

## President's Report



Council held its first meeting for the year on the last day of February. The full agenda targeted areas around the new Cat Act and updates to the Dog Act with heavy haulage and invasive plants up for attention. Also, up for recommendation was future planning of our local cemetery and a policy regarding workforce accommodation. While these two items were deferred for further consideration, Council awarded the tender for the

community precinct with work to start imminently. Local Government plays a very diverse role in servicing the community and there is certainly no shortage of issues and responsibilities to deal with.

Community groups who submitted applications to the Micro Grant round of the Alcoa Waroona Sustainability Fund have been notified if they were successful. The applications ranged from recreation and sport through to educational resources. A larger grant round has been announced and opened at the start of March. I certainly encourage any organisation in our Shire that has suitable projects for this fund to contact our Community Development team and step through the submission process to see if your group is eligible. The committee which is made up of Alcoa, Councillors and community

representatives is certainly looking forward to seeing some solid projects submitted this year.

Land Insights are consultants who have been appointed by Council to assist our Planning staff in undertaking a review of our local planning framework with the vision for an updated Town Planning Strategy and Scheme. Part of this process will include consultation with community members about what they see as the future land use and what potential development could be accommodated into the future. I encourage everyone to participate in the survey when it is distributed.

Over the next few weeks there will be some great events that all the family can participate in. Held at the Drakesbrook Weir on March the 26<sup>th</sup>, we welcome back the Kwillana Va'a club to demonstrate

what an outrigger canoe is capable of and capture a little bit of the competitive spirit with a few races between those keen to try a paddle. There will be a performance from the Southside Cook Island Dance troupe which last year was particularly colourful and spectacular and interactive for those who wish to join in. Free kayak hire and activities will complement the day. Also, hopefully a movie under the stars in Early April on the cricket oval organised by the Lions club will give the family a nice evening out. Combined with the All Australian Car day and Vintage Machinery on the 9<sup>th</sup> of April, there should certainly be something for everyone. Please keep an eye out on the Shire's social site for more activities and updates.

## ANZAC DAY



### TUESDAY, 25 APRIL 2023 WAROONA WAR MEMORIAL

- 6:15am: Dawn Service at the Waroona War Memorial, followed by a Gunfire Breakfast at the Waroona Memorial Hall
- 10:45am: ANZAC Parade from the Waroona Memorial Hall to the Waroona War Memorial
- 11:00am: ANZAC Day Service at the Waroona War Memorial



### WHAT'S ON IN

Keep up-to-date with all our events. Scan me for more info.

**26 MARCH**  
WAROONA PADDLING FESTIVAL  
Drakesbrook Weir

**9 APRIL**  
ALL AUSTRALIAN CAR DAY  
Waroona Showgrounds

**14 - 21 APRIL**  
FREE YOUTH WEEK ACTIVITIES  
For 10 to 25 year olds  
Various locations in Waroona

**25 APRIL**  
ANZAC DAY  
Waroona War Memorial  
Lions Club  
Community Hall  
Preston Beach  
Community Centre

**18 MAY**  
EMERGENCY SERVICES RECOGNITION DINNER  
Waroona Bowling Club

**2 - 9 JULY**  
NAIDOC WEEK ACTIVITIES  
Various locations in Waroona

**7 OCTOBER**  
WAROONA SHOW  
Waroona Showgrounds

**14 OCTOBER**  
TROUTFEST  
Drakesbrook Weir

**11 NOVEMBER**  
REMEMBRANCE DAY  
Waroona War Memorial

**2 DECEMBER**  
THANK A VOLUNTEER DAY BREAKFASTS  
Waroona Football Club  
Preston Beach Community Centre

### Western Australia's Plan for Plastics

Single-use plastics ban  
Plastic drinking straws  
January 2022

From 1 January 2022, regulations to ban the sale, supply and distribution of single-use plastic drinking straws in Western Australia come into effect.

Businesses, organisations and consumers who use these items are being supported to switch to reusable and non-plastic alternatives.

**Quick facts**

In the 2019-20 financial year, Western Australians used an estimated 132.5 MILLION drinking straws.

