

Shire President's Report



Small business is fundamental to all communities. It provides employment and services to our residents and is vital for the sustainability of many small rural centres. With this in mind, the Waroona Business Support group in conjunction with Shire Council recently held its annual Business Sundowner at the revitalised Rec Hotel and by all measures, it was a successful night. These evenings are a great networking opportunity for attendees and hosted a gathering of new and old businesses in our Shire and the region. One of our

long established businesses to be commended and celebrated is the Waroona Veterinary Clinic. For the past few years this clinic has featured in the Peel Business Awards and this year was no exception. Taking out their category win again, this team of dedicated Vets and Nurses provide highly recognised and specialised services to our beloved animals and our congratulations go out to you.

The Shires annual Volunteer Thank you Breakfast will be held at both the Waroona Football Club rooms and the Preston Beach Community Centre. This is a small but important way of thanking and highlighting the contributions our volunteers give to our community. The support that volunteering gives can be difficult to measure and define. It can come in an array of different ways, but it is critically important in maintaining a community's heartbeat. All our

volunteers lead by example, and I look forward to seeing as many of you that can make it on Saturday the 2nd of December.

I recently had the privilege of attending the official opening of Alcoa's Larego mine site. Combined with their annual family fun day, employees and their families had the opportunity to get up close and personal to large machinery and learn of the processes involved in bauxite mining. Alcoa are a very large part of our Shire in mining activities and agricultural holdings. Alcoa have now had a presence in WA for 60 years and are embedded in the Peel regions organisations through continual sponsorships and our Alcoa Waroona Sustainability Fund. We look forward to Alcoa's continued support as a community and valued position well into the future.

During the construction of Railside

park, discussions took place on the relocation of the War Memorial from its current position to incorporating it into the new community space. This was a suggestion from the past president of the Waroona Hamel RSL when the precinct was first mentioned. I can understand that this change may hold some emotions for those who have a connection with the current site. Council has taken on the facilitation of the very important services of Anzac Day and Remembrance Day and believes the new location offers a superior setting. Amenity, parking and safety are all aspects that will enhance the new site and the burden of closing the Southwest Highway on a public holiday is certainly lightened. The march to the Cenotaph will take place along Fouracre Street. We look forward to hosting the 2024 Anzac Service in its new location.

-Cr Mike Walmsley, Shire President

Citrus Gall Wasp status in Western Australia

Citrus gall wasp (CGW) was first detected in WA in the Perth suburb of Eden Hill in 2013. It is now an established pest in the Perth metropolitan area. There is no legal requirement to control this pest in Western Australia, it should be managed like other established pests such as Mediterranean fruit fly, aphids and scales. CGW has not yet been found in a commercial citrus orchard in WA. To help the industry keep track of the spread, please report CGW found in regional areas (outside of Perth) using the MyPestGuide® Reporter app or web tool.

Citrus gall wasp is an Australian native insect

from northern NSW and Queensland. While its natural host is the Australian finger lime (Citrus australasica), all cultivated citrus varieties can be readily infested, though their susceptibility differs. For example:

- 'Rough lemon' and 'Troyer citrange' rootstocks are very susceptible.
- Grapefruit is the most susceptible cultivated variety.
- Lemons and oranges can be seriously affected.

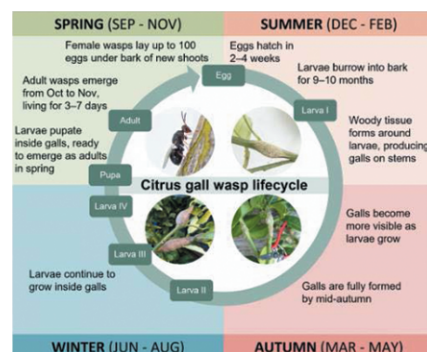
Over time it has spread throughout the major citrus production regions of eastern Australia, such as the Riverina and Sunraysia where it is

considered a serious pest. It has not yet been found in citrus production regions in WA. CGW eggs are laid in new shoots of citrus trees in spring. The tree reacts by producing distinctive galls around the developing larvae (Figure 2).

How it spreads

Adults wasps have a limited flying range so the close presence of infested citrus trees is usually the cause of spread to backyard trees and orchards. Wasps can be spread over long distances by the wind and by movement of infested trees or untreated infested branches.

Citrus Gall Wasp Lifecycle



2023 Rate Incentive Recipients CONGRATULATIONS

What's the best part of a Rates Officer's year? It's when she gets to contact our community members to advise them, they have won a rates incentive prize. The second-best part is welcoming those winners into our friendly office and convincing them to pose for a

photo. Pictured Hayley (Finance Officer – Rates & Payroll) and Adele who won 1st prize proudly supported by Charles Hull Contracting and Hayley and Kayla who won 2nd prize proudly supported by Shire of Waroona.



