



Shire President's Message

We need to get the message out that driving on this special beach is a privilege, not a right and that old rule of **"Abuse it...Lose it"**, applies!

WHITE RIBBON DAY PLEDGE

On Friday, 25th of November, Family Support Services, in collaboration with Shire of Waroona, held a community sundowner event in support of White Ribbon Day. A diverse mix of community members, organisations and businesses gathered at the Town Oval to pledge their support towards the White Ribbon initiative, and enjoy a relaxed, fine evening. There were a number of family friendly activities on offer including a live band, bouncy castle, basketball shootout competition, face painting, raffles and health promotion stalls. Lions Club of Waroona sold delicious hamburgers and drinks, and Family Support Services sold White Ribbon Day Merchandise. It is hoped to hold the event again next year, and hopefully have even more of the community come along to show their support.

BLACK DOG RIDE AROUND THE FIRE

On Sunday 27th November the Black Dog Ride group in conjunction with GP Down South, undertook a ride around the fire affected areas of Waroona and Harvey. The ride started at the Preston Beach carpark and finished in Waroona. The aim of this ride around the fire zone was to raise awareness of the mental health agencies available and how to access these services. It was my privilege to participate by helping with traffic control at Preston Beach. It was inspiring to see this small community unite, with members of the Progress Association, Golf Club and Fire Brigade, providing a fulfilling breakfast for a very large number of riders, support staff and community members. I also know that this enthusiastic welcome was extended to the riders at other stopovers on their journey which culminated at a lunch in Waroona provided by the Waroona Lions Club. It was certainly an impressive sight to see such a large number of motorbikes, with their police escort, leaving town. A BIG thank you to everyone who was involved in this event.

WAROONA VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIGADE PRESENTATION & AWARDS DINNER

On the 5th of November, the Waroona Volunteer Fire and Emergency Services (VFES) held a dinner and awards presentation evening at the Waroona Bowling and Social Club.

This was an opportunity for the Brigade and their partners to enjoy a meal together and to recognise some major achievements in volunteering.

Mr Murray Cowper MLA presented the following members with the WA Community Volunteer Service Award:

- John Twaddle, Alan Alexander and Neil Birch for 50 years of service,
- Brian Wilson 38 years of service,
- Lindsay Plant 34 years of service, and
- Darren O'Brien 29 years of service.

Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) Southwest Superintendent Peter Norman also presented the following members with DFES service awards:

- John Twaddle and Alan Alexander for 50 years of service,
- Brian Wilson 35 years of service,
- Tony Cicolari 20 years of service,
- Sue Cicolari 15 years of service, and
- Patrick Templeman-Twells for 5 years of service.

Peter also had the pleasure of announcing that Captain John Twaddle had been awarded the 2015 South West Region Volunteer of the Year. John was chosen from all aspects of DFES operations including Fire and Rescue, Fire and Emergency Services, Marine Rescue, SES and Bushfire Service.

The Waroona Brigade also celebrated its 60th anniversary this year, and honoured two members with life membership for their outstanding contribution they have made and continue to make in the brigade. The members were Lieutenant Darren O'Brien and Sue Cicolari who has just recently handed over the administrative officer reigns after a remarkable 16 continuous years.

Congratulations to the award recipients, and thank you to Ted Russell and the team at the Waroona Bowling and Social Club for making the evening most enjoyable and hassle free.

We would like to wish everyone in the community a safe fire season, and be sure to check out the newly launched Emergency WA website at www.emergency.wa.gov.au. Here you will find bushfire information as well as a list of current DFES managed 000 calls, including road crash rescue, Hazchem, and structural fires that the Waroona VFES attend.

LIONS CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY

On Monday 5th December I had the honour to attend the Waroona Lions Club Christmas function. 2016 has been a challenging and confronting year for many here in our shire and if we were to look for a positive then we should look to the outstanding contribution from our local Lions Club. Each year this group of volunteers work hard to support our local community in many different ways.

Apart from their on-going commitment to helping local groups, this year, the Waroona Lions Club's strong support of our bush fire recovery efforts has been truly exceptional. One would have to think that saying "raising the bar" is not the exception, rather it is the 'norm' for this group. Although a cool evening, the event was a way of saying thank you to those that have supported their activities. Well done to everyone.

