

President's Report



Through the current school holidays, our capable community development team have embraced Youth Week in collaboration with the Recreation Centre and are organising a range of free youth activities. There will be a range of different events and workshops to attend for our children from the ages of ten and up with I'm sure there will be something for everyone in the programmes that have been

organised. Please refer to our shire website for more information and the activity schedule for Youth Week.

As the road programme and reconstruction begins to draw to a close, the crew have relocated out to Coronation Road to work on straightening out one of the bends. Roads that have had some attention this year have included Nanga Brook Rd to the Far North East of the Shire to Johnston Rd to the west. Maintaining and rebuilding roads forms a significant part of the Council budget and remains a very important function of Local Government. There has been a significant increase associated with the costs of road construction and this has been matched with strong advocacy for

increases in road funding from State and Federal sources.

Continuing the tradition of Anzac Day this year, our Council with the support of some community groups will be organising the Dawn Service at 6:15am and the traditional March starting at 10:45am from the Memorial Hall leading to the Service at 11am at the Waroona War Memorial. A Gunfire Breakfast will be provided by the Lions Club in the Memorial Hall after the Dawn Service and the Bowling Club will host a function at midday after the 11am service. I encourage all who can to attend this national day of respect and reflection.

This year is an election year for Local Government. If you have a passion

for your community and would like to step up to take on a role of a Local Government Councillor, there will be information coming out in the next few months on what the requirements are and what the responsibilities are.

A good way to see first hand what a Councillor's role involves is to attend a Council meeting. Local Government is very diverse and can lead to areas that can be challenging but also rewarding. If you have an inclination to nominate and would like more information, please reach out to other Councillors or Staff for some guidance.

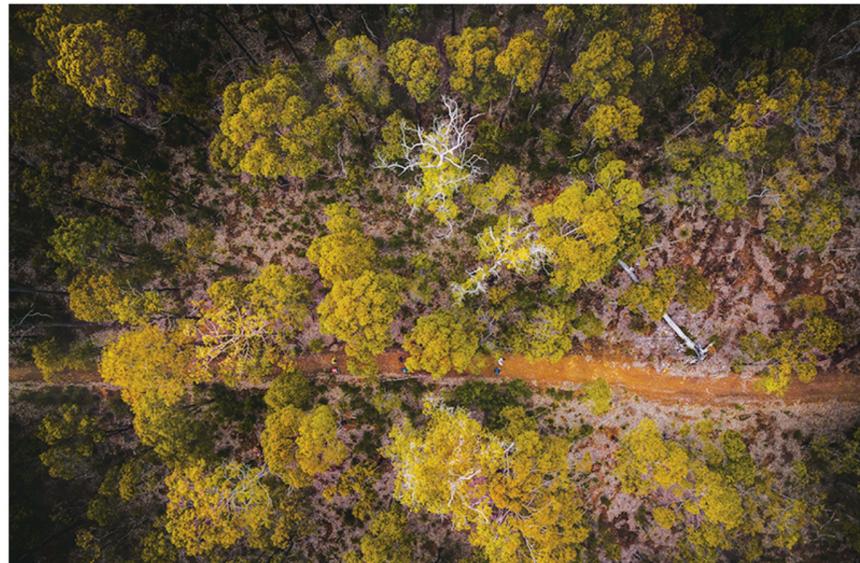
– Cr Mike Walmsley, Shire President

Latest News & Updates

Update on Rio Tinto's plans to explore and mine in the southwest of Western Australia

The Shire of Waroona has received correspondence in response to a request for Ministerial intervention to terminate applications for exploration licenses made by Rio Tinto. However, the Minister's intervention is believed not to be appropriate at this time. The Minister did note however, that should Rio Tinto identify a resource that it wishes to mine, it will need to mark-out and lodge an application for a mining lease(s). A mining lease application can be objected to in the same way that objections may be lodged to an exploration license application.

To reiterate the Shire's and community's concerns, an exploration license could allow Rio Tinto to conduct exploration activities, with access to the only Northern Jarrah Forest in existence and Waroona's water catchment locations.



Exploration activities can include constructing many kilometers of access roads through the forest, clearing significantly sized areas of the forest to set up of

exploration camps, drilling for and extracting water from the catchment, as well as extracting 1000m3 of material without a mining permit being needed.

To conserve the forest's biodiversity and the region's water catchments, the Shire of Waroona is asking the regulatory bodies involved to either terminate the exploration

applications or restrict the types of exploration locations and activities allowed. The Northern Jarrah Forest is a biodiversity hotspot which rivals the world's tropical rainforests and is home to all three species of Black Cockatoos and other rare flora and fauna.

