



## Shire President's Message

### Perth Wildcats Match

Last week the Waroona Recreation Centre hosted a very exciting and entertaining game of basketball between the Perth Wildcats and the Adelaide 36ers with the game being won by the Wildcats by a very narrow margin. For me personally, watching this game, my biggest buzz, apart from watching a great game, was the terrific reaction from the young spectators. They were raucous, they were noisy and they had a ball, and all of us 'oldies' walked out with a warm feeling. Following the game I had the pleasure of catching up with Andrew Vlahov from the Perth Wildcats who was glowing in his praise of our excellent facilities provided by our Recreation Centre. Andrew indicated that the teams enjoyed playing on the court and would definitely be returning. Well done to the staff of the Recreation Centre for ensuring this night was such a great success and also to the community for your support.

### Council Meeting

At the recent council meeting council adopted a proposal to establish a landscaping policy which would detail minimum expected standards of landscaping associated with development in the shire. It would also refer to mechanisms such as bonding and landscape

plans and be accompanied by a list of appropriate species for use in the shire area. With the adoption of this policy it is expected council will be able to achieve better standard landscaping in the future associated with development proposals. The draft policy aims to be easily read and will contain a list of species provided by experts in this field and will also provide information relating to maintenance and planting. Also important to note that the shire has a large number of endangered and threatened species so there will be support for the use of these plants in landscaping where possible and desirable. At this stage the draft policy is focused on urban areas confined to the town sites of Hamel, Preston Beach and Waroona. Council will seek community input in accordance with normal policy requirements.

Council also resolved to advise the Department of Local Government and Regional Development that it wishes to have the Country Local Government Fund Regional Groupings Allocation directed to the Peel Region via the West Australian Local Government Peel Zone Organisation which comprises the City of Mandurah and the Shires of Waroona, Boddington, Murray and Serpentine-Jarrahdale. This allocation should not be confused with Royalties

for Regions allocations rather this is a separate allocation of funds that is directed to councils of the region with those councils collectively deciding suitable projects for expenditure.

### Shire Presidents thank you

As I approach the end of nearly four and a half years as the Shire President of Waroona I would like to, over the next two months, to say thank you to so many people who I believe have made significant contributions to the Shire and our community. Firstly our volunteers in this shire we have every right to be proud of the wonderful effort, commitment and impact of so many different people who give so much to this community in so many ways. Volunteering comes in many different formats, it can be as simple as giving up an hour of your time to sell raffle tickets for your group, making sandwiches for a community function, participating in road side cleanups, working bees, parents groups and the list goes on and on. Then we have our Emergency Service people, the ambulance, fire brigade and SES volunteers. Sadly, I think there are times we tend to take their roles for granted and fail to understand and appreciate the time and commitment that is required for training purposes. Then add to that of course some of the horrendous scenarios and tasks they are required to face and deal with in their line of duty. When you sit back and take the time to think about these people and all the other volunteers in our midst

you realise how fortunate you are to be part of this strong and very special community. Well done to everyone.

### Local Government Elections

Election time is just around the corner with elections to be held on the 17 October. The election is an ordinary postal election to fill four vacancies in our shire with first past the post voting system replacing proportional preferential voting which we had last time, and just a reminder that the 'ward system' is not applicable in our shire.

Nominations open on Thursday 3 September and close on Thursday 10 September 2009.

I cannot stress strongly enough the importance of having all rate payers playing a major part in these elections by taking the time to vote. Getting the right people on council to represent the whole of the shire is always important. This time around the stakes are even higher as the issue of proposed council amalgamation continues to dominate our discussions. As rate payers you should be demanding and ensuring that those who are going to represent the shire through what will no doubt be a tough and uncertain time will have the passion, courage and a complete understanding of the Shire of Waroona to try and ensure we get the best possible outcome. To put it bluntly, now is not the time for dreamers or those who may want to bring their own agenda and you, as a voter, have the ability to make certain this will not happen.

