



Shire President's Message

Waroona Townsite Expansion

Recently a large group of Waroona residents took the opportunity to attend a workshop to discuss the proposed Waroona North Townsite Expansion Plan. The participants were invited to put forward their views on the visions, trends and opportunities for Waroona and the Peel Region as well as for the Waroona North Townsite Expansion Plan. During the course of the evening presentations were made by representatives of the Peel Development Commission, Shire of Waroona and Roberts Day Town Planning and Design. Certainly an interesting evening that resulted in a range of thought provoking comments being provided by the participants.

Murray Cowper Visit

Prior to our last council meeting we hosted a visit from our local members, Hon Murray Cowper MLA, Member for Murray-Wellington. Murray discussed a range of issues relating to our region. Councillors had the opportunity to discuss any concerns they may have on any local matters and all agreed it was a worthwhile and productive meeting. It is hoped similar meeting will be scheduled in the near future.

TME Drainage Study

At the last council meeting it was resolved to adopt the recently prepared TME Drainage Study and that the projects identified to be used to create a 5 year plan which will be

received and adopted on an annual basis. It is now apparent that the current drainage system is struggling to cope and that the Waroona townsite drainage system has not developed in conjunction with the town site expansion.

Tourism

Last Saturday I had the pleasure of welcoming the Minister for Tourism Dr Liz Constable to our Shire for the official opening of the Footprints Resort at Preston Beach. The minister congratulated the developers of this \$25 million resort and commented on the importance of encouraging West Australians to holiday within the State. Tourism is important and I have no doubt that this resort will not only boost tourism in our Shire but create employment for our locals.

Whilst on tourism, don't forget that on Easter Sunday we once again host the All Australian Car Day in Waroona. This great family day brings a large number of visitors into our region helping to showcase this area as an excellent tourist destination. This interesting day is organized by Volunteers of Events Assist and is supported by many local groups and clubs with funds raised being injected back into the local community.

Royalties for Regions funding.

As I have previously reported, this Shire is to receive a direct contribution from the State Government's Royalties for Regions

funding of \$841,779. The Council has resolved to put this funding towards a number of projects throughout the shire, many which have been previously considered for funding but not successful. Some of the main projects are –

- \$38,000 for improvements to the Recreation Centre, including installing air extraction fans on the No 1 basketball court;
- \$14,500 to repaint the Playgroup building;
- \$34,500 to replace the ceiling and repaint the Senior Citizens building;
- \$80,000 to renew the water pumping system for the 3 town ovals and continue refencing the main oval;
- \$60,000 towards renovations for the Preston Beach Community Centre;
- \$175,000 towards additional road construction and resealing including sealing the Lake Clifton Community centre carpark and entry road;
- \$300,000 towards extensions for the Admin Centre;
- \$55,000 for future footpath and drainage works and a number of other small projects. As soon as Government approval has been given for the project, work will commence.

Amalgamation.

The Council is continuing discussions with its neighbouring Councils following the directive from the Local Government Minister for all Councils to consider voluntary amalgamations by the end of August 2009.

Our Council has not given any undertaking towards amalgamating with any neighbouring Council, instead, favouring a model of further resource sharing in the region. The Peel zone Councils have met recently to consider developing a resource sharing model that would suit the 5 Shires.

Call for Heritage Grants submissions

The 2009/10 round of Heritage Council of WA's Heritage Grants Program (HGP) is currently open for the submission of expressions of interest.

The program will provide funding for:

- Conservation Works to privately owned places entered in the States Register of Heritage Places. (Minimum grant \$20,000.) unless exceptional

circumstances are demonstrated a current conservation plan is required for guidance. (Local, State and Commonwealth Government owned places are eligible ONLY if leased on a long term basis to an eligible applicant.)

- Conservation Plans for privately owned places, where the place is entered in, or eligible for entry in, the State Register

of Heritage Place. (Minimum grant \$3,000) (Religious institutions which demonstrate a conscientious objection to receiving funds from Lotterywest may also apply.)

If you would like to make a submission please contact Maree Ellis on 9733 7828. Submissions are to be made by 4.00pm on 24th April 2009.

Off road vehicles questions answered

The Constant questions Rangers are asked....

- Q. Where am I allowed to ride my motorbike?
- A. There is no public place available for bike riders. Why? Due to the liability of riders they now must only ride on private property.
- Q. What do you mean by private property?

- A. This is land that you own or you may ride on another land owner's property if you have permission in writing.
- Q. What happens if I ride in/on public property?
- A. You could be liable for prosecution or have your bike confiscated.
- Q. So I can't ride on the road either?

- A. Not unless it is a registered road/trail bike.
 - Q. Can I ride my bike at Preston Beach?
 - A. No, only registered 4x4 quads with a licensed rider are allowed. But only along the foreshore not in the dunes.
- If you have any further questions contact Ranger Services on 9733 7816.

Youth Alert

The Waroona Youth Advisory Council invites all young people in Waroona Shire to participate in a Youth Action Day.

- When:** Monday 20 April from 10 am
- Where:** at the Waroona Skate Park
- What:** Activities on the day include Skate

and BMX competitions, Demonstrations and Coaching, Buzz Climbing Wall, Music, Sausage Sizzle Prizes and Giveaways. Come along and join the fun. Proudly supported by the Waroona Youth Advisory Council, Shire of Waroona and Iluka

Bushfire Ready

A community driven program for local residents working together to prepare for bushfires. Community Bushfire Information Night 7.30am – 9.00pm Tuesday 7th April 2009 Coolup Hall Murray Street, Coolup More Information Colleen Archibald Waroona Landcare Centre 9733 2628



Recreation Aquatic Centre News

Swimming Lessons

Due to the pool liner being replaced the centre will not be conducting swimming lessons in term 2. We apologise for any inconvenience.

Senior Netball

Senior netball registration forms are available at the rec centre. The competition will commence in term 2 if we have enough interested umpires and teams.

Fitness Programs

Our new fitness programs have been extremely popular. A new timetable is currently being set up with more classes sched-

uled for the evenings and mornings. If you haven't tried Radical Fitness now is the time to start. We will also be conducting a 10 week challenge - please register your interest at the centre. 6am Monday- Give Me 5 Strength, balance, core stability, flexibility and relaxation. 8am- Aqua over 50's 9.30 Am. Strength training for seniors. 6am Wednesday. - Give Me 5 - Step, resistance, flexibility and relaxation. 8am- Aqua over 50's. 9.30am-strength training for seniors. **Exercise** Research, common sense

and experience tells us that active people are healthier, happier and can reduce stress in their lives. Stress can have a huge impact on the systems throughout your body including- nervous, musculoskeletal, cardiovascular, respiratory, gastrointestinal and reproductive. Exercising at least 3 times per week will provide a great start to maintaining your commitment to exercise allowing you to enjoy the following benefits. Providing a range of movement experiences. Building movement confidence. Providing training the core stability and control.

Prescribing strengthening exercises for the whole body. Working on flexibility and range of motion of all joints. **Cardiovascular fitness.** The winter months will soon be with us. As temperatures drop and available sunlight decreases, many of us essentially hibernate and curtail fitness routines. By thinking about winter as a time of active hibernation, you will enjoy benefits ranging from a reduction in stress, anxiety and depression plus better weight control. Make a start now and enjoy your benefits of increased fitness.

Next Council Meeting
Tuesday 28th April at 1.30pm at the Waroona Health and Community Resource Centre

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