



Shire President's Message

Council Amalgamation Update

Most people would be aware that the Minister for Local Government had instructed all councils in Western Australia to complete a checklist of their activities and to determine suitable partners for amalgamation by the 30th April as part of a Local Government Reform Strategy. At the April Council Meeting the shire unanimously voted "NO" to amalgamation with neighbouring councils. However in saying no to amalgamation council has agreed to pursue resource sharing opportunities with other councils in the Peel Region which includes the Shires of Murray, Boddington, Serpentine/Jarrahdale and the City of Mandurah. It must be acknowledged that the Waroona Shire is in a growth corridor in the Southwest area and experiencing increased pressure for development. It is

important we retain local representation to ensure any development is done so in an orderly manner. We believe the Waroona Shire has the capacity to adapt and respond to changing pressures in the region. The councils in the Peel Region recently hosted a presentation from visiting executives from the City of Armidale Dumaresque (NSW) who shared with us information regarding their Resource Sharing Alliance model that was developed in conjunction with three other shires in their region in 2004. Several councillors and staff from each of our Peel councils took the opportunity to attend this presentation on the 13th May. Since submitting the checklist to the Minister the Shire has formed a project team consisting of CEO Ian Curley, Deputy Shire President Cr. Mike Walmsley and myself to look at opportunities for local government reform that would be of benefit to Waroona, enabling the council to prepare

a Reform Submission to be submitted to the Minister by the due date of 31st August 2009.

Rivers Regional Council

As part of our future waste management planning for the Shire, Council resolved to sign a deed of amendment to enable us to join the Rivers Regional Council. This was duly signed by our CEO Ian Curley and myself at a meeting on the 19th May 2009. At the May council meeting Crs. John Salerian and Laurie Snell were appointed as delegates to represent our Shire on the Rivers Regional Council. Cr. Craig Wright is the deputy delegate.

The Rivers Regional Council comprises of the Cities of South Perth, Gosnells, Armadale, Mandurah and the Shires of Murray, Serpentine/Jarrahdale and Waroona. The purpose of the Regional Council is to deal with waste issues in the Regional Council area. The Council hopes to improve recycling rates from the current 25% to 65% and is investigating various options such as composting.

WAPC Peel Region Planning Committee

At our May Council

Meeting Council endorsed Cr. Mike Walmsley as our representative to this very important committee that undertakes a range of tasks relating to the strategic planning for the Peel Region to ensure effective planning and co-ordination of land use and development within the Peel Region. This committee also performs the functions of the WA Planning Commission in relation to regional planning control areas within the Peel Region.

Landscaping Policy

It has been agreed by Council to endorse the creation of a Draft Landscaping Policy which will be considered at a future meeting. Our existing Town Planning Scheme currently contains little in the way of written provisions regarding landscaping and we expect to see this rectified with the proposed Landscaping Policy being created. As per normal requirements with regards to policy making we will be seeking community input.

Waroona Shire Update

July Holiday Programs

Shire of Waroona staff will be busy over the next month planning youth activities for the July school holidays. Golf coaching, indoor skating and a trip to the cinema are among the activities on the planning table. Youth Officer Michelle Paley has recently been appointed to help organise the school holiday activities and will be assisting Recreation Centre Manager Ron Thomas. More information will be available once the dates are confirmed. Funding for the activities has been generously provided by the Department for Communities and Alcoa. If you wish to find out more phone the Recreation Centre on 9733 2389.

Federal Funding

The Federal Government's Community Improvement Fund allocation of \$100,000 to Waroona is being spent on 3 projects – reticulation of the top Cricket oval in Waroona, installation of shade sails in the courtyard of the Community Centre and the conversion of the drainage sump in Stables Road, Preston Beach into a landscaped park area. The oval reticulation has been completed and the shade sails are due to be installed next week. Work will commence shortly in Stables Rd.

Refuse Site Opening Times

The refuse site is open Thursday to Tuesday from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm. Contractor Tony Pisconeri can be contacted during open hours on 9733 3829 or mobile 0409 374 153.

