

## PUBLIC NOTICE Temporary Closure of Fawcett Road

The Shire of Waroona wishes to advise that the section of Fawcett Road between Coronation and Buller Roads, will be closed from Monday 19 April until Friday 23 April 2021 from 7:00am to 4:00pm for road maintenance works. Detours will be in place, please follow signage and directions.

For further queries please contact the Shire of Waroona Administration Office on 9733 7800.

**DEAN UNSWORTH - CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

### From the President



#### Electoral Commission Plan to move Waroona to Forrest

The Australian Electoral Commission has recently released its proposal for electoral boundary changes due to the elimination in WA of the seat of Stirling. This proposal would see the Shire of Waroona move from the seat of Canning to the South-West seat of Forrest. The Shire currently sits within the seat of Canning, amongst the neighbouring Shire of Murray and wider Peel region catchment. Our Council has submitted a submission

regarding this proposal and has taken the view that being part of the Peel region with the significant relationships that have been established with member councils and in particular Murray, our preferred position is to remain in the seat of Canning. While we would not perhaps suffer less representation federally, the alliances and the resource sharing we currently enjoy may make it challenging when we need to potentially advocate to two Federal members.

#### Anzac Day Services

The Anzac Services will return this year after unfortunately not being held last year. The Waroona Hamel RSL has organised both a shorter dawn service followed by a late morning March from the Memorial Hall to our Anzac Memorial. Last year people were able to pay their respects by holding a candle vigil on their driveways at sunrise which was a fitting gesture given the

inability to gather. I hope this year will be well attended as a sign of respect.

#### Yalgorup Recreational Master Plan

Council was recently given a copy of a recreational master plan regarding Yalgorup National Park. The document is a guide for the Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions going forward to outline the future use and opportunity inside the park and to perhaps formalise some passive recreational pursuits such as hiking and cycling in the area. It will ultimately include beach management which will include some input from our council on how best to manage beach access. As has been previously reported many times, it is a privilege to drive 4WDs on our beach but without controls and responsible behaviour, it could potentially be a right that may be taken away unless we are responsible in how we use it.

#### Former Hamel Nursery Could Come Back To Life

Hamel Eco Park has recently had some keen community interest in establishing part of the site as an Earthship. The concept is to establish an organic, self-sufficient permaculture farm. The vision is to increase tourism to the site while supporting local businesses. The site has an amazing history in our states development and was an essential nursery to many of our states parks including Kings Park. One of the areas that needs addressing is maintenance and to stop some of the spread of invasive plant species that are not ideal to have in such a historically significant site. It is one of our more significant features of our Shire that would benefit from some genuine activity to help protect and enhance it with benefits flowing from an educational and tourism perspective.

## Next Council Meeting

Next council meeting will be Tuesday 27th of April 2021 at 4pm at the Waroona Council Chambers

### Vale Louie Chiera

The Shire pay tribute to a local legend, Louie Chiera, who passed away on March 26. Born in Waroona in 1951 Louie was a very active participant within our community through running his own business and contributed to many key local projects. He was a great supporter of the Waroona Lions Club, local theatre productions, the Sunday Farmers Market and supporting the local youth group.

Louie was a champion of our community and will be sorely missed.

Sincere condolences to Louie's family.



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### Precinct plans progressing

Waroona's proposed Community Precinct in the town centre is continuing to take shape following the early concept planning phase.

Over the past six months, land has been acquired in the heart of Waroona, site assessments completed and many options considered for how the Precinct can provide something for everyone.

Funding has been confirmed from Alcoa's Waroona Sustainability Fund, the Shire's reserves, a stimulus grant from the Federal government and \$1.3m in election commitments from the State government.

A Business Case and economic impact assessment were developed to support an application to the Federal government's Building Better Regions program, with an

outcome expected mid-year.

Lotterywest is currently considering a funding application for the Precinct and the Shire is actively exploring other funding opportunities to make the Waroona Community Precinct a reality.

Initial concept plans by CONVIC were used to support these funding applications but will now be further developed in response to the community's feedback and important input from the Waroona Town Centre Taskforce.

Over 140 people responded to the recent community survey and a site visit by the Taskforce provided invaluable feedback. Overwhelming support exists for the Precinct, particularly with an increased emphasis on creating an iconic 'wow' factor for Waroona that brings our community together and attracts visitors to the town.

### WAROONA ARTISTS SHINE

While fabulous art in numerous mediums is always on display in the gallery at Waroona Visitor Centre, during Peel Open Studios (daily until Sunday April 18) visitors will also have the chance to meet the creatives behind the works the Centre is renowned for.

Artists and makers will chat with visitors and "show and share" their skills in jewellery and card making, tatting, patchwork, painting, hyperbolic crochet, felting, mixed media and more. The gallery walls and shelves are filled with a delightful array of quality local works including napkin art coasters, fun and funky sculptures, cottage crafts, fine woodwork, perfumes, rag rugs, photography, wine barrel

art, etched glassware and the list goes on.

Mooriel, dressed to thrill in a delightful yarn bombed outfit and outrageous hat, is set amongst colourful sheep and the theme continues on the verandah and into the nearby tourist bay.

Another local creator, Llynette Neil of Ravenscroft Textile Studio, will welcome visitors to her creative space in a converted woolshed on a working farm on Dorsett Road.

Waroona provides a perfect Mini Trail when you add a visit to see Drakesbrook Antiques & Collectables' awe-inspiring collection, and public art such as the beautifully carved and painted bush poles, intricate sculptures and

Links with Waroona's natural assets including water, nature and trees, combined with telling the story of our farming and irrigation history, will help create a very special and very 'Waroona' place.

Community feedback encourages more focus on the playground, shade and shelter, incorporation of water play, the pump track and amenities that will make the Precinct more comfortable and user-friendly for everyone.

The next step for the Precinct is to work on detailed designs that consider the community feedback, but importantly create a Precinct that is affordable to build and maintain with the rate base and financial resources of our Shire.

Updates will be posted on the Shire's Facebook page and website

mosaics, and the fabulous murals that have popped up throughout the town.

Throw in lunch at an eatery and a visit to scenic Drakesbrook Winery where you can enter your name in the draw to win a twin pack of local wine. Just say you're on the Waroona Art Trail.

Event guides listing all participating studios and galleries in the Peel Region are available from the Visitor Centre or on the Peel Open Studios website.

For more information contact Waroona Visitor Centre 9733 1506 or head to the Visit Waroona Facebook page for artists & maker demonstration times, event and website links.

## FAMILY EVENTS CALENDAR

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> April  
Family Movie Night – 4-6pm  
Waroona Rec Centre

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> April  
Youth Movie Night – 7-9pm  
Waroona Rec Centre

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April  
Movie Under the Stars – 7-930pm  
Lake Clifton Basketball Court



Polly Bonner with "Finding Nemo"



Fashion icon Mooriel