

SHIRE PRESIDENT'S REPORT



At the June ordinary council meeting, an agreement with the Department of Transport was endorsed by council maintaining and providing licensing services for a further five years. This important community function has been provided by the Shire for the

past 26 years and has become an essential regional service for all transport requirements and driving examinations.

Administering this service locally allows our community to access assistance from competent and professional staff who are highly experienced in transport matters and also gives a modest income return to council assists expenditure in improvements in the community. I encourage

everyone to pay your transport fees through the admin office as it assists us all.

With school holidays upon us, our wonderful Recreation Centre staff have organised some activities that should help entertain our youth and families over the holiday period. Please check out the Shire's social pages or ask the staff at the Rec Centre for upcoming programmes and events.

The shop local initiative concluded recently and thank you for everyone that participated and supported our local businesses. We have some long standing and recent start up businesses that support our Shire in many ways and are an essential part of the fabric of our community.

Shopping local helps maintain these services in our towns. The retail industry has had significant challenges over the past few years with the increase in online shopping. This is certainly evident in many small towns and major centres across the country and we are not immune to this trend. Supporting the businesses that support us through providing the goods and services and

employment that we rely on is critically important.

Council works through the budget process this time of year and will seek to endorse it in early August. This is always a body of work for our staff and councillors to consider as the many requirements that are placed upon council to maintain and provide needs to be balanced with available income. This year will see a slight increase in rates but it will be in line with the previous forecast and less than the national and West Australian CPI which is a credit to our organisation and attributable to sound management and strict financial oversight.

While I mentioned previously that we have some great local businesses, I'd also like to welcome the new owners of the Preston Beach One Stop Shop, Mitre 10 and our new Dentist and Accountancy practice. This investment in our towns is welcomed and thank you for bringing some energy and renewed services to our residents.

CR MIKE WALMSLEY
SHIRE PRESIDENT

EMPLOYMENT

Plant Operator / Labourer - Casual

The Shire of Waroona, conveniently located between Mandurah and Bunbury, Waroona provides the best of regional living with easy access to major urban centres.

An opportunity has arisen for Plant Operator / Labourer to join our Works team on a casual basis. This is a hands-on role contributing directly to the construction and maintenance of the Shire's roads, drainage, and other infrastructure, helping deliver high-quality outcomes for our local community.

The successful applicant will assist with a variety of civil works, including operating and maintaining plant and general works to support the Shire's capital and maintenance programs. Opportunities also exist to learn and build your skills in plant operation under the guidance of experienced staff.

At the Shire of Waroona, you'll be part of a friendly and supportive team in a welcoming community. We offer excellent employee benefits, including a nine-day fortnight, ongoing training and development

This casual position has been created to support the Shire's existing works team and address a current workforce gap. The role will be employed under the Shire of Waroona

Outside Workforce Enterprise Agreement Level 3 to 4 (\$33.62 to \$35.53 per/hr) + 25% casual loading dependent on skills and experience.

The Shire reserves the right to close applications prior to the advertised closing date of Friday 31 July 2026 @ 4pm, should a suitable applicant be identified.

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/employment/plant-operator-labourer-casual/118 or by request via email to hr@waroona.wa.gov.au.

Applications should be clearly marked "Private and Confidential - HR.2526.033 - Plant Operator/Labourer."

Further information about the position can be obtained by contacting Eden Pisconeri, Workplace Services Officer, on 9733 7800.

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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NEW CITIZENS

New citizens Carla Moura and Helder Bernardo; and Gayleen Mendoza with Shire President Mike Walmsley



SCHOOL HOLIDAY ADVENTURES IN YOUR OWN BACKYARD

IF YOU'VE GOT THE KIDS, WE'VE GOT THE IDEAS

You don't need to travel far to find big adventures. Waroona and surrounds are packed with fun, fresh air and unforgettable experiences for all ages.

SWAP THE SCREEN FOR GREEN AND MAKE SOME MEMORIES!

START AT THE VISITOR CENTRE

Head to the Waroona Visitor Centre to grab a pic with Mooriel, Australia's best dressed bovine, snap a photo with the giant hay bale teddy bear and pick up an art trail map to discover fairy doors, murals and bush poles all around town.



RAILSIDE PARK

Scooters, skateboards, bikes, helmets – and go! With a skatepark, pump track, playgrounds and free electric barbecues, it's the perfect place to burn off energy before your next adventure.



DRAKESBROOK WEIR

Cast a line, ride the giant marron slide, explore the nature playground or enjoy a picnic or barbecue. Bring the kayaks – the calm waters are perfect for a paddle.



EXPLORE, AIM, ADVENTURE

Just 5 minutes from the Lake Clifton thrombolites, Peel Archers Inc. runs Saturday morning archery sessions for all ages. Qualified volunteers provide training and safety, fit you with your gear, then off you go on a guided archery trail through beautiful bushland. Robin Hood would be in his element! Stay a little longer for a sausage sizzle and drinks (available for purchase).



THROMBOLITES & A GIANT

Discover the remarkable thrombolites, living structures created by tiny microorganisms that resemble some of the earliest life forms on Earth. Around 2,000 years old, the Lake Clifton thrombolites form the largest thrombolite reef in the Southern Hemisphere. Then follow the easy 3.5km Lakeside Loop Trail through beautiful tuart forest to find Jyttes Hytte, one of the Giants sculptures created by world-renowned Danish recycle artist Thomas Dambo.



THE GIANT - JYTTESS HYTTE
LAKESIDE LOOP TRAIL, LAKE CLIFTON



FOREST FUN

For kids and adults alike, Treetops Adventure offers rope courses, aerial challenges and flying foxes high in the forest canopy. Test your skills, challenge yourself and soar through the trees. While you're there, explore Lane Poole Reserve's bush trails, flowing waterways and lush winter scenery, or take a walk across the impressive 108m Dwaarlindjirraap suspension bridge spanning the Murray River.



PRESTON BEACH – STAY & PLAY

Make a night of it at Martins Tank Campground. Set up camp, possum watch, tell stories around the campfire and star gaze under the Milky Way. Next day, head to nearby Preston Beach to feel the sand between your toes, to swim and build sandcastles, do some beach fishing and tuck into a delicious serve of fish and chips.

CAN YOU TICK THEM ALL OFF?

WAROONA VISITOR CENTRE | MAPS & GUIDES | 37 SOUTH WEST HWY | 7 DAYS 9.30AM-3.30PM