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## Waroona Shire Rangers

The Waroona Shire Rangers Department consists of one full-time Ranger, Ms. Sarah Cope and one Part-Time Ranger, Mr Barry Scoffern.

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**Please note:** After hours service is only available for emergencies in which there is danger to the public and only if there has been a major dog attack or if there is stray stock on the roads.

The Shire Rangers work tirelessly throughout the festive season, but it is important for the general public to note it is not a 24 hour service. Matters will be responded to outside normal office hours if the Rangers consider it to be an emergency.

Shire Rangers will respond to all matters within the appropriate time frames, dependent upon the complexity of the matter and their current circumstances. The Rangers have to prioritise response times based on assessments of the situation and the impact to the community with matters of life safety taking precedence over other issues.

Shire Rangers are there to administer and enforce the provisions of the following:

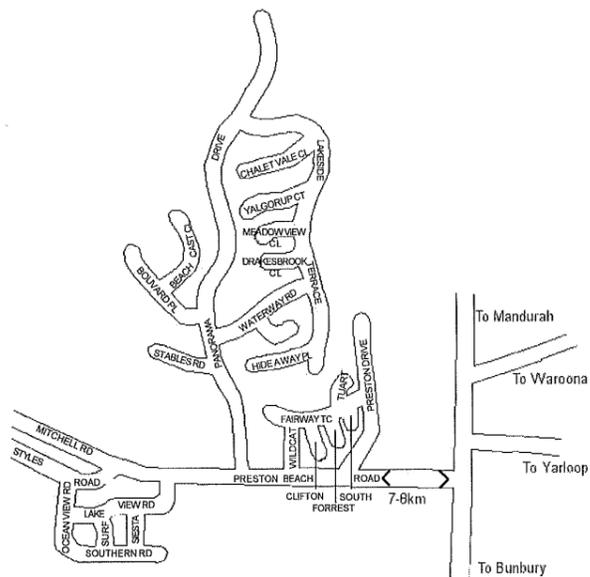
- Local Government Act 1995
- Local Government Miscellaneous provisions Act 1960
- Dog Act 1976 & regulations
- Litter Act 1979 & regulations
- Caravan Parks and Camping Grounds Act 1995 and regulations 1997
- Bush fires Act 1954 & regulations
- Control of vehicles (off road areas) Act 1978

The administration of these Statutes and Local Laws include investigating complaints, providing public education and awareness and the issue of Infringement Notices or instigation of Prosecutions for non-compliance.

In addition to the State Statutes, Council's Rangers administer and enforce a number of various Local Laws, which have been adopted by the Council.



### PRESTON BEACH TOWNSHIP



# Preston Beach Newsletter

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**Special points to note:**

- No Camping on Beach, in dunes or the Beach Car park
- No Open Fires - anywhere!!
- Keep dogs on leashes in all public areas
- Swim safely and be aware of rips

## President's Welcome ...

Welcome to all residents and visitors to Preston Beach for the 2013/14 summer. We hope that you enjoy your stay in this quiet, pristine environment.



Preston Beach is an ideal get-away for anyone interested in fishing, swimming, golfing or just enjoy the nature experience.

Whilst in the area you may like to venture further afield and visit historic Hamel, the thrombolites at Lake Clifton or the inland areas around Waroona.

The Shire Office is located at 52 Hesse St, Waroona and is open from 9am-4pm Monday to Friday. Phone 9733 7800, email [warshire@waroona.wa.gov.au](mailto:warshire@waroona.wa.gov.au), website: [www.waroona.wa.gov.au](http://www.waroona.wa.gov.au)

Enjoy your summer!

**Christine Germain**  
 Shire President

### Some "do's" while in the area :

- ✦ enjoy your stay.
- ✦ be courteous to others in the town.
- ✦ keep night time noise to a minimum as many people here are permanent residents.
- ✦ take your litter with you to help keep the environment pristine and waterways clean and healthy.
- ✦ Drive carefully on the beach.

### Points of Interest

- ✓ Renovated Ablution Block
- ✓ The new Preston Beach fire shed located at the end of Preston Drive is completed.
- ✓ For further information on the area we suggest you pick up a copy of "The Welcome to Preston Beach" leaflet, which is available at the General Store.



**TIPS FOR THE BEACH**

- No lifesaving services operate on this beach. Please treat these waters with care and caution at all times.
- Be courteous when parking on the beach.....park parallel to the ocean, not across the beach, east west fashion as this at times tends to block access.
- Please deflate your tyres before you get onto the beach access tracks.
- Do not drive between the tyres, this is extremely dangerous as lots of people, especially little ones, utilize this area.
- Please watch your speed. Kids playing on this beach may not hear you coming.
- Driving in the dunes is prohibited and significant penalties are applicable.
- Keep an eye on the young ones playing in the dunes as snakes are often prevalent over summer.

**“Remember - No lifesaving services operate at Preston Beach - Please take Care”**

**PRESTON BEACH TOWNSITE STRATEGY**

The Preston Beach Townsite Strategy project which commenced in 2006, reached a milestone with the completion of the Draft Strategy documents by the proponents in 2012. The documents include vital planning, environmental and a range of technical studies supporting the Strategy report.

