

Shire President's Message



lot of the day and the collective of good people who come each year to help and support the morning services.

Our road construction programme normally comes to a conclusion around this time of the year and as always it remains a busy time for the outside crew. Some fairly important and busy sections were completed this year and will certainly serve our road users well. The corners nearing the Buller rd refuse site and the Dorsett, Gibbings and Williamson road intersections are areas that are much improved and much safer. The refuse sites and sand pits experience frequent large truck movements so future planning is being developed into making some of the corners leading out to these areas bigger to accommodate

the large vehicles. I would like to thank Charlie and Neville for their returning commitment each year to help in constructing the roads as attracting experienced grader drivers in local government has been a challenge for many years and we are lucky that Charlie brings his knowledge back with him after his much deserved break in winter.

Council recently renewed its contract with Cleanaway to provide waste removal for our shire for the next several years. The shire has had a good relationship with Cleanaway and after some solid investigation into other providers through the tender process, showed they were still the best place to continue our waste removal. Recent press on the current issue around recycling has

impacted many local governments but at this stage Cleanaway is still picking up our recycled bins but it is an ongoing issue as China has stopped taking a large amount of recyclables from Australia which has led to a large build-up of waste in some areas.

Burning season has opened now but please still be diligent about how you approach lighting up. We just had a very dry April so be careful that a fire won't get away from what you try and burn. Later this month is our Shires Emergency Services dinner where we pay tribute to the commitment of our volunteers who give their time when things go wrong. I hope to see a good roll up this year and look forward to spending the night with some special people.

Our community showed tremendous respect on Anzac Day by attending two services organised by the Waroona/Hamel RSL. Attendances at both services were impressive and showed that people really get behind the effort that goes into coordinating the event. I know that those involved in organising the day were grateful for the support shown and congratulations and thanks go to Matt as the new President of the local RSL and past president Tracey who organises a



YOUTH FEST 2018

On Friday 13th April, Waroona Youth Advisory Council held their annual Youth Fest in celebration of National Youth Week. Over 300 people of all ages and backgrounds from Waroona, Hamel, Lake Clifton and Preston Beach ventured to the Waroona Skate Park for a FREE fun filled afternoon. There was lots on offer including Spider Mountain, Rock Climbing Wall, Zorb Balls, Inflatable Basketball Court, High Ropes Course, Bubble Soccer, Bouncy Castle and competitions. Freestyle Now again delivered a number of BMX and skate demonstrations, workshops and conditions, and kept the vibe alive with their loud music and outgoing personalities. Waroona Volunteer Fire Service entertained kids and parents alike with a number of activities. Leos Club of Waroona kept the crowd well fed, providing sausage sizzles and drinks throughout the night. GP Down South and St John Ambulance provided interactive health promotion stalls, struggling to keep up with the youth (and a few parents) asking lots of health related questions. The highlight of the night was the interactive demonstration of a car crash, organised through a collaboration by Waroona Volunteer Fire Service and St John Ambulance Waroona. Attendees witnessed how the emergency services respond to car crashes, and members of the crowd were selected to play the role of injured victims. The event was a great display of the positive outcomes that can be achieved when the community unites with a common cause.

This was the largest Youth event to date, and would not have been possible without support from Shire of Waroona, Alcoa, Department of Communities, Waroona Community Resource Centre, Waroona Volunteer Fire & Emergency Service, St John Ambulance Waroona, GP Down South, Freestyle Skate, Monsterball Amusements, Radrock and Leos Club of Waroona.



