

## Shire President's Report



The recent Anzac Services were conducted in the new home of the memorial in Railside Park. Both Dawn and the 11am Services were well attended, and the improved area provided a setting that is both

respectful and quieter for reflection on the importance of Anzac Day. Council has taken stewardship of organising ceremonies on Anzac Day and through the efforts of our Community Development team and works crews in conjunction with past members of the RSL, we all enjoyed meaningful services and thank you to all that showed their respect in attending.

While we all were extremely happy to see the first substantial rain this year, it certainly created some issues with localised flooding in areas due the intense system that passed over the town. This was similar to an occurrence in the northern suburbs of Perth last month where most drainage systems would be incapable of handling the deluge. It's also a reminder that as winter approaches that these instances

can occur and to be mindful in and around flooding.

Out for comment currently is the Lake Clifton Community Reserve survey which is seeking comments on improvements to the amenities and areas around the Lake Clifton Community Centre. Council hopes that feedback on what residents would like to see in this area are captured in a development strategy that will guide its path for funding opportunities and ultimately its delivery. The survey will be open until the 8th of July, and I encourage residents who have an interest in the future plans for this area, to visit the Shires website to let your ideas flow.

I was recently joined by our Local Member Mrs Robyn Clark, representing Emergency Services Minister Dawson

and the Deputy Commissioner Mr Craig Waters AFSM representing Commissioner Klemm to open the refurbished Preston Beach Bush Fire Brigade Shed. The improvements have included a larger training room, new kitchen and toilets. This work was possible with funding from the Emergency Services Levy that we all contribute to as ratepayers. It also provided an opportunity for a local builder, J&K Reed Constructions to undertake the work and provide local employment. To brigade members, Captain Don Bebbington, Peter Eastlake and past Captain and Chief Bushfire Control Officer Steve Thomas, well done on your advocacy and plans to see these upgrades come into fruition.

**Cr Mike Walmsley,**  
**Shire President**

## Latest News & Updates

### Increasing Tree Canopy Coverage in Waroona – potential ACH area.

The Shire of Waroona has received grant funding from the WA Local Government Association (WALGA) to increase tree canopy coverage in Waroona this winter. Our townsites rates poorly for urban tree canopy coverage and we are trying to improve this. Our parks and gardens team will be busy planting trees between May and September in existing roads verges, where street trees are needed. The trees will be roughly 1m high when planted, but once they mature will increase the canopy coverage in town. We will be using native species and supporting

local nurseries where possible. The costs associated with the purchase of the trees is fully funded by WALGA. We are engaging with the community, if you have any concerns or knowledge of environmental or heritage related matters, including potential Aboriginal Cultural Heritage (ACH) please do not hesitate to contact the Shire of Waroona. Future programs will include Preston Beach and Hamel townsites.

### Reminder

Prior to commencing development, people are reminded to contact the Shire's Building and Planning Services and obtain approval where necessary, prior to undertaking development. The Mandurah Magistrates Court has found in three separate instances, landowners guilty of unauthorised development recently, including:

- Front fencing installed in the town centre.
- Clearing of native vegetation; and
- Storage and construction of transportable buildings.

Prosecutions were made under the Planning and Development Act 2005 and Building Act 2011.

### Taskforce – Installation of Fish Hotels along the Harvey River

The Harvey River runs from the Darling Scarp to the Peel-Harvey Estuary which flows through the Shire of Waroona. The team from the Harvey River Restoration Taskforce (HRRT) has completed the installation of fish hotels along the Harvey River. The fish hotels were part of a collaborative project to improve habitat in the lower Harvey River. The Waroona Men's Shed and students from the Western Australian College of Agriculture in Harvey constructed the purpose-built fish hotels. The Fish hotel design is based on other projects developed by OzFish Unlimited in eastern Australia. The hotels will create a much needed habitat in sections of the Harvey River denuded of logs and rocks that would previously have provided this function.

Staff from the Shire of Waroona Parks and Gardens team have provided assistance with transporting the fish hotels to site as part of their contribution with the (HRRT) .

