

Sea to Scarp

SHIRE OF WAROONA MONTHLY NEWSLETTER | SEPTEMBER 2025

SHIRE PRESIDENT'S REPORT



In a few short weeks, our community's largest organised event will again take place. The iconic Annual Waroona Show continues to ignite all the wonderful volunteers we have in our shire that all play a part in showcasing what a very special part of the State we live in. From the young children that display their creations of art and cooking to horse events and cattle, activities and rides, the show

is an amazing reflection of rural living. It continues to provide an incredible day for everyone to absorb and find an extraordinary array of interests. This one day takes an outstanding amount of effort to coordinate and our gratitude is extended to the Waroona Agricultural Society and their supporters in celebrating their 100th year of existence. Our best wishes to President Simone Magno and the entire committee for their continued successful organisation of this show and many more.

Another addition to Railside Park will shortly be completed. The refurbishment of the Big Shed will add a covered area and space for events and gatherings which will include cooking facilities and more shaded areas.

Cr Mike Walmsley
Shire President

GRANT FUNDING

This Shire of Waroona is excited to announce that the Alcoa Waroona Sustainability Fund is now open for applications!

This grant fund is an excellent opportunity for local groups and organisations to implement projects that positively impact our Shire's economic, social, recreational, and environmental sustainability.

Key Priority Areas

Your project should align with at least one of the following areas:

- Capital Improvements
- Public Space Enhancement
- Durable Equipment
- Economic Development
- Environmental Sustainability
- Education and Training
- Community Welfare

For more details, including grant guidelines and the application form, visit www.waroona.wa.gov.au/grants.

Please note it is a requirement that your project be discussed with our Community Development team before submitting your application. Reach out to us at 9733 7800.

ALCOA WAROONA SUSTAINABILITY FUND

Open Friday September 12 - Friday November 14

PROJECT FUNDING

\$10,000 - \$50,000 Project Grants Now Available

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AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

The graphic features a grid of six circular portraits of diverse individuals, each with a caption: 'WE'RE', 'ALL', 'PART', 'OF', 'THE', and 'STORY'. Below the grid, the text 'Nominate now' is displayed, along with a brief description of the awards: 'If you know someone doing great things in our community, nominate them for a 2026 Youth Citizen of the Year Award.' Logos for 'Australia Day' and 'Community Citizen of the Year Awards' are at the top, and 'Presented by' and 'Principal Partner' logos are at the bottom.

The park will also feature a small gazebo that has been constructed from original material from the old Scouts and Guides Hall that was once on this site. This small feature stands as a tribute to all the many children that passed through the original hall over decades that learnt meaningful life skills and went on to become solid contributors and volunteers in our community.

With the closing of nominations for our upcoming local government election, it was encouraging to see enthusiastic people put their hand up to represent the community they live in. The candidates all represent solid values in our shire and I certainly encourage everyone that can, to get out and vote on the 18th of October at the council administration offices in Waroona or the Lake Clifton Community Hall and if that proves difficult, early voting is available and absentee postal votes can be obtained.

Our Deputy Shire President has decided not to renominate after two terms on council. Naomi Purcell has called time in her busy life to step back from council. Naomi has been a very valuable councillor over the past eight years and has always contributed in a positive and intelligent manner. She has been fundamental in driving tourism and sporting avenues in council and represented the residents and ratepayers of Waroona in a professional and pragmatic way. On behalf of our council and our community, we all say a huge thank-you for all the effort you have contributed and your time on council was valued by us all."

Cr Mike Walmsley
Shire President

NEW CITIZEN



New citizen Kirstie Chase with Shire President Mike Walmsley

CONSULTATION

Initiation and Amendment of Local Planning Policies
Council has resolved to initiate and amend the following two Local Planning Policies (LPP):

- Initiation of LPP 19 – Micro Camping; and
- Amendment of LPP 17 – Vegetation.

The purpose of each policy is summarised below:

LPP 19 - Guides the appropriate location, scale, design, and management of micro camping within the Shire of Waroona, ensuring such activities are low impact, compatible with surrounding land uses, and consistent with community expectations and statutory requirements.

LPP 17 - Considers the need for the clearing of native vegetation, ensures avoidance and mitigation measures are implemented through the planning process and seeks to enhance canopy cover through replacement planting where vegetation removal is granted approval through a net gain approach.

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 by following the following links: Community > Community Engagement > Current Consultation.

The public is invited to make submissions. Should you wish to make a submission, please ensure it is received by 8 October 2025. A submission can be lodged by the following methods:

Email: eplanning@waroona.wa.gov.au
Post: PO Box 20, Waroona WA 6215
Delivery to Shire office: 52 Hesse Street, Waroona

Enquiries can be directed to Dakota Seubert, Planning Officer, on 9733 7800 or via email at eplanning@waroona.wa.gov.au.

