



## **SHIRE OF WAROONA AUSTRALIA DAY 2009**

Close to 300 people turned out on Australia Day in Waroona to enjoy a sumptuous breakfast cooked by the Waroona Lions Club and to take part in the celebrations and award ceremony in what could only be described as a very enjoyable morning full of community spirit.

Breakfast entertainment was provided by Graeme Hague while outside the hall children and adults alike were catered for with free rides in the Cobb and Co coach pulled by gentle giants Clyde and Herbie, the Meanda Park Animal Farm and free face painting. A large contingent of cars and community service vehicles participated in the street parade which was led by the local police, closely followed by the Cobb and Co stage coach carrying award recipients and other guests.

Following the street parade, a guest appearance by Bill Barnett on Bag Pipes opened the official proceedings. The Australian flag was raised by the Waroona Guides and Scouts and Jessica Walmsley led the singing of the national anthem. Guest speakers were Shire President Cr Noel Dew and Youth representative Danika Pisconeri who reminded us of how fortunate we are to live in this great country. Cr Dew challenged the audience to continue to work towards a sustainable future for our young people while Danika gave a youth perspective on the meaning of Australia Day and outlined the benefits of growing up and living in a supportive community like Waroona.

Once again, the Shire of Waroona combined their Meritorious Community Service Awards with the Premiers Australia Day Active Citizenship Awards. Those honoured have put in years of community service in many different areas of the Shire and were well deserving of their awards.

### **PREMIER'S AUSTRALIA DAY ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP AND SHIRE OF WAROONA MERITORIOUS COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS**

#### **PREMIER'S AUSTRALIA DAY ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP AWARD: 25 years and over**

These awards foster, recognise and celebrate significant contributions to community life and active citizenship in all local government areas of Western Australia.

#### **Kenneth Landwehr**

Ken is nominated for his dedication to Waroona and is constantly striving to achieve the best outcomes for the town and Shire. Ken has been a resident of Waroona for most of his life and has always been prepared to support causes that bring benefit to young and old and to provide leadership. This is evidenced by his willingness to be involved in a number of different committees over the years. His most recent achievements from a voluntary perspective are as President of the Waroona Agricultural Show for the past

two years, which has seen the show at its most successful yet. Ken wears many hats at times and this includes his involvement with the Community Safety & Crime Prevention Committee, Safer WA, LEMAC, Tourism & Sports committees in Waroona. Mention must also be made of Ken's dedication to football and basketball both locally and for the Peel region and his involvement in many different aspects of these sports. In 2007 Ken was awarded Honorary Life Membership of the Peel Football League for continued service to Football in the Peel Region

Ken has received a number of other awards in the past for services rendered.

*1989: Sole Life Member Murray Districts Football League*

*1990: Life Member Waroona Amateur Basketball Association*

*1997-1998: Finalist Arthur Mc Robbie Award (WA Country Basket ball)*

*1988: Waroona Shire Centennial Award*

*1974: Letter of Recommendation from Police Commissioner for services rendered (Bank Robbery)*

*1975 – 1986: Promotion Award from WA Federation of Rural Youth*

*2007 Honorary Life Member Peel Football League*

Acknowledgement must also be given to Ken's dedication to aged care services in Waroona. Ken displays an outstanding loyalty and commitment to Quambie Park and to the families both during working hours and outside working hours and is always ready to wear his aged care hat to facilitate opportunities and better services for the community. He has played no small part in the recent announcement that a dementia wing is to be added to the Quambie Park complex and to the improved security and safety of residents at the complex.

Ken is highly regarded in the Waroona Community for his loyalty, reliability, honesty and dedication to all that he does.

## **PREMIER'S AUSTRALIA DAY ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP AWARD for a**

### **Community Group or Event**

#### **Event Assist Inc**

This group introduced the Classic Car Events to Waroona in October 2006 and since then has produced 5 of these events in the town. These events attract many visitors to Waroona each year and bring an estimated \$500,000 of new expenditure annually to the town. The events also provide an opportunity for many local community groups, craftspeople and businesses to showcase and sell their produce.

These now Iconic events have put Waroona firmly on the map as the Classic Car Capital of Western Australia and are now the largest events of their kind in the State. Through these events, Waroona is now well known as an extremely good venue for future events of this kind and as a great place to visit.

The group also runs event management workshops in the Peel Region which have been of benefit to those who attend. The members of Event Assist Inc.

are a strong volunteer team who work full time to produce these events and run their event management workshops. They have shown dedication and innovation and have contributed significantly to the town and the Shire from an economic, social and tourism perspective.

## **Premier's Australia Day Active Citizenship Awards, Certificate of Appreciation**

### **Lake Clifton Herron Progress and Sporting Association**

The Lake Clifton Progress & Sporting Association began as a group of community minded residents in 1986 and became incorporated in 1988. They initially met with the local Fire Brigade but community issues quickly provided the Association with its own focus. The Association continues to meet monthly including its affiliated groups such as Playgroup and the Lake Clifton Landcare group. The primary purpose of the organization is to provide facilities for the local community. The Association is dedicated to helping to develop a cohesive community with a developed sense of identity and purpose and providing an environment which promotes growth, self-worth and social development.

Some of the fine achievements of the Lake Clifton Herron Progress and Sporting Association include:

- The building of the new Lake Clifton / Herron Community Hall
- Community activities such as an annual Christmas party for children, Australia Day breakfast, quiz nights, tennis group, patchwork group, first aid courses and exercise classes
- Newsletter publication & distribution
- Support for environmental issues

They have applied for and received funding for various projects and have plans for future projects

Their most recent achievement was the organisation of an Art & Craft Exhibition which was very successful.

