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SHIRE OF WAROONA



Shire President's Message

NATIONAL BROADBAND NETWORK

The National Broadband Network Co (NBN Co) has been asked to deliver the National Broadband Network (NBN) for the Commonwealth Government. As Waroona has been targeted to be one of the first receivers of the infrastructure NBN Co met with the Shire of Waroona staff and elected members to provide information on the process of the roll out and the potential benefit to the community. The process for Waroona will begin within three months and can take up to eighteen months to complete. For Waroona the infrastructure will incorporate fibre optic cable, fixed wireless and satellite services. These multiple approaches

will ensure everyone can access a consistent service regardless of their geographical location. By the end of the month we are expecting to receive a detailed map of the areas of the townsites that will receive fibre and shortly after contractors will begin assessing existing street infrastructure. The NBN Co is keen to engage with Local Government to prepare for a smooth rollout and a community consultation process. They are planning to return to Waroona to keep elected members up to date on the implementation and benefits to the community.

CORONATION ROAD BRIDGE

Funding to widen Coronation Road bridge.

The Council was advised in January by the Department of Regional Development and Lands that it has been successful in obtaining a grant through the Royalties for Regions grant scheme to undertake widening of the Coronation Road Bridge. The funding agreement for the project has been signed and construction is due to commence in 2013/2014.

STAFF APPOINTMENT

The Shire has recently appointed a new Manager Financial Services, following the resignation of Tamara Olsson. Tamara has accepted the appointment of Deputy CEO at the Shire of Bruce Rock. Ashleigh Nuttall has recently commenced in the position. We welcome Ashleigh to the team and hope that she enjoys living in Waroona.

BLESSING OF THE ROADS

Once again the Shire will be hosting the annual Blessing of the Roads

Ceremony which will be held at the Memorial Hall on Wednesday March 27th commencing at 10.30am. We all recognise that Easter is a joyous time, a special time to get together with family and friends, for some a time of celebration, for others just a great time to kick back and relax. To do this many of us pack the car and head off to our favourite destination. Sadly, travel on the roads at Easter can have tragic consequences and once again the police and Road Safety Council will be seeking everyone's assistance in trying to keep our roads safe over the Easter weekend. The Blessing of The Roads Ceremony is a simple way for us, as a community, to get together to help promote the need for vigilance on our roads, not only at Easter but at all times. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Development and Town Planning approvals

The Shire of Waroona welcomes new businesses and development to the Shire. The Shire's Planning Officers can assist land owners and business operators with answers to questions in relation to various legislative requirements relevant to their proposed development.

To develop a property or operate a business, a number of different approvals may be required. In some cases certain developments may be exempt from approvals or not need approval depending on the requirements of the applicable legislation. Whether approvals are necessary depends on a number of factors including but not limited to the zoning of the property, the type of development proposed and the classification of the land use in terms of the Town Planning Scheme.

The range of approvals that may be required for development could vary from complex rezoning applications to establish new development areas to minor Residential Design Code approvals for the construction of a house or additions thereto. Landowners and business operators are encouraged to

contact the Shire's Planning Department for clarification on any approvals required before they start operating or commence construction.

Approval times could range from a couple of days for basic applications to a number of months for highly complex applications. Some applications need to be publicly advertised prior to determination. It is therefore recommended that the necessary enquiries be made well in advance from the intended date to commence the development. It is unlawful to operate without legally required approvals and significant financial penalties may apply.

Also note that other approvals or licences may be required by the Shire or from other approving authorities under separate legislation.

Planning Officers can be contacted in person at the shire offices at 52 Hesse Street or by phoning 9733 7800. Further information is available on the Shire of Waroona website on www.waroona.wa.gov.au.

Road stabilisation work starts

Road Works have commenced on Coronation and Dorsett Road. The project is inclusive of an 800 metre section of Coronation Road located between Fawcett Road and Somers Road and 1800 metres of Dorsett Road located between Forrest Highway and Gibbings Road. Both roads will be the first within the Shire of Waroona to have cement stabilisation. Cement stabilisation is a cost effective method that re-uses materials and minimises the import of new materials.

These project have been undertaken due to the road failing. The projects are scheduled to be completed by the 18 March.



Charlie Eatts and Waroona Earthworks grading the sub base of Coronation Road.



Contracts from Western Stabilisers applying the cement stabilisation to Coronation Road.

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Next Council Meeting

Next Council Meeting will be 26th March at 4.00pm at the New Shire of Waroona Council Chambers behind the administration office.

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Safe Coronation Bridge

The Shire of Waroona has successfully applied for a grant of some \$557,000 from the Royalties to Regions' Country Local Government Fund (CLGF) to widen the existing narrow bridge on Coronation Road, located about 7 kilometres west of Waroona.

