, Jeff Taylor, Steve Silvey, Naomi Purcell, Dan Kirkwood, Kathy Simpson, Laurie Tibbrook and John Salerian at the presentation of the Variable Message Sign Trailer.

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getting there together

Cat Act takes Full Effect

From 1 November 2013, the full Cat Act 2011 takes effect and will require all cats that have reached 6 months of age to be:

- Microchipped;
- Sterilised; and
- Registered with the relevant local government.

Cats will be required to wear a collar and registration tag to ensure that owned cats can be easily identified and returned to their owner.

The Shire encourages responsible cat ownership and where possible, keep your cat confined to your property, especially at night.

The legislation requires that a person who chooses to breed cats must apply to their local government for a permit.

When a cat is sold, the seller must ensure the cat is microchipped and sterilised prior to transfer. If the cat cannot be sterilised due to its young age, a voucher must be issued to the new owner.

The Cat Act does not limit the number of cats that can be owned. This will fall to local governments who may have in existence, or choose to introduce

a local law. The Shire of Waroona Health Local Law allows for 2 cats (over the age of 6 months) on any land within the district. Any person seeking to have more than 2 cats will require written approval from Council.

Shire of Waroona Cat Registration Fees

1 Year Registration
\$20.00 Full

\$10.00 Pensioner Concession

3 Year Registration
\$42.50 Full

\$21.25 Pensioner Concession

Lifetime Registration
\$100.00 Full

\$50.00 Pensioner Concession

Breeding Cat (paid annually on top of registration fees)
\$100.00 Full

Pensioner and Low Income Earner Discounts and Subsidies

Pensioners will receive discounted registration rates.

Pension card holders are eligible for a discount on cat sterilisation from participating local veterinary clinics

and hospitals in the AVA Sterilisation for Cats Program.

Pensioners and low income earners (are defined as a person who receives an income of \$37,000 or less per annum. To be eligible applicants will need to provide the Shire with evidence of tax returns and/or tax assessment notices from the Australian Taxation Office or payslips showing the amount of income that they received in the period for which the subsidy is sought) are eligible for a \$50 subsidy from the Shire of Waroona. To claim your rebate, cat sterilisation must initially be paid in full, a rebate application form must be completed and submitted to the Shire of Waroona Administration Office, 52 Hesse Street, Waroona. The completed rebate application form must be submitted along with a cat sterilisation receipt from the Veterinary surgeon, evidence of residential status in the Shire of Waroona (forms of residential status evidence listed below) and evidence of your pensioner or low income earning status. Subsidies are limited to two cats per applicant or property.

Recent Changes to the Dog Act

Amendments to the Dog Act and regulations were passed by Parliament on the 24th October 2013. The provisions, together with a new set of regulations come into effect on 1st November 2013.

Some of the changes include:

- All new dogs to be micro chipped
- More uniform restrictions on

dangerous dogs

- Changes to fees for Dog registration

From November 1st 2013, all pups and dogs being registered for the first time will be required to be micro chipped. All other dogs do not need to be micro chipped until 1st November 2015. Other key changes include lifetime registrations for dogs - \$100.00

for a sterilised dog and \$250.00 for an unsterilized dog. Pensioners pay half these amounts. Dangerous dogs must be registered annually.

For further information, visit the Department of Local Government website, or contact the Shires Ranger Services.



Town Planning and Development Policy for Public Inspection Town Planning Scheme No. 7

Notice is hereby given that the Shire of Waroona has resolved to advertise for public comment Draft amendments to a Planning Policy for Community Consultation within the Shire titled the Community Consultation Policy.

1.0 Community Consultation Policy.

The existing Policy is being updated in order to ensure greater consistency with:

- The Model Scheme Text;
- The Town Planning Scheme (TPS); and
- Other Local Planning Policies.

The Policy is intended to be 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.

Submissions on the Policy may be made in writing and should be lodged with the Shire on or before **26 November 2013**. Your written submission(s) should quote "Community Consultation Policy" in the title and be addressed to the Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Waroona, PO Box 20, Waroona WA 6215.

All submissions received will be considered by Council in its determination of the Policy for final adoption.

Ian Curley
Chief Executive Officer

Next Council Meeting

Next Council Meeting will be 26th November 2013 at the Shire of Waroona Council Chambers behind the administration office.

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