

Shire President's Report



In the coming months, Local Governments across Western Australia will be entering the election cycle to elect Councillors for their respective Shires. The role of the Councillor is to be part of the decision making process and help set directions for communities in delivering their Strategic Plan.

It's also an important part to play in providing information back to residents

and ratepayers on decisions that are made at Council meetings and to support the CEO and the administration on the day to day responsibilities of Local Government. Nomination packages and information on the role of being a Councillor is available at www.waroona.wa.gov.au/council/council/council-elections or a conversation with a sitting member is a great way to become involved in your community through Local Government.

A review of the Aboriginal Heritage Act and its implementation on the 1st of July has caused some concerns for landowners across rural areas. While this is State Government legislation, Local Government is occasionally asked for information and the requirements of what respecting Indigenous heritage entails. If you have concerns or questions regarding the revised Act, then I encourage you to attend a community workshop on the

31st of July in the Memorial Hall in Waroona between 10am and 1.30pm. To register please go to this link: www.waroona.wa.gov.au/news/aboriginal-cultural-heritage-act-2021-education-workshop/21531

Our Corporate Department are always particularly busy this time of year with Budget preparation and commencement of the Council's yearly audit. Setting the budget to encompass community expectations with available funding is always a challenge. Preliminary discussions have identified some areas of focus for Council to improve its position. Given all the implications around interest rate rises and cost of living pressures that are a consequence of the increasing costs of simply doing business, a modest rate increase is likely to be part of this year's budget.

The recent successful NAIDOC week celebrations were well supported by the Shire of Waroona, Alcoa and the local Police. Our Waroona Aboriginal and Torres Islander Corporation are to be congratulated on organising the week's activities. Sergeant Keith Tarver and his local Police officers are also to be commended on their efforts and contribution to the opening flag raising event. Three mounted Police were a highlight of the morning in ordinary wet conditions and the community were treated to having these beautiful animals making a few visits around town. I know the residents at Quambie Park enjoyed the interaction with these highly trained and cared for horses. Thank you Sergeant Keith.

-Cr Mike Walmsley, Shire President

Latest News & Updates

New Fire Danger Rating Sign at Preston Beach

The Shire, with assistance from Alcoa, has installed a new digital Fire Danger Rating sign on Preston Beach Road. The sign will help visitors and locals better prepare themselves against the threat of bushfire. Preston Beach is in a high risk bush fire area due to its proximity to Yalgorup National Park and its limited vehicular escape options.

Travellers heading west along Preston Beach Road will notice the new addition, which automatically updates when the

Fire Danger Rating is issued or changed by the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES).

Previous signage once in situ across the district required manual updating each day or as required, undertaken by Shire Rangers.

"Bushfires can start at any time. Knowing the current Fire Danger Rating will provide our community with clear advice on what they should do at each level, in turn reducing the risk of being impacted by bushfires and

potentially saving lives," Shire of Waroona President, Cr. Mike Walmsley said.

Construction and installation of the new sign was proudly supported by Alcoa, through their Community Partnership Program.

Understanding Fire Danger Ratings is just one component of being bushfire ready. To learn more about Fire Danger Ratings and how to create or review your bushfire plan, visit mybushfireplan.wa.gov.au.



Applications for the Alcoa Waroona Micro Grants Fund Closing Soon

The Alcoa Waroona Micro Grants Fund (AWMGF) will be closing on Tuesday, 15 August 2023. Not-for-profit groups within the Shire of Waroona are encouraged to get working on their applications.

Grant funding of up to \$2,000 per project is on offer for programs and events that align with the Shire of Waroona 2030 Strategic Community Plan.

Formed through a partnership between Alcoa of Australia and the Shire of Waroona, 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.

Potential applicants are advised to discuss their ideas with the Shire's Community development team prior to making an application for funding.

For further information or to check your eligibility, please visit the waroona.wa.gov.au/grants or contact the Shire on 9733 7800.



Are you planning a community event?

The Shire of Waroona's Community Development department offers a small range of equipment that can be hired for local events. Whether you're organising a fundraising event, a community gathering or a small-scale celebration, you may find the Shire can assist with some of your equipment needs.

Events are integral to the heart and culture of our Shire as reflected with the Strategic Community. Our equipment register has been established to make event planning more accessible and affordable for everyone in our community. We hope to support local groups

by providing access to quality event equipment that might otherwise be tricky and expensive to obtain.

Some of the equipment available for hire includes a portable toilet, marquees, giant board games, a PA system, and cinema equipment. Hire rates are per 24 hours and can be found by visiting waroona.wa.gov.au/public-events

To discuss your equipment hire requirements or to make a booking, please reach out on 9733 7800. Together, we can create memorable events that foster stronger connections within our community!



New citizens



Monica Hensen-Hall and Ruth Morley

Job Vacancies

SHIRE OF WAROONA RECORDS ADMINISTRATION OFFICER

The Shire of Waroona is located in the Peel Region and offers residents an enviable small town country lifestyle not far from the major centres of Mandurah to the north and Bunbury to the south.

The Council is seeking a suitably experienced and motivated person to fill the position of Records Administration Officer based at the Shire of Waroona Administration Office located in the town site of Waroona.

Work Type: Full-Time
Applications Close: 4pm Friday 21st July 2023
Level: LGOA - Level 3 + OA - \$59,740 to \$62,160pa

The Records Administration Officer will join our friendly Corporate & Community Services customer service team providing exceptional customer service and ensuring the Shire's records are administered and managed in accordance with the Shire of Waroona Record Keeping Plan and the State Records Act 2000.

Salary and conditions will be in accordance with the Local Government Officers (Western Australia) Award 2021 Level 3 plus over award to be negotiated according to experience and qualifications.