## Forrest Highway bridge naming

The new Perth to Bunbury Highway is due to open to the public on Sunday 20 September 2009. Main Roads WA has requested Council provide suitable names for 2 of the bridges on the Forrest Highway section in the Shire of Waroona.

Council has put forward the name

Fouracre Bridge for the Mayfield Creek crossing and Codford Bridge for the Harvey River crossing. The bridges will have dual naming, European and Aboriginal. The Fouracre Bridge will also be known as Kaangalaap Bilya and the Codford Bridge as Yoordjang-gaap Bilya.

## Southern leadership conference

The 2009 Southern Region Leadership Conference is being held in Denmark between 2-4 September and all is open to all community members in the Peel, Great Southern and South West regions. This year all community members can attend for free. All lunches and tea breaks will be provided and full registration includes a ticket to the Awards Gala Dinner with the Hon Brendon Grylls

Highlights of the Forum include; inspirational speakers Rachel Green

and Dr Penny Flett, fun filled and informative group sessions, an outdoor "walk shop", community stories, a spit roast welcome BBQ, and the Gala Dinner to honor volunteers and community groups who shine in their communities.

Register on the web at <http://www.communityleadership.net.au>. For further information, please contact Nicole from the Peel Development Commission on 9535 0000 or email [nicole.nugent@peel.wa.gov.au](mailto:nicole.nugent@peel.wa.gov.au).



## Exhibition for Local Artists

Saturday 17 Oct to Tuesday 27 Oct 2009

Entry Forms are now available at the Waroona Visitor Centre 37 South Western Highway, Waroona

**Submissions close 3pm Wednesday 16th September**

Artists must be residents in the Waroona, Coolup or Yarloop area or be members of the Waroona Visitor Centre by 30 June 2009

For more information please contact; Waroona Visitor Centre 9733 1506 Shire of Waroona 9733 7800

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## Town Planning and Development Policy for Public Inspection - Town Planning Scheme No. 7

Notice is hereby given that the Shire of Waroona has resolved to advertise for public comment a Planning Policy for landscaping within the Shire area.

### (23) Landscaping Policy

The objective of the Landscaping Policy is to detail the minimum expected standards of landscaping associated with development in the Shire. It would also refer to mechanisms such as bonding and landscape plans and be accompanied by a list of appropriate species for use in the shire area.

Copies of the Policy are available for inspection at Council's office 52 Hesse Street, Waroona, Monday to Friday, between 9am and 4pm.

Submissions on the Policy may be made in writing and should be lodged with the Shire on or before 4pm Tuesday 29 September 2009. Your written submission(s) should quote "Landscaping Policy" in the title and be addressed to the Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Waroona, PO Box 20, Waroona WA 6215.

Should you have queries regarding this Policy please do not hesitate to contact Council's Manager for Planning Services Mr Rod Milne on 9733 7800 or [mps@waroona.wa.gov.au](mailto:mps@waroona.wa.gov.au).

All submissions received will be considered by Council in its determination of the Policy for final adoption.

IAN Curley  
Chief Executive Officer

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANTS 2009/2010

The Shire of Waroona invites community groups to apply for funding through the Community Development Grants Program 2009/2010. Previously known as Arts, Culture and Community Service and Youth Development, the grants program has now been combined under the one heading and application form for easier access.

These small grants up to a maximum of \$800 are designed to assist community groups with projects and activities that enhance services, support young people, provide arts and cultural development, and meet the principles of community development.

Assistance may be provided for operational expenses to assist groups and communities develop local projects, provide training and support or share skills and knowledge with others.

Application forms are available from Monday 10th August 2009 at Council's Offices at 52 Hesse Street, Waroona, or on council's website [www.waroona.wa.gov.au](http://www.waroona.wa.gov.au). Advice regarding the application is available by contacting Maree Ellis, Community Development Officer on 97337828.

Applications should be forwarded in a sealed envelope addressed to the undersigned and must be received by 4.30pm on Friday the 25th September 2009.

IAN CURLEY, Chief Executive Officer  
Shire of Waroona  
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## Next Council Meeting

Tuesday 22nd

September at 1.30pm at the Waroona Health and Community Resource Centre

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