



## Shire President's Message

I recently met with members of the RSL to discuss an upgrade of the War Memorial for the centenary celebrations next year. The Memorial was erected in 1959, at a cost of 214 pounds, which was provided by the RSL, the Road Board and the general public. Prior to this services were held in the Waroona Hall,

Unfortunately, Australians have seen more conflict over the years so it was decided that we should recognise "All who have serviced", this being the Centenary year of World War I. So over the next few months you will see some changes at our War Memorial Park. I travelled out to Lake

Clifton for their Fair leaving Waroona, in overcast conditions only to arrive at the Community Hall and have the skies open up. So disappointing for the organisers, however there still seemed to be a steady stream of people coming in despite of the rain. Hopefully stall holders had a successful day.

Hopefully you were able to get to the Sea to ART exhibition, which has been running for seven years. The "Sea to ART" exhibition showcases talented local Waroona and district artists. This year there were 120 pieces of work on display, from 36 local artists ranging in various ages. We are fortunate to have so many talented people within our

district, some families having more than one member exhibiting. The range of works included paintings, sculptures, pottery, fine woodwork, glass, mixed media and textiles.

The two-and-half metre scale model of the HMS Surprise was definitely one of the main attractions. The builder, spend approximately two years building this model which is down to every last detail. Well done to everyone, both Artists, Tracey and Volunteers at the Visitor Centre.

### CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY

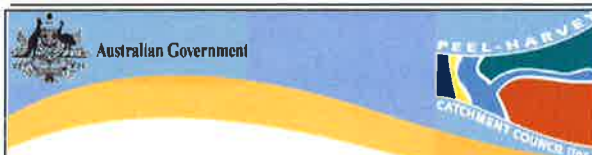
In October I had the pleasure of welcoming Mrs Kalma McKenna as a new Australian Citizen

at a Citizenship Ceremony performed in the Council Chambers.

Congratulations also to the Waroona ladies involved in the "Light the Night" Fund Raiser for the Leukaemia Foundation. What a wonderful turn out and well done on the money raised.

Our weather is still being very unpredictable and I feel for the farmers whose hay cutting days have been upset by the rain. All this rain and a little sunshine are making very good conditions for a well fuelled Bushfire Season.

Please remember that Fire Breaks must be carried out on or by the 30th November and maintained throughout the summer months.





**Australian Government**


**PEEL-HARVEY CATCHMENT COUNCIL (INC)**

The Peel-Harvey Catchment Council, Peel-Harvey Biosecurity Group, Harvey River Restoration Taskforce and the Department of Agriculture and Food WA invite you to a **Feral Animal and Weed Workshop**


**Wednesday, 26th November 2014**  
**6pm-8pm**  
Waroona Football Club  
Parnell St, Waroona  
Light Supper and Refreshments Provided




Learn about the latest trapping and baiting control methods for **Pigs, Foxes and Rabbits** and also find out about the best control options for **Cotton Bush and Blackberry**.





For those attending, chemical and spray pack giveaway vouchers will be available courtesy of the Peel-Harvey Biosecurity Group.



RSVP: Waroona Landcare Centre on 9733 2628 or 0430 587 871  
colleen.archibald@peel-harvey.org.au

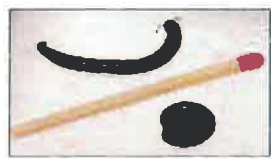


The Project is funded by the Government of Western Australia through the State NRM Program

**PORTUGUESE MILLIPEDES**

**Portuguese millipede**  
*Ommatolulus moreletii*



**What does a Portuguese millipede look like?**  
These pests have a smooth, cylindrical body, with adult millipedes ranging in colour from slate-grey to black. Juveniles are light brown with a darker stripe along each side. Adult millipedes range from 20-45 mm. They can occur in large numbers, especially after rain, and curl up into a tight spiral when disturbed.

**What damage can they cause?**  
Portuguese millipedes are nuisances in autumn and spring when they invade houses and gardens, and can occasionally damage crops such as melons, strawberries, tomatoes and potatoes. They are attracted to lights at night, but cause no harm in small numbers and do not breed inside.

