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SHIRE OF WAROONA



Shire President's Message

The Shire's Australia Day celebrations were held at Drakesbrook Place. The day commenced with the Waroona Lions Club members and helpers cooking the "big" breakfast for everyone to enjoy.

Rod Drummond entertained the adults while the children were busy with face painting, colouring or over at the animal farm.

Congratulation to Eric Walmsley, the recipient of this year, Premiers Australia Day Award. Eric has devoted 32 years to the Waroona Agricultural Society plus other community organisations.

Also to the recipients of the Meritorious Community Service Awards for your services to the

Community we congratulate John Marchetti, Phil Turner, Kevin O'Brien, Bob Jardine and the Franco Family.

The Community Event went to the Waroona Agricultural Society for their biggest show on record and as Eric told us on the day, now making them the biggest one day show in Australia.

People volunteering within the community, is what makes our community a special places to live and enjoy the benefits of a close community. No matter whether you are young or old it is rewarding to volunteer. You may think it's a chore and yes at times it is hard work but along the way you meet lots of people, you have fun and you see rewards along the way.



AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS WAROONA 2014



Martins Tank Campground Reopening

The upgrade of Martins Tank Campground in Yalgorup National Park was officially opened on the 16th January by the Minister for Environment, the Hon. Albert Jacob MLA.

Unfortunately I was unable to attend the event, however Councillor Noel Dew and senior staff represented the Shire. The improvements funded from Royalties for Regions and the Department of Parks and Wildlife include a new camp kitchen, ablution facilities, new gas barbeques, campfire areas, interpretive signs and additional campsites for camper trailers and caravans. The campsite now has campground hosts who allocate sites on arrival.



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The Lions Club of Waroona once again excelled in providing a community breakfast to celebrate Australia Day. Throughout the breakfast the crowd were entertained by Rod Drummond. The breakfast was followed by a street parade and children were entertained with face painting, balloon twisting and the Meanda Park Animal Farm.

Mr Jetta welcomed us to country and then Shire President Cr. Christine Germain, Deputy Shire President Cr. Trish Wiltney and Acting CEO Laurie Tilbrook carried out the official proceedings. The crowd sang loud and proudly to the National Anthem as the Waroona Girl Guides and Chayli White raised the Australian and Aboriginal Flags respectively.

Awards recipients included:
Eric Walmsley – Premiers Australia Day Active Citizenship Award
Waroona Agricultural Society – Premiers Australia Day Active Citizenship Award – Community Group

Shire of Waroona Meritorious Community Service Award recipients:

- Philip Turner
- Kevin O'Brien
- Robert Jardine
- John Marchetti
- Bradley, Fedele and Nikolas Franco

Colouring in Competition winners were Jessica Goode, Tara Shea and Chayli White. Prizes not claimed can be collected from the Shire Offices.

In other areas of the Shire, Australia Day celebrations were held at Preston Beach and Lake Clifton organised by the Progress Associations giving local people an opportunity to get together.

The Shire of Waroona would like to acknowledge the following for their contribution to this event. Lions Club of Waroona, Alcoa, Bendigo Bank, Waroona Guides, Just Cruizin Street Machiners, Waroona Voluntary Fire Services, Waroona St John Ambulance, Waroona Community Car, Nick Derosa, Waroona RSL and Waroona Agricultural Society.

Next Council Meeting

Next Council Meeting will be 18th February 2014 at the Shire of Waroona Council Chambers behind the administration office.

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INAUGURAL QUILTING EXHIBITION

Planning is well under way for the upcoming local quilting exhibition 'A Hanging on the Highway' to be held at the Waroona Visitor Centre & Gallery in April.



An informal meeting and morning tea for interested exhibitors and helpers will be held at the Gallery on Thursday 13th February at 10.30am.

"The support to date has been terrific and we are looking to build on that by gathering as many ideas and suggestions as possible to ensure the event's success," said assisting coordinator and local quilter, Jane Humby.

The exhibition was accepted for inclusion on the W.A.

Heritage Festival's 2014 Calendar of Events. Their theme this year is Journeys so in addition to quilts and other crafted fabric items, A Hanging on the Highway will feature displays of vintage sewing machines and other collectables to add historical flavour.

"The event will be open to residents of Shire of Waroona, Coolup and Yarloop and is the perfect 'sister event' to the Sea to

ART exhibition in October," said Visitor Centre Manager Tracy Goldsworthy. "A Hanging on the Highway will provide an opportunity to showcase and celebrate the depth of talent and creativity of our quilting and textiles artists."

Entry forms will be available at the meeting.

Tracy Goldsworthy Waroona Visitor Centre & Gallery 9733 1506 or visitorcentre@waroona.wa.gov.au

ARE YOU READY?

