

ISSUE NUMBER 254 SHIRE OF WAROONA









### **Angels of Art**

- Micro Grants (funding pool of \$20,000)

Closing 25 May 2020

The Shire of Waroona's **Angels of Art** will spread their wings of creativity this June delivering:

- Street art
- Public art installations
- Interactive art projects
- Placemaking initiatives

to improve vibrancy, identity and connection to place in localities across the Shire.

The **Angels of Art** - Micro Grants are open to:

- Individuals \$250 \$2500
- Community Groups \$500 \$5,000
- Local Business \$500 \$5,000

for durable public facing art installations that focus on creating: Happiness, Vibrancy, Unity and Positivity.

Projects must be delivered in a very short timeframe, with installations required to be complete by 25 June 2020.

To discuss your project or request an application form, contact the Shire of Waroona Place and Community Development Coordinator – Kelly Shipway on 9733 7810 or via email on pcdo@waroona.wa.gov.au

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Shire President's Message

The last few months have been surreal to say the least. While the measures that have been put in place to minimise the health effects have been successful on one front, the impacts on the economic front will have lasting effects on some of our businesses for some time. We can be proud of the efforts we have all contributed to and will continue to need to do once our restrictions are eased.

We will need to assist some of our heavily impacted people in hospitality and tourism services by deliberately supporting them.

Council has been looking at different ways of doing this and to also support anyone who has been impacted by what has been one of the most significant disruptions to our lives in living memory. Council has already endorsed a number of recommendations to offer support and will always be looking at other avenues where we can assist. Our main focus has been on safety and wellbeing first and while some of the measures we have put in place such as beach and dam closures and public facility shutdowns have not been popular, I sincerely thank you for your understanding that these very measures are the very reason we have been successful in low transmissions and minimal lives lost.

During the upheaval council particularly still was busy with directives from the state government and the very quick amendments to legislation that were placed on us. Compounded by social distancing and limiting numbers in groups, our staff are to be commended for continuing to deliver for our community and adapt to the changes. Some of our projects were put on hold for a period to try and gauge the impacts on our budget and what support we may be required to commit. Now we have a slightly clearer picture, some of the projects will now commence and will hopefully be completed in the next few months.

Quambie Park has displayed again why it is one of our states stand out aged care facilities. During this time the amazing staff have not only kept our most vulnerable members of the community safe, they have had to put their own lives and families on hold as the introduction of this virus into a facility would be catastrophic. You have again demonstrated a level of commitment to care that is simply outstanding. We are extremely appreciative of the effort you have shown in these times.

The local businesses that have adapted and stayed open to serve our community are to be thanked. They have had some difficult instances to deal with and I believe some have actually enjoyed an increase in support. I'm very sure that are appreciative of this and hopefully it will continue into the future.

Autumn is traditionally our dusty and smoky time and this month has been no exception. Our Shires' dry paddocks that have busily been prepared with seed and fertiliser will hopefully soon be green again. I hope everyone stays healthy and safe as we head into winter and that we may return to some form of normalcy in the short future.



### **COVID-19 BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT**

If your business or employment has been adversely affected due to the COVID-19 pandemic, you are welcome to contact the Shire to discuss how the Shire may be able to assist.

At a Special Council meeting held 14 April, Council adopted a number of measures that could provide some assistance and help you through this difficult time.

We want businesses to survive and then thrive. If you would like to talk to us, please contact the Shire on 9733 7800 write to the CEO, 52 Hesse Street, Waroona 6215 or email us at warshire@waroona.wa.gov.au.

## **ACCESS TO WAROONA LIBRARY FOR MEMBERS**

Library staff are available to select books for members and arrange a time for collection outside of the library.

### Library hours Tuesday to Saturday 9am to 12noon

Access to the library collection is available by:

- Online catalogue through the Shire of Waroona Website Community/Facilities/Library/Library Catalogue Search
- Phone 9733 7822
- Email library@waroona.wa.gov.au
- Knock on the front door

Due to the easing of the COVID-19 restrictions, this may change. If you are wanting to become a member of the library please contact us.

For further information please contact Lis, Annette and Kathy 9733 7822

# **Next Council Meeting**

Next council meeting will be 26th May 2020 at 4pm and venue to be advised

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