



For many years a dedicated group of residents from Preston Beach have overseen the protection and restoration of vegetation in the dunes on the beach. Our Shire's coastline has significant weather events in most winters and it is incredible to witness not only how much sand moves around on the shoreline but also the significant wind erosion that occurs. Damage also occurs sadly from vehicles entering areas in the dunes that should not be disturbed. By the methodical placing of brush from pruned plants from the town site, some of this damage has been mitigated and repaired. Council was grateful to recently receive news from our local member, Mrs Robyn Clarke, that

the state government had issued a grant that will help continue this important work that has been conducted and lead largely by the Preston Beach Progress Association. Council thanks all of the volunteers and supporters for the great work that has been happening on our coast for many years.

The consultation regarding our Town Centre Revitalisation strategy continues and I thank all our contributors so far for their input and ideas. The consultants that are tasked with developing the vision are a group called Element and they have been collaborating all the information gathered from online surveys and community engagement. Council looks forward to seeing some preliminary work in the coming weeks and to see what the community has submitted into the plan.

I was privileged recently to have been invited to the Waroona VFES annual

dinner. During the evening various service medals were handed out to our incredible volunteers who have always been there for our community when called upon and I wish to also sincerely thank the families who support these volleys when they leave home at all hours of the day and night to help save property and in some instances, help save lives. Special guest at the dinner was Mr Murray Carter who is the Executive Director of the Rural Fire Service in Western Australia and he bestowed two medals to two distinguished members of the brigade who have completed 55 years of service each for our community.

To Mr John Twaddle and Mr Alan Alexander who have attended so many incidents over their careers and have given so much time, our community owes you a debt of gratitude for your service and an enormous thank you.

After 27 years of diligent service, Mr Laurie Tilbrook has retired from Local Government. Laurie leaves a legacy in our council of sound financial management and the ability to mentor and impart his experience onto our staff. He has guided many people through the complexities of setting budgets and grant acquittals to navigating constant legal requirements and legislative changes. He will be missed by our council and staff. We thank Laurie for his long and loyal service to our council and community and we wish him and his family the very best in Laurie's retirement and hoping that his future travels around our state and Australia are enormously enjoyable.

NEW CITIZENS



Christine Flowers



Shaun Wright



Anthony Williams



Jane Waller



Gerard and Linda Van Elden

Next Council Meeting
Next council meeting will be
Tuesday 22nd of September
at 4pm at the Waroona
Council Chambers

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SHIRE OF WAROONA GRANT APPROVAL FOR TEA TREE FARMING TRIAL.

In August, Council approved an application for the establishment of a 12ha Tea tree farming trial, to harvest Tea tree oils. This project is a part of a larger Peel Development Commission project to establish a new exciting industry in the Peel region with the oil harvested from the trees being processed and adding value to the Western Australian Food Innovation Precinct. The property located on the corner of Coronation and Fawcett Road was chosen due to its ability to draw on the Harvey Water network. If successful the developers Manukalife have indicated

the farming enterprise will likely be extended. Manukalife will be investing \$1 million into the initial trial, with planting to commence early in October with the first harvest expected within 24 months. Shire President, Michael Walmsley said the success of the trial will result in the creation of a new exciting agricultural opportunity for land owners in Waroona, providing the ability to diversify their crops, and was pleased to hear the developers are intending to source their equipment and labour locally where possible.

WAROONA TROUTFEST

Drakesbrook Weir, Weir Road, Waroona

10am-1pm Saturday 3 October 2020

OFFICIAL OPENING 10AM

Photo credit, Craig Wells

WHAT'S ON:

- FREE kids casting comp & fly fishing demo with Chas Riegert
- Prizes kindly donated by Bunbury Anaconda Outdoor + Camping Store
- Information on fresh water fishing by Department of Fisheries
- Australian Trout Foundation popup Trout Fishing Stall
- Free rod hire and tuition by Recfishwest and Fishability
- Fly fishing demos with WA Trout and Freshwater Angling Association
- Waroona Lions Club sausage sizzle & drinks to purchase
- Coffee Van on site

COME ALONG TO BE PART OF THE TROUT RELEASE AT 10.15AM

What to bring:

- wet weather gear
- chair, picnic rug, towel
- money for coffee or sausage sizzle
- snacks/lunch
- fishing rod & tackle - if you have some
- water, hat and sun protection

Register your interest
Sea to Scarp: Your Community
<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/troutfest-2020-tickets-118252659889>

please stay sunsafe by wearing long sleeves, hat and sunscreen



NOMINATE A LOCAL HERO TODAY!

AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS 2021

CALLING FOR NOMINATIONS TO RECOGNISE OUTSTANDING LOCAL CITIZENS ON AUSTRALIA DAY

- Meritorious Community Service - Under 25 years
- Meritorious Community Service - 25 years and over
- Citizen of the Year
- Citizen of the Year - Youth under 25 years
- Citizen of the Year - Senior 65 years and over
- Active Citizenship - Community Group/Event

Nominations Close 31st October 2020

Nomination forms available from the Waroona Shire Administration Office or online at www.waroona.wa.gov.au.