



## Shire President's Message

Mr Euan Ferguson stated "This report must be a catalyst for change. Should there be no change, then this special enquiry will have failed". The reality is, that as a result of this Enquiry and the subsequent Report, there will be many challenges ahead that will no doubt necessitate strong and positive decision making, which in turn need to be under pinned by a commitment to change and ultimately the courage to achieve these objectives. On behalf of the Councillors, Staff and the Community I would like to congratulate Mr Ferguson for his outstanding efforts in preparing this honest and constructive report and at the same time thank everyone who assisted in contributing to the report.

### 2016/17 BUDGET

As is always the case at this time of the year our staff is hard at work finalising the preparation of the 2016/17 budget. This is never an easy task and of course it has been made all the more difficult this year as a result of the devastating bushfire we experienced in January. Realistically, we must be prepared to accept the fact that the financial effects of that terrible event

are likely to be felt for some time and will continue to pose significant challenges for at least the next 12-18 months. This council is very much aware of the fact that many in our community are experiencing difficult times, which in turn needs to be balanced against community expectations. In addition, with accountability and performance reporting now required for Local Government it is important that our annual budget is reflective of our Long Term Financial Plan and our Corporate Business Plan.

### DUNE RESTORATION

On Thursday 30th June, our Shire Environmental Officer, Mychelle Jeffery and I had the pleasure in welcoming 140 students and teachers from Mandurah Baptist College, who had once again offered to come to Preston Beach to assist in our dune restoration program. This exciting partnership, which is becoming an annual event, allows the students to be involved in a healthy outdoor activity, whilst at the same time making a valuable contribution to ensuring the sustainability of our fragile coastal environment. This year the students planted in excess of 800 seedlings in the

dunes, north of the beach car park and also undertook the task of removing hundreds of core flutes from previous plantings. The other aspect of having this as an annual event is that the students get to see the results of their efforts each year. At the end of their hard work we treated everyone to a well-earned sausage sizzle and soft drinks and also, thanks to Preston Beach Fire Brigade Captain Steve Thomas, the students were treated to a "hands on" demonstration of the local firefighting appliance. A big "thank you" to everyone who was involved in what was a very special day.

### PROPOSED RATING AND FEE/CHARGE EXEMPTIONS

At our last Council meeting the council resolved to grant an exemption in the 2016/17 financial year from rates instalment charges and interest in relation to properties affected by the January 2016 bushfire. This exemption will only apply to affected properties contained within the designated fire footprint and shall not include properties rated by Gross Rental Value and shall not include properties owned by Alcoa of Australia.

### FIRE REPORT

On Thursday 23rd, June, I, along with Crs Chris Germain, Trish Witney, staff members, Deputy CEO Laurie Tilbrook and Director Development Services, Louis Fouche attended the release of the Report of the Special Enquiry into the January 2016 Waroona Fire. This compelling report did not seek to lay blame and concentrated instead in undertaking an in depth and honest appraisal of that tragic fire event, with the ultimate aim of making Western Australia a much safer place for all of us, now and into the future. The report did note various concerns and it is obviously imperative that these concerns and issues are dealt with and not allowed to be put in the too hard basket. As the Special Enquirer,



## WAROONA TOWN HALL UPGRADES

Significant upgrades to the Waroona Town Hall were commenced in September 2015 and were completed in April 2016.

The upgrades included replacement of the ceiling in the small hall at the rear of the building, replacement of the old shelving in the kitchen, installation of a stand-alone stainless steel central bench in the middle of the kitchen food preparation area, movement of the warming shelves to near the sink, and other more practical changes to the sink area

The upgrades were supported financially by the Peel Development Commission and that assistance is most appreciated.

## LAND ADMINISTRATION ACT 1997

### CLOSURE OF SECTION OF KYAMBA ROAD, HAMEL

Notice is hereby given that the local government of the Shire of Waroona has resolved to advertise the closure of a section of the above mentioned road in accordance with Section 58 of the Land Administration Act 1997.

