



## Shire President's Message

including the organization of discos, Youth Week activities, fundraising events and volunteering their time to assist many other community organizations. As I said on Australia Day, our young people are our future and we should take every opportunity to offer support and encouragement.

**Council Amalgamation**  
No doubt most council's across Western Australia would be contemplating the future, albeit no doubt currently with the aid of a crystal ball. On the 5th February the Minister for Local Government announced a reform strategy which includes amalgamation, voluntary or enforced, the reduction of elected members and the formation of appropriate regional groupings of local governments. The potential reform currently has a minimal time frame and has limited detail. From our perspective we will not be making any rushed decisions and will work hard to endeavour to ensure the best possible outcome for the electors of Waroona. Hopefully we will soon have

guidelines and a degree of clarity as to what lies ahead for the future.

### Minister Grylls visits Waroona

Waroona will be hosting a visit from the Minister for Regional Development, Hon Brendon Grylls MLA, Leader of the Nationals WA, arranged by the Peel Development Commission, on Wednesday 15 April, 2009. Minister Grylls will visit the Waroona Town Centre project, proposed extensions at Quambie Park and the Waroona Telecentre before being a guest at a Regional Leaders Forum at the Waroona Community Centre. The Regional Leaders Forum includes Mayors, Presidents and CEOs of the Peel area together with Government organizations in the region.

### Trainee to join Visitor Centre

We welcome local artist Vickie Anderson who will join the staff of the Waroona Visitor Centre in early March having been transferred from the Mandurah Visitor Centre. I am sure Vickie will be well know to the many people who call in to the centre through her involvement in art projects in the town.

### Future Street Names

The Council has received advice from Landgate (Geographic Place Names Committee) that the following names have been approved as future street names in the shire. - Appleby, Aylward, Banyaa, Caramea, Cattach, Deleo, Derosa, Fisk, Garbanup, Head, Koonarup, Maffescioni, Platell, P i n a s t e r, Sarum, Scullin, Shaston, Wannup, Warrilow.

## Playgroup Open Day

**WAROONA PLAYGROUP will be celebrating National Playgroup Open Day March 26, starting at 9.30am.**

**Where: Playgroup Building - Henning Street, Waroona**

**DRESS-UP** - Kids come dressed up as your favourite TV, movie, cartoon or book character, or whoever you wish to be.

### Highlights include:

Treasure Hunt, Bubbles, Sausage Sizzle, games and lot's more.

**GOLD COIN** donation on entry. (Bring a piece of fruit for fruit time).

Playgroup is an informal session where mums, dads, grandparents, caregivers, children and babies meet together in a relaxed envi-

ronment. In playgroup, the adults stay to interact with other adults and to play with their children. It complements child care, because it promotes parent-to-parent support networks, and encourages parent-to-child bonding through play.

National Playgroup Week runs from 22-28 March 2009, major sponsor is **Tyres & More**. Tyres & More with 73 stores Australia-wide cater for the needs of families and their cars.

Waroona Playgroup, welcomes new & old members, so come along and join in the fun. For more information on Waroona Playgroup please contact the centre on 97331979 during the hours of 9.30am - 11.30am on Monday, Tuesday or Thursdays.

## Blessing of the Roads

Community members are invited to attend the Waroona Roadwise Blessing of the Roads Ceremony

In remembrance of the families and friends of those who have lost their lives in road crashes and recognising the efforts of all those who work in reducing road trauma, offering prayers for safety of all road users.

Date: Tuesday 7 April 2009

Time: 10.30am onwards

Location: Waroona Memorial Hall, South Western Highway, Waroona

For further enquiries contact Sue Cicolari on 9733 7800 or admin@waroona.wa.gov.au

## Shire news in brief

### SHIRE OF WAROONA - Council Meetings

Notice of Ordinary Council Meetings

To be held on the following dates during 2009

24 March, 28 April, 26 May, 23 June, 28 July, 25 August, 22 September, 27 October, 24 November and December (to be advised)

Meetings held at the Waroona Health & Community Resource Centre

Commencing at 1:30pm

IAN CURLEY  
Chief Executive Officer

### Road Works in the Shire of Waroona

Works are continuing on McNeill Road with intersection works commencing within the next week at Coronation Road adjacent to the Railway Line. Traffic management will be in place. Please observe the signs and be aware of machinery and men in the area.

Next projects in preparation of Construction are-

Weir Road Reconstruct lift and widen.

Wealand Road Resheet

Mayfield Road Resheet

### Library News

On Tuesday the 10th of March the library will be closed all day and on Wednesday 11th of March the library will be closed until 2pm. This closure is due to stocktaking, We apologise for any inconvenience.

The library has received new exchange book stock along with donations of some current released books. So come in and have a look.

### Great Gardens

Learn from the experts about how to create a waterwise, energywise, fertiliserwise, moneywise and environmentwise garden.

Saturday 2nd May 11am - 2pm

Booking are essential, visit [www.greatgardens.info](http://www.greatgardens.info) or phone 1300 369 863 for booking and more information.

### Youth Advisory Council

Recently the Member for Murray-Wellington, Murray Cowper MLA, together with Toni Reiss and Sharon Hebbard from Challenger TAFE, joined me in the presentation of Certificate in Leadership Development to eight members of the Waroona Youth Advisory Council. These young people aged between 14 and 18 demonstrated a high level of enthusiasm and put in an enormous amount of hard work in achieving these certificates. From August through to the completion of the course in December they were required to juggle their study and assignment load with school work, sporting and other commitments. It would be fair to say this was an enormous commitment on the part of all concerned and credit must be given to these young people and also to the co-coordinators, parents and members of the community who assisted them in their endeavours. Over the past five years the Waroona Advisory Council members have been involved in numerous activities

## Youth events in focus

Waroona Youth Advisory Council News & Events

The Waroona Cricket Oval was once again a splendid venue for the annual Waroona Movie Under the Stars and the stars and the crowd did turn out making for an enjoyable night. Nearly 300 people took advantage of the mild summer evening to enjoy the movie "The Tale of Desperaux" in pleasant outdoor surroundings.



The Waroona Youth Advisory Council would like to thank the Waroona Playgroup for supplying the sausage sizzle and drinks stall, Waroona Cricket Club for their fantastic venue, Jason Curtis, Waroona SES, Waroona Community Centre and the Waroona

Agricultural Society and to everyone else who helped out on the night and supported this event.

A big thankyou also to our sponsors Shire of Waroona and Iluka, supporters of the Sea to Scarp Summer Events.

Youth Week will feature next on the Youth

calendar of activities with 2 African Drumming workshops currently being organised to run on April 3. A Youth Action Day will then be held at the skate park on April 20. For further information please contact Maree Ellis on 97337828 or 0409370360



### New Surveillance signs

You will, no doubt, have seen the new signs around Waroona reminding people that the town now has remote video surveillance around the town. Local police will be

able to watch and review footage from the many cameras to identify these undesirables. Hopefully the new signs will act as a deterrent for would-be thieves and vandals as they pass through our town.

**Next Council Meeting**  
Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at Waroona Health and Community Resource Centre.

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