BUSHFIRE AWARENESS

Once again we are being warned that we face another challenging fire season and it is crucial that all of us prepare now in order to protect our safety and property in the event of a bushfire. The recently launched "Are you Ready?" Campaign is urging communities to be vigilant, seek out as much information as possible and to take action to ensure their own safety. This must be a shared responsibility and we need to be aware of our surroundings, stay connected to your community, talk to our neighbours, listen to the A.B.C. radio bulletins and be prepared to take action for your safety at the first sign of a fire or emergency.

It is important to note that ahead of the bushfire season, DFES is urging West Australian community members not to risk their lives by waiting for a text message or telephone warning that may not come. One senior officer from DFES recently said "there seems to be a perception that an emergency telephone warning will always be issued for a bushfire, but this is not the case." The reality is often when a bushfire starts near homes, there may not always be time to issue an emergency telephone warning. It is recommended that we do not rely on one source of information. Sometimes the first warning you will have to a fire in your area is when you see it, smell it or see fire-fighting appliances and of course the sound of aircraft, especially the choppers, can be a strong indication that you have an incident in your area.

As community members you can assist the relevant authorities by being vigilant during the hot summer months ahead and report any suspicious activities to the Police on 131444.

Don't forget...to report a fire, please Dial 000.

In conclusion I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very safe and merry Christmas and a fantastic 2017.

BUSH FIRE RECOVERY

As we approach the end of the year 2016, I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the Shire, to say thank you to everyone who has been involved in what has been, and still is, a long and arduous road to recovery following the tragic and devastating bushfire that severely impacted our community this year. We have on-going support from professional groups, Shire staff and the local community at large, and as such I would like to acknowledge the dedication and commitment of all of these people for their outstanding efforts in dealing with what are delicate and at times, highly emotive issues. We do expect this recovery phase to continue for some time and it is vital that we remain positive and take that wonderful "can do" attitude with us on our journey into the future.

A MESSAGE TO ALL BEACH DRIVERS

As always, summer brings with it, not only the warm weather, but also an influx of visitors to our beach. Once again beach users can expect to see the now familiar sight of the Preston Beach Volunteer Rangers undertaking regular patrols of the 17km stretch of coastline that is under the control of the Shire of Waroona. The aim of the Rangers is to try to ensure that all beach users have access to a safe and friendly environment that will in turn contribute to providing everyone with an enjoyable experience on this pristine section of coastline. It should be noted that there are a set of rules applicable to driving on this beach and we encourage drivers to familiarise themselves with these simple but important requirements.

Last year it was noted, that with the increase in vehicles driving on the beach, especially those doing the run from Whitehills and Myalup, we are regrettably witnessing an increase in vehicles speeding. This is concerning, not only for the occupants of these vehicles but even more so for the safety of the young ones playing on our beach and the harsh reality is that the only thing we can do at present is to appeal to all drivers to be aware of the consequences of their actions and to **slow down**.

CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR OPENING HOURS

The Shire of Waroona, including the Licensing Centre & Public Library, will be closed from 3pm on Friday the 23rd December. All will reopen on Tuesday 3rd January 2017

Wishing all of our residents a Safe and Happy Festive Season.

Next Council Meeting

Next Council Meeting will be 20th December at 4pm at the Shire of Waroona Council Chambers behind the administration office

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INTERAGENCY

On Tuesday, 15th of November, the Shire coordinated the last Waroona Interagency Group meeting for the year. It was a fantastic turnout, with over 30 different health agencies embracing the festive spirit and dressing in their Christmas colours. The group reflected on the year, and reviewed its objectives heading into 2017. The meetings are a forum for agencies who deliver local community services to share knowledge and work collectively to address issues, generally around community safety, health and wellbeing. The forum provides the opportunity for members to network and access collegial support. Many networks have been made through these meetings providing greater outreach services to the Waroona area. The group's objectives are:

- To share information on the needs of the community in the Shire of Waroona
- To keep up to date with changes in community agencies and how this impacts on service delivery in Waroona
- To provide information to policy and decision makers to affect policies impacting on Waroona community agencies
- To provide opportunities to improve the quality, effectiveness and range of services offered to the Waroona community through broad networking
- To build the capacity of community agencies to meet the needs of the Waroona community

Waroona Interagency Group now boasts a membership of over 60 representatives from more than 40 community service and health agencies who all service the Waroona area.