SMALL BUSINESS FRIENDLY LOCAL GOVERNMENT LAUNCH

Last month, Small Business Commissioner David Eaton presented the Shire with a framed Small Business Friendly Local Government Charter to officially launch the initiative in Waroona. Mr Eaton met with Shire Councillors and CEO, Peel Chamber of Commerce and Industry President and staff, Waroona Business Support Group President and members, and Waroona Action Group President and members, to congratulate the community on becoming part of this new initiative. Shire of Waroona is the first local government in the Peel region, and 20th in the state, to sign the Charter and commit to working with small businesses in the community. Mr Eaton commended the positive relationship between the Shire and local businesses, and commented that it is rare to see such a successful collaboration. There are 291 small business owners in the Waroona shire, which the Shire has committed to supporting by:

- Recognising the small business community is an important stakeholder and consulting regularly;
- Understanding how small businesses operate, their needs, goals and key challenges;
- Providing clear service standards, setting out what we will do to support local business;
- Giving clear advice and guidance to help business owners meet their regulatory obligations;
- Regularly reviewing our policies to check for 'small business friendliness';
- Taking reasonable action to limit unnecessary administrative burdens;
- Ensuring prompt payment of small business invoices;
- Providing networking and other development opportunities for local business owners;
- Regularly meeting with and consulting members of the local small business community to improve our understanding of their needs; and managing disputes in a timely and cost effective manner.

SHIRE RECEIVES LOTTERYWEST GRANT

On 26 April the Shire of Waroona was successful with its application to Lotterywest to receive \$234,565 towards the reconstruction of the Preston Beach Community Centre. This funding will be added to contributions received from the Shire of Waroona, Alcoa Waroona Sustainability Fund, Peel Development Commission - Royalties for Regions, and WA Government.

The next stage of the process will be the completion of the tender process, with the aim for construction to commence later this year.



The existing Community Centre on Panorama Drive in Preston Beach

Next Council Meeting

Next Council Meeting will be 22nd May 2018 at 4pm at the Shire of Waroona Council Chambers behind the administration office

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ALCOA WAROONA SUSTAINABILITY FUND

The current management committee of the Alcoa Waroona Sustainability Fund (AWSF) consists of members from - the Shire: Cr Mike Walmsley and Cr Naomi Purcell, Alcoa: Mrs Beth Butler and Mr Tom Busher, and the community: Mr Mike Leroy and Mr Ted Russell.

The current AWSF totals \$1,761,294. A corner stone of the AWSF is to achieve long-term sustainable outcomes for the region surrounding the Wagerup Refinery with a focus on the towns between, and including, Waroona, Lake Clifton, Preston Beach, Nanga Brook, Wagerup and Hamel.

As part of the function of the committee it aims to identify important activities or projects that are being considered by local groups and organisation in the above areas.

Local groups and organisations are invited to make a submission to the AWSF Committee outlining their potential projects or programs over the next 5 years. This will form a basis for the Committee to understand the needs of the community and consider funding rounds from the AWSF. Submissions are to be categorised into:

- projects in the \$5,000- \$100,000 range, and;
- projects larger than \$100,000.

Projects may be infrastructure based (eg new buildings or extensions, plant and equipment) or program based (eg ongoing commitment to deliver a specific service to a target group).

For further information on what level of detail is required a guideline form is available on the Shire of Waroona website www.waroona.wa.gov.au or from the Shire Office, Hesse Street, Waroona phone 9733 7800.

Information is required to be lodged at the Shire office by no later than Thursday 31st May 2018.

Please lodge your submission to
Alcoa Waroona Sustainability Fund
PO Box 20, Waroona 6215,
or email to
eso@waroona.wa.gov.au

A HANGING ON THE HIGHWAY 2018

The history of patchwork and quilting dates back to very early times. Originally a craft generated by necessity, it has made its way through history to become a very popular pastime today.

Many rural towns have an Airing of the Quilts, or another style of patchwork and quilting exhibition, to display the lovely work done by their quilters.

All through October 2018 the Waroona Visitor Centre will host A Hanging on the Highway. The exhibition will showcase the "gentle arts" of quilting and patchwork, tapestry and cross stitch, as well as other artworks in fibre and textiles. It will be open to residents of Shire of Waroona, Yarloop and Coolup and will no doubt emulate the success of the inaugural hanging in 2014.

Groundwork for the exhibition is now underway so to the many talented textile artists in our Shire and surrounds, we look forward to hearing from you.

Please contact Tracy Goldsworthy email visitorcentre@waroona.wa.gov.au to register your interest or phone 9733 1506 for further information.