This work forms part of the collaborative “Marron, more than a meal-Revive our Rivers” program, a partnership between Water Corporation, Department of Water and Environmental Regulation, Murdoch University, OzFish Unlimited, Greening Australia, Harvey Aboriginal Corporation, Peel-Harvey Catchment Council, and Harvey River Restoration Taskforce Inc.

HRRT is grateful to funding support from the State Natural Resource Management Program WA, and the Water Corporation



Image: Members from the Shire of Waroona Parks and Gardens team with Jane Townsend Personnel from the Shire of Waroona delivering the fish hotels to site.



Image: Fish Hotels delivered to site ready for installation along the Harvey River.



## RECEIVE YOUR RATE NOTICE ELECTRONICALLY!

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significantly but ensures you never miss a bill again!

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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/](http://www.erateswa.com/Waroona/) or visit the Shire of Waroona website and Facebook Page.

## Local Government Notices



### Local Government Act 1995 Bush Fires Act 1954 Shire of Waroona

#### Proposed Bush Fire Brigades Local Law 2024

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 9.00am 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 on 5 July 2024.

**MARK GOODLET**  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**



### Local Government Act 1995 Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 Shire of Waroona

#### Notice of Ordinary Council Meetings 2024

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 4.00 pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

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### Local Planning Policy Review

The Shire has resolved to update its local planning and building policies, which includes:

**Revoking** the following Local Planning Policies (LPP) and Local Building Policies (LBP):

- LPP 1 – Heritage.
- LPP 8 – Waroona Hills East Development; and
- LPP 9 – Bed and Breakfast.
- LBP 1 – Building permits.
- LBP 2 – Footings design; and
- LBP 3 – Retaining walls.

### Making significant amendments to:

- LPP 2 – Signage; and
- LPP 7 – Short-term accommodation.

### Introducing a new LPP:

- LPP 1 – Retaining walls.

These policies are available for inspection at the Shire of Waroona Administration Office, 52 Hesse Street, Waroona. Alternatively, they can be viewed online at [www.waroona.wa.gov.au](http://www.waroona.wa.gov.au) by following the following links: Community → Community Engagement → Current Consultation.

The public is invited to review the proposed policies and make a submission. Should you wish to make a submission, you must lodge it in writing by one of the following means:

Post: PO Box 20, Waroona WA 6215  
In person: 52 Hesse Street, Waroona  
Email: [eplanning@waroona.wa.gov.au](mailto:eplanning@waroona.wa.gov.au)

Submissions must be made by 14 May 2024.

For any enquiries, please contact Craig Zanotti, Coordinator Regulatory & Development Services on 9733 7800.

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**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

## Lake Clifton Community Reserve Development Survey

**The Shire has been developing a master plan for the Lake Clifton Community Reserve, and now we want your feedback.**

We invite your thoughts, ideas and preferences regarding the development of a multipurpose court, playground, exercise equipment, and BBQ facilities at the Lake Clifton Community Reserve, by completing a Community Survey.

Together, we can create a place where families, friends and neighbours can come together to enjoy nature, stay active and build lasting memories. Let's make Lake Clifton Community Reserve an even more extraordinary place to gather, play and thrive!

**Your feedback will play a crucial role in shaping the future of this space.**

The survey closes 8 July 2024. The information will be submitted in a report to council for approval. After this, the Shire will then seek funding to make your ideas come to fruition.

You can complete this short survey by scanning the QR code:

or by visiting [www.waroona.wa.gov.au](http://www.waroona.wa.gov.au) → community → community-engagement → current consultation

**You will then go in the prize draw to win one of two \$100 vouchers!**

If you would like a paper copy of the survey, you can pick one up from the Shire of Waroona office at 52 Hesse Street, Waroona. Or we can send you one! Please don't hesitate to contact our friendly team on 9733 7800 if we can assist you.

**Thank you for participating in the Lake Clifton Community Reserve Development Survey.**



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