

SHIRE PRESIDENT'S REPORT



At its Ordinary Council Meeting in October, Council endorsed a recommendation from officers, the raising of a loan to secure additional funding to complete an extra 1.4 kms of Preston Beach road. Some unallocated funding has been made available to South West Shires on a one dollar to two dollar

The CEO and I recently had a visit to Preston Beach to look at various issues that we had been made aware of and inspect the green waste area. Dune brushing has had considerable success in stabilising the foredunes at Preston and also helping at limiting access into areas that need protection from vehicle damage. During winter, storms certainly cause sand movement and change the pattern and integrity of the beach. While we were being escorted around Preston Beach by retired councillor, Mr Noel Dew, we were very impressed by the effort the community has taken in eliminating the invasive White Weeping Broom. Significant areas that had infestations are now very manageable so thank you to all involved in getting this pest under control.

One of the larger news items that circulated over the past few weeks was the announcement of a proposed Gallium plant at Alcoa's Wagerup refinery. While this project has a few development requirements to get through, it is further processing of the bauxite that is currently passing through the refinery. This development could have positive

impacts in removing more available material from the already processed ore and creating more economic diversity for Alcoa's business model. Although this has only been announced recently, I'm confident that more information will be made available as this project gains momentum.

Our community has recently lost some very valued and committed community volunteers. With the passing of Mr Peter Ward and a few short days later, Mr John Salerian, left all who knew these gentlemen a little flat. We are all consoled by the legacy they both leave in our community and the impacts they had on mentoring and instilling solid values in many people across our sporting and community groups. It was a fitting mark of respect that both these gentlemen were acknowledged by our Council with lowering of the flags. We are all sincerely grateful for the significant contributions they gave.

CR MIKE WALMSLEY
SHIRE PRESIDENT

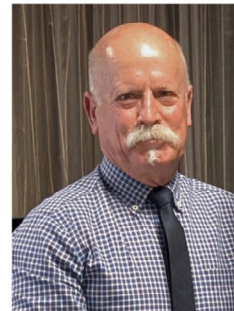
COUNCIL

Following the recent Local Government Elections, the official swearing-in ceremony for councillors was held on Monday, 20 October 2025.

We are pleased to welcome our newly elected councillors to the Shire of Waroona Council — Cr Julie Rowles, Cr Brad Vitale, and Cr Karlie Bartle.



We also congratulate our re-elected councillors, who have been appointed to leadership roles within Council — Cr Mike Walmsley, returning as Shire President, and Cr Larry Scott, as Deputy Shire President.



Together, they join our continuing councillors, Cr Karen Odorisio and Cr John Mason, to form the Shire of Waroona Council for the coming term.



We look forward to their continued commitment and leadership in serving the Waroona community.

EVENTS



INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEER DAY BREAKFAST

SATURDAY 6 DECEMBER 2025

Waroona Memorial Hall at 8am

&

Preston Beach Community Centre at 9am

To assist with catering please register by 29 November 2025
Phone: 9733 7800 or Email: comdev@waroona.wa.gov.au

Waroona Lions' Community Christmas Gala

FRIDAY 12 DECEMBER 2025

5 - 9PM

- Market Stalls
- Children's Entertainment
- Food Trucks
- Waroona Lions Train
- Santa!



CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS MONTH

Cyber Security Awareness Workshop

As part of Cyber Security Awareness Month, the Shire of Waroona welcomed Matthew Della Franca from Matt's IT Rescue to run a Cyber Security Workshop for the community.

The session aimed to help locals understand the online risks we all face and learn practical ways to protect ourselves. Matthew shared tips on recognising scams, creating

strong and unique passwords, using password managers, and setting up two-factor authentication, all simple steps that make a big difference to online safety. Attendees also discovered everyday habits, like avoiding public Wi-Fi for sensitive tasks and limiting personal information online, that help keep data secure.

It was an engaging and informative session, giving everyone the tools and confidence to stay safe in a digital world.

A big thank you to Matthew for sharing his expertise and making Cyber Security Awareness Month a success in Waroona!



PUBLIC NOTICES

GET FIRE READY - URBAN OR RURAL, WE ALL HAVE A ROLE

Whether you live in town or on the land, it's time to prepare for the upcoming fire season. Here are some essential tips to help you stay safe and fire-ready:

Urban Property

Clear Vegetation:

- Clean gutters regularly and remove leaves and debris.
- Trim trees and shrubs near your home.
- Cut grass and weeds to no more than 5cm, including the verge.