**When am I likely to see this pest?**  
Following rain from April onwards with another peak in activity in September/October.

**What if I find a Portuguese millipede?**  
Turn off lights close to buildings, and close curtains, blinds and doors to minimise escaping light. Physical barriers can stop millipedes from entering houses. Also, clean away decaying leaves, other garden litter and compost near the house to reduce areas where they might shelter. Biological and chemical control methods are also available.

**Where do I seek advice?**  
Contact the Department of Agriculture and Food or your local plant nursery or your local shire/council can assist you.

**Do you want to know more?**  
More information is available at [www.agric.wa.gov.au](http://www.agric.wa.gov.au). Type 'Portuguese millipedes' in the search facility and click 'go'.

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**Waroona Community Resource Centre**  
Your local connection



**TRAIN TICKET SALES**  
**MONDAY TO THURSDAY 9AM - 3:30PM**  
**FRIDAY 9AM - 2:30PM**

**NO TICKET SALES AFTER 3:30PM MON - THURS & 2:30PM FRI**

**Next Council Meeting**

Next Council Meeting will be 25<sup>th</sup> November 2014 at 4pm at the Shire of Waroona Council Chambers behind the administration office.

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Alcoa proudly supports the Shire of Waroona Sea to Scarp Newsletter.

**The Buller Road Refuse Site is open 10am to 4pm**

**Thursday to Tuesday for your convenience.**

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## 2012 RATES INCENTIVE PRIZE WINNERS

The Rates Incentive Prizes have been drawn for the 2012/13 financial year. Ratepayers who paid their rates in full by the 26th September 2012 were eligible for the draw. There were 6 prizes to be won. Thank you to everyone who sponsored the 2012 Rates Incentive Scheme. The winners are:

1st Prize - \$1000 Bendigo bank account - John Fletcher of Preston Beach  
2nd Prize - \$650 cash from the Shire of Waroona - Ronald & Letitia Gumbrell of Waroona  
3rd Prize - \$250 cash package from the Westpac Bank - Anthony Sorgiovanni of Maddington

4th Prize - \$250 DeRosa's Highway Motors voucher - Stephen Read from Preston Beach  
5th Prize - \$150 Supa IGA Waroona voucher - Morrillah Pty Ltd from Lake Clifton  
6th Prize - 2x Double passes from WASO - Munong Pty Ltd from Waroona



SHIRE OF WAROONA

### MERITORIOUS COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS 2015

The Council is pleased to announce that nominations for the Shire of Waroona Meritorious Community Service Awards are now open. These awards acknowledge the voluntary contributions made by local people for the benefit of our community.

Nominations are welcome from individual members of the public or from any local clubs and organisations for residents working in a voluntary capacity for the benefit of the community. A maximum of two (2) twenty five (25) years and over and one (1) under twenty five (25) years Meritorious Community Service Awards per year will be presented.

### PREMIER'S AUSTRALIA DAY ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP AWARDS 2015

The Shire of Waroona is pleased to announce that nominations for the Annual Premier's Australia Day Awards are now open. The awards foster, recognise and celebrate significant contributions to community life and active citizenship in all local government areas of Western Australia.

There are three categories for the Awards being:

- > for a person of 25 years or older
- > for a person under 25 years
- > for a community group or event

The recipients will be selected from nominees who have shown active citizenship and:

- Made a significant contribution to the local community in the past year or over a number of years through active involvement.
- Demonstrated leadership on a community issue resulting in the enhancement of community life.
- A significant initiative which has brought about positive change and added value to community life.
- Demonstrated inspiring qualities as a role model for the community.

The recipients of the above awards will receive their Certificates at the Australia Day Celebrations in Waroona on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2015.

Nomination forms for Meritorious Community Service Awards and Premier's Australia Day Active Citizenship Awards 2015 and further information are available at the:

- > Shire Administration Office; or
- > The Shire Website - [www.waroonawa.gov.au](http://www.waroonawa.gov.au)
- > Shire Library

Please submit your nomination to:  
The Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Waroona, PO Box 20, WAROONA WA 6215 by no later than 4 pm Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2014.

These awards are a joint initiative of the Australia Day Council of Western Australia, the Western Australian Local Government Association (WALGA) and the Office of Premier and Cabinet.

