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Our road crew have completed the major road reconstructions for this budget and have been very busy. It was a substantial programme and they have achieved a great result. Some minor works are still to be completed such as paving and kerbing but I would like to congratulate the crew for another job well done.

Council has been successful in securing funding in the next road programme to improve the bends on Peppermint Grove Road a few kilometres east of the Forrest Highway. This will be a welcome addition to the road network as this link between the South West Highway and the Forrest Highway is a well-used route. Our Council looks after nearly 260kms of road network and the road programme makes up a significant part of the budget.

I recently attended the opening of the

McLarty State Explosive Storage Facility and was fortunate to get an insight into what has been built on this site on Johnston Road. While some companies are still to re-locate from the current Karnup site, the new arrivals are manufacturing detonators for the mining industry and storing fireworks. This facility will offer some employment in our area and will have ongoing construction happening as it further develops more sites in its highly secure and guarded perimeter.

At our April council meeting, Mr Bernie Worthington presented a petition to Council that was circulated in the community calling for the construction of a road linking the Drakesbrook Weir to the Waroona Dam. Council accepted the petition and resolved for officers to instigate an investigation on this proposal and report back to council. This proposed road traverses privately owned land and unconstructed road reserve and will need to be fully costed to assess its viability.

Thank you to all who took the time to have an input into the councils' consultation on our recreation areas around our Shire. This information will help in preliminary designs and ideas which will help guide the council in what the community wants in these areas.

In the coming months our pool will be drained for the replacement of the liner. This will also enable some work to be carried out on the roof as platforms can be placed in the floor of the pool while empty to assist in the work. While its closure will be an inconvenience for pool users, the liner needs replacing as part of routine maintenance and the roof needs some attention.

Congratulations to our R.S.L. for organising another successful ANZAC Day. The Dawn Service continues to grow in numbers as was evident by the number attending the Gun Shot Breakfast. A change in format this year saw The March proceed inside the Town Oval grounds. We enjoyed beautiful weather and were privileged to have Sergeant Ryan Gray give the main address. Ryan was part of the Waroona community as a young man with his family and reflected on his grandfather's service and subsequent time after the war. Again well done to President Tracey Fickling and her committee.

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ANZAC Poem – "Grandpa" written by Trish Briggs

I never met my Grandpa He died when Dad was small But his memory has lived with me With his photo in the hall A young man with a cheeky grin Slightly stiff in his army clothes But with a spark in his laughing eyes To belie his casual pose He sailed off on a troop ship To a destiny unknown For his family and his country Could not fight this foe alone Grandpa fought in various Theatres of war He fought for home and world-wide peace That's what he'd joined up for Grandpa was taken prisoner Burma railway claimed his life He never saw his home again His fine sons or his wife We always march on ANZAC Day My uncle, Dad and me It's the day we show our gratitude To those who kept us free It is a day of sadness It's a day that reaches far And stirs our family memories We're so proud of you grandpa

### COMMUNITY PARKS SURVEY

The Shire has engaged with Ecoscape consultants to develop concept plans for the development of community parks in Hamel, Lake Clifton and Preston Beach. Throughout April, a number of surveys were completed, and the Shire would like to thank community members who provided their feedback.

The results of these surveys have been provided to Ecoscape to review and incorporate in their concept development.

#### COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS RECEIVE GRANTS

Congratulations to a number of local community organisations who have been successful in applying for the Department of Social Services Volunteer Grants. The grants of between \$1,000 and \$5,000 will be used by organisations to assist with the cost of much needed equipment, training and transport, to allow their volunteers to continue supporting the community.