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What is being banned?  
The ban applies to the sale, supply or distribution of single-use plastic drinking straws. This includes all sizes and shapes, such as conventional plastic straws used for beverages, straws with a scoop, flexible straws and bubble tea straws, and straws made with plastic coatings, glue and bindings. Exemptions will apply for people who require plastic straws for a medical, disability or therapeutic purpose.

Plastic straws made from compostable, biodegradable and degradable plastics are also included in the ban.

Why are plastic drinking straws being banned?  
About 40 per cent of all plastics used are "single-use", designed to be used only once or a few times before being thrown away (disposed of). While recyclable, only 11 per cent of single-use plastics are currently recycled, with the majority ending up as litter or in landfill.

In the environment plastic waste breaks down into smaller fragments over a long period of time. If at all, plastic waste poses a major threat to the health of marine, freshwater and land ecosystems, and impacts the amenity of our environment and coastline. The impact and abundance of single-use disposable plastic items is significant, and immediate action is required to reduce these impacts.

### Local Government Act 1995 Bush Fires Act 1954 Shire of Waroona Proposed Bush Fire Brigades Local Law 2023

The Shire of Waroona proposes to make a local law relating to Bush Fire Brigade related matters.

The purpose of this local law generally is to establish and maintain bush fire brigades and enable the bush fire brigades to carry out normal brigade activities under the Bush Fires Act 1954, its Regulations and the Waroona Bush Fire Brigades Local Law.

The effect of this local law is to:

- equip each bush fire brigade so established with appliances, equipment and apparatus;
- provide for the appointment or election of a captain, a first lieutenant, a second lieutenant, and such additional lieutenants as may be necessary as officers of the bush fire brigade and prescribe their respective duties;
- provide for the appointment, employment, payment, dismissal and duties of bush fire control officers;
- provide for the organisation, establishment, maintenance and equipment with appliances and apparatus of bush fire brigades to be established and maintained by the local government; and
- provide for any other matters affecting the exercise of any powers or authorities conferred and the performance of any duties imposed upon the local government by the Bush Fires Act 1954;

A copy of the proposed local law may be inspected at or obtained from the Shire's office at 52 Hesse Street, Waroona, between 8.30am and 4.00pm Monday to Friday. A copy is also on the Shire's website [www.waroona.wa.gov.au](http://www.waroona.wa.gov.au).

Submissions about the proposed local law may be made to the Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Waroona, PO Box 20, Waroona WA 6215 by 4pm Friday, 5 May 2023.

MARK GOODLET  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

### Disability Services Act 1993 Disability Services Regulations 2004 SHIRE OF WAROONA Enabling Waroona - Access and Inclusion Plan 2023-2028

In accordance with section 28 of the Disability Services Act 1993, the Shire of Waroona has published the above-mentioned Access and Inclusion Plan.

Council's Access and Inclusion Plan 2023-2028 is available in hard-copy and electronic format; additionally, various accessible formats are also available upon request.

To inspect or obtain a copy, please visit the Shire of Waroona administration offices during opening hours at 52 Hesse street, Waroona. Alternatively, email [warshire@waroona.wa.gov.au](mailto:warshire@waroona.wa.gov.au) or visit the Shire website to obtain an electronic copy.

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

### Local Government Act 1995 Dog Act 1976 Shire of Waroona Proposed Dog Local Law 2023

The Shire of Waroona proposes to make a local law relating to dog related matters.

The purpose of this local law generally is to provide for the effective management and control of dogs within Shire of Waroona in relation to containment, the number of dogs at a premises, kennel licencing and excreta.

The effect of this local law is that dog owners within the Shire are to comply with the provisions of the local law.

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### Local Government Act 1995 Cat Act 2011 Shire of Waroona Proposed Cat Local Law 2023

The Shire of Waroona proposes to make a local law relating to cat related matters.

The purpose of this local law generally is to encourage responsible cat ownership and to provide for the effective management of cats within the Shire of Waroona.

The effect of this local law is that persons who own or keep a cat within the Shire of Waroona are to comply with the provisions of this local law.

