

President's Report



Last week Council had the opportunity to engage with the Peel Development Commission Board and Executive on what our Shire has currently on our radar and other developing projects. After our presentation, the board was taken to our two significant freshwater dams and a quick site visit to the Town Centre Precinct site. There has been some positive developments around stewardship of the Waroona Dam and some investment into a tourism

and business development study surrounding the use and opportunities for the dam. Council sees it as a positive to potentially upgrade the facilities at the dam for camping and recreation as it has always been an iconic water ski destination and could certainly do with supporting structure and amenities to encourage tourist visitation.

It seems to be shaping up that our Shire may have a significant role in the renewable energy sector. Given that there are currently two significant solar farms approved, there is now talks of potentially generating hydrogen from solar energy and the scoping of wind farms off our coast. While most of this is in its very early stages, the push from both State and Federal Governments appears to be toward renewable energy sources so these industries will have a large role to play going forward. Part of Council's action on this, is to have a policy on how we deal with these projects going forward and significantly, seeing they are responsibly developed on suitable areas that do

not hold high agricultural value or have environmental significance.

The last month has been particularly challenging for our Shire's Aged Care facility, Quambie Park.

With the arrival of Covid into the residential home came challenges that were both confronting and exhausting. My heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the very special staff that stood up under daunting circumstances to maintain the care and dignity of the residents during this time and the unwavering leadership of CEO Sharon James to navigate through a very difficult period was inspiring. The support shown by the families and community at this time was also humbling. While for some of our most vulnerable residents, this has been a very challenging time dealing with this pandemic, its particularly special to know that there are people in our community who go above and beyond for others when it's needed. Thank you.

Councillor Vacancy to Remain Unfilled for Now

Council has had an elected member vacancy since February 2022 and is currently in the process of reviewing the number of Councillors for the Shire of Waroona. Currently there are eight Councillor positions (including the Shire President), but only seven filled.

The Shire has sought and received approval from the Electoral Commissioner to defer filling the current vacancy until the next October 2023 Local Government Ordinary Elections. By then the elected member numbers review will be complete and the Shire will know whether it needs to fill the vacancy or not.

Waroona Community Precinct Update

The Waroona Community Precinct project is shaping up with the demolition contract now awarded. The contractor will be aiming to finish by the end of August and their work will involve taking down the old Scout Hall, the café, and the old house, leaving Irrigation House and the Big Shed in place. They will be doing a general site clean-up too. A lot of work has gone into identifying items of importance through two community working groups so salvaging historic material like a chimney and pressed tin ceiling, to name a couple of the items, will be part of the demolition work.

A photographer has done a photographic record of the buildings too, so that we can reference these in the new precinct and have a record for ourselves of what was there in the past.

The demolition contractor will prepare his own work health and safety approvals for this part of the work in the next weeks before getting on site, when the fence goes up to provide for site protection.



Alcoa Waroona Micro Grant Fund



NEW FUNDING ROUND CLOSES 15 AUGUST 2022

Do you have an idea that will help the Shire of Waroona community?
We're looking for local groups and organisations with fresh ideas to apply for funding through the Alcoa Waroona Micro Grand Fund.
For more details visit the Shire of Waroona website or call 9733 7800.

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Meet Louie, the Lions Club New Tractor

The Waroona Lions Club recently unveiled a new tractor for the Lions Train ride.

Named 'Louie' after the late Lion member Louie Chiera, the tractor was partly purchased with funds from the Alcoa Waroona Sustainability Fund, administered by the Shire of Waroona.

Round up the kids, because the community will get to see Louie the Tractor in action at a Waroona Lions event very soon!



Pictured are the incredibly dedicated Lions Train committee leaders, Lion's Dennis Hindle and Alan Lochowicz with Nick De Rosa from De Rosa Highway Motors, Tom Busher from Alcoa and Jade Salpietro from Shire of Waroona.



RECEIVE YOUR RATE NOTICE ELECTRONICALLY!

You can now register with the Shire of Waroona to receive your Rate Notices via email. This not only reduces the use of paper significantly but ensures you never miss a bill again!

By signing up, you can now receive Rate Notices, Instalment Notices, Final Notices, and any other important information relating to your rates and property in the Shire of Waroona directly to your email.

For more information or to register please visit www.erateswa.com/Waroona/ or visit the Shire of Waroona website and Facebook Page.



Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015 Initiation of Local Planning Policy 11 - Building Envelopes

Council has resolved to initiate the above policy. This policy will apply to all land that contains a building envelope or where the Shire deems it necessary for a building envelope to be established (e.g., new subdivisions). The purpose of this is to assist developers and landowners to carefully select locations for new or amendments to building envelopes.

A copy is available for inspection at the Shire of Waroona Administration Office, 52 Hesse Street, Waroona. Alternatively, the policy can be viewed online at www.waroona.wa.gov.au by following the following links: Community→Community Engagement→Current Consultation.

You are invited to review the policy and make a written submission. Submissions can be made via:

- Email warshire@waroona.wa.gov.au
- Post PO Box 20, Waroona WA 6210
- Dropping it off in person 52 Hesse Street, Waroona

Submissions close **8 July 2022**. For any enquiries, please contact Craig Zanotti, Senior Planner, on 9733 7824.

