

MURDOCH COLLABORATION

In July this year Yohei Okamoto, Associate Lecturer in Tourism & Events at Murdoch University, made contact with Waroona Visitor Centre Manager, Tracy Goldsworthy, looking to partner with a tourist destination or visitor attraction manager.

The Destination Marketing TOU323 Unit involves groups of final year undergraduate students who form consultation teams to produce a strategic management plan for their assigned destination over the course of the semester.

This was seen as an excellent collaborative opportunity to see what the students would come up with and to provide them with an invaluable experience in the tourism arena.

Team Leader Emma-Jane Coutts, together with Fiona Lye, Joanne Lee and Ellie Tsk, attended a one day "forest & farmlands" tour and site inspection at Waroona Visitor Centre in August. The tour included Hamel, the Weir, Waroona Dam, Lake Navarino Holiday Park and Drakesbrook Wines, plus featured street art and creativity in the form of a visit to Carmen Tyrer's Merino Dreaming studio. Other stops included Habitat and Hairy Lentil, and a town centre walking tour.

September's familiarisation, attended by Emma-Jane and Ella Gretton, started with the "Coast & Lakes" at Lake Clifton. Visits included the thrombolites, lime kiln, MC's Bakery & Patisserie and Lake Clifton Mango Winery.

The afternoon took in the Lake Preston Walk Trail in Preston Beach and a



talk with resident birder, Bill Russell. There were visits to the General Store, Footprints at Preston Beach, the beach and the impressive community Bee Hive art installation. Information sessions were held with Preston Beach Volunteer Ranger, Tammy Smith and with Jan Bebbington of Nurture before it was time to head back to Waroona.

After dinner at the Drakesbrook Tavern we met with Linda Elliott of Lake Navarino Holiday Park to chat informally about their experiences in tourism over the past four years.

Day 2 was a visit to Langford Hill Riding Farm with Sue Thomas followed by a networking lunch at Nan & Pop's Lolly Shop & Tea Room with various community members, all of whom brought different perspectives and areas of expertise to the table.

Thank you to all those who gave their time to make the students feel so welcome and to share their knowledge and views to make it such a worthwhile educational experience.

At the end of the semester in early November 2020 a 5000-word destination strategic management plan will be delivered by the students.



CSRFF APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED FOR UPCOMING SPORT AND RECREATION PROJECTS

The Shire of Waroona has set their sights on three major sport and recreation projects for the 2020/21 financial year to the value of \$360,000.

These projects include the redevelopment of the Waroona Recreation and Aquatic Centre (WRAC) upper ablutions and pool concourse, installation of a new three bay cricket net training facility on the lower cricket oval and the reticulation of three fairways at the Preston Beach Golf Club.

At the ordinary council meeting on the 25th of August, council endorsed three submissions to the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries for the Small Grants round of the Community Sport and Recreation Facility Fund (CSRFF) for each of the projects.

- WRAC Redevelopment - \$210,000
- Cricket Nets - \$63,000
- Preston beach Golf Club Reticulation - \$87,000

Council's support for each project identifies the importance sport and recreation has within the Shire.

The redevelopment of the WRAC aquatic concourse will result in a more family orientated and modern space and is likely to attract additional users.

The new cricket nets will provide the Waroona Cricket Club with a facility that will cater for the growing number of members as well as becoming a community asset to be used by the public.

The Preston Beach Golf Club is located in one of the Shires tourist areas and provides locals and visitors with spectacular views, often accompanied by the resident kangaroos. The irrigation will transform the fairways from sand to grass, providing an attractive and unique experience.

The CSRFF successful grants are expected to be announced late October.

2020/21 RATES INCENTIVE PRIZE DRAW

It's that time of year again where we draw out our prize winners for the Rates Incentive Scheme.

Ratepayers who paid their rates in full by the due date of 11th September

2020 were eligible for the draw.

Below are a list of our winners for this financial year. Congratulations to all and thank you to everyone who paid their rates by the due date.