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

On Wednesday, 23rd of November, Peel Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCCI) hosted an Open for Business Sundowner at Waroona Memorial Hall. The event was to assist in showcasing and supporting small businesses in Waroona, and to create awareness that the Shire of Waroona and Peel Region is "open for business". It was great to see a number of local businesses and community members in attendance, and PCCI arranged several local caterers to provide refreshments for the evening. Local wineries and distributors provided alcoholic beverages, which went down a treat on the warm afternoon. The Shire will be meeting with PCCI to discuss the possibility of hosting more events like this in the future to boost local tourism, local economy and local businesses.

WAROONA COMMUNITY LIGHTS

Have you noticed the brightly decorated Christmas Tree next to the Visitor Centre? This is part of a project developed by a newly formed group named the Waroona Community Lights Committee. This committee consists of representatives from Western Power, Curtis Electrical Contracting, Alcoa, Shire of Waroona, Lions Club of Waroona, Leos Club of Waroona, Waroona Community Car, Waroona Senior Citizens Welfare Association and Waroona Youth Advisory Council.

On Sunday, 20th of November, the Community Lights Committee gathered at the Town Christmas Tree to install this year's new lights and decorations. It was a long hot day for the 'supervisors' on the ground - one could only imagine how the Western Power guys were doing in the cherry picker! It was great to see locals and tourists alike stop by, take photos, and ask about the project. The flow on effect of these same people admiring the yarn bombing at the Visitor Centre and wandering into the service station and bakery for something to eat and drink, highlighted the positive impact that the project can have for the local tourism and economy.

A huge thank you to Western Power who donated their cherry picker and two workers for the entire day, and to Curtis Electrical Contracting who provided staff and expertise, also for the entire day. A big thank you to Water Corporation who as land owners allowed the tree to be decorated. Also a thank you to members of the Waroona Community Lights Committee who assisted with the installation of this year's lights.

The Committee already has plans to "light up" a number of areas throughout the town next year, so hopefully local businesses, community groups and residents support the project, and the Waroona Community Lights Committee is successful in its pursuit of external funding. WATCH THIS SPACE!



SEA TO ART EXHIBITION

Sea to ART Exhibition has just finished another successful month long showing in November at Waroona Visitor Centre. Nearly 30 artists exhibition 100 works with sales exceeding \$5,000 and the People's Choice Award winner will be announced shortly.

Next year will be the 10th anniversary and many artists are already

planning special pieces for this significant event. If you live in Shire of Waroona, Yarloop or Coolup and would like more information on Sea to ART 2017 please contact exhibition co-ordinator Tracy Goldsworthy on 9733 1506 or email visitorcentre@waroona.wa.gov.au



SHIRE OF WAROONA

NOTICE

Due to the risk of fire, Council has directed that the green waste area at Preston Beach shall be closed between 15 December 2016 – 15 March 2017
Green waste can be disposed of at the Buller Road Refuse Site
702 Buller Road, WAROONA
Please direct any queries to the Shire of Waroona Works Depot on 9733 7817



JUST CRUIZIN STREET MACHINERS

Christmas Lights Cruise 2016

FRIDAY 23RD DECEMBER

Departing from
PAM CORKER HOUSE, WAROONA AT 7.30 PM

Community members welcome to join the tour in your own vehicles.
Courtesy bus: limited seats available: please book @ the Shire 9733 7800

BE SURE TO HAVE YOUR CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SHINING BRIGHTLY



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Sunday, December 18
7pm onwards

@ CENTENNIAL PARK,
SOUTH WESTERN HIGHWAY, WAROONA

Inclement weather: Waroona Memorial Hall

Featuring:
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But most of all, bring your singing voice.

