



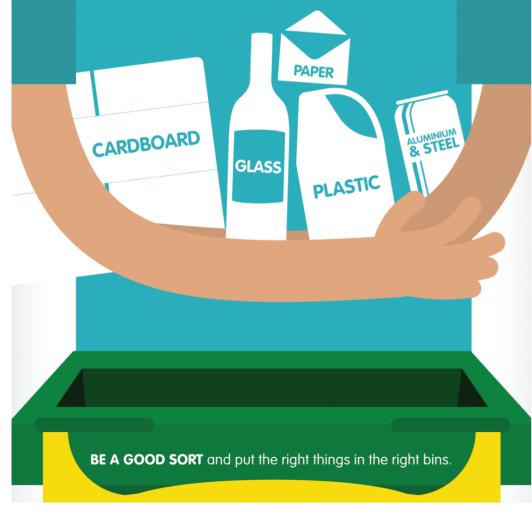


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Murray-Waroona Alliance Strategy Endorsed for Next Five Years

The blueprint for achieving a more coordinated approach to developing economic initiatives and improved service delivery for the Murray and Waroona communities, was supported this week with both Councils adopting the Murray-Waroona Resource Sharing Alliance Strategy 2020-2025.

According to Murray Shire President Cr. David Bolt, the fiveyear plan is an innovative approach in the midst of changing economies and increasing community expectations of services, to ensure both local governments remain strong, resilient and adaptable into the future.

"The transparent and cooperative arrangement allows the Shires of Murray and Waroona to maintain their individual identities while facilitating collaboration on sub-regional projects and creating new funding partnerships," Cr. Bolt said.

Waroona Shire President Cr. Mike Walmsley said the relationship between the two local governments is based on good will and good intentions for residents and ratepayers, to demonstrate how better outcomes can be achieved from available resources.

"Both Shires continue to witness benefits of increased economies of scale and scope, which lead to the development of this five-year plan.

"Economic, social and environmental benefits will be maximised through its implementation and development collaboration for mutual prosperity," Cr. Walmsley said.

Arrangements have been in place for Information Technology, Environmental Health and Ranger Services for some years and in 2019 were expanded through the employment of a shared Chief Executive Officer.

Over the next year the Shire's will focus on developing a Murray-Waroona Sport and Recreation Strategy, expanding joint economic partnership opportunities including tourism, securing water to supply industry and agricultural development.

To view the Murray-Waroona Resource Sharing Alliance Strategy 2020-2025, visit murray.wa.gov.au or waroona.wa.gov.au.



Shire Presidents Cr. Walmsley and Cr. Bolt marking the adoption of the Resource Sharing Strategy



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What has been really heartwarming over the last period is the way our community has looked out for each other and has shown genuine concern for our welfare. To see some of the kind gestures and support for others has been very humbling and thank you to everyone who checked on a neighbour, who cooked a meal or delivered some groceries or just gave someone some reassurance that we would be ok if we looked after each other.

As we start to return to some normalcy, council has through the

very good work of our Place and Community Coordinator Kelly Shipway, found some funding to see some bright and colourful art projects commence across the Shire. These projects are about engaging our community and lifting the spirits through art after our disruption to our daily lives in the last few months. I'm looking forward to seeing the creativity blossom very soon and we appreciate what the art community will bring to our Shire.

The Councillors and senior staff were guests of the Waroona Agricultural Society recently in their newly renovated office on the show grounds. They have refurbished the kitchen and extended the main room and they should be very pleased and proud with the results. They were also successful in a Federal grant through the Australian Shows Association to demolish and rebuild the old toilet block on the eastern side of the show grounds. This will be another great project for the Ag Society and will be a big improvement on what is currently onsite. The committee is still not sure on what will be permitted in October regarding Covid-19 measures and crowds but being the innovative group they are I'm sure they will have a plan going forward that will hopefully see Waroona celebrate its 90th show. Fingers crossed.

The Lake Clifton Action Group were supported with some funding from Council at the May meeting to help refurbish the old fire shed to become an area for community activation for youth and potentially men's shed activities into the future. Council hopes this facility will become a hub for the youth in Lake Clifton where they can SHIRE OF WAROONA

socialise and enjoy activities that will enhance physical and mental wellbeing. Congratulations to this group and we wish you every success in your goals.

Council has endorsed a range of strategies regarding our resource sharing with Murray. Items such as tourism and marketing, governance and IT through to corporate services are just some of the areas council can focus on to improve our overall performance and hopefully maintain sustainable operating model. The work already achieved by both councils is paying dividends and a lot of goodwill has been built up between the two Shires. We see the relationship as an important step in us maintaining independence in our vision and using all available resources between the councils to achieve a successful and positive future.



VIBRANCY AND COLOUR COMING TO LIFT OUR SPIRITS

The Shire of Waroona has allocated \$28,709 in funding towards 18 locally led creative projects, as part of the Angels of Art micro grants.

The project will brighten public spaces to promote health, happiness and wellbeing, as we come out of what has been very difficult times.

Art and creativity have strong links to positive mental health. The Angels of Art micro grants allow a citizen led approach to neighbourhood building using short-term, low cost interventions.

The grant will empower local people to add their creative touch, building on the pre-existing professional art installations located across the Shire.

The fund attracted applications from local artists, groups and

businesses; all vying to bring creativity and vibrancy to locations across the Shire.

Shire President Cr Mike Walmsley is looking forward to seeing the project rolled out throughout our towns over the next few weeks.

"I look forward to seeing the community collaborate and create together. The proposals that were sent to Council are very impressive and will add colour and vibrancy to Waroona, Lake Clifton and Preston Beach".

"I see this as a first step in Council working towards reinvigorating our main streets. With so much community input for this funding, it is particularly pleasing".

The Angels of Art micro grants are supported by the WA Primary Health Alliance, as part of the Alliance Against Depression.

Next Council Meeting

Next council meeting will be 23 June 2020 at 4pm at the Waroona Council Chambers

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