This proactive group of volunteers continues to provide a very valuable resource for their community.

### **Preston Beach Progress Association**

The Preston Beach Progress Association first opened in around 1990 / 91.

Members of the Preston Beach Progress Association are very proactive and have worked hard over the years to provide many resources, events and activities for the Preston Beach Community. These include but are not limited to;

- Building of Community Hall
- Hall and Grounds Maintenance
- Neighbourhood Watch
- Newsletter production
- Carols by Candlelight
- Octoberfest - WA Week Festival

- Melbourne Cup Luncheons
- Beach and Playground busy bees
- Roadside Cleanups
- 4WD Clinics
- Dune Rehabilitation

They have applied for and received funding for various projects and they also provide resources and support for the Telecentre Access Point (TAP)  
In 2007 the hardworking committee organised the Preston Beach Jubilee and the building of the rotunda.

The Preston Beach Progress Association is made up purely of volunteers who are an important and valuable resource for the Preston Beach Community.

### **SHIRE OF WAROONA MERITORIOUS COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS**

These awards acknowledge the voluntary contributions made by local people for the benefit of our community.

#### **Recipients:**

#### **Robyn Sutton**

Robyn has been involved and worked tirelessly for Junior Football for over 20 years including roles of secretary for 10 years and canteen manager. She has now been canteen manager for 15 years even though she no longer has children playing football.

Robyn organises and coordinates the windups for Junior and Youth sections and coordinates rosters, food and menus for the 3 major fundraising days for the club (Waroona Show and car days)

Robyn has been involved with the Waroona Agricultural Society for 4 decades and is currently Chief Steward in the Cooking section.

Her other community roles include being a volunteer for Meals on Wheels (20 years)

Secretary & Canteen Manager Waroona Stock Car Club and committee member of the Waroona Junior Basketball Club (+5 years)

Robyn has also received the following awards in the past for services rendered

- Awarded life Member Waroona Junior Football Club in 2002
- Life Member Murray & Southern Districts Netball Assoc.
- Service Award Meals on Wheels

Robyn is a highly respected member of the community and sets a fine example to others in her volunteer commitment to community life in Waroona.

#### **Neil Birch:**

Neil Birch was born in Waroona and has lived in the town all of his life, working in and then taking over the family transport business with his brother Gary.

Neil joined the Waroona Volunteer Fire Brigade in October 1965 and has given 41 ½ years of continuous service to the organisation. He has been a

good dedicated member, fighting fires comes first and his personal life comes second when there is a fire emergency and he is always there to help.

In that time he has received the following recognition;

- Awarded FESA medal for 40 years service
- Also Awarded Fire Service National Medal, Meritorious Service Medal and 2 Bars
- Life Member Waroona Fire Service (2004)
- Pin for services to Rally Australia over 5 years

Neil is also a member of the Waroona Agricultural Society and gives freely of his time assisting around the grounds before, after and during show day.

He was an avid supporter of Junior Football for more than 8 years serving on the committee, assisting with goal umpiring and with transport for players.

Neil is a quiet achiever who has given much to the Waroona community through his volunteer efforts and willingness to be involved in the community.

### **Mr & Mrs James and Yvonne Hill-Warner:**

Jim and Yvonne were nominated for this award together. It is very difficult to separate them because everything they do, they do as a team.

In the time they have lived in Waroona they have been very proactive and displayed many instances of active citizenship and enhancement of the Waroona community. Some these include but are not limited to:

- Waroona Visitor Centre Volunteers for many years serving on the committee and working in the centre and at community events for 15 years.
- They organised a monthly bus to Mandurah from Waroona for a number of years. And have been very supportive and proactive encouraging others to take advantage of the fortnightly bus to Mandurah.
- Jim and Yvonne have also been involved in the Waroona Swimming Pool Committee, and continue to be actively involved in the Waroona Community Newsletter, Waroona Social Club and Waroona Senior Citizens
- Yvonne acts as mentor for Harvey Seniors who come to the Waroona Pool for weekly water therapy helping with their exercise program.
- They have always been keen to help out with community activities such as busy bees, raffles, shows and fairs, Australia Day activities, Anzac Day services, tree planting, gardening and are willing to help wherever they can.

Jim and Yvonne actively attend community meetings and are not shy to speak up on behalf of the wider population. In general they are lively and willing participants in anything that they can do to help with the betterment of Waroona.

## **Nola Turner**

Nola has been a volunteer in various organisations in Waroona over many years.

Over this time, her voluntary contributions have included;

- Treasurer -Waroona Red Cross
- Organist - Catholic Church
- Secretary – Local Catholic Church
- Treasurer – Nulsen Haven Assoc. and made layettes for new mums
- She has made Trauma teddies for Red Cross and has taught Art and Craft at the Learning Centre
- Volunteer at Waroona District High School
- Volunteer at Pam Corker House

Nola's current volunteer work includes contributions of hand made articles for underprivileged new mothers to KEMH, PMH, Bunbury Hospital, Peel Health Campus and Fremantle Hospital.

She sends "Love In a Shoe Box" packs to Children overseas and participates in the UTHANDO project making dolls and accessories for children of parents with AIDS in Africa

Nola supports World Vision through donations of hand made items (5 years) and encourages other people to donate to countries such as Mongolia, Armenia and Africa

Nola continues to contribute to make a difference in the lives of others less fortunate.

*Sea to Scarp Summer Event  
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