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### WAROONA PADDLING FESTIVAL

8am - 12pm  
Sunday 26 March 2023  
AT DRAKESBROOK WEIR

Come & try activities | Free kayak hire | Food trucks  
Lions BBQ Trailer | Music & dance | Lawn games

[www.waroona.wa.gov.au/events](http://www.waroona.wa.gov.au/events)

### ALCOA WAROONA SUSTAINABILITY FUND

\$10,000 - \$50,000 GRANTS NOW AVAILABLE

- Capital Improvements
- Public Space Enhancement
- Durable Equipment
- Economic Development
- Environmental Sustainability
- Education and Training
- Community Welfare

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[www.waroona.wa.gov.au/grants](http://www.waroona.wa.gov.au/grants)

### New Citizen

New Citizen Merrin Kirk with Shire President Mike Walmsley.

### YOUTH WEEK 2023

14 - 21 APRIL  
FREE ACTIVITIES IN WAROONA  
FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 10-25 YEARS

For more details visit the Shire of Waroona website or call 9733 7800.  
[www.waroona.wa.gov.au/events](http://www.waroona.wa.gov.au/events)

### SEA TO SCARP

A walk through the Drakesbrook Public Cemetery located in the Shire of Waroona reveals the hidden stories of families who settled in the area in the late 1800's and early 1900's. The cemetery is rich in valuable historic resources and reminders of various settlement patterns with connections to the area's original pioneering families and ties to the waves of Italian families who migrated to the region after World War II. Burial records dating back to 1903 have been meticulously maintained by the Shire with the original burial register book still maintained until this day. Today, the Drakesbrook Public Cemetery is, by its very nature, a place of quiet reminiscence, allowing our community members to live on in the memories of their lost ones and aid in the grieving process.

To further connect people with the rich history of our cemetery and allow families to further celebrate their loved ones, the Shire of Waroona embarked on the implementation of a digital cemetery platform. Chronicle is a digital mapping and database software solution which was created by Matthew Borowski in 2016. The system creates digital mirror of the cemetery which allows the Shire to manage cemetery records and share them online. Chronicle uses geospatial engineering services to map the cemetery and provide each grave with a unique ID creating an accurate plot map relating to existing electronic records. This is achieved through an aerial drone survey which produces high resolution aerial images and cross checks them against manual maps for accuracy. A GPS coordinate and headstone photo of each plot is recorded, and diagrams of individual burial spaces are then marked providing a full overview of plots colour coded by status (reserved, interment, vacant), walk directions from a smart phone to searched plots, viewing and storing of headstone photos, public access to locate ancestors, and accessibility via web browsers on any internet connected device. In addition, for a small fee, Chronicle provides members of the public with an opportunity to create an online memorial with "Life Chronicle" sharing stories of their loved one's life.

The Shire anticipates that "Chronicle" will be live by Monday 13th March and looks forward to providing the public and our community access to invaluable historical information, by connecting memories of the deceased through meaningful digital innovation.

Families interested in submitting stories of their loved ones, for inclusion on the digital cemetery platform, should contact Hayley Van Twist on (08) 9733 7800 during normal office hours.

### Waroona Community Precinct Reaches New Milestone

There may not be a lot to see behind the fence at present but work on the Waroona Community Precinct is really moving ahead.

The empty site is the outcome of the finalisation of demolition and site clearing works, resulting in a fresh slate for the planned features to start to be built. These will include playgrounds for all ages, a skate park, pump track, open grassed area and BBQs.

Last week Council voted to award the construction contract to Phase3 Constructions, with building work expected to start next month. Opportunities for the community to get involved with art and heritage projects for the Community Precinct will be announced shortly after.

The Community Precinct is set for an opening date in December 2023, and has been jointly funded by the Federal Government, the State Government through the Department of Local Government Sport and Cultural Industries, Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development and Lotterywest, the Shire of Waroona, the Alcoa Waroona Sustainability Fund and the Lions Club of Waroona.

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## Next Council Meeting

Next council meeting will be Tuesday, 28th March at 4pm at the Preston Beach Community Centre

### WAROONA VISITOR CENTRE

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