Organisation	Amount Awarded
Lions Club of Waroona	\$5,000
Waroona Amateur Swimming Club	\$3,915
Waroona Junior Netball Association	\$1,978
Waroona Playgroup	\$5,000
Waroona Senior Citizens Welfare Committee	\$5,000
Waroona Youth Advisory Council	\$5,000

#### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANTS 2019**

The Shire of Waroona Community Development Grants Program 2019 have now been awarded. Thank you to all community organisations that applied. Again, this year's program was oversubscribed. Congratulations to the following organisations:

Organisation	Amount Awarded
Family Support Service	\$800
Lions Club of Waroona	\$500
Preston Beach Volunteer Bushfire Brigade	\$500
Seniors Recreation Council of WA – Peel Branch	\$600
Waroona Agricultural Society	\$800
Waroona Bowling & Social Club	\$450
Waroona Community Men's Shed	\$400
Waroona Community Resource Centre	\$600
Waroona Football & Netball Club	\$450
Waroona Hamel RSL	\$500
Waroona Junior Netball Association	\$600
Waroona Karate Club	\$500
Waroona / Wagerup / Yarloop Meals on Wheels	\$800
TOTAL	\$7,500



### **CITIZENSHIP**

"Letitia Thatcher receives her Australian Citizenship from Shire President Mike Walmsley".

### CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Waroona Visitor Centre is still looking for interested locals to cover shifts in

the Gallery assisting with sales and providing visitors with information on the

local area.

Training provided and shifts from 3 hours on a variety of days. This is a great

opportunity for those looking to learn new skills, serve their community and

add to their resumes.

### <u>Alcoa waroona sustainability fund 2019 grants</u>

- Community groups and organisations in the Shire of Waroona are invited to submit applications for grants from the Alcoa Waroona Sustainability Fund.
- The Sustainability Fund purpose is to fund facilities and projects with enduring value for the communities surrounding the Wagerup refinery. Funds will be allocated to communit organisations, initiatives, processes and activities that contribute to the local government region
- known as the Shire of Waroona.
- The closing date for applications is Friday 31st May 2019.
- To be eligible you must be an incorporated community group and/or organisation who is domiciled and provides services predominately within the Shire of Waroona including, but not limited to, Waroona, Lake Clifton, Preston Beach, Nanga Brook, Wagerup and Hamel.
- Applications can be for a broad range of community development projects both large and small that make a positive contribution to the economic, social, recreational or environmentally sustainability of the communities within the Shire of Waroona.
- Projects that attract matched or partial funding from other sources and promote the concept of co-location (where appropriate) will be encouraged
- Grant application guidelines and application forms are available at the Shire Office or can be downloaded from the Shire's website www.waroona.wa.gov.au.
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Chairperson Alcoa Waroona Sustainability Fund Advisory Committee

Waroona Licensing Drakesbrook Realty Centre is now located **Real Estate and Business Agents** within the Shire **Administration Office to** the left of Reception. 9733 3021



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# Next Council Meeting

**Next Council Meeting** will be 28 May 2019 at 4pm at the Shire of Waroona Council Chambers behind the administration office

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## **EVENTS FLYER AVAILABLE**

The second edition of the A5 Waroona Events flyer is now available and features 7 annual events. In order to have wide-spread appeal and the best possible tourism outcomes, the flyer includes other information relevant and attractive to prospective visitors - accommodation & dining options, things to see & do, Waroona Visitor Centre and the gallery, and the recently approved RV free stay areas.

Distribution has commenced to various regional and WA outlets and over the coming weeks sets of flyers, brochures & laminated posters will be made available to local businesses.

#### LOCAL CREATIVES

Waroona Visitor Centre takes artworks and craft on consignment and invites artists, artisans and craftspeople who live in the Shire of Waroona to take advantage of this opportunity to display their quality works for sale. Waroona Visitor Centre can be your shopfront 7 days a week from 9:30am to 3:30pm. Contact Tracy Goldsworthy 9733 1506 for further information.

#### ANZAC DAY

Congratulations to Waroona Hamel RSL who once again excelled in their organisation of the annual ANZAC Day ceremonies. There was a huge turnout to the Dawn Service and Gunfire Breakfast, with the numbers exceeding all expectations. This success continued, with the ANZAC Parade and Day Service also drawing a large crowd. Well done Waroona Hamel RSL, Lions Club of Waroona, and the entire community who supported this event and made it so memorable.