NIGHT FIELDS SUCCESS



Congratulations to Rickardo Jetta and Shanelle Farmer for running a very successful start to the Night Fields program for this year. Over 40 children participated in a range of sports including basketball, netball, football, tennis and badminton.

Night Fields is a youth engagement program facilitated by WA Football Commission, aimed to involve young people in a range of sport activities on a Friday night, to increase social inclusion and reduce antisocial behaviour. These activities are free to participants and includes dinner, a drink and giveaways including netballs, footballs and signed football jerseys.

The activities are delivered by local community members employed by WA Football Commission to ensure sustainability of the program and build capacity of staff.

Night Fields is just one of the many activities in the Baldja Program, which has been running since July 2017 and will end in June 2018. The next sessions will commence on June 1st at Waroona Recreation & Aquatic Centre from 5.30pm to 7pm. Come on down, check out the activities and enjoy a slice of pizza.

RECYCLING VOLUMES

The Chinese Government's recent decision to suspend the importing into China of recyclable materials has raised questions about what happens to our recyclables now? The Shire of Waroona approached its waste collection contractor Cleanaway with this question and received the following response:

The Shire of Waroona's recycling is collected and transported to the Mandurah Transfer Station. Here it is mixed with recycling from other nearby regions and placed into specially designed trucks which transfer it to Cleanaway's brand new, state of the art Material Recovery Facility in South Guildford. This \$25M facility is one of the largest in the Southern Hemisphere and allows Cleanaway to cost effectively sort the co-mingled recyclables into high quality commodity streams. The co-mingled recyclables are sorted both via mechanical separation and by hand with approximately 20 sorters employed to remove contamination from the recyclables. This is why it is very important to ensure that recyclables are clean, dry and free of contaminants such as plastic bags, food and clothing. Once the recyclables are separated into paper, cardboard, HDPE (milk bottles), PET (soft drink bottles), aluminium, steel and mixed plastics, they are then baled and placed into sea containers ready for export. Despite the severe downturn in the international commodity market for recyclables, Cleanaway is still able to find markets for these materials in South East Asian Countries, where the materials are refined further and used as raw materials in new manufacturing processes. Glass is uneconomical to recycle back into glass and is therefore crushed into a sand replacement product and reused locally in road construction.



What can I recycle?



Newspaper, paper & magazines



Milk & juice cartons



Steel & aluminium cans, pot & pans, & empty aerosols



Rigid plastic (no metal component)



Glass bottles & jars



Plastic bottles & containers (remove lid)



Cardboard boxes (please flatten)



No polystyrene, meat trays, cups and beads



No green waste or food waste



No gas bottles, flares, batteries or full aerosols



No plastic bags or soft plastics



No textiles/clothing



No nappies



BALDJA CULTURAL CAMP

In April, four local mentors supervised a cultural camp of 12 local Aboriginal youth as part of the Baldja Program. The group travelled back to country to further develop the knowledge of their culture and heritage. Limited food, no phone coverage and restricted power was an obstacle that proved to be testing throughout the week, however the entire group participated in all the activities which included:

- Songlines, storytelling, art and dance
- Noongar language and song
- Artefact display and demonstration
- Artefact making such as spears, knives, axes, clapsticks and message sticks
- Significant site visits including the Lake of Many Colours and Ochre Pits, flint quarry. Split rock, old school site and Bulla Meile
- Sand art and map making
- Bush tucker and medicine walk
- Fire Ceremony

The youth will continue practicing these cultural activities and hopefully share them with the community at events.



CLUB DEVELOPMENT SURVEY

The annual Club Development Survey has been distributed to all community organisations and sporting clubs within the shire. Please ensure all groups that you are a part of complete this survey as soon as possible.

DRAKESBROOK WEIR IS CLOSED FOR SWIMMING

ALERT - Latest water sampling results indicate higher than usual levels of harmful micro-organisms at Drakesbrook Weir. Please refrain from entering the water at the Weir until the Health Warning sign has been removed.