



## Shire President's Message

February has been a very busy time for our community. With the resumption of school and many people returning from their annual vacation, the community is returning to its normal state. The Shire has been particularly busy in the co-ordination of the January/February fire recovery process. To date, our staff have made contact and/or visited all properties that were affected by the fire and delivered a recovery information package which provides important information to residents to help them through the recovery process. The Council held an emergency Council meeting on the 3rd of February to discuss in what ways it could assist the recovery process. The Council resolved to waive its planning and building fees for the replacement of fire

affected buildings, provide free rubbish bin replacements where needed and free waste disposal of fire affected materials at the Buller Road refuse site. The Council also provided free water from our standpipe to fill rainwater tanks when they have been replaced. Information relating to the fire recovery can be found on the Council's website <http://www.waroonawa.gov.au/bushfire-recovery>

The volunteer's thank you evening proposed for 17 March has now been postponed until May to give our volunteers a rest and return to their normal lives.

I take this opportunity to again, thank all the volunteers who willingly gave their support to help save our town from the fires.

### WORKS PROGRAMME

The works crew have been busy over summer with the reconstruction and sealing of McClure Road and they have now

commenced the next construction job which is Somers Road, from the Buller Road intersection heading towards the bridge near Coronation Road intersection.

The kerbing on Hesse Street has been completed and contractors are working on the footpaths and crossovers. After this is completed work will commence on levelling out the verges and then the road will be asphalted. Our apologies to all the residents disrupted by the works, but I am sure that the benefits of a new road and much improved drainage will become apparent after the works are completed.

### PRIVATE WORKS

The Shire has made arrangements with the Department of Parks and Wildlife (DPAW) to undertake two extra maintenance grades of Preston Beach Road North. This road services the Martin's Tank camping area and suffers from an increased traffic load during summer. DPAW has agreed to fund additional grading of the road this year and will consider it on an ongoing basis.

### WAR MEMORIAL

Observant locals may have noticed something missing from the memorial park on South West Highway adjacent to the sportsground. The War Memorial has been removed and taken away to be cleaned and will be returned along with the installation of an additional black granite stone. The new stone will be dedicated to all who served and installed in time for the 2015 ANZAC commemoration.



## WAROONA JUST GOT A LITTLE FRIENDLIER

The Campervan and Motorhome Club of Australia (CMCA) have approved an application by the Waroona Visitor Centre & Gallery and officially declared Waroona an RV Friendly Town™.

By promoting the partnership between recreational vehicle (RV) travellers and small towns, CMCA hopes to encourage the expansion of tourism-related infrastructure and services, and also boost the economy of those small towns providing RV tourist specific amenities.

In order to qualify for the scheme, Waroona successfully met the needs of RV travellers and satisfied stringent criteria. CMCA also takes into account the general attitude of the

local council and community to truly identify the friendliest areas in Australia.

This means that travellers can enter any RV Friendly Town™ with the knowledge that they will be welcomed and adequately provided for. In return, CMCA supports and promotes towns with an RV Friendly status.

Waroona Visitor Centre & Gallery Manager, Tracy Goldsworthy said that the RV Friendly signage will soon be installed and will encourage RV travellers to stop, shop and enjoy.

"It is important to note that the benefit to towns partnering with CMCA can be considerable with road-based tourism in Australia contributing an estimated \$7 billion per annum.

"I encourage our business community to talk to their staff about the importance of making tourists feel welcome and valued. Positive word of mouth between fellow travellers is a powerful promotional tool and has the capacity to substantially increase road-based tourism in our town and region," she said.

CMCA Director, National Consumer Representative & Government Liaison, Ken Kipping says the results of the scheme continue to be promising.

"It is great to see an increasing number of towns qualifying as RV Friendly," he said, "and it is important that towns in Western Australia, particularly

regional towns, take steps to capitalize on the benefits of the scheme."

For a current list of RV Friendly Towns™ visit the CMCA website [www.cmca.net.au](http://www.cmca.net.au).



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### FREE Training Workshop Carnaby's Cockatoo

Connecting River Catchments for Landscape Resilience

**Join us  
Tuesday  
17 March**

This practical training workshop will look at the importance of protecting and enhancing existing riparian vegetation and floodplain to create wildlife corridors in the water landscape with an emphasis on the riparian zone.

The workshop will focus on identification, habitat needs and flood protection.

Participants will gain the skills to identify and record black cockatoo numbers for this year's Annual Great Cockatoo Count (29 April 2015).

For more information visit the 2015 Great Cockatoo Count web page [www.carnaby.org.au/black-cockatoo-count](http://www.carnaby.org.au/black-cockatoo-count)

Peel-Harvey Catchment Council  
In partnership with  
**Birdlife WA, Harvey River Restoration Taskforce**  
and the  
**Australian Government**  
Invite you to a **Free**

### Carnaby's Cockatoo Training Workshop

**Tuesday 17th March 2015**  
**5:30pm - 7:30pm**

Harvey Senior High School  
Corner Well Road and South Western Hwy, Harvey

RSVP essential (by March 11th)  
Contact Harvey River Restoration Taskforce to register  
[HRRT.Support@peel-harvey.org.au](mailto:HRRT.Support@peel-harvey.org.au) or 97332588

Refreshments and light supper provided

## HEARTS 'N' HORSES

Valentine's Day Evening saw the Inaugural Official Dressage Event for newly founded 'Murray Riding Club Inc'. The Event was held on the Waroona Town Oval, home of the 'Demons' Football Club, where riders as far as the Swan Valley Region and South of Bunbury attended.

Murray Riding Club Inc, also known as the Murray Adult Riders are based at the Murray Equestrian Centre, Coolup which is currently in stage one of a multi-million dollar upgrade project.