Santa may call in to wish everyone a Merry Christmas

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CONGRATULATIONS ANNETTE



On Monday 5th of December, known worldwide as International Volunteer Day, our community was well represented at the eighth annual Peel Volunteer of the Year Awards. These awards recognise the valuable contribution that volunteers put into the communities that comprise the Peel region. The shire had 4 very worthy nominees across the three categories of Peel Volunteer of the Year, Peel Youth Volunteer of the Year, and Peel Sport and Recreation Volunteer of the Year. Congratulations to Lisa Fry, Amber van Haastrecht, Reegan Davis and Annette Mason for your nominations. A further congratulations to Annette who was named a finalist, and went on to win Peel Sport and Recreation Volunteer of the Year. This is very well deserved by Annette who has contributed to the Waroona community in a number of roles and organisations for over 40 years! Annette was recognised for her involvement in Waroona Amateur Basketball Association Inc, Waroona Netball Association, Meals on Wheels, Waroona District High School, Community Car, Waroona Nursing Mothers and Waroona Dance Group, just to name a few.

It is fantastic that the Waroona shire is receiving the recognition and attention it deserves for having such a strong sense of community. Congratulations to the nominees and all the volunteers that continue to contribute their time and effort into the community.



Australia Day Celebrations 2017

Thursday, 26th January 2017
7:30am to 11:00am
@ Waroona Memorial Hall & Drakesbrook Place

7:30am Lions Club Breakfast
9:15am Street Parade
9:30am Australia Day Address & Awards Ceremony
\$5 Full Breakfast, \$3 Continental Breakfast & Children

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- 25 metre indoor heated swimming pool and water slide for the kids
 - o Private swim lesson available
 - o Over 50s Aqua Class
- squash courts,
- basketball courts,
- tennis courts, and
- Friday evening social Badminton.

The Waroona Swimming Club



The Waroona Swimming Club are currently calling for new members and have over 30 registered swimmers on their books currently, the Waroona Swimming Club recommenced in the 2015 season after being in recess for 3 years.

Waroona Swimming Club Training Nights 2016/17

Juniors Group	Intermediate Group
Monday 4pm-5pm	Monday 4.30pm-5.30pm
Thursday 4pm-5pm	Thursday 4.30pm-5.30pm

Time trials dates are yet to be set.

Waroona Recreation/ Aquatic Centre School Holiday programs 2016/17

CHRISTMAS SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

	Week 1 December	Week 3 January	Week 4 January	Week 5 January	Week 6 January
Monday	19th Christmas Card making \$7.00 9am-11am 8-12yrs	2nd	9th	16th	23rd
Tuesday	20th	3rd	10th	17th Minute to Win it! \$7.00 9.30am - 11.00am 6+yrs	24th PARTY DAY \$7.00 9.30am - 11.00am (Bring a plate) 6+yrs
Wednesday	21st Christmas Cookie Decorating \$7.00 9am-11am 6-12 yrs	4th Swim Coaching Entrance cost only For Stages 6+ 3pm - 4pm	11th Swim Coaching Entrance cost only For Stages 6+ 3pm - 4pm	18th Kids Olympics \$7.00 9.30am - 11.00am 6+yrs	25th Badminton \$3.00 9am-10am
Thursday	22nd Swim Coaching Entrance cost only For Stages 6+ 3pm - 4pm	5th Kids Fun Fitness \$7.00 Admission 6+yrs 9am-10am	12th Basketball Clinic 4-7years: 1pm-1.45pm 8-12 years: 1.45-2.45pm 12+: 2.45pm-3.45pm \$3.00 each	19th	26th
Friday	23rd	6th	13rd Morning Gymnastics 10.00am - 11am Krystie \$7.00	20nd Afternoon Gymnastics 4.45pm - 5.45 pm Krystie \$7.00 Triathlon Open Information session 6pm	27th Afternoon Gymnastics 4.45pm - 5.45pm Krystie \$7.00
Saturday	24th	7th	14th	21st TRIATHALON Starts 7am \$12.00 15+ Bike, Swim, Run	28th

A BUSHFIRE RECOVERY EVENT FOR RESIDENTS IMPACTED BY THE 2016 JANUARY BUSHFIRES

Waroona Sunrise Breakfast



Friday, 16th December 2016

7.30am to 9.30am

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