



## Shire President's Message

Over the Easter period Preston Beach Rangers were kept busy with numerous visitors to the beach. We have received various letters of thanks for these Volunteers and the Shire Ranger from people who needed their services. Thank you to you all. With your dedication you keep both the beach and the public safe and enable something that is becoming a unique experience.

### South West Indigenous Basketball Carnival

Waroona was recently the host for the South West Indigenous Basketball Carnival.

The event which was held at the Recreation and Aquatic Centre was a successful event with over 5,000 in attendance. It is a great to see our Recreation Centre being show cased and used by outside organisations.

### Waroona Recreation And Aquatic Centre Gym Extensions

The builder has installed framework for windows and next week windows and ceilings are due to be installed. If all keeps going to plan it is possible that the Gym will be completed by the end of May.

### Tidy Towns

Tidy Towns Judging will be held in Waroona Shire on the 25th June. This is both a Shire and Community project. While this program does not just gain points from the absence of Litter it is still one of the criteria. I would like to take this opportunity to thank those citizens that on their walks around town, take the time to pick up the litter on the way. One of the unfortunate things is the residents that leave their free papers on the verge for weeks on end. If you are a resident that does not wish to read these papers I ask that you just place them straight into your recycle bin.

Other criteria

**1. Community Action & Partnership** promoting your Tidy Towns - Sustainable Communities

initiatives, goals and achievements to the broader community

**2. General Appearance**, approaches to town, appearance of business, retail and industrial areas, appearance of sporting areas, public parks and gardens, appearance private homes and gardens, appearance of streets (including footpaths and verges), improved visitor and tourist facilities town signage and disabled access

**3. Waste Management and Litter Prevention**, engaging innovative methods and leadership in the provision of recycling and disposal amenities, community clean up days, cigarette butt disposal facilities litter and recycling bins, rubbish and recycling facilities, composting and worm

farm facilities

**4. Natural Environment Conservation**, engaging innovative methods and leadership in the conservation, protection and restoration of the natural environment, conservation strategies and action plans, feral and weed eradication plans, salinity and soil erosion, identify, rehabilitate and protect local flora and fauna, promote the towns natural heritage to visitors and residents

**5. Heritage and Culture**, engaging innovative methods and leadership in promoting and celebrating the history and identity of the community, Strategies and action plans in place, Establishment of a local historical society/group, Historical Protection

of significant sites and celebration of cultural events, Preservation of culturally significant buildings, Promotion of value to tourists and residents

**6. Water Conservation**, engaging innovative methods and leadership in reducing water consumption including water harvesting, recycling and re-use, Strategies and action plans

**7. Energy Innovation**, engaging innovative methods and leadership in conserving energy consumption and reducing greenhouse gas emissions, Audits and action plans in place.

**8. Young Legends**, engaging innovative methods and leadership to encourage young people to participate in their

community, Successful outcomes from youth-initiated or youth-led social or environmental action.

There are many different groups and people out in our community that I know are achieving these things. If you would like to send information or photos of your projects please contact warshire@waroona.wa.gov.au.

Finally, I would like to send our condolences to the family of Bert Spooner, our latest centenarian. The Community will miss his poems which were publicised monthly for us all to share. Thank you Bert, for judging the Children's poems for the Waroona Show and for doing jobs for the "oldies" who couldn't get down the street. You will be sadly missed.

## \*RESPONSIBILITIES OF ALL DOG OWNERS\*

### INTRODUCTION OF MICROCHIPPING FOR DOGS

- 1<sup>st</sup> November 2013 - Your dog must be micro chipped for a first time registration or changing ownership
- 30<sup>th</sup> November 2013 - Dangerous Dogs and Restricted Breeds must be micro chipped
- 1<sup>st</sup> November 2015 - All dogs must be micro chipped

### REGISTRATION AND IDENTIFICATION

All dogs in the Shire of Waroona have to be registered once they have reached 3months old. They are also required to wear a collar with their valid registration tag on it (\$200 PENALTY)

### CONTROLLING YOUR DOG

If you own a dog in the Shire of Waroona you have a legal responsibility to keep it under control at all times, on your own property by a fenced off area or on a leash when in public (\$200 - \$5000 PENALTY)

### BARKING DOGS

You must ensure that your dog isn't creating a nuisance by barking excessively, this includes on its own property or adjoining public places (\$200 - \$5000 PENALTY)

### DOG ATTACKS

Dog attacks are a very serious matter. If your dog attacks or chases a person or another animal, you will be held responsible whether you are there at the time or not (\$200 - POTENTIAL IMPRISONMENT)

### REMOVAL OF DOG DROPPINGS

Droppings are a constant source of annoyance to footpath and recreation area users. Dog owners should carry with them a doggy bag for when they are out in public to remove their dog's droppings and adequately dispose of them (\$40 plus PENALTY)



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## New local bed and breakfast planning policy


The Shire of Waroona has adopted a new Local Planning Policy 28.0 - Bed and Breakfast Accommodation for advertising purposes.

The intent of the policy is to provide an effective framework for the support of Bed and Breakfast accommodation while ensuring that amenity impacts on surrounding properties and maintaining appropriate levels of Environmental Health, Building and Town Planning standards.


The policy will also require the Shire to maintain a register of approved Bed and Breakfast

establishments to be renewed annually to ensure ongoing operations meet all relevant legislative requirements.

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 and business operators are requested to contact the Shire's Planning Department should they have any questions or need more information.



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## Quilt Show 2014 was a tremendous success

Many regional areas have a quilting or other style of patchwork and quilting event and in April, the Waroona Visitor Centre & Gallery became the venue for an exhibition that put Waroona on the quilting events' calendar.

Quilters and needle artists share a passion for collecting fabrics and turning them into works of art and Waroona's talented crafting community rose to the challenge when the idea of a local exhibition was put to them.

With support from the Waroona Creative Arts Centre, the Lake

Clifton Quilters, The Sew & Sews and a number of individuals, A Hanging on the Highway was developed.

The opportunity to be included in the National Trust Heritage Festival activities and to link into their 2014 theme Journeys extended the scope to include an historical feature into the exhibition. Vintage pieces such as sewing machines and irons, a loom, a sewing trolley and an 80 year old sewing book and paraphernalia were all generously loaned for the exhibition.

The success of the event which opened on April 16th and closed on May 5th can be measured in the wonderful comments received from the visiting public and these can be viewed in the Centre's Visitor Book.

A Hanging on the Highway had 86 pieces on show from 28 local exhibitors. The People's Choice awards and the amount raised for the Waroona Community Car will be announced shortly and published on the Centre's Facebook page, and in June's Drakesbrook Despatch.



Lyndie Ward



Tracey Curley



Gloria Johnson

## Annual Blessing of the Roads promotes road safety

The annual Blessing of the Roads Ceremony was held on Wednesday 9th April 2014 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.

A gathering of about 70 people included students from St Joseph's Primary School and Waroona

District High School who participated in the singing of the National Anthem followed by Mr Robert Bruce blessing the road and its traveller and led those present in the Lord's Prayer.

The Waroona Roadwise Committee would like to thank everyone involved in the 2014 Blessing of the Road Campaign.



Waroona students Hailey Moody and Hannah Jenkins lay wreaths at the Blessing of the Roads ceremony.

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**Next Council Meeting**

Next Council Meeting will be 27<sup>th</sup> May 2014 at 4pm at the Shire of Waroona Council Chambers behind the administration office.

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