

President's Report



The Shire's Works Crew have completed the roads projects for this year's budget. Improvements to drainage and sight lines are always welcomed as they help maintain the integrity of the road and keep the condition of the road in good order for as long as possible until they are designated for reconstruction. The opportunity will now commence to tidy up a few jobs around the Shire and some improvements to the parking at

the Cemetery. Council is appreciative of Brad Oborn's commitment to maintaining and renewing our infrastructure and the Works Crew for a solid effort over the summer months.

The Shire supported a master plan of the Waroona Dam area and surrounds in partnership with the Peel Development Commission and the Department of Biosecurity, Conservation and Attractions over the last year. The intention was to find a path to reinvigorate the camping areas and ensure the area is managed responsibly. As part of this process, an expression of interest from commercial entities to submit proposals to supply these services has been publicly advertised. In the coming months we will hopefully find

out if there is an appetite from a tourism operator to provide and maintain a camping facility. Hopefully this public expression from the DBCA will lead to a return to formalised camping at the dam and managed facilities.

The Perth to Bunbury Faster Rail Service Project is currently seeking public input into what the future travel behaviours will likely be and the appetite for this project. The Public Transport Authority are conducting this study and it will be through letter drops and online platforms. This would be a great asset for the region but will need significant public support and demand to see this develop into a viable consideration. I would encourage anyone with an interest in knowing more about this project to

seek out the survey and have some input.

It was very humbling to see the turnout at the Anzac Services held recently. The weather didn't seem to dampen anyone's determination to attend as both Services in Waroona were well attended. This was Council's first attempt at organising the day and I would like to congratulate everyone who had a part in helping our community show our respect for those who served and to acknowledge the former RSL committees and members who without fail for many years organised the Service and dedicated countless hours of support to our Veterans.

-Cr Mike Walmsley, Shire President

Upcoming Events

A free forum for people from culturally and linguistically diverse (CaLD) backgrounds considering standing for local council.

Date: Wednesday 7 June 2023

Time: 6pm – 8pm (registration from 5.30pm)

Location: The Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries – 246 Vincent Street, Leederville

Description: The Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSC) Local Government Division and Office of Multicultural Interests (OMI) will be hosting a free forum for potential candidates from CaLD backgrounds to learn about the role and responsibilities of a local government councillor and how to become a candidate.

Registration is required and places are limited. To register please email events@omi.wa.gov.au by 31 May 2023.

Upcoming Council Meetings

Date	Time	Location
Tuesday 23 May 2023	Tuesday 26 September 2023	Time: 4pm onwards
Tuesday 27 June 2023	Tuesday 24 October 2023	Location: Shire of Waroona Administration Office – Council Chamber
Tuesday 25 July 2023	Tuesday 28 November 2023 (Lake Clifton)	(Except for November, where the meeting will be held at Lake Clifton Community Centre)
Tuesday 15 August 2023	Tuesday 19 December 2023	

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

Local Government Notices

Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1960 Bush Fires Act 1954

Notice is hereby given that the Shire of Waroona has appointed John Kowal, holding the position of Manager Ranger and Community Safety (Shire of Murray) as:

- **Bush Fire Control Officer** under section 38 the *Bush Fires Act 1954* for the purpose of performing functions exercisable by a Bush Fire Control Officer; and
- **Ranger and Poundkeeper** under section 449 of the *Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1960* for the purpose of performing functions exercisable by a Ranger and Poundkeeper.

These appointments are effective from 22 March 2023 and remain current until either withdrawn in writing or at the time that John Kowal no longer holds the position of Manager Ranger & Community Safety (Shire of Murray).

In accordance with section 450 of the *Bush Fires Act 1954*, notice is hereby given that Robert Marlborough, no longer holding position of Manager Governance (Shire of Murray), has been removed as a **Ranger and Poundkeeper** under section 449 of the *Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1960*.

All previous appointments remain in effect. Please note that the Shire of Waroona and the Shire of Murray have a current contract in place for the provision of Ranger Services.

MARK GOODLET
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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Latest News & Updates



Waroona's Community Precinct: Parks Art n Culture Projects

Earthworks have commenced and work started on the Waroona Community Precinct – Park Project.

The Waroona Community Precinct (WCP) is a key tenet of the revitalisation of the Waroona Town Centre. The WCP will be located in a central area linking Southwestern Highway and Fouracre Street, Waroona.

It will provide passive and active recreation and event spaces for the local community and visitors. Included in the WCP will be a skate park, pump track, playgrounds, visitor amenities and pathways linking all areas including the existing Irrigation House and Big Shed.

In response to a "Waroona Community Park – Art Strategy & Plan", is being developed. The "Waroona Community Park – Art Strategy & Plan", is intended to provide guidance and direction to the Artisans, community groups and other participants implementing the art & culture priority projects for the Waroona Community Precinct project.

The project concepts have been developed by the WCP work group and included in the "Waroona Community Working Groups Final Report – Conceptual planning for Art, Culture, and Heritage Projects". The key themes are outlined below. This strategy and plan will provide a formal framework for those concepts to be developed into installations in the WCP space.

PUBLIC ART N CULTURE THEMES:

Water

- *Working Group* - considered water be the central theme.
- Connects all other stories, art works and heritage interpretation.
- Central pathway and arterial paths could depict water flow.
- Connects people through time, place, activity and industry.
- Water sustains life: nature, humans and livestock.
- Our waterways are valued by the Waroona community.
- Water supports abundant bird and animal life in our region.
- Aboriginal stories show connection with local waterways over time.