Check Equipment:

- Ensure fire-fighting gear (hoses, pumps, generators) are working.
- Check that fuel is fresh and safely stored

Prepare:

- Have a Bushfire Plan in place.
- Know your evacuation routes and practice them with your household.

Rural Property

Clear Vegetation:

- Clean gutters regularly and remove leaves and debris.
- Maintain defensible space around your home by trimming trees and shrubs.
- Cut grass and weeds to 5cm, including the verge.
- Install a firebreak and ensure there's access for emergency vehicles.

Check Equipment:

- Test and maintain hoses, generators, and other fire-fighting tools.
- Review your water supply – consider installing underground pumps from dams to your house.

Prepare:

- Create or update your Bushfire Plan.
- Know evacuation routes.
- If fire threatens, relocate livestock to a well-grazed paddock.

Firebreak compliance is required from 1 December to 15 May.
Set monthly reminders and take proactive steps to protect your home, family, and community this fire season.

2025/26 Fees and Charges - Amendment

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 6.19 of the Local Government Act 1995, the Shire of Waroona amends the following Fees and Charges for the 2025/26 financial year -

Details Fee (incl GST)
Drakesbrook Despatch Lease \$110
St John Ambulance Association WA Lease \$110
Senior Citizens Social Centre Building Lease \$110
Waroona Playgroup Building Lease \$110
Waroona Creative Arts Building Lease \$110
Lake Clifton Community Centre Lease \$110
Waroona Opportunity Shop Building Lease \$110
Youth Centre Building Lease \$110
Waroona Football Club Building Lease \$110
Waroona Bowling & Social Club Building Lease \$110
Waroona Cricket Club Building Lease \$110
Waroona Golf Club Building Lease \$110
Preston Beach Golf Club Building Lease \$110
Waroona Community Men's Shed \$110
Waroona Agricultural Society Facility and Sheds Lease \$110
Preston Beach Community Centre Lease \$110
Lions Storage Shed, Jim's Kitchen Lease \$110

The new fees and charges will take effect from Tuesday, 21st October 2025.

Local Government Act 1995 Shire Of Waroona

In accordance with section 6.20 of the Local Government Act 1995, the Shire of Waroona wishes to advise of its intention to borrow. At its ordinary Council meeting held on Tuesday 28th October 2025, Council resolved by absolute majority to exercise its power to borrow.

The Shire of Waroona intends to borrow the sum of \$250,000 for the term of 12 months for the purpose of Preston Beach Road Reconstruction – to support co-funding of Regional Road Group out-of-session additional funds program.

One month's public notice of this proposal is hereby given as required by section 6.20 (2) of the Local Government Act 1995. Further details may be obtained from the Shire of Waroona Administration Office, 52 Hesse Street Waroona or on the website www.waroona.wa.gov.au.

MARK GOODLET
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

EMPLOYMENT

Final Trim Grader Operator

An opportunity has arisen for an experienced Final Trim Grader Operator to join our Works team. This is a hands-on role contributing directly to the construction and maintenance of the Shire's roads and infrastructure, ensuring high-quality outcomes for our local community.

The Final Trim Grader Operator will play a key role in delivering high-quality road construction and maintenance by performing precision grading to support the Shire's capital and maintenance works programs. The role involves operating and maintaining the grader and other plant, assisting with general civil works such as drainage and earthworks and mentoring other staff to build future capacity.

At the Shire of Waroona, you'll be part of a friendly, supportive team in a welcoming community, with the benefit of going home every night. We offer excellent employee benefits, including a nine-day fortnight, ongoing training and development, and the chance to contribute to meaningful local projects that directly benefit our community. The Shire is willing to explore flexible employment options and competitive remuneration for the right applicant.

To apply, please submit a cover letter, resume and address the selection criteria, as outlined in the application package available on our website www.waroona.wa.gov.au or by request via email to rates@waroona.wa.gov.au.

For further discussions regarding this position, please contact Steven Watson, Director Infrastructure Services on 0418 848 364. Applications should be clearly endorsed "Private and Confidential – 016-25 – Final Trim Grader Operator". No closing date applies to this position, applications will be assessed as they are received, recruitment may close once a suitable candidate is appointed.

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

MARK GOODLET
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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