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# Shire President's Message

It was a pleasure to host the Emergency Services Minister, Mr Fran Logan and the Fire and Emergency services Commissioner, Mr Darren Klemm to the official opening of the Waroona West Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade Facility on the 30th of October. Local member Robyn Clarke was joined by Shire and DFES staff and Brigade volunteers and families. This community asset is a culmination of many years of planning and patience. Congratulations to Mr Brad Lewis on being presented with his 25 year service medal for the brigade from the Commissioner. Captain Greg Lewis can be very proud of his many years of service to the brigade and almost single handedly keeping the

brigade operating in the Shire. This facility will be the base for the fire unit that Greg has been gracious enough to house for over 30 years. After the official ceremony the brigade presented Mick and Helen Muir with a thank you plaque which will be displayed in the facility recognising their generous donation of the land on which the facility sits. Well done to everyone involved in this project.

It's certainly been a nice soft end to spring and judging by the abundance of hay and healthy livestock around our Shire most farmers would be pleased by how our season has turned out. Cattle prices are at levels that have perhaps not been experienced before and will hopefully remain for an extended period as hopefully a return to good returns to producers will help agriculture remain vibrant and worthwhile for those who farm.

The recent Troutfest was another well organised and successful day. Our very capable community development team and our great Works crew at the Shire had everything in fantastic order and it was heart-warming to hear all the positivity and watch the little ones engage in the restocking of trout in the weir. Recfishwest has intimated that they will potentially be stocking the Drakesbrook Weir with other native species so fishing can be enjoyed year round as there are periods during the year that the Trout are a hard to catch. This only reinforces our plans to enhance this area for further recreation.

Drakesbrook Wines recently hosted the Peel Chamber of Commerce for a sundowner to showcase our Shire and Bernie and Trish Worthington's winery. The evening was well attended with over a hundred guest from all over the Peel area. The CEO and myself gave an overview on some of the projects that Council currently has planned and what we see as some of the opportunities that we can capitalise on into the future. Thanks to Andrew McKerrell and our fantastic community development team for organising a great evening.

Our Director of Planning and Economic

Development Mr Leonard Long has recently accepted a position as CEO at the Shire of Nungarin. Leonard has been a valuable member of our staff and while we are sad to see Leonard leave our senior staff, we wish him every success in his first appointment as a CEO. He leaves behind a legacy of project management and oversight on the Preston Beach Community Centre, master plans for the Drakesbrook Weir visitor area upgrade and the Town Centre Revitalisation Strategy and his last project, the Waroona West Fire Brigade Facility. Our thanks go to Leonard for his service to our Shire.

In the coming weeks Rangers will commence inspections on landowners responsibilities for the upcoming fire season. We all should know what measures we need to undertake to be compliant and if you are in any doubt, please don't hesitate to contact the Shire staff for direction on what needs to happen if you are in control of any property. We all must do our part to protect ourselves and our neighbours during summer.

## **NEW CITIZENS**



Lance Ford with Shire President Mike Walmsley and Robyn Clarke MLA - Member for Murray-Wellington



Shaun Peters and Kimberlev Rhodes with Shire President Mike Walmsley and Robyn Clarke MLA - Member for Murray-Wellington

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Summary of Burning Information

### **Current Burning Times**

| Period                   | Starts     | Finishes    | Permits              |
|--------------------------|------------|-------------|----------------------|
| <b>Restricted Period</b> | 1 October  | 30 November | Permits Required     |
| <b>Prohibited Period</b> | 1 December | 31 March    | No Burning Permitted |
| <b>Restricted Period</b> | 1 April    | 31 May      | Permits Required     |

Subject to seasonal changes - check Burning Periods Notice for changes.

Prohibited and Restricted burning periods are declared by the Authority under section 17 and 18 respectively of the Bush Fires Act 1954. To obtain further information read the Shire's Firebreak Notice, contact your local Fire Control Officer or contact the Shire Office on 97337800.

### **Fire Bans**

Total fire bans are declared because of extreme weather conditions or when widespread fires are seriously stretching resources. When a total fire ban is declared it is illegal to do anything that is likely to start a fire.

Department Emergency Fire Services Total Fire Information on Total Fire Bans Phone: 1800 709 355 https://www.dfes.wa.gov. Website: au/totalfirebans/#what-is-tfb

Register your mobile for SMS Messages The Shire of Waroona has implemented a SMS Notification Service for Total Fire Ban & Harvest & Vehicle Movement Bans, as well as information relating to restricted/prohibited burning periods.

For full details, Terms and Conditions please see website or contact the office on the details https://www.waroona.wa.gov.au/services/ emergency-services/fire-control-information.aspx

To subscribe for this service please email your details to eso@waroona.wa.gov. au or phone the Shire Office on 9733 7800

If you have any further enquires please do not hesitate to contact the Shire of Waroona office during normal business hours on 9733 7800

> Report All Fires: Phone 000 emergency.wa.gov.au

# **Next Council Meeting**

Next council meeting will be **Tuesday 24th of November** at 4pm at the Waroona **Council Chambers** 

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# SHIRE OF WAROONA NOTICE OF MEETINGS 2021

The Council of the Shire of Waroona will hold its Ordinary Council meetings on the following dates during 2021:

Council

Preston

Council

Council

Council

Council

Council

Council

Community

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Community

Chambers

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Chambers

Clifton

Centre

attend.

Beach

Centre

No Meeting to be held January February Tuesday 23 February 2021 Tuesday 23 March 2021 March April Tuesday 27 April 2021 May Tuesday 25 May 2021 June Tuesday 22 June 2021 July Tuesday 27 July 2021 Tuesday 24 August 2021 August September Tuesday 28 September 2021 Tuesday 26 October 2021 October

4.00pm. Members of the public

November Tuesday 23 November 2021 Council Chambers December Tuesday 14 December 2021 Council Chambers held Council Meetings will the Shire be Waroona Street. Chambers, rear of 52 Hesse Waroona commencing

DEAN UNSWORTH

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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TO

Thank a Volunteer Day
Breakfast

Saturday 5th December 2020
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Waroona Football Club
8 am
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https://shireofwaroonathankavolunteerbreakfast2020.eventbrite.com.au

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