To be considered for the position, applicants must address the selection criteria found in the application package which may be obtained by visiting Councils website www.waroona.wa.gov.au or by an email request to mcs@waroona.wa.gov.au.

For further information regarding applying for this position, please contact Kirsty Ferraro, Manager Corporate Services on 9733 7800.

Applications should be clearly endorsed "Private and Confidential - Vacancy - Records Administration Officer".

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SHIRE OF WAROONA MECHANIC

The Shire of Waroona is located in the Peel Region and offers residents an enviable small town country lifestyle featuring the forests of the scarp and Preston beach on the coast, not far from the major centres of Mandurah to the north and Bunbury to the south.

Reporting to the Manager Works & Waste Services, we are looking for a suitably qualified and experienced mechanic to provide cost effective and high-class maintenance to the shire's plant and equipment to assist in safely and efficiently delivering the Shire of Waroona's annual works programs and projects.

Work Type: Full time (9-day fortnight)
Applications Close: Friday 4pm 21st July 2023
Level: Shire of Waroona EA 2022 Tradesperson Level 1.1 to 1.4

Salary and conditions will be in accordance with the Shire of Waroona Enterprise Bargaining Agreement 2022 Tradesperson 1.1 to 1.4 which may be further negotiated according to experience and qualifications.

To be considered for the position, applicants must submit a covering letter, resume and address the selection criteria as per the instructions in the application package which may be obtained by visiting the Shire's website www.waroona.wa.gov.au or by an email request to mcs@waroona.wa.gov.au.

For further information regarding this position, please contact Manager Works & Waste Services, Brad Oborn, on 0428 103 720.

Applications should be clearly endorsed "Private and Confidential - Vacancy - Mechanic" and close with the undersigned 4.00pm Friday 21st July 2023.

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Upcoming Events

July Council Meeting

Date: Tuesday 25 July 2023

Time: 4pm onwards

Location: Shire of Waroona Administration Office - Council Chamber

For more details on any of our events, please visit www.waroona.wa.gov.au/events or call 9733 7800.

Local Government Notices

Local Government Act 1995 Dog Act 1976 Shire of Waroona Adoption of Dog Local Law 2023

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

The purpose of the proposed Shire of Waroona Dog Local Law 2023 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 the proposed Shire of Waroona Dog Local Law 2023 is that dog owners within the Shire are to comply with the provisions of the 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 9.00am and 4.00pm Monday to Friday. A copy is also on the Shire's website www.waroona.wa.gov.au

The local law was published in the *Government Gazette* on 7 July 2023 and will come into operation on 21 July 2023.

Shire Of Waroona Annual Tenders

Tenders closing at 2pm on Wednesday 9 August 2023.

Are invited for the following:

RFT 2324-01 Supply and delivery of gravel base course material

RFT 2324-02 Supply and delivery of crushed limestone

RFT 2324-03 Provide traffic management services

Tender Documents are available by contacting the Shire of Waroona Depot Office (08)97337817 depot@waroona.wa.gov.au or the Shire website Tenders - Shire of Waroona

Enquiries regarding these tenders should be directed to Brad Oborn Manager of Works and waste Service on 0428 103 720

The lowest of any tenders will not necessarily be accepted. Canvassing of Councillors will disqualify. Late tenders, emailed or facsimile will not be accepted. Prospective tenderers are advised that the Shire will not be submitting tenders in this instance.

Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015 Initiation Local Planning Policy 17 - Vegetation

Council has resolved to initiate Local Planning Policy 17. This Policy seeks to protect and enhance vegetation coverage in urban and rural areas with the intent on achieving a net gain.

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 15 August 2023. For any enquiries, please contact Planning Services, on 9733 7800.

Dog Act 1976 Shire of Waroona

Corporate & Governance Policy 26 (CGP026) Dog Prohibited Areas, Dog Exercise Areas and Rural Leashing Areas - approved for advertising.

In accordance with section 31(3C) of the Dog Act 1976, notice is given that the above-mentioned policy was approved for advertising by Council at its ordinary meeting held on Tuesday 27 June 2023.

The intention of this policy is to specify:

- Dog Prohibited Areas;
- Dog Exercise areas; and
- Rural Leashing Areas;

within the Shire of Waroona in accordance with section 31(2B), (3A) and (3B) of the *Dog Act 1976* and inform and educate the community relating to dog ownership responsibilities when exercising dogs.

A copy of the proposed policy is available for inspection at the Shire's Administration Office at 52 Hesse Street, Waroona, between 9.00am and 4.00pm Monday to Friday. Alternatively, the policy can be viewed on the Shire's website www.waroona.wa.gov.au.

Written submissions should be addressed to the Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Waroona, PO Box 20, Waroona WA 6215. Emailed submissions should be sent to warshire@waroona.wa.gov.au.

Submissions close 18 August 2023.

Local Government Act 1995 Shire of Waroona

Proposed Local Government Property and Public Places Local Law 2023

The Shire of Waroona proposes to make a local law relating to Local Government Property and Public Places related matters.

The purpose of the proposed Shire of Waroona Local Government Property and Public Places Local Law 2023 is to consolidate and make one local law which enables Council, and its employees and volunteer rangers, to regulate the care, control, and management of all property of the Shire of Waroona, thoroughfares, and public places.

The effect of the proposed Shire of Waroona Local Government Property and Public Places Local Law 2023 is to control the activities that occur on local government property, thoroughfares and public places. Some activities are permitted only under a permit or under a determination and some activities are restricted or prohibited. Offences are created for inappropriate behaviour in or on local government property, thoroughfares, and public places.

A copy of the proposed local law may be inspected at or obtained from the Shire's office at 52 Hesse Street, Waroona, between 9.00am and 4.00pm Monday to Friday. A copy is also on the Shire's website 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, 8 September 2023.

MARK GOODLET
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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