Mark Goodlet
Chief Executive Officer

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The Element of Possibility™ Alcoa

Saturday 4 October 2025
Drakesbrook Weir, Waroona
9am – 1pm
Official Proceedings: 10:00am
Main Trout Release: 10:15am

Free entry - no fishing license required!

- Free Recfishwest fishing clinic
- Casting competition with Chas Riepert from Freshwater Fishability
- Fly fishing demos by WA Trout & Freshwater Angling Association
- Fishing stalls & information displays
- Food trucks & refreshments
- Stalls, entertainment & games for all ages & abilities
- A fantastic day for families, nature lovers, and keen anglers alike!
- Please note: This is a dog-free event!

Free shuttle bus running from
Waroona Recreation and Aquatic Centre
88 Hill Street, Waroona
First bus leaves at 8:30am sharp with the last bus returning at 1pm
Shuttle service every half hour

ENHANCING VISITOR SERVICING

In late June, 13 staff and volunteers from the Waroona Visitor Centre took part in a mini-familiarisation tour designed to enhance their local knowledge and help them better assist visitors. The focus was on local businesses and attractions in and around Waroona and Lake Navarino.

The group visited That Fishing Shop in Waroona, Lake Navarino Holiday Park, Drakesbrook Fine Wines, Drakesbrook Hotel Motel, Magic Barn Fairy Garden, Samson Brook Bed & Breakfast, Samson Brook South, Merino Dreaming Studio, Drakesbrook Antiques and Collectables, and The Rec Waroona. At each location, volunteers learned about the services, products, and upcoming projects of the operators, gaining insights to share with visitors. At The Rec Waroona, volunteer Loré Hull shared that her wedding reception in February 1970 was held in the dining room, and she used one of the rooms to dress in her going-away outfit. The story delighted the group and highlighted the venue's community connections.

For more information, contact Manager Tracy Goldsworthy on weekdays at 0472 595 266 or email visitorcentre@waroona.wa.gov.au

The day also included drive-by visits and commentary by Visitor Centre Manager, Tracy Goldsworthy, on community spaces, art installations, historical sites, and other points of interest. Volunteers came away with a richer understanding of the variety of experiences available around Waroona and practical knowledge to help visitors make the most of their time in the area.

Given the size of the Shire and the time constraints of a single day, future familiarisation tours will explore other locales, including the "coast and lakes" at Preston Beach, Yalgorup National Park and Lake Clifton, as well as iconic operations and locations east of Waroona and in Lane Poole Reserve.

The Visitor Centre team thanks all the businesses and operators for their generous hospitality during the day, and Waroona Harvey Bus Services for their professionalism and support during the tour.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Could You Be the Difference?

The Waroona Visitor Centre is looking for friendly, reliable volunteers to be the welcoming face of Waroona on weekends.

By greeting visitors, helping with small purchases, and pointing people to local attractions and businesses, you'll create positive experiences that benefit shops, cafes, and the wider community.

No special skills are required — just a warm smile, a helpful attitude, and a willingness to be part of a supportive team. Volunteers are rostered once or more a month, with a minimum commitment of just three hours per calendar month. Full training is provided.

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The Waroona Visitor Centre is often the first stop for visitors, but it also plays an important role for the people who call the town home. It's where newcomers get helpful tips, locals share their talents, and volunteers make a meaningful contribution.

Earlier this year, newcomers Kerry and Wayne dropped in for information and were welcomed by long-time volunteer Christine Hyde. Along with local tips and a copy of the Drakesbrook Despatch, Christine suggested they try the CRC's Tuesday community lunch. They did — and ended up on GWN News, marking the reopening of Waroona's much-loved community kitchen. For Christine, who has volunteered since 1992, it was a delightful surprise: "It's about more than brochures. It's about helping people feel part of Waroona."

Glenice and Heather Reid, who moved from Collie in June, also found inspiration through the Centre. Responding to a regular call in the Despatch, Glenice crocheted 20 colourful mandalas for an upcoming display and donated craft supplies for future projects. "Everyone's so friendly, happy and supportive," she said of her new hometown. Heather has since dropped in another 40 mandalas and reports that Glenice is revelling in her sense of purpose.

Local resident Bill, who has lived in Waroona for a couple of years, recently came in seeking cross-stitch supplies. Already a passionate stitcher, he's known for the care and detail he puts into his work. While the Centre couldn't provide the materials, helping him track them down was a small way to support his creativity — and a chance to hear his story of a life stitched together through resilience, reinvention, and art.

Through everyday interactions like these, the Visitor Centre quietly supports the community — welcoming newcomers, celebrating creativity, and fostering the connections that make Waroona feel like home.



PEEL-HARVEY PHOTO COMPETITION

THEME: PROTECTING YOUR PATCH

Junior (Under 16s)

Open (Over 16s)

Prizes for winners

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