On Saturday 4th January approximately 62 residents and some 16 transient visitors attended a 'Bushfire Awareness Presentation' at the Preston Beach Fire Station. This Open Day was aptly themed ARE YOU READY?

Preston Beach Brigade Captain, Chris Dawes, welcomed the attendees and at the same time expressed his delight at seeing so many locals demonstrating their interest in the day. Shire of Waroona Training Officer, Steve Thomas, who had worked so hard in getting the message out regarding this day, joined with other speakers to provide a range of interesting topics and at the end of the presentation community members

also had the chance to raise some very pertinent questions. Also providing an interesting presentation was Selina Young, DFES Community Engagement Officer for the South West and Steve Dutton, Senior Ranger for the Yalgorup National Park. In addition DFES was also represented by Ross Bradshaw, Area Officer for this region.

It was interesting to note that one of the most frequently asked questions related to the lack of an emergency evacuation program for Preston Beach and it was pointed out by many that this had been a concern for a number of years. As a result, the local groups Preston Beach Fire Brigade, Volunteer Rangers and the Preston Beach

Progress Association representatives, with the support of the Yalgorup Park Rangers will start work on an evacuation plan for the area.

Waroona Shire Councillor Noel Dew, who attended the function, congratulated the Preston Beach Fire Brigade for taking the initiative to organise this important Open Day. He also thanked the local

Progress Association for their support and congratulated the residents and visitors who took the time to attend.

The reality is, people DO care, ARE concerned and DO have a genuine desire to accept responsibility. This was a wonderful initiative with the added bonus of five residents expressing their desire to join the local brigade.



Facelift for Bush Poles

Maintenance is well underway on the Heritage Bush Poles at the northern tourist bay and the Waroona Visitor Centre & Gallery with the aim of extending the life of the poles for as long as possible. The bush pole project was one in a series sponsored by Alcoa Australia and the Fremantle Art Centre and has certainly achieved the original project's aim to have travellers and visitors "Look At Us".



Preston Beach Volunteer Rangers

The Shire of Waroona has 17kms of coastline under its control at Preston Beach, bordering on the City of Mandurah to the north and the Shire of Harvey to the south. Some 14 years ago the Council approved an application to trial the formation of Volunteer Ranger group. This trial proved very successful and the group is still in operation in 2014.

Primarily the role of the Volunteer Rangers is one of education, explaining to the rapidly increasing number of visitors and locals the importance of the need to respect the fragile environment, the need to adhere to the rules in place and, importantly, the need to drive on the beach in a manner that will ensure this is a safe environment for all who wish to use the beach, especially the many children who use the beach in summer. All of this is undertaken under the guidance and support of our Shire Rangers and additional support from the Shire who provide information brochures for distribution.

Volunteer Rangers often assist the police for a variety of reasons such as implementing beach closures, monitoring boats that may be in trouble, alerting the

Mandurah Water Police and have been requested at times to keep an eye out for missing persons. A significant amount of time is also spent assisting and advising inexperienced four wheel drivers on the beach who find themselves in trouble and at times can be quite distressed.

Volunteer Rangers assist in the protection and care of sick or injured wildlife found on the beach, working with the relevant wildlife agencies and assist with the regular dune brushing.

Volunteer Rangers pick up litter and sometimes after a severe storm this

can amount to several ute loads of an amazing array of timber, fuel/oil drums, bottles and the list goes on.

The Volunteer Rangers are a group of dedicated locals who can respond rapidly to any issue that may occur on Preston Beach and provide a valuable service to, not only the local community, but to the many visitors to the Preston Beach area during the popular summer months.

The Volunteer Rangers have recently purchased an updated utility to be used alongside their previously purchased ATV.



Waroona Recreation & Aquatic Centre 2014 Group Fitness Timetable

Day	Time	Class	Instructor
Monday	6.00 am	RPM	Tayla
	8.00 am	Aqua	Deb
	9.00 am	BODYSTEP	Ange
	9.30 am	FBS	Deb
Tuesday	6.00 am	BOOTCAMP	Tayla
	9.00 am	BODYPUMP	Trace
	10.00 am	BODYBALANCE	Trace
	5.00 pm	BODYBALANCE	Trace
Wednesday	6.00 am	RPM	Tayla
	8.00 am	Aqua	Deb
	9.00 am	BOOTCAMP	Tayla
	9.30 am	FBS	Deb
	5.00 pm	BODYPUMP	Trace
Thursday	6.00 am	BOOTCAMP	Tayla
	9.00 am	Aqua	Ange
	10.00 am	BODYSTEP	Ange
	4.30 pm	TRINITY	Tayla
Friday	6.00 am	RPM	Tayla
	9.00 am	BODYPUMP	Trace
	10.00 am	Bootylicious	Trace
	4.30 pm	TRINITY	Tayla