The event was planned when visiting New Zealand Dressage Judge – Robert Kofoed confirmed he would be more than happy to judge an event whilst visiting WA – Along with respected WA Judges – Denise Barker and Sharon Addison, the event could not have gone smoother, tests were ridden pretty well on time and the feedback received from all concerned was nothing but positive.

Club President – Noeleen Kentish said "We were so pleased to have to use of the Oval for the event, at this time of the year the weather can be so hot, and to be able to hold an evening under spotlights was something very special for us. Our home grounds are in the early stages of redevelopment and the use of a local oval was invaluable to us".

The Shire of Waroona showed great confidence and support for the Murray Riding Club allowing dozens of horses riding space on the football oval, and so close to the beginning of the football season, they were pleased to find that the grounds were totally unaffected following the competition, and I'm sure a little relieved.

President Noeleen was also pleased to say, "We had the support of local businesses from the inception of this event. Raywell Contracting, Charles Hull Contracting, Schlamm Engineering, Curtis Electrical, Woodbury Plumbing, KDH Equestrian, Waroona Rural Services (all Waroona businesses), plus Dunceles Renovations, & The Bendigo Bank. The Waroona Football Club were more than accommodating with the provision of lighting for the event and Waroona Agricultural Society opened their doors and loaned us their beautiful newly refurbished office building on the grounds"

Murray Riding Club Inc Committee would like to thank everyone who took part in the event. Wish a huge Congratulations to all of winners and placegetters and hope to see you all again next year for rugs and rosettes galore.

To find out more about the Murray Riding Club Inc, visit <http://murrayridingclub.wix.com/murrayadultriders> or join their Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/murrayadultriders/>



## HESSE STREET RECONSTRUCTION & UPGRADE

The Shire of Waroona was successful in gaining funds from the State Government's Royalties for Regions program via the Country Local Government Fund and from the Commonwealth Government's Roads to Recovery program for the reconstruction and upgrade of Hesse Street. Construction began in December 2014 and is now nearing completion through the efforts of contractors who are installing footpaths and reinstating affected crossovers and driveways.

The project saw major reconstruction of the section of Hesse Street between Thatcher and Iseppi Streets and the replacement of kerbing and minor

surface rectification from Iseppi to Hair Streets. Following the completion of footpaths and driveways the entire length from Thatcher to Hair Streets will be asphalt (hotmix) sealed to give a smooth, quiet surface that will not require major maintenance for many years to come.

This section of Hesse Street was one of the oldest streets in the town and had some inherent drainage problems with regards to the flooding of some properties on the lower side of the street, because the existing drainage network could not cope with the volume of stormwater during heavy rain events. The reconstruction addresses this problem through

additional underground drainage pits and by the shaping of the road surface itself to act as a temporary storage space during heavy rain. This allows stormwater to 'stack up' without it overtopping into adjoining properties while the existing underground drainage drains the water away. These drainage improvements were fully investigated and designed and the water will drain away in a matter of minutes after a rain event.

As the works draw to a close the Shire would like to thank all affected residents, motorists and pedestrians for their patience and understanding during what has been a substantial and at times disruptive project.



## WAROONA WAS CHARMED BY THE MISCHIEVOUS PADDINGTON BEAR!

As the sun set in Waroona on Friday night people gathered at the Waroona Cricket Oval to see Paddington – the tale of the adventures of a mischievous Peruvian Bear. This Movie Under the Stars was presented by The Waroona Youth Advisory Council.

There was a huge gathering on Friday night for the ever popular annual community event. People flocked to enjoy watching a movie in an outdoor setting and to be entertained by the easy listening tunes of Bourbon Street musical duo Tex and Carolyne, as people set up their chairs, rugs and beanbags with friends and

family on the grass. Paddington was a light-hearted entertaining delight for the young and old and the feedback and comments were wonderful. The Youth Advisory Council organised this Event and would like to thank Alcoa and the Shire of Waroona for their sponsorship along with the Waroona Cricket Club, Curtis Electrical, the Waroona/Pinjarra SES and Pinjarra Waroona Youth Care for their most valuable contribution to a wonderful evening.

Following on from this busy community event the Youth Advisory Council will be having a Youth Action Event on Thursday

9th April from 4-8pm – during school holidays. This is a free event and this year will, again, include skate, scooter and BMX competition, climbing wall, bouncy castle, craft activity, face painting, music, sausage sizzle and more.


The next meeting of the Waroona Youth Advisory Council will be on Tuesday the 3rd of April 4.30pm at the Waroona Recreation & Aquatic Centre. New members are welcome to apply.

For more information about the Action Event please contact Naomi Purcell or Tori Davis on 9733 7800

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## YOUTH ACTION EVENT


THURSDAY  
**9th April 2015**




### WAROONA SKATE PARK

**FROM 4PM TO 8PM**

**ACTIVITIES INCLUDE**


- SKATE AND BMX COMP
- CLIMBING WALL
- BOUNCY CASTLE
- ART ACTIVITY FACE PAINTING
- MUSIC PRIZES & GIVE AWAYS
- FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE (For the kids)




CONTACT: TORI DAVIS OR NAOMI PURCELL 9733 7800 for further details  
A "Sea to Scarp Summer Event" presented by the Waroona Youth Advisory Council and proudly supported by Department for Communities, Alcoa, and the Shire of Waroona






WA JUST CRUZIN

12th April 2015

## All Australian Car Day

Waroona Showgrounds  
South Western Highway, Waroona

**Huge Car Display**  
**Kids Entertainment**  
**Market & Food Stalls**  
**Gourmet Hall**

10am - 4pm  
Entry Gold Coin Donation



Contact Naomi 0418 938 952

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**Next Council Meeting**

Next Council Meeting will be 16th December at 4pm at the Shire of Waroona Council Chambers behind the administration office.

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