1st Prize Incentive Winner 2023 - Adele Emery



2nd Prize Incentive Winner 2023 - Kayla Lee

Upcoming Events

Seniors Week

Date: Wednesday 29 November 2023
Time: 8am – 11.30am • Location: Drakesbrook Weir

Thank a Volunteer Breakfast

Date: Saturday 2 December 2023
Time: 8am in Waroona, 9am in Preston Beach
Location: Waroona Football Club and Preston Beach Community Centre
RSVP: Email warshire@waroona.wa.gov.au by 27 November 2023

November Council Meeting

Date: Tuesday 28 November 2023
Time: 4pm
Location: Lake Clifton Community Centre

E-Waste Recovery at the Buller Road Refuse Disposal Site

The Shire of Waroona is pleased to announce it has successfully secured funding through the WasteSorted E-Waste Infrastructure Grant, administered by the Waste Authority. This funding marks the beginning of an e-waste recovery project at the Buller Road Refuse Disposal Site, set to commence operations in mid-

November 2023.

This project is in alignment with the State Government's commitment to ban e-waste disposal in landfills by 2024. The initiative highlights the Shire's dedication to environmental sustainability and commitment to the *Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Strategy 2030*.

The strategy aims to transform Western Australia into a sustainable, low-waste circular economy in which human health and the environment are protected from the adverse effects of waste. Removing e-waste from landfill is a crucial step toward realising this vision, and the Shire of Waroona is proud to play a role in

this undertaking.

The new e-waste recovery project represents a significant step in the Shire's commitment to environmental responsibility. For further information, please reach out to the Shire's Senior Technical and Waste Officer on 9733 7800.



This project is supported by the Government of Western Australia and administered by the Waste Authority

Latest News & Updates

Official name revealed for the Waroona Community Precinct

The official name for the Waroona Community Precinct has been unveiled. The transformational project will be opened in December 2023 and will be known as Railside Park.

Shire President Mike Walmsley said the new name was steeped in historical significance and reflects the roots and growth of the Waroona community.

"The name 'Railside Park' pays homage to a pivotal moment in our local history — the completion of the Perth to Picton railway in 1893. This significant milestone opened up our district to new opportunities and connections, paving the way for the prosperity and development that followed," Cr Walmsley said.

Situated on a site that stretches from South Western Highway to Fouracre Street, and running alongside the railway, Railside Park honours a time where rail was not merely a means of transportation, but a conduit that

connected Waroona to the State. Through the railway, mail and groceries arrived, and local farmers dispatched milk, cream and potatoes to neighbouring towns, establishing Waroona as a vital hub in the region.

The railway also became a driving force behind the growth of logging and timber milling within the Shire, stimulating economic progress and shaping our community's identity.

For the young and young at heart, there is a double-meaning to the name 'Railside Park', which is a nod to skaters and others using the rail on the skate equipment to perform tricks.

Cr Walmsley said Railside Park was not the only new name connected to the Waroona Community Precinct site to be revealed.

"Members of the community have contributed to naming different sections within the park, including the Skatewave Skatepark and Noongar Maar-keny Bonar, our Six Seasons Garden," Cr Walmsley said.

A competition conducted through the two Waroona schools saw year 5 student Evelyn Woodley come up with the winning name for the eagerly-awaited Skatewave Skatepark. With street and transition elements for all levels, the skatepark features a mini ramp, transition area, flow section, tabletop with hips, an opposing bank, quarter pipe, roll in, ledge and rail.

Noongar Maar-keny Bonar means Noongar Six Season and was suggested and approved by the Waroona Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation. The garden includes endemic and iconic local plant species reflecting the Noongar six seasons.

Cr Walmsley said elements of Railside Park will be officially opened at a ribbon cutting event on 12 December 2023, while the full park would be opened to the community at a Twilight Community Celebration on 2 February 2024.

"As we continue to build upon our rich

heritage, Railside Park will stand as a reminder of our collective journey and the story that has defined us throughout the years. My hope is that Railside Park will become the new heart of our town, bringing together locals and visitors and providing a catalyst for the revitalisation to come," Cr Walmsley said.

Railside Park 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, Shire of Waroona, Alcoa Waroona Sustainability Fund and the Lions Club of Waroona.

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Shire of Waroona Grapples with the Growing Issue of Illegal Residential Structures and Camping



impact of these makeshift arrangements on the community and the environment. In an effort to address this issue, as the Shire has regulatory obligations, our officers have been conducting onsite compliance checks and issuing notices to those found living in non-compliant structures, reminding them of the regulations that prohibit such habitation.