Pool liner being installed

A new liner is currently being installed in the Waroona Recreation Centre's heated pool. The pool will be closed from 28th May 2009 till further notice, however other areas of the centre will remain open.

Graffiti removal being targeted

Council has been successful in obtaining a grant through the Office of Crime Prevention Graffiti Hotspot Fund of \$19,995 for the purchase of a Graffiti Trailer and new video surveillance camera. The trailer will be permanently set up with all implements required to remove graffiti as soon as it is seen. Prompt Graffiti removal is seen as best practice as it diminishes the level of recognition and reward achieved by graffiti vandals.

Bin Repairs

The Shire is in an eight year contract for the provision bins to all townsites residents. All 240 litre mobile garbage bins or MGB's are the property of Cleanaway and at the conclusion of the contract in 2010 they will become the property of the Shire. As part of the contract all repairs are undertaken by Cleanaway.

If your green or green and yellow bin is damaged please phone the Customer Services Officers on 97337800 or email cso@waroona.wa.gov.au and the Shire will arrange with the Contractor for repair/replacement of any damaged bins.

Vandalism

At the April Council Meeting Council resolved to offer a reward payment of \$500 to persons who report acts of vandalism within the Shire of Waroona. To receive the reward, the report must lead to the successful prosecution of the offending individual. In addition, if you have any information that may help the Shire of Waroona please contact us on 9733 7800 or if you see acts of vandalism in progress please contact the local police.

2010 South West Games

The City of Bunbury will be hosting the 2010 South West Games. It will also be the 25th anniversary of the games. The official opening will take place in Bunbury in October 2009, the conclusion of the South West Games will also take place in Bunbury in April 2010. In the lead up to the South West games, there will be advertising in local papers and media centres.

Vehicle Inspections

There has been a change in the availability of vehicle inspections at the Waroona Shire Depot. Inspection will only be carried out on Heavy Vehicles. Inspection will be undertaken on Fridays only. Light vehicle inspection can be carried out by independent businesses in the Waroona C.B.D. To make an appointment for heavy vehicle inspection, please phone the Administration Office on 9733 7800 and ask for Bill.

SHIRE OF WAROONA MUNICIPAL INVENTORY

INVITATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

It is hereby notified pursuant to Clause 7.1.2.1 of the Shire of Waroona Town Planning Scheme No. 7, the Council shall establish and maintain a Heritage List of places considered by the Council to be of heritage significance and worthy of conservation.

Council is currently reviewing its Municipal Inventory of heritage items. Nominations for listing, as well as comments in general about the existing listings, can be made in writing prior to 4pm, 1 July 2009.

Comments/nominations should be addressed to:
Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Waroona
Attention: Felly Dhlwayo

And can be submitted by:
Post: P O Box 20, Waroona WA 6215
Fax: (08) 9733 7800
Email: tp@waroona.wa.gov.au

For information on the Municipal Inventory please contact Felly Dhlwayo (Town Planner) on 9733 7800.

Ian Curley
Chief Executive Officer

YAC planning end of term Disco

Following on from their successful run of Summer Events, the members of the Waroona Youth Advisory Council are busy planning a Disco to coincide with the start of the July school holidays.

The End of Term Disco will be held on Friday 3 July at the Waroona Memorial Hall. Times are Year 1 to Year 6 from 6.00pm to 7.30pm and Year 7 to Year 12 from 8.00pm to 10.30pm. Fairytale Story Book will be the theme for the yr 1 to yr 6 group with prizes

for the best dressed. Cost is \$5 with drinks and snacks available for purchase.

The next meeting of the Waroona Youth Advisory Council will be on Tuesday 9th June at 4pm at the Waroona Recreation & Aquatic Centre. New members are welcome to apply.

For more information on the Disco or the Waroona Youth Advisory Council, please contact Maree Ellis on 97337828 or 0409370360.

Next Council Meeting

Tuesday 23rd July
at 1.30pm at the
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