

Sea to Scarp

SHIRE OF WAROONA MONTHLY NEWSLETTER | SEPTEMBER 2024



SHIRE PRESIDENT'S REPORT



This year's Troutfest was a very special day with many visitors attending what was a very well organised event. Last minute finishing touches to the nature playground were completed by our works and services crew and the organisation leading up to and including the day through our community development team were great examples of how the shire staff go over and beyond in their service delivery. This area has transformed over the past few years to be an area of high quality recreational activities. Our council appreciates funding from the Department of Regional Development and Fisheries in supporting the upgrades and Troutfest and for the Minister Don Punch for attending to officially open the upgrades and our local member Robyn Clarke in support of our vision for this community asset.

The Shire of Waroona in conjunction with the WA Regional Arts Network is showcasing an exhibition over this month titled Ebb and Flow. The theme follows the ups and downs for rural communities through drought and rain, prosperity and hardship and joy and sorrow. Peel artist Diedre Robb will be in residence for the next few weeks and she will be taking inspiration from the community to create pieces that will be added to this collection. I encourage you to visit the Memorial Hall supper room between 10am to 4pm Wednesday to Friday and Saturday 10am to 2pm. Diedre will be holding workshops through the month for anyone interested in expressing their creativity.

The Australian Electoral Commission has recently revisited its decision to amend the Federal Canning Division and leave the Shire of Waroona in the Canning Electorate. The initial proposal was to include our shire in the Forrest electorate but for reasons listed as community synergies within our neighbouring local governments and the Peel Harvey catchment management, they have recommended that our shire will remain in Canning.

As spring has arrived after a concentrated wet few months, this is a great time of the year to prepare for the hot months ahead by cleaning up and burning unwanted vegetation and the use of herbicides to control grass and weeds. Spraying is perhaps the most cost-effective way to limit vegetation growth heading into summer and an ideal way of reducing the fuel load on fence lines and vacant blocks. If in any doubt about what's required for landowners and their responsibilities for fire breaks and vegetation control, please reach out to the admin or ranger services at the shire and they will be happy to guide you through your obligations.

Cr Mike Walmsley, Shire President

NEW CITIZEN



Waroona's newest citizen, Wararat (Parn) Tyler with Mike Walmsley

COMMUNITY CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARDS

NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN!

If there's a local hero in your community, nominate them today so we can recognise their contribution and impact.

They may be helping at a sports club, raising donations or funds, volunteering with the emergency services or elevating arts and culture.

Nominate them now at citizenshipawards.com.au

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#WereAllPartOfTheStory

If you would like any assistance in nominating a local community member, call 9733 7800

Nominations close 31 October 2024.



RECEIVE YOUR RATES ELECTRONICALLY

You can now register with the Shire of Waroona to receive your Rate Notices via email. This not only reduces the use of paper 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.

To register please visit www.eratewa.com/Waroona/ or visit the Shire of Waroona website or Facebook Page.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

FINAL TRIM OPERATOR

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.

The Shire of Waroona is seeking to appoint an experienced Final Trim Grader Operator to lead the road and drainage construction and maintenance team. The role is to provide direction to internal staff and contractors to deliver the Shire's Road and drainage construction and maintenance programs. The Final Trim Operator will be responsible for the direction and the onsite operations of the team and to operate plant including a construction grader to a final trim standard.

Work Type: Full time (9-day fortnight) – Temporary Contract

Applications Close: Monday 30th September 2024.

Level: Wages and conditions will be based on the Shire of Waroona Outside Staff Collective Enterprise Agreement 2022. Terms and conditions to be discussed at interview for suitably qualified and experienced operator.

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/employment/ or by an email request to Kathy Simpson, Acting Manager Corporate Services at 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 - Final Trim Operator" and close with the undersigned.

The Shire of Waroona is an equal opportunity employer. We celebrate diversity and are committed to creating an inclusive environment for all employees.

WHAT'S ON

The Shire of Waroona Biennial Survey is open now!

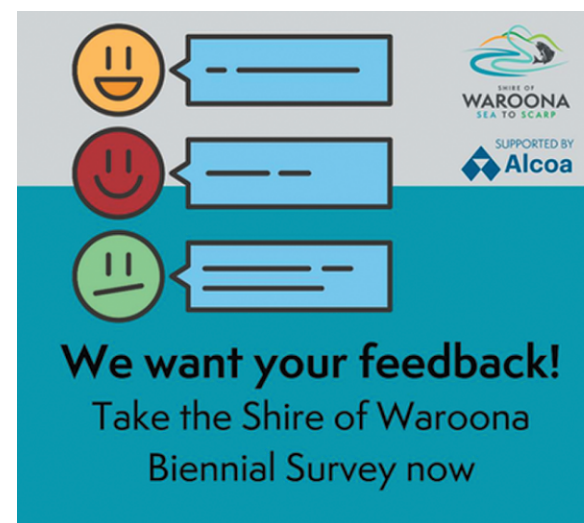
Have your say about your community and help guide the Shire in how we plan and prioritise for the next two years.

There are two prizes up for grabs just for sharing your thoughts – 1st prize \$300 voucher and 2nd prize \$200 voucher.

Take the 15-minute survey here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FLFBPGB>

Survey closes 30 September 2024



TROUTFEST 2024 & DRAKESBROOK WEIR UPGRADES

The ever popular annual Troutfest was back on Saturday 7 September! The event saw hundreds of participants helping Recfishwest to hand-release more than 300 rainbow and brown trout into the Drakesbrook Weir. The day also celebrated the official opening of upgrades to Drakesbrook Weir which were made possible with funding and support from the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development and the Peel Development Commission.

The rains held off for a beautiful spring day with dozens of families enjoying the live music and children's entertainment, trying their hand at flicking lures or flyfishing, browsing the array of stalls packed with freshwater fishing merchandise, and enjoying some of the fantastic food stalls.

The new nature playground was thoroughly enjoyed with one of the biggest hits of the day being our new giant marron 'Clawed'!

The Waroona Troutfest was proudly presented by the Shire of Waroona and Recfishwest, supported by Alcoa, and delivered in partnership with the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development, Healthway, Fishability, and Act Belong Commit.



PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Amendment to the Place of Council Meetings

Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996
Shire of Waroona

In accordance with regulation 12 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996, notice is hereby given that Council has resolved, on 27 August 2024, to change location following two upcoming council meetings:

- The ordinary council meeting scheduled for 24 September 2024 will now be held at the Preston Beach Community Centre; and
- The ordinary council meeting scheduled for 22 October 2024 will now be held in Council Chamber at the Shire of Waroona administration offices, Waroona.

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

The Shire of Waroona Council Meetings website information has been amended to reflect this change.

MARK GOODLET
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



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