Documents setting out and explaining the road closure are available for inspection during office hours at the offices of the Shire of Waroona, 52 Hesse Street, Waroona.

Submissions on the road closure may be made in writing and lodged to the Shire of Waroona on or before 16 August 2016. Your written submission (s) should quote 'Closure of Kyamba Road, Hamel' in the title and be addressed to the Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Waroona, PO Box 20, Waroona WA 6215 or emailed to [warshire@waroona.wa.gov.au](mailto:warshire@waroona.wa.gov.au).

Should you have any queries regarding this Amendment please do not hesitate to contact the Shire's Technical Services Department on 9733 7800.

**Laurie Tilbrook**

A/CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

## Next Council Meeting

Next Council Meeting will be 26th July 2016 at 4pm at the Shire of Waroona Council Chambers behind the administration office

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## CONGRATULATIONS SHALIECE

During the NAIDOC Celebrations, Shaliece Farmer was surprised with receiving a Youth Contributing to Community Award. This award is an initiative to identify and acknowledge young people in the Shire of Waroona who are voluntarily contributing to the community in a positive way. Shaliece received this award for the maturity, consideration and thoughtfulness she demonstrates whilst volunteering her time in a number of local community groups. Shaliece willingly offers her time to assist with her brothers' teams, especially in the canteen, for the Waroona Junior Football Club. She has coached junior teams and coordinated her senior team in the Waroona Amateur Basketball Association, and can always be found assisting with setting up and umpiring junior netball and scoring senior and mixed netball games. As part of the award, the recipient receives \$70 to donate to a charity/community group of their choice, and Shaliece has selected the Waroona Junior Football Club. Once again, well done Shaliece, it is well deserved.

For more information on the Youth Contributing to Community Awards, or to make a nomination, please contact Brad at the Shire on 9733 7800.

## Grants Closing Soon

Applications close on 29 July 2016:

Waroona Bushfire Relief Fund 2016

Emergency Supply of Drinking Water

To put your application in go to;

[www.waroona.wa.gov.au](http://www.waroona.wa.gov.au)

LMDRF applications closed on 31 May 2016.

The final round of applications are being assessed in the coming weekends and applicants advised accordingly.

The Lord Mayor Distress Relief Fund (LMDRF) is a WA emergency fund that is managed by the City of Perth. The fund is used to raise and coordinate donations to support the victims of natural disasters occurring in Western Australia.

## NAIDOC CELEBRATIONS

On Monday the 4th of July, the local Aboriginal community, in collaboration with the Shire of Waroona, held a NAIDOC Celebration. The free event was open to the public, and ran from 10am until 1pm at the Waroona Memorial Hall. It boasted Aboriginal culture, with the



celebrations opening with a Welcome to Country by Mr Jetta, flag raising by Rick Jetta Jr and Skye Bennell, and traditional dancing by the local Bindjareb Middar dance group. Following this was a football clinic run by former Greater Western Sydney AFL player, and current captain of Peel Thunder Football Club Gerald Ugle, and a basketball clinic run by Mandurah Magic Basketball Association.

The Youth Advisory Council organised a number of fun-filled family friendly activities throughout the event including face painting, badge making, boomerang painting, colouring in competitions, helium balloons and more. Set-up in the Hall were informative and interactive stalls from GP Down South, Palmerston Drug & Alcohol, StreetNet Youth Services, South Metropolitan Youth Link, Rocky Bay Disability Services and Womenslink Women Services, as well as artwork displays from the local schools and library. A traditional lunch, including kangaroo stew, emu kebabs and damper, was cooked, and for those not game, the Waroona Leos Club provided a free sausage sizzle and bacon and egg burgers.

A big thank you to everyone who helped on the set up, cook and clean up on the day.



Did you know that your CRC centre support the community recovery from the fire? Here's what's coming up;

- Christmas in July – July 13
- Budgeting workshop presented by Finucare - Wednesday July 20, 27 and August 3

These are some of many activities they hold in support of the Waroona community. They continue to be your connection with the latest information and support services available to you and your family.

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