IAN CURLEY  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



Important information relating to your responsibility as a landholder in the Shire of Waroona. With reference to Section 33 of the Bush Fires Act, 1954, you are required to carry out fire prevention work on land owned or occupied by you in accordance with the provisions of this order.

This work must be carried out on or before November 30th and kept maintained throughout the summer months until the close of Restricted Burning Period. Persons who fail to comply with the requirements of this order may be issued with an infringement notice (penalty \$250) or prosecuted with an increased penalty, and additionally, Council may carry out required work at cost to the owner or occupier.

If it is considered for any reason to be impractical to clear firebreaks as required by this notice or natural features render firebreaks unnecessary you may apply to the council or its duly authorised officer not later than the 30th day of November for permission to provide a variation for firebreaks in alternative positions or to take alternative action to abate fire hazards on the land. All variation requests must be made by the property owner or person authorized to act upon the owners behalf. Individual requests are required for each property. If permission is not granted by the council or its duly authorised officer, you shall comply with the requirements of this notice. You must have your variation in place and operational by the 30th November. It is your responsibility to demonstrate that the variation will be maintained for the entire restricted and prohibited burning times. Failure to demonstrate compliance and the ability to maintain the alternative solutions approved within the variation will automatically require total compliance with the firebreak order in its entirety. If the requirements of this notice are carried out by burning, such burning must be in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Bush Fires Act.

#### Definitions & Notes

**Firebreak (EXCLUDING SECTION E):** the term Firebreak means a 3 metre wide, 4 metre vertical area of the owner(s)/occupier(s) land, cleared and maintained totally clear of all vegetation material (living or dead) so that there is only mineral bare earth left. Any overhanging trees and/or vegetation must be pruned to a height 4 metres above the ground level of a mineral bare earth firebreak. Firebreaks constructed on road verges do not constitute a legal firebreak. Clear all flammable material on the land: Means land mowed, slashed, burned, removing all flammable material such that the material is no greater than 10cm in vertical height.

**Flammable material:** means any plant, tree, grass, vegetable, substance, object or thing (except living standing trees and shrubs) that may, or is likely to catch fire and burn; or any other thing deemed by an authorized officer to be capable of combustion.

**Strategic break:** A firebreak, shown on a subdivision guide plan and/or Fire Management Plan, constructed as part of a subdivision, maintained to the satisfaction of Council and the Department of Fire and Emergency Services.

**Variation:** Means where the topography of the land parcel makes the normal placement of a firebreak impractical or dangerous or other fire mitigation measures have been installed; such that alternative firebreak emergency access and fire prevention methods that meet the intention of the fire break order are provided and demonstrated.

## Notice to Owners and Occupiers of Land Fire Control Information 2014/15

### A) Rural Land

Firebreaks as previously defined must be provided in the following positions:  
a) Within 60 metres inside and along the boundaries of all land including that which is uncleared, so as to form a continuous break around the holding.  
b) Not more than 100 metres and not less than 20 metres from the perimeter of all groups of buildings, haystacks and fuel installations provided on that land.

**NOTE 1:** 10 round bales constitute a haystack; 5 large oblong bales constitute a haystack; 200 small oblong bales constitute a haystack.

**NOTE 2:** Irrigation area - owners or occupiers may be exempt from all or part of the requirements of the above if, in the opinion of the authorized officer responsible for the area in which the land is located, there is no need to construct breaks on the irrigated land or non-irrigated land, not exceeding 20 hectares in area if surrounded by irrigated land.

### B) Rural Residential Zone

The owners of all existing small rural holdings zoned "Rural/Residential" under Town Planning Schemes, must maintain a firebreak, as previously defined, immediately inside all external boundaries of the land.

The owners of existing and future small rural holdings - Rural/Residential lots within the Zone 4 Irrigation Area must maintain a firebreak, as previously defined, immediately inside all external boundaries of the lots. Lots under irrigation within Zone 4 may be eligible for a variation upon application.

