

Shire President's Message



June and July continue to be wet months and have brought some challenging times to our drainage systems recently. Some of the rain fall events we have experienced have caused damage to property and some of our road networks. While we all celebrate good rainfall, take care when driving during and after these events as flooding in certain spots on our roads can be hazardous.

PRESTON BEACH COMMUNITY CENTRE

Members of the Preston Beach Progress Association, our local member of Parliament, Robyn Clarke, the CEO and I were at an afternoon tea at the Preston

Beach Community Centre recently to celebrate the handover of funding from Lotteries West towards the construction of the new Community Centre. It was an enjoyable afternoon and council has now gone to tender on the committee's approved plans with construction to start in the new few months. Congratulations to all who have been involved in driving this project and we all look forward to seeing a much improved facility for our residents in the future.

VISITOR CENTRE FUNDRAISING

Tracy Goldsworthy and her supportive team of helpers from the Waroona Visitor's Centre held a morning tea recently to handover a very much appreciated donation to our special St John's Ambulance volunteers. Our wonderfully creative people who support our Visitor's Centre, have helped raise over \$11,000 since 2014 through their fundraising efforts in our community and have donated to groups such as the

Community Car, The Leo's and now St John Ambulance, Waroona. Mike Rice was very appreciative on accepting the donation and told the gathering the money would go towards purchasing iPads for the St John volunteers. These devices will help them record incidents and be a source of information while they respond to callouts. Any support these great people of our community get is always worthwhile and well directed.

EMERGENCY SERVICES DINNER

We enjoyed a very large and enjoyable meal at the Waroona Bowling Club for our Annual Emergency Services Dinner. I was privileged to get to spend the evening in the company of our Shire's special volunteers. We had a broad representation from our emergency services with our St John and our 4 Fire Brigades in attendance. Our Police unfortunately could not make the evening sadly due to work commitments but sent through a statement outlining

what they have been up to and thanking our volunteers. With that, all our groups outlined their recent activities and actions. We were delighted to award three National Medals out on the night and we all congratulated Owen Doye, Mark Denning and Gareth Davies on achieving over 15 years of outstanding service in firefighting.

WAROONA FIRE & EMERGENCY DINNER

At the Annual Waroona Fire and Emergency Services Dinner in June at the Golf Club, I was humbled to present a 50 Year Service Medal to Mr Neil Birch. What a fantastic achievement as a volunteer, but what a fortunate community we have to see someone give that amount of time to helping others. Various other medals were given out that night and I can only say Thank you to all who serve us so well and help protect us in times of emergency.

EMERGENCY SERVICES DINNER

Last month, the Shire held the annual Emergency Services Dinner to recognise and acknowledge the valued efforts of local volunteer emergency services and police. Shire Councillors and staff joined about 60 members and families representing Waroona Volunteer Fire & Emergency Service, Waroona West Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade, Lake Clifton Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade, Preston Beach Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade, Waroona St John Volunteer Ambulance, Preston Beach Volunteer Rangers and Waroona Police. Shire President Cr Mike Walmsley thanked all emergency service members and their families for the continuous effort and support they contribute to the community. A big thank you to the Waroona Bowling & Social Club for providing and setting up the venue, and catering an enjoyable sit down meal.



DOUBLE TROUBLE BIRTHDAY

In 2016 St Joseph's Primary School Registrar, Mrs Lyn "Detective" Della, was looking for a new home for the life size fibreglass cow the children had decorated for the Picasso Cows Project.

Lyn thought the Waroona Visitor Centre would be perfect and manager Tracy Goldsworthy jumped at the opportunity to provide a place for the cow to see out her days.

Repainted and named, Mooriel Olga Beauvine, she has become one of Waroona's best known characters with changes of outfits, photo shoots, slide shows on Facebook (Yarn Bomb Waroona), selfies with visitors and locals, and her own Instagram account @waroonacow.

As it happens Mooriel will celebrate her "birth" day on the 18th of July and this just happens to be Lyn Della's birthday also.

If you would like to get a pic with Mooriel while she's in her birthday suit, birthday accessories will be available at the Visitor Centre each day between 9:30am-3:30pm.



PRESTON BEACH PLANTING DAY

The Shire, in partnership with the Preston Beach Progress Association, were again successful in securing funding from the Western Australian Planning Commission's Coastwest program for the Preston Beach Dune Restoration Project.

The funding supported dune brushing and planting activities that assist in preventing 4WD access to the established foredunes, stabilising dune blowouts and reducing the impacts of erosion. Stockpiled native green waste was again re-used as brushing to rehabilitate eroded dunes both north and south of the carpark.

The annual planting day was held on the 13th June, with the year 7 and 8 Bush Rangers from Waroona District High School attending. The students were successful in planting 500 seedlings in the dunes north of the Preston Beach carpark and the dunes west of the northern beach access track. The day finished with a sausage sizzle and a visit from the emergency volunteer fire fighters and the local police. Fortunately, all arrested students were released back into the care of their teachers.

Since 2011, the success of the project has been attributed to the participation of key local community members and external funding. Therefore, the Shire would like to thank the officers at the Department of Planning for their assistance with the Coastwest grant, as well as the Preston Beach Progress Association, Preston Beach Volunteer Rangers and the Waroona District High School for their ongoing support and participation in this fun and environmentally sensitive project.



