

Shire President's Report



part in seeing this project get to this point, Thank you for your input and involvement.

Apart from the traditional agricultural uses of our land that we have come to expect in our Shire, one other use that has recently developed is in re-establishing vegetation for carbon credits. Tokyo Gas is involved in producing, supplying and marketing liquified natural gas. This company acquired land in our Shire in the past year and have revegetated it with native species in what hopefully will be a successful transition of the land into quality natural habitat. The cleared land was formally a blue gum plantation and had been idle since the harvest of the trees some time ago. Tokyo Gas is heavily involved in the importation of Australian gas into Japan and has participation in the electricity market. Japan is the largest importer of Australian LNG

globally. While this is part of a pilot project for the company, Council is keen for the success of their land rehabilitation to occur over the next few years.

With the investment in Railside Park currently occurring as a driver for enhancing the heart of town, the revitalisation of our Main Street is an issue that Council is constantly questioned on. While the current appearance in some sections is less than desirable, the reality is it will take viable private investment and consumer demand for improvement. I can say the disappointment is shared by all of us to see empty shops and businesses close. There are few avenues that Council has at its disposal to facilitate improvement but the fundamental driver for growth in is demand and a solid consumer base built on quality service and products. Working constructively

to improve our CBD is a key goal for all our residents and Council. Fostering a culture that we support local business so they can grow and improve is vital in seeing a vision I'm sure we can all share.

As the curtain starts to close on what has been another busy year, I wished to congratulate and thank all our volunteers across our Shire that consistently give in all facets of life. Your dedication to your community is vital and I cannot imagine what our existence would look like without your contributions. Thank you. On behalf of the Councillors and Staff, I sincerely wish everyone a safe and enjoyable break over the Christmas and New Year period and look forward to engaging positively in 2024.

-Cr Mike Walmsley, Shire President

Latest News & Updates

Clearing Vegetation

Clearing or disturbance of native vegetation by any method, which includes parkland clearing, animals grazing and ringbarking, and burning, requires approval from the Shire of Waroona.

The establishment of a maximum 3-metre-wide firebreak around the boundary, and a 20 metre Asset Protection Zone for a house, contained within a pre-approved

building envelope are exempt. All other clearing requires approval in writing from the Shire. Please be aware that any clearing that takes place without approval, may result in the issuing of fines or prosecution, and potentially orders to rehabilitate. If you have any questions, please contact the Shire of Waroona.

A Greener Tomorrow and Enhanced Community Benefits.

In a move set to enrich the lives of all residents and enhance community well-being, the Shire of Waroona is reallocating resources to whole of community needs. The days of the Shire mowing front road verges for free are coming to an end. Instead, the shire proposes to reallocate these resources to nurture our flourishing new community precinct, a change aimed at promoting equity, inclusivity and sustainability.

A Positive Change - For many years, the Shire has taken on the responsibility of mowing verges for a select few ratepayers. However, there is a growing need for equitable resource allocation and a more sustainable approach. From the 01/03/2024, like most other Local Government Authorities, residents in the Shire of Waroona, will be responsible for the maintenance of their own verges or be required to pay for private works, if they want the Shire to mow their road verges.

Community Precinct Blossoms as a Hub for All - The resources that were once dedicated to free verge mowing will now be channelled into the development and maintenance of our brand-new community precinct. This precinct promises to become the heart of our community, featuring a range of recreational and social spaces, as well as green areas for residents to enjoy.

Environmental Stewardship and Sustainability - By relinquishing the practice of mowing front verges, the Shire of Waroona is embracing a greener, more environmentally friendly approach. This step aligns with the growing global commitment to sustainability, with the local government actively reducing its carbon footprint. Our community is taking a positive stride toward a more eco-conscious future.

Future Verge Beautification Program - To further empower residents and promote community engagement, the Shire of Waroona is planning

on developing a "Verge Beautification Program." This initiative will encourage residents to take ownership of their front verges, fostering a strong sense of pride and individuality within our neighborhoods. Along with providing support for residents creating unique, sustainable and waterwise verge designs.

Community Involvement and Feedback - The local government understands that such a change might evoke mixed reactions in our community. To address concerns and ensure transparency, residents are able to express their thoughts and suggestions, thus ensuring a collective and community-driven approach to these issues.

Your Voice Matters - We believe that every community member has a stake in the future of our region. Your voice matters, and your involvement is crucial in shaping the development of the planned new "Verge Beautification Program." We encourage you to attend upcoming community

meetings, participate in discussions, and embrace the exciting opportunities ahead as the come up in the new year.

As we bid farewell to the tradition of free front verge mowing, let's welcome the dawn of a new era for our community. The resources that were once used for this service will now be invested in creating a dynamic and sustainable community precinct that promises to make our town even more vibrant and inclusive. As well as develop the planned new "Verge Beautification Program", which will focus on climate change mitigation, urban canopy growth and streetscape cooling.

It's a greener tomorrow, and we invite you to be a part of this journey, where the possibilities are as endless as the flourishing green spaces that lie ahead. For further information or to provide a submission, please contact the Shire of Waroona on (08) 9733 7800 or via email: warshire@waroona.wa.gov.au

Australia DAY



FRIDAY, 26 JANUARY 2024 WAROONA MEMORIAL HALL

7.30am - 9am - Lions Club Breakfast
7.30am - 9.30am - Free Family Friendly Entertainment
9am - Street Parade
9.30am - Official Proceedings & Australia Day Awards
11am - Event Concludes



Hard Refuse Collection

The Shire of Waroona's Hard Refuse Collection will be taking place in January. The following items will be collected:

- White goods (stoves, washing machines, fridges/freezers – doors must be removed for safety purposes).
- Televisions
- Scrap metal
- General junk (furniture and general household items)

The collection dates are:

Preston Beach/Lake Clifton/Waroona and Hamel Townsites Commencing 22nd January 2024

Residents are encouraged to check if their property is within the service zone by referring to the maps located at the Shire Administration Office, Library, Preston Beach General Store, Preston Beach Community Centre, Lake Clifton Community Centre and Shire website

www.waroona.wa.gov.au

It is important that residents pay close attention to the requirements of verge collections. Non-compliance with these requirements may result in some of the waste remaining on the verge and/

or a possible infringement notice being issued in accordance with the Litter Act 1979.

