



Our Community, Merry Christmas & Happy News Year

Sunrise Breakfast a great success



Thanks to Mr De Rosa for your hospitality and friendly atmosphere. A **"shout out"** to Harvey Water for being our sponsor for the day and our good friends Colin at Red Cross, and Patrick at Department of Child Protection and Family Support, were the cooks on the day. Thanks to our local political representatives Nigel and Murray for attending and listening to our Community.



As a Community it is clear that these functions are needed so we can continue to tell our stories and listen to our fellow community members.



This is a part of our recovery journey together. It is also a great way of us meeting our neighbours and making new friends within the Community.

Our next breakfast will be on the 6th January 2017, bring your family (see attached).



Hills Group Stay in Touch

The Hills Community Group have been keeping busy supporting each other in preparing for this summer season.

Recently they came together to discuss the need to continually check your firebreaks and what you have identified as your emergency exit during an emergency. Sarah also gave a session on First Aid.

Thanks to Fred and Sarah for your continued dedication to the Community.

New signs help responders

Feedback following on from the fire showed that emergency responders found it difficult to identify where they could obtain water from to fight the fire. The Shire has now adopted new signage that will provide direction to the facility and on the facility there will be a sign per examples.



Working together brings success

The Shire this week received some great news in regards to an environmental grant. We would like to acknowledge the work put in by Mychelle and the joint Shire Environmental Working Groups of Harvey and Waroona.

The grant obtained \$55000 in funding for fire affected landowners, to aid in environmental recovery activities.

This is great news and allows the Fire Recovery Working Group and newly appointed NRM Officer- Fire Recovery, some much needed funds to go forward with recovery projects.

OUR Resilient Community – *Preparedness*

Shire Bush Fire Volunteers prepare for fire season



West Waroona Volunteers recently undertook refresher training in radio procedures, burn over drills, responding to fires, call out procedures, safety and survival. The Brigade would like to acknowledge and thank Steve Thomas from Preston Beach for bringing their 34 over for familiarisation and drills. Steve is also the Shires Training Officer.

Introduction to Bushfire Fire Fighting course and a structural course were also held at Preston Beach. The Shire is progressing support for all its Volunteer Bush Fire Brigades. There is a need to have a fire station for West Waroona Brigade.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA NATURAL DISASTER RELIEF AND RECOVERY ARRANGEMENTS (wandrra)

The Shire is continuing to receive enquiries about state and federal funding assistance for primary producers. As part of the State reforms, as a result of the Waroona Fires Ferguson enquiry, a new Office of Emergency Management (OEM) has been established and the recovery management functions have been moved into this department.

To obtain more information on the natural disaster primary producer support arrangements;

W <https://oem.wa.gov.au/funding/wandrra/primary-producers> **P** 6552 6250, **E** WANDRRRA@oem.wa.gov.au



The Waroona CRC continues to provide information and support for a whole range of activities.

Your community centre has regular activities for the whole family.

Email: wccsdo@westnet.com.au

Call: 9733 3011

We Visited you!



The Shire of Waroona in partnership with the Red Cross conducted an outreach program in November and December to revisit all the fire affected residents, including Preston Beach.

We would like to thank you for sharing your stories and where you are in your recovery journey. The feedback we received confidentially is helping us plan how we can continue to support you into the future. The Shire would like to acknowledge and thank Colin Anker for his tireless energy in coordinating the logistics' and volunteers that travelled from all over the state to assist us. The support from other local governments was a real asset to this community and we thank you all.

Shire Hosts

Reflections Tour



The Shire is part of the South District Emergency Management Committee which has oversight in the Emergency Management arrangements for the district.

The Office of Emergency Management SEMC organised for all the Local Governments in the region to tour the fire affected areas. They spoke with some property owners who were affected.

The Shire would like to acknowledge Sonia and Graham from Forest Edge, Fred from the Hills Community Group and Donna and Mike Walmsley who gave up their time to share their reflection and learnings from the fire and the different roles they played within the community.