WINDOW IMAGES

Last week 3 vinyl images were installed on the windows at the front of the Shire administration office.

These window installations are trials for a potential project to beautify the empty shop front windows throughout town, and promote the unique attractions of the shire.



Next Council Meeting

Next Council Meeting will be 24 July 2018 at 4pm at the Shire of Waroona Council Chambers behind the administration office

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INTERAGENCY

On the 13th of June, Brad Vitale held the bimonthly Waroona Interagency Group meeting at the Waroona Community Resource Centre. There was a great attendance of 29 members, representing a variety of government agencies, community organisations and health service providers, who provided an insight into their roles and organisations. Paul Higginbotham, CEO of Earbus Foundation of WA delivered a presentation about the organisation and the work they will be bringing to the southwest region. Following the presentations, the group took the opportunity to network and access support to work towards the common goals of delivering community services and addressing issues around community safety and wellbeing. Waroona Interagency Group now boasts a database over 70 representatives from over 50 stakeholders including local governments, government agencies, health service providers and community organisations. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, the 14th August at the Waroona Community Resource Centre.

NAIDOC AT ST JOSEPHS PRIMARY SCHOOL

On the last day of school, St Joseph's Primary School held an activity day in recognition of NAIDOC Week. The Shire was able to support this by providing resources for arts and crafts activities, as well as enlisting local Aboriginal dance group Bindjareb Middars to perform. A big thank you to all involved and especially to the local Aboriginal community who continue to be so open with sharing their rich culture.

There will be events held in recognition of NAIDOC Week at Waroona District High School next term, and in the community at the Waroona Memorial Hall on the school holidays – see the flyer in this edition of the Sea to Scarp.



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2018 NAIDOC SHOWCASE

THURSDAY 12 JULY 2018
10AM - 3PM
WAROONA MEMORIAL HALL



LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROFESSIONALS – NATIONAL FEDERATION AWARDS

Last week the Shire submitted two nominations to Local Government Professionals WA for consideration in the National Federation Awards. One nomination was submitted in the Partnerships and Collaborations category for the Baldja Program, and the other was submitted in the Emerging Leader of the Year category for Brad's work in the field of community development.

Both nominations have progressed to the Local Government Professionals National Judging Panel for consideration. Fingers crossed there will be positive news to report in the near future.

More on the Awards

The National Federation Awards recognise the achievements of individuals and teams working to advance the profession of local government, and achieve great things for their communities.

The Awards bring together the state-based winners of the LG Professionals federation awards.

The national winners will be announced at the 2018 National Congress & Gala Dinner to be held in Canberra in August.

The Partnerships & Collaborations Award highlights genuine and effective partnerships and collaborations that have resulted in better outcomes for council, as well as initiatives that demonstrate a commitment to working with and/or in the community to achieve positive outcomes. This category recognised excellence in cross-council collaboration, community partnerships and partnerships created to provide or improve services that strengthen and enhance the physical or social infrastructure of a region, including integration with other spheres of government.

The Emerging Leader of the Year Award recognises leadership and management excellence as demonstrated by a local government employee under the age of 35. This category acknowledges a person who has demonstrated an outstanding commitment to their community and whose performance is worthy of special recognition. The Award recognises leadership as evidenced by way of corporate process improvements, a particular project initiative, and innovation in management and leadership practices or demonstrated practicality and resourcefulness.

CANBERRA WARM TREES

Between July 2nd and August 4th the Friends of the National Arboretum in Canberra will warm up hundreds of trees with winter scarves in a yarn bombing event that attracts world-wide attention and a demographic well beyond horticulturalists.

Last year Canberra Warm Trees coordinator Jenny Cantlon read about Waroona Visitor Centre's Heartfelt Project 2016 where colourful mandalas were installed on trees throughout the fire affected areas in the Shires of Waroona and Harvey.

Jenny saw a parallel between the healing and recovery aspects of the Visitor Centre's project and the National Arboretum which was created in part to symbolise the Canberra community's process of healing and recovery from the upheaval and grief of their catastrophic fires of 2001 and 2003.

In 2017 at the end of their July display, Jenny very kindly sent 50 mandalas of differing sizes and colours to Waroona. These have been incorporated into various yarnbombing projects.

To reciprocate we have now sent Warm Trees two beautiful cosies that will go on show from July 2nd. The first is a collage of mandalas representing the Heartfelt Project and Waroona fires. The second is a length of various pieces knitted by Marie Thomas. This pays tribute to Marie who has Alzheimer's and to her family who provide such loving support.



FIRE CLEAN UP PROJECT COMPLETE

Following the 2016 Waroona and Yarloop fire, the Shire of Waroona was granted funding from the Department of Premier and Cabinet which was intended to assist with various activities related to fire recovery. A large proportion of that funding was used in clean up and restoration works to over 50 properties in the Shires of Waroona and Harvey. The project, which commenced in March of this year, involved various contractors being engaged by the Shire of Waroona to carry out works on behalf of the affected landowners, including general clean up works, pushing up of destroyed fences and dead vegetation and restoration of damage caused by firefighting efforts. The last of the work was completed in mid-June. The works were the second round of clean up works with a smaller yet more intensive program taking place in late 2017. This was a complex logistical project and the Shire of Waroona greatly appreciates the efforts of all involved.