Nature

- Natural environment of Waroona is a popular drawcard for residents and visitors.
- Diversity of wildlife and birdlife is to be celebrated and shared. Some species are iconic in Waroona.
- Industry, farming and protection of the natural environment can co-exist when well-managed.
- Diverse and abundant natural environment including forest, bushland, farmland, waterways, lakes, estuary and coastline.

Lifestyles are based around the local environment & nature-based recreational activities.

Local Historical Activities

- Historical uses of the site - contributed to the social and economic fabric of the Waroona community.
- Buildings and spaces have changed over time to meet the needs of the community.
- Waroona remains an industrious town with many types of businesses and services.
- Stories of the people who have used and lived in this place must be preserved and shared.
- A strong sense of community endures in Waroona.

The Art Strategy has been drafted and going through the approvals process. Once this is complete, The Shires Community Development team will liaise with community groups to seek expressions of interest in the design and installation of the Public Art projects.

THE ROLE OF PUBLIC ART:

Public art plays an integral and important role in the cultural life of places, providing social, economic and environmental benefits. By responding to the history, character and cultural identity of the place, public art can enhance the community's and visitors' experience using and moving through a place. Permanent or ephemeral public artworks can increase enjoyment of a place, attract tourists and thereby providing economic advantage to a place, whilst fostering creativity and innovation. By using public art to celebrate the community's history and culture, business development and employment opportunities are also created. Which can have flow on benefits to the local and wider community. In addition to providing a visual celebration of a connected community.

Preston Beach Foreshore Access Improvements

Options Investigation into Preston Beach Foreshore Access Improvements.

Robyn Clarke, MLA, has secured \$100,000 to assist in the development of improved, inclusive beach access at Preston Beach.

Improved access is for non-vehicular users, being people of all abilities walking to, or viewing Preston beach. The aim is for inclusive participation of all ages and abilities, in support of the Shire's Access & Inclusion Plan and the State Government's commitment to Preston Beach improvements. Both residents and visitors to Preston Beach are expected to benefit.

The aim of the project is to provide:

- All abilities access
- Ocean views
- Space to stand and sit
- Easy walk from the beach carpark

A group of interested Preston Beach residents has worked with the Shire of Waroona by meeting on site to explore the options available to meet the proposed outcomes of the project.

Initial assessment has been carried out on achieving these outcomes with the following options on the table:

- Option 1. Roll-out access mat
- Option 2. Improved all abilities access to facilities at the carpark.
- Option 3. Viewing Platforms
 - Option 3A. Boardwalk and viewing platform at beach
 - Option 3B. Mitchell Road viewing platform
 - Option 3C. Viewing platform at car park grassed area
 - Option 3D. Viewing platform above toilet
 - Option 3E. Viewing platform on northern dunes
 - Option 3F. Viewing platform on southern dunes
 - Option 3G. Viewing platform adjacent to car park grassed area

You are welcome to provide your feedback through the following link by 4.00pm Monday 5 June 2023.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WSM3FLF>

Feedback will go to local member Robyn Clarke MLA and to the Council for consideration. Council's deliberations will factor public preference, risks and ongoing costs to manage and maintain.

Environmental, coastal risk, heritage, native title and overall cost assessments will then be undertaken for the project to determine whether any fatal flaws exist in the options before a final decision is made.

Thank you for your feedback!

Shire of Waroona Waste Operations – Review 2023

The Shire of Waroona is reviewing the waste operations services in our district. This uncovered several key issues - at present:

1. Rural Landowners get 25 tip passes (as they don't get kerbside collection) – but contribute NIL to the provision of waste services, such as the Buller Road waste facility and public bins. As they current do not pay the \$228pa* waste operations levy or any other waste fee for the use of the waste facility.
2. Residential Landowners who do get kerbside collection get 6 tip passes –

and contribute to the provision of waste services such as the Buller Road waste facility and public bins by being charged the levy (\$146* & \$228**=\$374pa*).

3. Only the *residential landowners* are paying for the running of the Buller Road waste facility, and the funding shortfall is taken from general revenue, diverting funds from other infrastructure and facilities needed by the community.

4. There is some confusion around Buller Road Facility's gate charges and green waste charges.

5. The State Government of WA has regulated in the Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Act 2007 Section 66 a requirement for local governments to "... impose on rateable land within its district, and cause to be collected, an annual rate for the purpose of providing for the proper performance of all or any of the waste services it provides."

SIMPLER & FAIRER

To resolve these issues the Shire of Waroona is implementing several changes starting in the 23/24:

1. Rural Landowners will now get 24 tip passes (*rural tip pass*) as they don't get kerbside collection and they will also contribute \$228pa** waste operations levy to the provision of waste services, such as the Buller Road waste facility and public bins.
2. Landowners who do get kerbside collection will now get 12 tip passes to allow for green waste as well and continue to pay for their collection \$146pa* & the waste operations levy \$228** = \$374pa**.
3. This means ALL landowners with rateable properties will pay the \$228pa* waste operations levy per Rates Assessment for the running of the Buller Road Waste Facility, and its transition to a waste transfer and recycling station - meeting the State's Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Act 2007 requirements.
4. 1 gate pass will be needed- per 1 cubic metre of rubbish or green waste – if you do not have a PASS, gate charges will apply! Additional *rural tip passes* (24) will be on sale at a discounted price of \$300** currently valued at \$571**.