Get in Touch, Stay in Touch

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Thank you Lions

Christmas surprise! Some of you may have received a letter by now in regards to the distribution of the remaining Lions funds, we wish to thank all the hard working Lions club members for your continued support to our community.



A BUSHFIRE RECOVERY EVENT FOR RESIDENTS IMPACTED BY THE 2016 JANUARY BUSHFIRES

Waroona Sunrise Breakfast



FRIDAY, 6th January 2017

7.30am to 9.30am

Join local farmers, residents and volunteers for a delicious hot breakfast cooked by the Emergency Services Team and volunteers

Kindly hosted at

Mike and Donna Walmsley's home

997 Somers Road, Waroona

Please RSVP to Patrick on 0437 223 299 or Patrick.Gaillard@cpfs.wa.gov.au

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and **Family Support**



An Invitation

BUSH FIRE ANNIVERSARY Meet & Greet

To commemorate the anniversary of the 2016 Waroona Bushfires, the Preston Beach Progress Assoc., would like to invite the whole community to join with us to celebrate how fortunate we have been, surviving the fires that devastated so much of our region and to recognise the heart warming community spirit that sustained us throughout the week of the fires. We would also like to meet the new-comers to Preston Beach and welcome them whole heartedly to our special place.

**JOIN US FOR A FREE CARVERY LUNCH
on 7 JANUARY 2017
at THE PRESTON BEACH
COMMUNITY HALL
From 12 NOON onward**

For catering purposes, RSVP is essential
Contact Judy - 0414627866 (text or call)
Or email marionherkes@gmail.com



BYO Drinks

R.S.V.P. 1 January 2017

(Please let us know if you have any special dietary needs)



The Department for Child Protection and Family Support
(CPFS) Recovery Team
wish you all a very safe Christmas
and New Year.

The Team is not available from 22nd December to Tuesday 3rd January 2017.
If you need any assistance or someone to talk to you can contact the following
phone services –



- Crisis Care – 1800 199 008
- Rural Link – 1800 552 002
- Beyond Blue – 1300 22 4636
- Kids Helpline – 1800 55 1800

The Team look forward to seeing you again in January at the various
community events or you can contact them -

- David works from the Harvey Recovery Centre, 1 Becher Street Harvey which is open 10.00am to 2.00pm Monday to Friday, or by appointment.
You can ring David on 0417 457 583.
- Lori works from the Harvey Recovery Centre some days and also does outreach visits to Yarloop and Waroona.
You can ring Lori on 0455 073 354 for an appointment.
- Patrick works Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday in the Waroona area and you can either meet Patrick at the Waroona Community Resource Centre or arrange an outreach visit.
You can ring Patrick on 0437 223 299 for an appointment.





After the Fire #2

A follow up workshop providing assistance in planning for bushfire risk and the next steps in productive landscape recovery after fire

This practical session will:

- Work through each individual attendee's property plans with a special eye to rebooting the farm landscape
- Assist you to gain an understanding about how to reactivate your landscape and farm enterprise following a fire
- Help you to understand how to apply the Regrarians Platform to future and current farm and enterprise planning
- Look at the property plans and approach taken by the participants of the previous workshop as case studies.

WHEN:	8th & 9th February 2017
VENUE:	To be confirmed
DURATION:	2 day workshop (9am to 4pm)
COST:	No cost to landowners

morning/afternoon tea & lunch provided

Places are limited, please register before the 3rd February by calling the PHCC on 6369 8800, or emailing admin@peel-harvey.org.au

Presenter

Darren J. Doherty from Regrarians Ltd will be the key deliverer for the sessions. Since 1993 Darren has worked as a farm planner in close to 50 countries, with much of this work being in the fire-prone mediterranean landscapes of the planet. He has nearly 2000 commercial clients and has helped many of these recover from fire and other catastrophes. Darren has also worked with a number of landholders in the coastal plain region of South West WA and understands the unique attributes of this landscape.

Please bring

- Your farm map (contour plan & aerial photo)
- Recent photos of your farm