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## YOUTH PRECINCT COMMUNITY **CONSULTATION**

On Thursday, 11 April, CONVIC consultants conducted a pre-design community workshop to gather ideas from community members regarding the development of a youth precinct in Waroona. The following night, CONVIC attended the Youth Fest with surveys to complete and happily reported that they need to have more

printed to meet demand. CONVIC are now assessing a number of potential sites, and compiling survey results to be reviewed in the near future.



### **YOUTH FEST 2019**

On Friday, 12 April, Waroona Youth Advisory Council held their Youth Fest in celebration of WA Youth Week. Over 500 people of all ages and backgrounds from Waroona, Hamel, Lake Clifton and Preston Beach ventured to the Waroona Skate Park for a FREE fun filled afternoon. There was lots on offer including Spider Mountain, Rock Climbing Wall, High Ropes Course, Sumo Suits, Bucking Bull, Laser Tag, Game Vault gaming truck and competitions. Freestyle Now again delivered a number of BMX and skate demonstrations, workshops and conditions, and kept the vibe alive with their loud music and outgoing personalities. Leos Club of Waroona kept the crowd well fed, providing sausage sizzles and drinks. GP Down South, Family Support Service, Peel Jobs and Skills Centre, Peel Bright Minds, Millennium Kids and St John Ambulance provided interactive promotion stalls, struggling to keep up with the youth (and a few parents) asking lots of questions. Angus from CONVIC consultants was also in attendance and satisfied with the level of engagement. The event was a great display of the positive outcomes that can be achieved when the community unites with a common cause.

This was the largest Youth event to date which received enormous praise from the community and contractors alike keen to see how the event evolves next year. The success of the event has resulted in other local governments contacting the Shire seeking ideas to develop their youth programs. Youth Fest 2019 would not have been possible without support from Shire of Waroona, WA Primary Health Alliance, Alcoa, Department of Communities, Waroona Community Resource Centre, St John Ambulance Waroona, GP Down South, Family Support Service, Peel Jobs and Skills Centre, Peel Bright Minds, Millennium Kids, CONVIC, Freestyle Now, Monsterball Amusements, Radrock, Undercover SW, Curtis Electrical, Kennards Hire and Leos Club of Waroona.





#### FROM THE VISITOR CENTRE

Information \* Visitor Servicing \* Art & Craft Gallery 37 South West Highway - Open 9:30am - 3:30pm daily Further information - Tracy Goldsworthy 9733 1506

#### Sea to ART 2019

Entries will open in July for the 11th Sea to ART Exhibition to be held in October in the Waroona Visitor Centre's gallery so now is the time to start planning and working on exhibits.

The exhibition is open to residents of Shire of Waroona, Coolup and Yarloop and categories include art in all mediums, fine woodwork and jewellery, mixed media, textiles and fabrics, sculptures, etc. New exhibitors both professional and amateur are encouraged to enter and mentors can be arranged.

Woods of the West's Les Rowe, pictured, has been entering the exhibition since 2013.

A Cabinet Maker by profession, Les learned the secrets of his trade from "old school" craftsmen who taught him the skills to work with natural products to create items that would stand the test of time.

"Since moving with my wife Sue to Waroona I have sold my products from the Visitor Centre and each year enter two to three special pieces in Sea to ART.

"The Exhibition is always a source of delight for us because of the amazing talent that reveals itself each year. The many wonderful pieces entered by so many local artists and the range of styles and mediums is always impressive. Opening night is always a great celebration of Waroona art in all its forms.

"I would certainly encourage local artists and artisans, established or emerging, to support this exhibition as it's a wonderful way to grow confidence and to network within our arts community."

Les' passion, combined with 50 years of experience working with Western Australian timbers, has seen him entrusted with many interesting commissions such as the custom presentation box for an enormous "Bowie Knife". A specialist knife-maker presented the knife and box to his friend who Les later found out was Vladimir Putin!

If you're considering entering this year please contact Tracy Goldsworthy on 9733 1506.

Phone Woods of the West 0412 490 854 to view their gallery and studio.