The Shire requests that residents place all waste in four separate neat piles on the verge as per the guidelines on the verge no earlier than one week

prior to the dates above. The maximum volume of hard refuse to be collected from each residence is two cubic metres.

For further information please contact the Shire Office on 9733 7800.

Christmas Break

Christmas is here again and for many it will be a time to unwind for the year, catch up with friends and family and enjoy the summer weather. We will see visitor numbers to the Shire increasing as people come to enjoy the

attractions of Waroona Shire.

Part of the end of year festivities included celebrating Volunteers week and two breakfasts were put on by the Shire, in Waroona and Preston Beach, to say a small thank

you for the great efforts of the volunteers. This strong community network is a sign of a thriving community and brings a sense of place to the Shire.

While the community network will continue to look out for

each other and visitors during the Christmas break, if you see anything that needs the Shire's attention, please let us know. While a number of Shire services will also be taking a break, we can still be contacted if the matter is pressing.

**Emergency - 000
Ranger - 9531 7777**

**Works / Parks & Gardens - 9733 7817
Health Department - 9531 7777**

SHIRE ADMINISTRATION OFFICE (INCLUDES LICENSING)

DAY	DATE	OPEN/CLOSED	OPENING HOURS
Friday	22 December 2023	OPEN	9am - 4pm
Monday	25 December 2023	CLOSED	-
Tuesday	26 December 2023	CLOSED	-
Wednesday	27 December 2023	CLOSED	-
Thursday	28 December 2023	CLOSED	-
Friday	29 December 2023	CLOSED	-
Monday	1 January 2024	CLOSED	-
Tuesday	2 January 2024	OPEN	9am - 4pm

WORKS DEPOT ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

DAY	DATE	OPEN/CLOSED	OPENING HOURS
Friday	22 December 2023	OPEN	7am - 3pm
Monday	25 December 2023	CLOSED	-
Tuesday	26 December 2023	CLOSED	-
Wednesday	27 December 2023	CLOSED	-
Thursday	28 December 2023	CLOSED	-
Friday	29 December 2023	CLOSED	-
Monday	1 January 2024	CLOSED	-
Tuesday	2 January 2024	OPEN	7am - 3pm

WAROONA PUBLIC LIBRARY

DAY	DATE	OPEN/CLOSED	OPENING HOURS
Friday	22 December 2023	OPEN	10am - 1pm & 2pm - 5pm
Saturday	23 December 2023	OPEN	9am - 12pm
Monday	25 December 2023	CLOSED	-
Tuesday	26 December 2023	CLOSED	-
Wednesday	27 December 2023	CLOSED	-
Thursday	28 December 2023	CLOSED	-
Friday	29 December 2023	CLOSED	-
Tuesday	30 December 2023	CLOSED	-
Monday	1 January 2024	CLOSED	-
Tuesday	2 January 2024	OPEN	10am - 1pm & 2pm - 6pm

WAROONA VISITOR CENTRE

DAY	DATE	OPEN/CLOSED	OPENING HOURS
Friday	23 December 2023	OPEN	9.30am - 3.30pm
Saturday	23 December 2023	OPEN	9.30am - 3.30pm
Sunday	24 December 2023	OPEN	9.30am - 12.30pm
Monday	25 December 2023	CLOSED	-
Tuesday	26 December 2023	CLOSED	-
Wednesday	27 December 2023	OPEN	9.30am - 3.30pm
Thursday	28 December 2023	OPEN	9.30am - 3.30pm
Friday	29 December 2023	OPEN	9.30am - 3.30pm
Saturday	30 December 2023	OPEN	9.30am - 3.30pm
Sunday	31 December 2023	OPEN	9.30am - 12.30pm
Monday	1 January 2024	CLOSED	-
Tuesday	2 January 2024	OPEN	9.30am - 3.30pm

* Subject to availability of volunteers *

New Citizen

Shire President Mike Walmsley with New Citizen Vicky Veaney



Upcoming Events

Australia Day

Date: Friday 26th January 2024

Time: 7-30 am

Location: Waroona Memorial Hall

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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.

Local Government Notices



Local Government Act 1995 Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 Shire of Waroona Notice of Ordinary Council Meetings 2024

The Council of the Shire of Waroona will hold its Ordinary Council meetings on the dates and at the locations in 2024 as follows:

February	Tuesday 27 February	Council Chamber
March	Tuesday 26 March	Preston Beach Community Centre
April	Tuesday 23 April	Council Chamber
May	Tuesday 28 May	Council Chamber
June	Tuesday 25 June	Council Chamber
July	Tuesday 23 July	Council Chamber
August	Tuesday 27 August	Council Chamber
September	Tuesday 24 September	Council Chamber
October	Tuesday 22 October	Preston Beach Community Centre
November	Tuesday 26 November	Council Chamber
December	Tuesday 17 December	Council Chamber

Meetings will commence at 4.00pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

MARK GOODLET
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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