

## President's Report



During National Volunteer Week in May, our Council proudly held its emergency services recognition dinner as a gesture of gratitude for the members of our community who serve others in what is sometimes their most urgent times of need. The evening was well attended by members of our Volunteer Bushfire Brigades, the Volunteer Fire and Emergency Services, St Johns Ambulance, the State Emergency Service and our local Police. Our Federal MP Mr Andrew Hastie and our

State MLP Mrs Robyn Clarke showed their support to our volunteers by also attending the night and both offering speeches recognising the efforts and the importance of the roles that our emergency service volunteers contribute to our Shire. The event was held at the Waroona Bowling Club which was deliciously catered for by members of the club. Thank you to all who helped make this evening a way of celebrating and thanking these special people.

A cost that Council meets each year is street lighting. Recently Council received correspondence from the energy supplier that the cost of supply was to increase by nearly 44%. This caused concern not only for our Council but also every other Local Government across WA. Through advocacy from many Councils

including Waroona, and WALGA, the Economic Regulation Authority rejected the proposed tariff increase and approved a 7.5% increase which was welcomed by Local Governments across regional and metropolitan Western Australia. These costs are one of many to Local Governments in supplying services to our residents and increases that we have little control over.

One of the responsibilities that Local Government is tasked with is information and compliance regarding many areas of Planning and Development legislation. One of these areas is around the clearing of native vegetation which recently has taken up a considerable amount of Council officers' time. It's in the best interest of anyone who needs to undertake any clearing on their property to seek

advice on the process from the Shire beforehand as the consequences for clearing without approval can be time consuming and expensive.

Our Library is blessed to have some truly committed and passionate staff. I was fortunate enough recently to join our library staff in greeting Catherine Clark to Waroona who holds the role of State Librarian and CEO of the State Library of Western Australia. She was very impressed with the knowledge and level of service offered by our Shire's very capable library staff and how it has transitioned into offering different experiences to changing requirements. This facility still holds a vital place in our community and is a very worthwhile place to visit for educational purposes or just recreational material.

-Cr Mike Walmsley, Shire President

## Upcoming Events



For more details on any of our events, please visit [www.waroona.wa.gov.au/events](http://www.waroona.wa.gov.au/events) or call 9733 7800.

### June Council Meeting

Date: Tuesday 27 June 2023

Time: 4pm onwards

Location: Shire of Waroona Administration Office – Council Chamber

### NAIDOC Week

Date: 2 -9 July 2023

Location: Shire of Waroona

Description: Join WAATSIC for a variety of activities in Waroona in celebration of NAIDOC week. Follow Waroona Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation on Facebook and keep an eye out for more information on the week's activities.



## Waroona Community Precinct

Work on the Waroona Community Precinct is starting to come out of the ground now, with footings, drainage and services hiding below the surface.

In the background the artistic inputs are being developed based on the consultation work done and Council's approval of the art strategy in May. Some exciting ideas are being pulled together based on the water theme for the park.

The contractor is working with his specialist sub-contractors to

ensure that the skatepark meets the brief and the design has the best skateboarding minds ensuring a good outcome for skateboarders.

The concept work on the Big Shed is now being translated into detailed design to create a multi-function area that integrates nicely with the WCP.

A name for the WCP is proposed - **Waroona Community Park**, which has a more rural feel to it than Precinct. Your feedback is most welcome.

## Calling all Community Groups - The Alcoa Waroona Micro Grants Fund is Now Open!

We're thrilled to announce that the Alcoa Waroona Micro Grants Fund (AWMGF) is back and open for applications. If you're a not-for-profit group within the Shire of Waroona, this is your chance to secure funding for your exciting projects.

### Up to \$2,000 Per Project: Turn Your Ideas into Reality

The AWMGF is offering an incredible opportunity to receive grant funding of up to \$2,000 per project, which could be the financial boost you need to bring your community initiatives to life. The result of a partnership between Alcoa of Australia and the Shire of Waroona, only programs and events that align with the Shire of Waroona 2030 Strategic Community Plan will be considered for this grant opportunity.

The last round of the AWMGF helped to support six projects, with the Waroona Lions Club,

Waroona Football & Netball Club, Croquetwest, Preston Beach Golf Club, Waroona Agricultural Society and St Joseph's School being successful recipients of funding.

Shire President Mike Walmsley said due to the high level of funding support already provided to the community through the AWMGF and the larger Alcoa Waroona Sustainability Fund, this round of funding would be extremely competitive.

"This is an ideal opportunity to help top up funding for worthwhile projects that need a little additional support. It is expected that organisations will already have some contributing funding in place," Cr Walmsley said.

### Time is of the Essence: Applications Close 15 August 2023

Mark your calendars and start working on your applications now! It's time to unleash your creativity, rally your troops, and get your projects plans together. The AWMGF is open for submissions until 4:30 pm on Tuesday, August 15, 2023. Don't miss this golden



Pictured: The Waroona Creative Art Centre was one of the successful recipients of AWMGF funding in 2022.

opportunity to secure the funding you need to make a difference in your community.

### Discuss Your Ideas with the Shire's Community Development Team

Before diving into your application, reach out to the Shire's Community Development team for

invaluable advice. They're here to help you navigate the application process and enhance your chances of success.

For further information, eligibility criteria, and to start your application journey, visit [www.waroona.wa.gov.au/grants](http://www.waroona.wa.gov.au/grants) or contact the Shire on 9733 7800.

## Local Government Notices

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

The Shire of Waroona has resolved to make the Shire of Waroona Cat Local Law 2023.

The **purpose** of this local law 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.

A **copy** of the proposed local law may be inspected at or obtained from the Shire's Administration 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)

The local law was published in the *Government Gazette* on 9 June 2023 and will come into operation on 23 June 2023.

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