

SWIMMING POOL INSPECTIONS



It is time again for swimming pool safety barrier inspections. The Shire began inspections at the end of April but had to stop due to Covid-19. The letters will be sent out shortly, with inspections commencing the end of July 2020, on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Your assistance in providing access on the day of your inspection, by having someone at the property to provide access or by leaving a gate unlocked and placing your dogs in a secure area, will be appreciated.

The inspection is covered by your rates contribution each year, however if the safety barrier is not compliant, or access was not available at the arranged time, you will receive an invoice for the follow-up inspection.

To help you make sure the barrier is compliant upon the first inspection, you will receive a booklet with an explanation and diagrams of the requirements with your letter.



The Art of the Cow

Mooriel is modelling her most recent outfit created by one of Waroona's dedicated cownturiers, Sarah Robertson, pictured here with Emily (7) and Jessica Stone (9) and Braxton Walsh (3).

The latest outfit is part of the Angels of Art initiative which is brightening up the streets of Waroona with an eclectic mix of art projects.

Since moving to the Visitor Centre from St Joseph's school in 2016 #WaroonaCow has stolen the hearts of many including those charged with working around the considerable problems faced in dressing a life-sized fibreglass cow.

Sarah has been at the helm of many of the creations which have ranged from the fun, the fabulous and the glamorous to just outright bright or crazy.

Mooriel's next outfit is in the planning stages and will be unveiled in August.



WAROONA 2030 – STRATEGIC COMMUNITY PLAN

In preparation for Waroona 2030, the Shire of Waroona embarked on its biggest community engagement campaign, seeking the views of its residents in Waroona, Hamel, Lake Clifton and Preston Beach.

Under the theme of "Our ideas and imagination are shaping Waroona", extensive consultation was conducted reaching over 400 community members across the Shire of Waroona. Consultation included a district wide survey, coffee conversations with 18 community groups and key stakeholders, a facilitated workshop with local businesses, a workshop with Councillors and key staff members, and five community workshops.

Across these five workshops, approximately 1,000 ideas were contributed and 280 were noted as being important to a community member in some way. While each district had specific suggestions, 10 common themes were highlighted – creating events and tourist attractions | developing walk and bike trails | enhanced caravan and camping accommodation | increased local and tourism signage | more activities for youth | community and night markets | regular streetscaping and verge maintenance | appealing entry statements | better access to healthcare professionals | public transport. The community consultation enabled the Shire to identify what is important to the community, both now and into the future. It has set out an ambitious but achievable vision, featuring the shared values, aspirations and priorities of the community over the next 10 years.

The draft 'Waroona 2030' Strategic Community Plan is now available for viewing and feedback



TOWARDS WAROONA 2030 – CORPORATE BUSINESS PLAN

As a result of the development of the draft Strategic Community Plan, the Shire has developed its 4 year Corporate Business Plan. 'Towards Waroona 2030' will activate the objectives of the Strategic Community Plan, and informs the annual budget process to ensure the priorities of the community are strategically aligned and affordable.

The draft 'Towards Waroona 2030' Corporate Business Plan is now available for viewing and feedback.

Copies of the draft Strategic Community Plan and draft Corporate Business Plan may be inspected at, or obtained from the Shire of Waroona Administration Office at 52 Hesse Street, Waroona between 8.30am and 4pm Monday to Friday. Electronic copies can be accessed through the Shire's website www.waroona.wa.gov.au and Facebook.

Submissions about the Strategic Community Plan and/or Corporate Business Plan may be made to:

**Corporate Compliance Officer
Shire of Waroona
PO Box 20
WAROONA WA 6215**

**By 4pm Tuesday,
21 July 2020.**

Waroona 2030 (and how we get there) belongs to the community and everyone plays a part in the district's success, functionality, business activity, visual appeal, vibrancy and ability to attract visitors – so keep an eye out for when and how to provide your thoughts!





Shire President's Message

Council will shortly be asking from our community, comments around the Drakesbrook Weir Strategy. Some preliminary designs around the western shore and surrounding areas have been created and will be available soon to encourage some thoughts and input into what the users of the area think and if there are other aspects that may need to be considered. The initial design has been worked up through the Friends of the Drakesbrook Weir group and council has appreciated the passion and guidance involved in getting to this point.

The Council recently hosted the

Peel Development Commission where they held their board meeting in our chambers. Our CEO and myself had the opportunity to give a presentation on some of the projects and issues that we face and we followed the presentation with a tour of a few sites around the Shire. An overview of the main street revitalisation strategy was followed by a visit to the old Clover Meats Abattoir where significant work has and is being undertaken to restart the facility. We also visited the Weir and then moved onto potential sites for the proposed seasonal workers accommodation back in the town-site. We rounded out the tour with a visit to Mitchells Transport with an overview from John on his operation and some of the challenges he has encountered running a particularly demanding business serving the agricultural sector.

Council will be holding a budget workshop this week with a

burgeoning list of projects and items and the reality that this will be an interesting year given all the issues that have occurred. The COVID-19 impact has been severe to many, and therefore Council has resolved to not have an increase in rates or service charges this financial year. The Federal Government distributed \$288,000 of funding to council to bring some projects forward to stimulate jobs which was very welcomed. However this amount is much less than the normal road funding the Shire would normally receive under the State Government's Commodity Routes Supplementary Fund Programme which has not been provided this year, which has added further pressure on our budget.

While some of our hospitality businesses have had a challenging time, I feel we are emerging from what could have been considerably worse. Our Shire has until now not

recorded a case of the virus and it seems that we may have the worst behind us. From here we try and encourage visitation to our Shire and region and capitalise on what will potentially be a great day trip from the metro and the fact that holiday makers will be looking at WA to enjoy a break and relax at home. Please if you see some new faces around our Shire, be friendly ambassadors and encourage them to enjoy our natural beauty and support our businesses.

Thank you to our community groups and individuals who are into installing the art and murals around the Shire. The colour and vibrancy looks great and will be the foundations of more to come. The council was delighted with the programme and the involvement shown by the community in being engaged in the Angels of Art project.

LONG-TERM MASTER PLAN TO UPGRADE DRAKESBROOK CEMETERY

A long-term Master Plan to upgrade the Drakesbrook Cemetery was endorsed by the Waroona Shire Council last week.

With the current grave site area having capacity for as much as forty years, the master plan identifies future upgrades that can now be implemented and staged over the next ten years and beyond.

Shire President, Cr Mike Walmsley said that it is a very important site that deserves ongoing care and respect.

"While there are only around fourteen burials per year, naturally the site is of great importance with many people paying their respects to those that have passed but are still remembered".

The master plan includes nine main strategy areas:

1. Mitchell Avenue entrance precinct
2. Car park & public facilities
3. Potential Future function centre
4. Niche wall area
5. Storage area
6. Existing grave sites area
7. Garden and quiet space
8. Boundary buffer
9. Future grave site development



Cr Walmsley said that this plan will now allow Council to consider which of the nine strategy areas will be prioritised and considered in future budgets starting from the 2021/22 financial year.

"We want to be able to clearly ascertain the benefits of each of the strategy areas and have them costed. From there we can then make decisions on which of these areas will be prioritised first."

Next Council Meeting

Next council meeting will be
28 July 2020
at 4pm at the Waroona
Council Chambers

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