

From the President



Premier Visits

Further design work is currently being carried out on the Inter-generational Space in our town centre. Planning to capture and retain the trees and natural falls into a concept that will be submitted for public comment will happen in the next few months is a priority of council before construction can commence. We were especially delighted in May to have a visit from our Premier that was orchestrated by our member for Murray Wellington, Mrs Robyn Clarke. It gave our Councillors and CEO a chance to explain our vision for this space and for him to reinforce the State Governments commitment toward the project. We also had the chance to update the Premier and our local member on a few other aspirations and issues we have and sincerely hope for more visits in the future.

Ag Society Mural

The Agricultural Society are embarking on another significant mural to brighten up our show grounds. Funding for this mural has been sourced by the generosity of our farming families in the district and each contributing family will have a sign placed on a memorial farm gate signifying the family name and property title with an associated chronology. Alcoa, Premium Allsands and the Ag Society have also contributed funding for the mural and we look forward to a very bright and special façade on the John Marchetti shed.

Thank you Emergency Services Volunteers

Council also held the annual Emergency Services Dinner in May to thank all our special emergency service volunteers who dedicate significant hours into keeping our community safe and providing support when we need it. The dinner had some special guests from the Waroona Hamel RSL who joined us for a delightful meal catered for by the Waroona Bowling club. Each organisation gave an update on the levels of demand they had encountered in the last twelve months and our town VFES even had to attend a call out during proceedings. A sincere thank you to all our Emergency Service vollies and their families that support the important work they do.

Community Recycling

Some figures that have come out from our communities take up of the Containers for Change refund scheme show we have embraced the concept very well. Community Recycling WA who are the approved applicant to pick up eligible containers from our Shire recently approached Council to seek a site for storage as they are having excess containers to deal with on collection days. This great initiative that supports our community and diverts waste from landfill has been successful in our patch and its great news that it can support some of our groups in fundraising.



ALCOA WAROONA MICRO GRANT FUND

The Alcoa Waroona Micro Grants are now open, closing 15 August 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: Grants Shire of Waroona or call Ph.: 08 9733 7800

Emergency Services Thank You and Service Recognition Dinner

On Thursday 13 May the Shire of Waroona showed its appreciation and gratitude for the efforts of the hardworking members of emergency services groups and organisations at a thank you and service recognition dinner. The annual event was once again held at the Waroona Bowling and Social Club, where Shire councillors and staff joined around 75 members for a truly delicious meal.



Members from Waroona Volunteer Fire & Emergency Service, Waroona West Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade, Lake Clifton Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade, Preston Beach Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade, Waroona St John Volunteer Ambulance and Preston Beach Volunteer Rangers attended.

Representatives from the Waroona-Hamel RSL also attended and thanked the Shire for the invitation after their ANZAC Day Services and functions were cancelled. As a group they acknowledged all who have served and also all in the emergency services who have protected.

Shire President Cr Mike Walmsley acknowledged and thanked all of the above Emergency Services members and their families for their highly valued services and the personal time and commitment they provide to our beautiful town of Waroona and its surrounds.

Seniors EngAGE – Theatre Outing

On Saturday the 22 May, seniors from across the Shire attended the 'Vicar of Dibley' theatre performance at the Koorliny Performing Arts Centre in Kwinana.



Twenty seniors from Quambie Park, Waroona Senior Citizens, Preston Beach Progress Association and the Lake Clifton Heron Residents Association enjoyed a day out watching the hilarious play based on the well-known TV Show.

From all accounts, the seniors loved the outing and opportunity to connect through the Shire of Waroona's Seniors EngAGE program.

Shire President, Mike Walmsley, was kind enough to give up his Saturday afternoon to drive the bus from Waroona on what turned out to be a very wet and wild day. Quambie Park staffer, Tarnia Bonnett also gave up her day to provide support to the seniors.

Upcoming activities under the Seniors EngAGE program include:

- Seniors Freshwater Fishing Workshop (June)
- Origami Workshops (June)
- Traditional Basket weaving workshop (July)
- Mad Hatter Morning Tea (July)

The Seniors EngAGE Program promotes the Act, Belong Commit message and connects older residents through fun activities and common interests.

The program is supported by Department of Communities, Alcoa of Australia and the Shire of Waroona.

CAPITAL WORKS

2020/21 in Review

The 2020/21 Capital Works Program is nearly complete, with the following major projects completed:

- Somers Road – widen remaining narrow section north of Coronation Road
- Coronation Road – various culvert widening works and surface improvements
- Johnston Road – continue upgrading and seal widening
- Nanga Brook Road Black Spot – improve verge conditions around sweeping bends
- Peppermint Grove Road – install headwalls and guardrail to new culvert
- Millar Street – install 'kiss and drop' lane at St Joseph's Primary School
- Chalet Vale (Preston Beach) – improve storm water drainage

Looking Ahead to 2021/22

Projects for next year are subject to Council approval via the budget process, however some we are confident will be included as they are part or fully funded by the State or Federal governments are:

- Coronation Road – continue various realignments and seal widening treatments
- Johnston Road – continue upgrading and seal widening east of Bristol Road
- Nanga Brook Road – repair failed sections
- Nanga Road Blackspot – remove roadside hazards and improve signage
- Peppermint Grove Road – seal widening

Twilight Mini Golf and Drumming

What a night of fun, good food, diverse activities and positive energy in Lake Clifton on Friday 21 May for the Twilight Mini Golf and Drumming event.

Hundreds of people ventured down to the community reserve on Tuart Grove to join the festivities and enjoy a night of cooking, with burgers, sausage sizzles, coffee and ice-cream for sale.



The all ages event had something for everyone with market stalls, a tarot card reader, face-painting, mini-golf, giant garden games, a drumming circle, petting pony and a retro gaming trailer.

With a large number of young families having moved into the area, there was an astonishing number of children in attendance with the next generation of Lake Cliftonites laughing, playing with their friends and making memories.

The Twilight Mini Golf and Drumming event was an initiative of the Lake Clifton Action Group, supported by the Shire of Waroona and Alcoa of Australia. The group managed to raise \$650 through burger sales and activity donations, with funds being allocated towards future initiatives to support the Lake Clifton community.

With the Action Group member base now reaching 40 members, it felt like half the town was there helping with event setup and pack down. The success of the event can be attributed to community enthusiasm, involvement and spirit!!

Thank you to @Josh Cowling Photography for capturing these amazing photos.



Next Council Meeting

Next council meeting will be Tuesday 22nd June 2021 at 4pm at the Waroona Council Chambers

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