It should also be noted that if lithium and/or nickel mining were to occur in the Northern Jarrah Forest, it could potentially result in several mine pits up to 2km across and at a depth well below the level required for bauxite. The lithium mine at Greenbushes WA is an example of this type of mine. At present in WA, mining companies are not required to backfill mine pits.

The Shire will continue to monitor and inform the community on this matter.

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Anzac Day Commemorations in Waroona

The community is invited to join all Service and Ex-Service Personnel at ANZAC Day commemorations within the Shire of Waroona.

Commencing at 6.15am on 25 April 2023, a Dawn Service will be held at the Waroona War Memorial, located on the corner of South Western Highway and Parnell Street in Waroona.

The Dawn Service will be followed by a Gunfire Breakfast at the Waroona Memorial Hall. The breakfast will be prepared

and cooked by the Waroona Lions and is offered free-of-charge to all residents who wish to enjoy camaraderie with the Veteran community.

At 10.45am, the ANZAC Day Parade commences from the Waroona Memorial Hall to the Waroona War Memorial. The Service March is open to all Service and Ex-Service Personnel and will be accompanied by the WA 10th Light Horse Organisation (Harvey Troop). Traffic on South Western Highway will be closed



from 10.30am to 12pm to allow the commemorations to proceed with respect and safety. Once assembled at the Waroona

War Memorial, the ANZAC Day Service will commence from approximately 11am. The Shire of Waroona ANZAC

Day commemorations have been supported by RSLWA and made possible through funding by Lotterywest.

Upcoming Events



Youth Week 2023: Mid-week Mindfulness

Date: Wednesday 19 April
Time: 4 – 6pm
Location: Waroona Centennial Park
Description: Enjoy an afternoon of mindfulness in the park. Come and try out yoga and meditation with a qualified instructor and enjoy some art

activities including Aboriginal art with local young artists. Suitable for ages 10 and above, with light food and refreshments provided.

Youth Week 2023: Disco Party

Date: Friday 21 April
Time: 6 – 8.30pm
Location: Waroona Recreation and Aquatic Centre
Description: Get your boogie on, dress in your best Fluro wear and join us for a fun-filled disco party! Sausage sizzle, lolly packs, popcorn and refreshments provided by Waroona Leos. Suitable for ages 10 and above.

ANZAC Day 2023

Date: Tuesday 25 April 2023
6:15am: Dawn Service at the Waroona War Memorial, followed by a Gunfire Breakfast at the Waroona Memorial Hall
10:45am: ANZAC Parade from the Waroona Memorial Hall at the Waroona War Memorial
11:00am: ANZAC Day Service at the Waroona War Memorial

April Council Meeting

Date: Wednesday 26 April 2023
Time: 4pm onwards
Location: Shire of Waroona Administration Office – Council Chamber

For more details on any of our events, please visit www.waroona.wa.gov.au/events or call 9733 7800.

Public Notices

Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015

Adoption of Local Planning Policy 14 – Workforce Accommodation & 15 – Social Impact Assessment

On 28 March 2023, Council resolved to adopt two local planning policies. The purpose of these are to:

- Identify appropriate locations and set design standards for workforce accommodation; and
- Ensure that major projects contribute to economic growth and benefit the community.

These policies are available for inspection at the Shire of Waroona Administration Office, 52 Hesse Street, Waroona. Alternatively, they can be viewed online at www.waroona.wa.gov.au by following the following links: Community→Community Engagement→Current Consultation.

For any enquiries, please contact Craig Zanotti on 9733 7800.

Local Government Act 1995 Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007 Shire of Waroona Proposed Pest Plant Local Law 2023

The Shire of Waroona proposes to make a local law relating to pest plant related matters.

The **purpose** of this Local Law is to allow Council to determine pest plants by absolute majority, provide a framework for effective pest plant control, and a means to enforce removal of pest plants from Shire and private land.

The **effect** of the proposed Shire of Waroona Pest Plant Local Law 2023 is that owners and occupiers of land within the district are to comply with the provisions of this local law.

A copy of the proposed local law may be inspected at or obtained from the Shire's office at 52 Hesse Street, Waroona, between 8.30am and 4.00pm Monday to Friday. A copy is also on the Shire's website www.waroona.wa.gov.au.

Submissions about the proposed local law may be made to the Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Waroona, PO Box 20, Waroona WA 6215 by 4pm Friday, 2 June 2023.

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