It's essential to understand that the State Government of Western Australia has established camping regulations, which clearly state that you cannot camp on your land for more than three days within a 28-day period. Living in a 'shed' does not comply with the Building Act's standards required for residential buildings. We recognise that the cost of housing is a significant burden for many residents, but long-term camping in townships and rural areas is not a sustainable solution. This is because setting up non-compliant dwellings can lead to several key risks to human life, including fire hazards, sanitation and health risks, structural integrity issues, electrical hazards, inadequate ventilation, and heating, and more. These risks underscore

the importance of adhering to building codes, regulations, and safety standards to ensure the well-being and safety of individuals and communities.

Recognising the severity of the housing crisis, the Shire is actively working with community members on a case-by-case basis to find solutions where possible. We may approve temporary arrangements, provided that the construction process for an approved residence has commenced and foundational health, sanitation, environmental, and fire safety standards can still be met during the interim construction period. However, in situations where individuals refuse to comply with required temporary measures, pack up camps or dismantle makeshift structures, when necessary, the Shire is obliged by legislative regulations to enforce these regulations. Which can include infringements, removing illegal structures, or seizing property as a last resort. We understand that these actions may seem harsh, but the safety of our community is our top priority, especially considering the looming threat of an intense

fire season.

In the face of these challenges, the Shire of Waroona maintains its empathy for those struggling to find housing but stands resolute in its duty to safeguard the community and the environment for the benefit of all its residents. It's also important to remember that designated State Government and community services agencies have the resources and facilities to assist those in need. We encourage those experiencing homelessness to seek help from these agencies rather than resorting to makeshift living arrangements.

We fully understand the complexity of the housing crisis and the challenges it presents to the community. Nevertheless, we are committed to enforcing regulations that ensure the safety and well-being of all residents, even while acknowledging the difficulties this may pose. Your safety and the harmony of our community remain our top priorities. If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to reach out to Infrastructure & Development Services at the Shire's Administration offices in Waroona.

New Web-based App for Bushfire Resilience

The Resilient Building Council (RBC) has developed a web-based app to help protect homes from the impacts of bushfire. You can now measure the bushfire resilience of your home through a star-rating system and

receive a customised action plan to make practical, evidence-based bushfire safety improvements to your home.



As tasks are completed, your home becomes

safer, and the Resilience Rating is updated through the app. This is the first scientific model to calculate bushfire building performance. According to the RBC's website, the system also has the potential to give insurers, banks,

and investors a framework for financing and rewarding bushfire resilience adaptations.

The app can be found at rating.rbccouncil.org

Local Government Notices

 SHIRE OF WAROONA SEA TO SCARP	
LOCAL GOVERNMENT ORDINARY POSTAL ELECTION NOTICE OF RESULTS Shire of Waroona	
The result of the Ordinary Election conducted as a postal vote on Saturday, 21 October 2023 is as follows:	
District 4 Councillors	
Candidates	First Preferences Final Votes Expiry of Term
VITALE, Vincenzo	193 210 16 October 2027
CLARKE, Charlie	217 223 18 October 2025
SCOTT, Larry	207 223 16 October 2027
MASON, John	236 223 16 October 2027
ODORISIO, Karen	260 223 16 October 2027
Total Formal Votes	1,113
Total Informal Ballot Papers	11
Karen Elizabeth ODORISIO is elected as Councillor for the Shire of Waroona and will hold office until 16 October 2027.	
John Anthony MASON is elected as Councillor for the Shire of Waroona and will hold office until 16 October 2027.	
Charles Andrew CLARKE is elected as Councillor for the Shire of Waroona and will hold office until 18 October 2025.	
Larry Russell SCOTT is elected as Councillor for the Shire of Waroona and will hold office until 18 October 2027.	
Notice is further given that the following person Vincenzo VITALE is the first unselected candidate for the purposes of Schedule 4.1A of the Local Government Act 1995.	
Rose REYNOLDS-DAVIS RETURNING OFFICER 0486 046 228	

2023 Ordinary Election Shire of Waroona (Councillor) Calculation Steps Report 4 Candidates to be Elected									
Total Votes: 1,124 Informal Votes: 11 Formal Votes: 1,113		VITALE, Vincenzo	CLARKE, Charlie	SCOTT, Larry	MASON, John	ODORISIO, Karen	Exhausted	Lost Fractions	TOTALS
Quota = 1,113/(4+1)+1 = 223		193	217	207	236	260	0	0	1,113
First Preferences		Votes		12	6	9	0	-37	8
ODORISIO, Karen		Surplus	Votes Rec'd	205	223	216	236	223	8
MASON, John		Surplus	Votes Rec'd	5	5	-13	2	1	2
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