

SHIRE PRESIDENT'S REPORT



At the March ordinary council meeting, a recommendation to extend opening days to seven days a week was adopted. This change was driven through the Recreation advisory committee which had been approached by several community members to see if

opening times could be amended to include a seven day a week program. Given this change and the availability of the centre being open each day, this gives our residents the opportunity to enjoy the rec centre every day and as always, please keep in touch with the very capable staff for fitness programmes and any events that are occurring.

Engaged and enthusiastic people help create vibrant communities. It's always been the case that when a good idea is born from small

beginnings, good people driving the concept and staying committed to its delivery has helped many communities to not only improve the quality of their surroundings, but has also increased the social health and wellbeing. One such model that has had positive impacts across many regions is the Town Team Movement. In early April, an information night was held and an initial group was formed to help guide initiatives that will enhance Waroona and help create positive places and spaces. We look forward to seeing what the vision is from this group.

Our Shire proudly hosts some wonderful individuals who often go above and beyond in the service of others. Our community boasts one of the higher percentages of volunteering across the state. There are those which act as mentors to others and some who give an incredible amount of time to making sure we are safe and cared for in certain times of need. One such special individual is Jenny McNamara. Jenny was recently awarded the prestigious Member of the Order of St Johns.

Our community is very grateful for the service Jenny has graciously given and we all congratulate her on this prestigious recognition.

With the recent state election results finally concluded, we had a change of representative in Shire of Murray President Mr David Bolt declared to be the Member for Murray Wellington. David will bring a wealth of expertise in the role and I'm confident he will be a valuable member of Parliament and good advocate for our electorate.

It is also important to recognise the contribution of Mrs Robyn Clarke to our region for the past eight years and reflect on her hard work and commitment to the role in representing her many communities and different interests across multiple shires. A job well done and we collectively thank you, Robyn.

Cr Mike Walmsley
Shire President

CHANGE OF COUNCIL MEETING DATE

As per Council Resolution OCM25/03/038 Council amends the date of the April Ordinary Council Meeting to 4.00pm 29 April 2025.

EMPLOYMENT

Coordinator Works & Services

Reporting to the Director Infrastructure Services, we are looking for a suitably qualified and experienced Coordinator Works and Services to lead and coordinate the works team in safely and efficiently delivering the Shire of Waroona's annual works programs and projects.

Work Type: Full time (9-day fortnight)
Applications Close: Monday 24th February 2025
Level: Shire of Waroona EBA 2022 Level 9 plus commuter use of a shire vehicle

Salary and conditions will be in accordance with the Shire of Waroona Enterprise Bargaining Agreement 2022 Level 9 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 Councils 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 Director Infrastructure Services, Brad Oborn, on 0428 103 720.

Applications should be clearly endorsed "Private and Confidential – Vacancy – Coordinator Works and Services." and close with the undersigned 4.00pm Monday 24th February 2025.

LOCAL GALLERY JOINS PEEL OPEN STUDIOS



Waroona Visitor Centre & Gallery will again be a stop on the Peel Open Studios trail from Saturday, May 3 to Sunday, May 11. A number of Waroona's talented local artists will be demonstrating their crafts on the two weekends, including jewellery making, photography, felting, clay sculpting, and mixed media. Stop by to meet the artists, discover their creative processes, and gather tips to spark your own creativity.

The Visitor Centre will also host a community morning tea during the week, offering another chance to meet the artists and try your hand at some small creative projects. Look out for more details in the May edition of the Drakesbrook Despatch.

Waroona's Visitor Centre is a place that celebrates local creativity and invites everyone to connect with the town's artistic spirit. Whether you visit during Peel Open Studios or at another time, we look forward to welcoming you!



The Waroona Visitor Centre and Gallery is open 9.30am - 3.30pm 7 days a week

ANZAC DAY



FRIDAY 25 APRIL 2025 WAROONA WAR MEMORIAL

6am Dawn Service, followed by Gunfire Breakfast
10.45am ANZAC Parade followed by 11am ANZAC Day Service

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

INDEPENDENT EXTERNAL MEMBER – AUDIT, RISK & IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

The Shire of Waroona invites expressions of interest from experienced professionals to join its Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC) as Independent Members, in the positions of Presiding Member and Deputy Presiding Member. The committee supports the Shire in fulfilling its responsibilities for oversight in areas such as financial audit, risk management and continuous improvement, in compliance with the Local Government Act 1995 and associated regulations.

About the successful candidate:

The Independent Members will preside over ARIC meetings, commencing from 1 July 2025, (approximately 1-2 meetings annually) and will be required to have experience and knowledge in the following areas:

- Financial reporting.
- Audit and assurance.
- Principles of good organisational governance.
- Risk management and internal control principles.

Additional desirable skills and experience include:

- Strong leadership qualities to guide effective committee discussion.
- Analytical skills to assess complex information.
- Knowledge of the local government sector.
- Familiarity with meeting procedures and Local Law Standing Orders.
- Awareness of emerging risks such as climate adaption and cyber security.

To be eligible as an Independent Member, applicants must meet these criteria:

- Must not be employed by the Shire of Waroona;
- Must not be an elected member of the Shire of Waroona or any other local government; and
- Must not be related to any of the persons in categories a) or b).

What we offer:

The role includes remuneration aligned with determinations by the Salaries and Allowances Tribunal for Band 3 local governments. The Council has set the fee up to \$215 per individual per meeting. Reimbursement for expenses for training, travel and meals is also available as applicable.

How to apply:

Applications should include a statement of interest and a brief outline (no more than three pages) demonstrating experience in the key areas listed above. Applications should be marked 'Private and Confidential – Independent Members for Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee' in the subject heading and be emailed to eso@waroona.wa.gov.au.

Application Deadline:

Submission close at 4.00pm AWST, Friday 16th May 2025.

Should you require further information or clarification on the above, please contact Kirsty Ferraro, Acting Director Corporate & Community Services via email dcs@waroona.wa.gov.au or via phone during normal business hours on (08) 9733 7800.

MARK GOODLET
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

DISCOVER WAROONA PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Love photography? Show us your best shots and capture what makes our region truly special!

1st Prize: \$250 Gift Card
2nd Prize: \$100 Gift Card

Entries close Monday 5 May
To enter, visit www.waroona.wa.gov.au/discoverwaroona

We're looking for stunning images that showcase the beauty, charm, and unique experiences of the Shire of Waroona. Whether it's our vibrant community life, hidden local gems or the exciting outdoor adventures - we want to see our region through your eyes.

NEW CITIZENS



Shire President Mike Walmsley with new citizens Kera Muir and Alison Staniland.

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