### C) Urban Land (Residential, Special Residential, Commercial, Industrial and Rural) Land within Waroona, Preston Beach & Hamel townsites

In respect of land owned or occupied by you within the above townsites or any area subdivided for other purposes, you shall:

- a) where that area of land is 2500 square metres or less, clear all flammable material on the land except living standing trees or shrubs, from the whole of the land; and
- b) where the area of land exceeds 2500 square metres, provide firebreaks, as previously defined, immediately inside all external boundaries of the land and also immediately surrounding all buildings situated on the land; or Clear all flammable material on the land except living standing trees or shrubs from the whole of the land.

Where several adjoining lots are held or used by the owner/occupier, the firebreaks may be provided inside, along the external boundaries of the group of lots.

### D) Fuel and/or Gas Depots

In respect of land owned or occupied by you on which is situated any container normally used to contain liquid or gas fuel, including the land on which any ramp or supports are constructed, you shall maintain the land clear of all flammable materials.

### E) Fire Protection of Private Hard/Softwood Plantations Definitions and Specifications

Plantations - Any area of planted Pines or Eucalyptus species exceeding 3 hectares.

Windbreaks - Will be defined as planted areas not exceeding 15 metres in depth with an unrestricted length.

Firebreaks - 15 metres Boundary Break. The first row of trees must be at least 15 metres from the outside edge of the break. The outer 10 metres of the firebreak must be cleared of all flammable material and will have a 10 metres vertical clearance, i.e. with no overhanging branches. The remaining 5 metres must be maintained in a low fuel condition, i.e. short grass may be considered a low fuel. Minimum Firebreak Standards - The following firebreak standards will apply for plantations:

Firebreaks constructed 15 metres wide (as per definition) on the boundaries of plantations or on such other location as may be agreed between the Shire of Waroona and the plantation owner.

Firebreaks clear of all flammable material 6 metres wide should surround compartments of approximately 30 hectares.

All firebreaks must be maintained in trafficable conditions and trees on both sides of breaks progressively pruned to a minimum height of 4 metres to allow unrestricted access of maintenance and firefighting equipment and so as to maintain an effective width of firebreak.

Where power lines pass through plantation areas firebreaks as per Western Power specifications must be provided.

### F) Camping & Cooking Fires

(Section 25 Bush Fires Act)

In accordance with the provisions of Section 25 (1a) of the Bush Fires Act, 1954, the lighting of fires in the open air in the district, outside of townsites and away from designated barbecue/picnic areas, within the Shire of Waroona for the purpose of camping or cooking is prohibited during the prohibited burning times December 15th to March 14th, inclusive.

### SPECIAL WORK ORDERS

The requirements of this Notice are considered to be the minimum standard for fire prevention work to protect both individual property and the district in general. Council or authorized officers retain the ability to issue Special Work Orders pursuant to Section 33 of the Bush Fires Act 1954, to individual landowners should additional works be necessary for a potential fire hazard that may exist on a property.

### PROHIBITED BURNING TIMES

The prohibited times for the Waroona District are:

- Zone 4 - IRRIGATION AREA**  
Dec 22 to Feb 14 (incl.)
- Zone 6(a) - COASTAL AREA**  
Dec 15 to Feb 28 (incl.)
- Zone 6(b) - CENTRAL AREA**  
Dec 15 to Feb 28 (incl.)
- Zone 6(a) - DRY SAND AREA**  
Dec 15 to Mar 14 (incl.)
- Zone 6(b) - HILLS AREA**  
Dec 15 to Mar 14 (incl.)

### RESTRICTED BURNING TIMES

Fire permits must be obtained from your relevant Fire Control Officer for burning off during the following periods:

- ZONE 4** Nov 9 to Dec 21, Feb 15 to Mar 29
- ZONE 6** Nov 2 to Dec 14, Mar 1 to Apr 12
- ZONE 6** Nov 2 to Dec 14, Mar 15 to Apr 26

**PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT OF BURN YOU ARE REQUIRED TO NOTIFY THE COUNCIL OFFICE OF TIMES, DATES AND LOCATION NUMBERS.**

**Note: It is the responsibility of the land owner to comply fully with the fire break order. Should you engage a contractor to undertake any works it is the owners responsibility to ensure the works are completed by the due date and in accordance with all provisions of the Notice.**