



Shire President's Message

January has already been a busy month with some very successful community events. The twilight markets, Drakesbrook Weir art competition and the well-attended Australia Day breakfast. We were treated to some fantastic art at the weir with a compliment of professional and local artists creating some very special landscape paintings of our weir and surrounds. These events take great planning and support from our Shire community development team and the outside crew in having these areas in great order.

It's heartening to see these events well supported and I thank all those that attended.

We celebrated at the Australia Day breakfast some very worthy community members who have given much of themselves to others. To Mrs Trish Morris, Mrs Jane Humby, Mr Larry Scott and Mr John Salerian, our community thanks you sincerely for the passion and time you have given to helping others and for creating a culture of volunteering that has inspired. Also gratitude and thanks go to our Preston Beach Volunteer Rangers for guiding beach users in appropriate behaviour and maintaining vigilance and education for drivers to stay on the beach instead of our fragile dunes.

A disruption in our daily lives with a lockdown again reminds us that this virus still has significant impacts. In the interest of your health and all those we come into contact with, it is important we follow what our guiding experts recommend. The rollout of vaccines is soon but what's still not fully understood is the long term effects on us if we are unfortunate enough to contract any form of this virus. We should be grateful for the level of freedom we have enjoyed as many countries have not been as fortunate. The worst case of losing loved ones should be impetus enough for us to take care of ourselves and others.

Council will be significantly busy this year with the finalisation of some of the project planning being undertaken. Our town


centre revitalisation taskforce will be meeting several times in the coming months to present to the community a vision of what we wish our main street to look like. Planning and initial works on the intergenerational park will hopefully commence this year with anticipated financial support and successful grant applications from Federal and State government bodies. Other plans in the pipeline include the Preston Beach Foreshore Management Plan combined with other statutory updates to our Town Planning Strategy and Scheme.

I wish all our children a successful and hopefully uninterrupted school year and look forward to more well organised and successful community events.


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BASKETBALL CLINICS



MOVIE NIGHT




HIPHOP WORKSHOP



A 12 month youth engagement program created by the Local Drug Action Team for youth aged 12-17 years!!

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Alcoa Waroona Micro Grant Fund

The Alcoa Waroona Micro Grants are **CLOSING SOON** on the 15 February 2021.

The funding partnership between Alcoa of Australia and the Shire of Waroona supports groups to:

- 1) Build and strengthen their organisational capacity or sustainability; or
- 2) Deliver events, projects, programs or facilities that benefit Waroona communities or simply addresses a well evidenced need.

Applications will be invited **twice per year** with a maximum grant allocation of **\$2,000** per community group or organisation approved in any given financial year.

For more details on the Alcoa Waroona Micro Grant, please visit the Shire of Waroona website or call Ph: 08 9733 7800 to discuss your project.

Next Council Meeting

Next council meeting will be
Tuesday 23rd February
at 4pm at the Waroona
Council Chambers


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Live at the Weir 2021

What an incredible Sunday at Drakesbrook Weir. Amazing music, delicious food, lots of smiling faces, a stunning location and some spectacular artwork.

The judges had their work cut out for them with 35 artists, both amateur and professional competing for the 'Live at the Weir' quick draw competition. The major prize winner was Leon Holmes, international award winning artist specialising in Outdoor Oil Painting. Plein Air artist, Pauline Bright received the Highly Commended Art Award and local resident Tony Harbour received the accolade of Emerging Artist.

A big shout out to Josh Cowling photography for capturing the essence of the event and to Mike Walmsley, David Arkwright and the extended Nottle family for going above and beyond to help the Place and Community team with this event.



WAROONA AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS 2021

The weather did not disappoint for the annual Shire of Waroona Australia Day Celebrations & Awards Ceremony. Hundreds of community members kicked off Australia Day by attending this anticipated community event.

The Lions Club of Waroona once again prepared and served a delicious, hearty breakfast. This year the Club were able to generously give back to community by offering the breakfast free of charge with cash donation of \$200 from the Shire of Waroona, kind donations of fruit from Capogreco Farms and milk & juice donated by Franco's Milk supply. They certainly had their skates on serving around 250 meals! Alex Wayne created a wonderful atmosphere through breakfast with live music enjoyed by everyone.

The breakfast was followed by a convoy of community organisations, Just Cruizin Street Machiners members, emergency services vehicles and of course a tractor from De Rosa's Highway Motors were in the street parade through local streets.

Children and adults alike were entertained with face painting, colouring in, boomerang painting, the Lions Train, sheep dog demonstrations, garden games and Meanda Park Miniature Animal Farm.

The official ceremony was opened by Cr John Mason who warmly welcomed Mr Robert Jetta to present the Welcome to Country.

The Waroona Shire's own Karen Godfrey sang the National Anthem beautifully, as the Waroona Volunteer Fire & Emergency Services Cadets and Waroona Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation members raised the Australian, West Australian, Aboriginal and Torres Strait flags with great pride.

Cr John Mason performed his usual best as emcee for the official ceremony with an exceptional poem he wrote which captured the diversity, pride and inclusivity of our nation. Shire President Cr Mike Walmsley delivered an excellent Australia Day address, reflecting on the significance of community resilience amid the Covid 19 challenges faced by volunteer groups, individuals and the business community.

The announcement of the Shire of Waroona Meritorious Community Service Awards and Australia Day Council Community Citizen of the Year Awards acknowledge and congratulate those residents of the Shire who voluntarily contribute tireless hours within the community to make it better place to live. The recipients presented with these awards demonstrate the wonderful Australian spirit of volunteering and the positive outcomes for the Waroona Shire, community groups and volunteers.

2021 Australia Day Awards are as follows:

Shire of Waroona Meritorious Community Service Award
- 25 years & over recipients:

- Trish Morris
 - Jane Humby
- Australia Day Council of WA Citizen of the Year Award:
- Larry Scott
- Australia Day Council of WA Citizen of the Year Award Senior:
- John Salerian
- Australia Day Council of WA Award for Active Citizenship (Group / Event):
- Preston Beach Volunteer Rangers

Mr Mike Walmsley congratulated all the award winners and recognised all nominations.

Honorary Freeman Mr John Twaddle was then welcomed to stage where he proudly presented the NSW Premier's bushfire emergency citation awards to recognise the outstanding contribution of volunteers who were deployed to NSW to assist with the 2019-2020 bushfires.

The volunteers deployed Brian Beales, Michael Simpson, Heath Yeomen, and Scott Evans, these brave men were acknowledged for their efforts on behalf of the NSW Premier and Commissioner of NSW.

Shire President Mike Walmsley officiated the 2021 Citizenship Ceremony with MLA Robyn Clarke, and the community welcomed and congratulated our newest Australian Citizens for 2021.

Mrs. Christine Urschitz
Louis Urschitz
Ronja Urschitz
Mr Ross Blake
Mr Mathew Newman

Australia Day celebrations were also held at Preston Beach and Lake Clifton communities, organised by the respective Progress and Resident Associations, who once again excelled in their community spirit.

The Shire of Waroona would like to acknowledge Lions Club of Waroona, Waroona Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Corporation, Rob Jetta, Waroona Fire & Emergency Services Cadets, Karen Godfrey, Dave Lacey, Just Cruizin Street Machiners and all the street paraders' for their voluntary contribution to the event.



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