



Our Recovery Journey - Anniversary Reflections

Thanks to Donna and Mike Walmsley for their hospitality and friendly atmosphere that enabled the farming community to come together to reflect positively on the journey the community has travelled over the last 12 months.



A shout out to the Lions and our good friends at Red Cross, Colin and Department of Child Protection and Family Support, Patrick, Anna and Lori for being the cooks on the day.



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Preston Beach was the next community to host a community gathering on the 7th January 2017 in memory of the major fires that affected our community. We would like to thank the Preston Beach Progress Association for hosting and catering for the event.



A large crowd gathered with people making new friends that will continue into the future. Thanks to Judy and John for being the drivers that brought the community together to achieve this wonder and considerate outcome.



There were some good fishing stories to share with some moments that reflected upon the acts of kindness by individuals in the face of adversity.



Our Australia Day Honours

Congratulations to all the Australia day Award winners. For you to be nominated by your fellow community members is a great honour that was well deserved by you all.



We would like to thank the shire for hosting the event and to the volunteers that work behind the scenes, you have done your community proud.

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To wind up the reflections within the communities across Waroona, the shire, Red Cross and CPFS held a community BBQ with games and a wonderful atmosphere in the gardens of the Lake Clifton Tavern. The day was perfect with a gentle breeze that made it ideal for the kids "Big Bubbles" fun and face painting.



We finally caught Dave, traditionally the man behind the camera, when he least expected! Below



Get in Touch, Stay in Touch as we walk the journey together.

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A Community thank you, to you all.

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Prioritise your wellbeing.

You have gone through a highly stressful experience. It is normal that you might be having strong emotional reactions such as sadness, anger, anxiety and frustration. You may also be finding it hard to concentrate, think clearly or make decisions, this is also normal after an emergency event. It takes time, but stress reactions will fade if you have the right information and look after your wellbeing. Get more information by visiting:

<http://redcross.org.au/self-care.aspx>

Or if you feel you need more individual support contact the Emergency Service resilience officer on: **0417 457 583**

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

A LITTLE NOTE OF APPRECIATION TO THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE FOR THEIR TIME AND EFFORTS AFTER THE RECENT WAROONA - YALLOUP BUSHFIRES - FIRST THE COOKRANUP COMMUNITY & SURROUNDS FOR THEIR SURVIVAL PACKAGES & DISTRIBUTION - THE RED CROSS PEOPLE FOR THEIR SUPPORT - FRIEND & FAMILY WHO SPENT COUNTLESS HOURS DAY & NIGHT WITH WATER TANKERS & FIRE UNITS - THE HEAVY MACHINERY OPERATOR WHO WORKED AROUND THE CLOCK - THE FIXED WING WATER BOMBERS ESPECIALLY THE HELICOPTER WATER BOMBER WHO UTILIZED THE FARM DAM - THE LOCAL & VISITING FIREFIGHTERS - THE PEOPLE FROM THE RESOURCE CENTRE - THE SHIRE PEOPLE ESPECIALLY PAT & DAVE & HOPE I HAVE NOT MISSED ANYONE OUT - BUT - YOU WILL KNOW WHO YOU ARE THANK YOU ALL O.O

What's been going on?

Thanks to the Peel Development Commission and the Royalties for Regions fund the shires new Emergency generator is up and running. With this years weather it has been put through its paces three times already and has proven its worth. Thanks for all those who have supported the shire and community in achieving this goal.

Emergency Supplies

Thanks Harvey Water for supplying Fire hydrant fittings have to the region's firefighting brigades to provide greater access to water in strategic locations in the Waroona Shire.

There will be demonstrations and training for the shire Bush Fire Brigades on how to attach and operate the fittings .

The system converts the irrigation system into a fire hydrant in case of an emergency, the intent is every firefighting unit in the shire will be equipped with these hydrants.

As part of the training brigades will be supplied with a map which details the location of the 15 valve sites. This will shorten the time firefighters have to take to refill and then get back to the fire ground.



LEMC Meets

The shire's Local Emergency Management Committee has met and is reviewing its Emergency Management arrangements and Recovery plans as part of the post incident process. If you have any questions please contact the shires Emergency Management Coordinator.
frc@waroona.wa.gov.au



Contact the Waroona CRC to see what activities are coming up and information they have to support your family. Its your community resource so put it to good use.

Email: wccsdo@westnet.com.au

Call: 9733 3011

What's coming up?

We are planning for a farmer/bushfire awareness day in the future, keep an eye out we will keep you in the loop.

Our next community BBQ breakfast is happening on the 17th February 2017. Please read over page for more details.

Waroona Sunrise Breakfast

Join local farmers, residents and volunteers for a delicious hot breakfast kindly cooked by the Pinjarra Rotary Club.

Friday, 17th February 2017

7.30am - 9.30am

**Hosted by the Pinjarra Rotary Club at the
Drakesbrook Weir**

We look forward to seeing you there!

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

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