1st Prize

Kim Rowland Marwick

2nd Prize

Douglas Eric Boynes-Butler

3rd Prize

Mark Shane Birch

4th Prize

Robert Douglas Bruce

5th Prize

Frank Chiera

6th Prize

Liliana Dyson

7th Prize

Richard John Mason

8th Prize

Jerome Fitzpatrick

9th Prize

Christopher Graham Dyke

10th Prize

John Archer Woodhouse

11th Prize

Derrell John Birch

12th Prize

Murray Desmond Douglas

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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.





Shire President's Message

At the September council meeting, unanimous endorsement was given for the Shire to undertake a significant loan for the purpose of land purchases. Council wishes to invest in a portion of land in the heart of Waroona to create an open space that will give our residents and visitors an area to rest and play with a vision for parking areas and youth activities. This area is opposite our town hall and will help facilitate a focus in supporting travellers to park and spend some time in Waroona and hopefully inject some spending into our local economy. The land is adjacent to the Landcare office and the old Scout Hall and combines to give a significant space to create this vision of interactive playgrounds and

activation equipment with connectivity through to Fouracre Street. We look forward through our Town Centre Revitalisation Taskforce to having some preliminary designs soon for the community to comment on. This lending is up for public comment for the next few weeks and I encourage anyone who may have a view on this exciting undertaking to look out for the public consultation process that will be announced shortly.

Council has recently passed the twelve month mark of our current resource sharing agreement with the Shire of Murray. We believe that this agreement has been a success in respect to the shared CEO position and some of the savings achieved in some cross shire positions. Council recently endorsed combining our Local Emergency Management Committees as another aspect of sharing resources. This important committee oversees our community's response mechanisms and plans in the event of an emergency and is a statutory requirement of all Local

Governments to keep this plan current and ready for activation if and when it may be required. Combining these committees will not only add more resources in the event of an emergency for our two councils it also benefits the State agencies that attend to halve their attendance commitments.

Alcoa recently gave a presentation to council on their future mining plans and the significance of moving the current crusher to its new site located in the Shire of Harvey. While the refinery will be business as usual, the bauxite extraction will commence some distance south of its current area. The impacts for our community will be perhaps minimal and in some instances improved through lower noise and current traffic that utilises Nanga Road that will access the mine site from Willowdale Road. This may open up more opportunities for passive tourist uses for Nanga Road such as cycling and hiking to create linkages to our popular Lane Poole Reserve.

I congratulate all the diligent land owners who without fail always prepare their properties for the impending fire season. While current weather predictions indicate a wetter than normal summer, this won't detract from the fact that we must always do our part in readying for dangerous times. Please spend some time revising your bush fire plans and having your property ready for summer as in the next few weeks conditions will dry considerably.

NEW CITIZEN



Yara Magdy

Public Events in the Shire of Waroona

In order to conduct a public event on Shire of Waroona land or in a Shire owned venue, approval must first be obtained through the lodgement of a Public Event Application Form.

Public event approvals protect health, welfare and safety of those attending.

If your community group or organisation is planning a public event or activity open to the public and expect over 100 people to attend, contact the Shire of Waroona's Place and Community Development team to discuss your requirements as an event organiser.

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COVID-19 Event Safety Plan

The WA Department of Health have recently updated public event guidelines to ensure continued public health and safety of the public with

regards to COVID-19.

The latest requirements are as follows:

- all events with an expected attendance of over 500 people must complete a COVID-19 Event Safety Plan
- All events assessed as high risk are referred to the Department of Health for approval
- Low and medium risk events are approved through Local Government Environmental Health Officer.

The following link provides some frequently asked questions which explain the new requirements:

<https://www.wa.gov.au/government/publications/covid-event-plans-frequently-asked-questions>



PRESTON BEACH LOCAL LAW

The Shire of Waroona invites all residents, ratepayers and community members to discuss the development of a Preston Beach Local Law.

Topics may include:

- Environmental Protection
- Behaviour on Reserves
- Public Safety
- Permits
- Appropriate Behaviours
- Animals
- Fishing
- Watercraft
- Events

Saturday, 17 October @ 10am
Preston Beach
Community Centre

Please RSVP by Wednesday, 14 October
Phone: 9733 7800
Email: cco@waroona.wa.gov.au



Next Council Meeting

Next council meeting will be
Tuesday 27th of October
at 4pm at the Waroona
Council Chambers

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