As anyone who's ever crossed this bridge will know, the narrow width coupled with the bridge's position on a bend in the road has been a safety concern for many years. However, the fact that the bridge is owned by the Water Corporation, not Council, coupled with the high cost of bridgeworks of this nature, has stymied past efforts to resolve the issue. In 2011/12 the opportunity arose to apply for funding from the CLGF

and a business case and application was compiled.

The works, to be carried out in the 2013/14 construction season, will see the widening of the South side of the existing structure and associated road works to not only result in a width capable of allowing east and west bound traffic to pass without hindrance, but will also aim to lessen the bend in the road at the bridge itself.

The end result will see a marked improvement in safety and usability and all those who had a hand in the success of the grant application process should be congratulated.

Health, Building, Rangers and Emergency Management

Health

The Department Environment & Conservation (DEC) recently submitted the Local Government Noise Complaint Survey Report for 2010-2011 to all Councils, and the survey (required to be submitted) for 2011-2012.

It is a significant document, most notably for Environmental Health departments across the State, but also for Rangers and Building departments in regard to noise complaints and compliance matters. Whilst the report details activities across the state and active complaints from communities, it is important to note the data doesn't directly affect the level of annoyance felt by individuals in a community.

The data collected itemised in a separate section, registered dog complaints. DEC does not govern this area, but they will continue to collect this data as it is highly useful. The category with the most significant "growth" was in radios/stereos and "household parties". Rounding out the top 3 following this were construction noise (up 95% over the past 5 years) and trail bikes.

Building

Further to recent amendments to the recently introduced new State building legislation, the Western Australian Local government Association (WALGA) has sought comment from Local Government with regard to the recent amendments to Building Regulations and feedback for several big ticket items to be progressed throughout the year. They include auditing regimes, fees being levied by the Building Commission and whether the State government is seeking to introduce for residential construction work, mandatory inspections.

Rangers

Shire Rangers have seen an increase in dog related compliance matters recently. Rangers have had several dogs surrendered with the dogs being given over to volunteer organisations such as S.A.F.E for the dog's welfare. Shire Rangers are investigating ways to assist such organisations further, for across the State if such organisations did not exist, Local Authorities would have a far more difficult time in dealing with animal welfare issues.

Emergency Management

DFES (Department Fire & Emergency Services) have opened nominations for the Bushfire Ready Facilitator Training on 11th May at Cockburn Central. Interested Brigade members can complete a nomination form and have it signed off as appropriate.

If DFES find there are a number of volunteers from the South West Region interested in doing this Bushfire Ready Facilitator Training and would prefer to attend a course in the region, DFES have stated they can organise a training session for the South West as an alternative.

Recently DFES, through the Office of Bushfire Risk Management (OBRM) sent correspondence to all Local Authorities in regard to possibly the trialling of a Bushfire Risk Management Assurance program and proposed permit system. The aim of this from OBRM is to hopefully develop an improved permit (Burn Permit) System that is practical, realistic and to obtain the best possible feedback from LG through a series of trials.



Join us for the launch of the BLESSING OF THE ROADS

Members of the Community are invited to attend the Blessing of the Roads ceremony

Date: Wednesday 27 March 2013
Time: 10.30am onwards
Location: Waroona Memorial Hall, South West Highway Waroona

The ceremony aims to raise community awareness about the importance of driving safely over the Easter long weekend.

As well as providing a blessing for the safety of all road users, the ceremony will recognise our police and emergency services personnel who work to provide services intended to save lives and help make our roads safer.

For further enquiries contact Kathy Simpson on 9733 7813 or admin@waroona.wa.gov.au

WAROONA YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL NEWS & EVENTS

As the sun set in Waroona on Friday night, the world of night creatures stirred and people gathered at the Waroona Cricket Oval to see Dracula come out. Hotel Transylvania was this years "Movie under the Stars" presented by The Waroona Youth Advisory Council.

Approximately 300 people gathered on Friday night for the popular annual community event and to enjoy watching a movie in an outdoor setting. The weather was in our favour again this year as people brought chairs, rugs and beanbags to find a spot and some friends on the grass. The Hotel Transylvania appeared to be a hit across the board. The Youth Advisory Council organised this event and would like to thank Alcoa and the Shire of Waroona for their sponsorship along with the Waroona Cricket Club, Curtis Electrical, the Waroona/Pinjarra SES and Pinjarra Waroona Youthcare for their most valuable contribution to a wonderful evening.

Following on from this success the Youth Advisory Council will be having a Youth Action Event on Thursday 11th April from 4-8pm. This is a free event and this year will include skate, scooter and bmx competitions, climbing wall, bouncy castle, boxing instruction, music, sausage sizzle and more.

The next meeting of the Waroona Youth Advisory Council will be on Tuesday 26th March at 4.30pm at the Waroona Recreation & Aquatic Centre. New members are welcome to apply.

For more information about the Action Event please contact Sian Gair or Naomi Purcell on 97337814 or 0409 370 360.



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