Mark Goodlet
Chief Executive Officer

WAROONA VISITOR CENTRE WORKING GROUP EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Applications are invited from interested members of the community to fill two (2) positions as community representatives on the Waroona Visitor Centre Working Group for a two (2) year term aligned with Council elections.

In accordance with the Terms of Reference, the community positions are:
One community member skilled with experience in art and culture
One community member skilled with experience in tourism and marketing

Prospective applicants will be required to attend quarterly meetings, and additional meetings on time-sensitive or urgent matters should the need arise.

For the Terms of Reference or more information, please refer to the Shire of Waroona website www.waroona.wa.gov.au. Hard copies of the Terms of Reference can be obtained from the Shire office.

Applications, in the form of a letter detailing relevant experience, are to be addressed to: The Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Waroona, 52 Hesse Street (PO Box 20), Waroona, 6215
Or email to: warshire@waroona.wa.gov.au

Applications close 4:00pm July 29, 2022.

Alcoa Waroona Micro Grants Fund Opens



Fishability were one of the successful recipients of AWMGF funding in 2021.

Round two of the Alcoa Waroona Micro Grants Fund (AWMGF) for 2022 is now open, with groups across the community encouraged to apply.

Formed through a partnership between Alcoa of Australia and the Shire of Waroona, the AWMGF supports community-based groups to deliver programs, projects, facilities and events that benefit the Waroona community.

Now in its second year, projects funded by the AWMGF must align with the Shire of Waroona 2030 Strategic Community Plan. Applications are invited twice per year with a maximum grant allocation of \$2,000 per community group or organisation approved in any given financial year.

Shire President Mike Walmsley urged all local groups throughout the Shire to look at taking advantage of the opportunity provided by the Fund.

"The last funding round attracted eight quality applications requesting a total sum of \$11,264." Cr Walmsley said.

"This Fund has been set up to help build the capacity of the community and help recognise the important role volunteers and community groups play in making Waroona such an amazing place to live, work and visit."

Applications for this round of the AWMGF are open until 4.30pm on Monday, 15 August 2022.

For more information or to apply for the AWMGF, visit the Shire of Waroona website or contact the Shire on 9733 7800.



HAVE YOUR SAY

The Shire of Waroona intends to carry out a **Review of Wards and Councillor Numbers**, as it is required to so do under the Local Government Act 1995.

Your submission is invited (under Clauses 6(2) and 7(1) of Schedule 2.2 of the Local Government Act 1995). A Discussion Paper has been provided for information on the review and how you can respond.

Submissions may be made to the Shire of Waroona until 5th July 2022.

Why is a review of ward boundaries and Councillor Numbers necessary?

Under the **Local Government Act 1995**, all local governments are required to review their ward boundaries and elected member representation every eight years. The Shire of Waroona does not have wards and while it is not proposing to re-introduce wards, The Local Government Act provides for submissions to be received on whether a Shire should have wards.

The Shire is also seeking your feedback on the appropriate number of Councillors.

What is involved in a review?

Council resolved on 26 April 2022, to review its current ward boundaries and elected member representation.

The community must be consulted as part of the review process. To assist the community, Council has approved the release of the *Review of Wards and Councillor Numbers for the Shire of Waroona – Discussion Paper*, to be made available during a six-week consultation period.

The Discussion Paper can be accessed via www.waroona.wa.gov.au, our Facebook page, or from the Administration building at 52 Hesse Street.

It provides details of options for consideration:

1. Retain the current number of Councillors at 8 (including the Shire President as a Councillor)
2. 7 Councillors
3. 5 Councillors
4. 10 Councillors

Council can consider options other than those specified in the Discussion Paper - including any the community may propose.

Results of public consultation will be taken into account when making a final recommendation to Council about ward boundaries.

Thank you for your participation.

Mark Goodlet
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



Important Reminder

The Shire of Waroona has a range of regulations, policies and local laws it upholds to support the delivery of the community's goals and vision in the Strategic Community Plan. There are also other State and Federal laws, which protect the environment and have an impact on planning and development matters.

As a Shire we support sustainable development, that achieves economic growth, land conservation and community development.



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This is to ensure we work together, to protect the wellbeing of the community and our natural assets for future generations.

PLEASE REMEMBER – you need to obtain written consent BEFORE clearing any natural vegetation or mature trees!

Written permission is also required - before undertaking any activity in a Shire Road Reserve.

It is also illegal to take any wood alive or dead from a Shire Reserve.

For the clearing of vegetation, you can contact the Shire's planning services. A Shire officer will work with you to establish if you need to get an assessment done on your site, in relation declared and engendered flora and fauna, as well as wetlands and waterways. Your property may also be subject to a **'conservation covenant'** preventing land clearing. **Please be Aware: Property owners and machinery operators, who clear land without approval may be prosecuted, fined and/or ordered to rehabilitate.**

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Next Council Meeting

Next council meeting will be 28 June 2022 at 4pm at the Waroona Council Chambers

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