The Draft Strategy and an application for the amendment to the Peel Region Scheme have been lodged with the Shire and the Western Australian Planning Commission. An application for the amendment to the local Planning Scheme has also been lodged with the Shire in 2013. Shire and State government officers are reviewing these documents in order to consider its presentation to Council and State Government decision makers prior to its release for public comment. The proponents are currently in the process of responding to initial comments raised by officers.

Anyone wishing to receive further information can email Preston Beach@bodhialliance.com.au or visit the Preston Beach Townsite Strategy page on the Shire of Waroona website at www.waroona.wa.gov.au . Calls can also be made to the project information line on 1800 012 498.

**Preston Beach Volunteer Fire Brigade**

Despite the rains just prior to Christmas it is important to recognise that this year the warning signs and messages we are receiving are somewhat ominous and it is vital that we heed and not ignore these warnings. We need to be prepared and vigilant and acknowledge that this is very much a shared responsibility. Here in Preston Beach we currently have two fire appliances which are housed in our new fire shed on Preston Drive.



We have a dedicated, well trained, group of volunteers. Of

course we can never have enough volunteers and we encourage you to think about joining us and becoming a volunteer fire fighter. No financial rewards are on offer, however, more importantly, you will be the beneficiary of a sense of pride in helping and protecting your community and you will experience a unique bond of camaraderie that will stay with you for a long time. We take this opportunity to wish all of our residents a wonderful, safe and happy 2014.

**FOR ALL FIRE EMERGENCIES PLEASE DIAL 000**

**Holiday Homes Require Council Approval**

A new Town Planning Policy for Holiday Homes was adopted in 2012. When developing the policy, key areas of concern to Council was to ensure that holiday homes do not compromise the amenity of residential areas and to consider the inequity with other tourism accommodation providers. In order to address this concern the new policy encourages operators to abide by recognised best practice, relevant legislation and this policy.

Holiday homes require the approval of Council through an application for Planning Consent which is required to be renewed annually.

Copies of the Policy are available at Council’s office at 52 Hesse Street or on Council’s website [www.waroona.wa.gov.au](http://www.waroona.wa.gov.au).

**LAKE PRESTON TRAIL UPGRADE**

Preston Beach Progress Association and Shire of Waroona, in partnership with South West Catchment Council, planted four thousands natives plants at Lake Preston as part of the Preston Trail Upgrade project. A number of volunteers from the Preston Beach Progress Association gave their time over four days of planting. The Waroona High School Bush Rangers assisted one day and PEDAC Aboriginal work crew worked hard for the entire project. The planting extended from the Preston Beach entry sign, along the edge of the golf course to the end of the walk trail. Waroona High school Bush Rangers received certificates from the Shire of Waroona at their school assembly to thank them for contributing to the community.

**Summer Holidays Message from Preston Beach Volunteer Rangers**

We are urging all residents and visitors to join with us in trying to ensure that any time spent on our stretch of coastline will be an enjoyable and safe experience and will always be remembered for the right reasons.

Each and every year we are seeing an increase in the number of vehicles accessing our beach and whilst most will do the right thing, sadly, there is also a corresponding increase in the number of those who think it is ok to not show respect for this unique environment. Our rules are minimal and simple:

- Stay out of the dunes
- No camping, no fires and no litter.
- No quad bikes, A.T.V.s or motor bikes.
- Vehicles must be registered and drivers licensed.
- Observe the speed limit.....20kph.



Regretfully speeding is becoming a concern with many drivers failing to consider the serious implications of their actions. It is important to understand that many children play on this beach and quite

often, due to the noise of the waves, it is impossible for them to hear a vehicle approaching, with potentially disastrous results. In addition, this year we have had two vehicle rollovers due to speed.

Driving in the dunes is not only illegal it is also disrespectful to the fragile coast we have here at Preston Beach and as such we now have a **no tolerance** approach to this type of activity.

The Shire of Waroona has again demonstrated their strong commitment to protecting this coastline by providing a new powerful and very versatile vehicle, a Polaris All Terrain Vehicle, to supplement our 4WD. In addition, a Part-Time Ranger has been appointed to assist our Ranger, thus ensuring full, 7 day a-week coverage will be in place over the summer period.

The Police also conduct regular patrols of the Preston Beach townsite and beach.

**Shire Ranger - 9733 7816 or 0421 513 368  
Preston Beach Volunteer Rangers 0427 199 754**

We hope your time on our beach will provide many happy memories.

**Preston Beach Capital Works**

Roads & Drainage

A drainage study will be completed focused on the southern section of Preston Beach town site, south of Mitchell Road.

South Preston Beach will provide several challenges in establishing effective street drainage. South Preston Beach is the oldest section of the town site with most housing blocks developed.

The topography of the area will limit the opportunities to drain water within and off the site.

The drainage study will look to provide a plan as to current and future drainage requirements of this area. The plan will also provide priority of future works and costs.

**LITTERING...DO THE RIGHT THING**

The town site of Preston beach is a beautiful spot and for the benefit of local residents and all who visit, the Shire encourages that everyone takes responsibility for doing the right thing, by placing rubbish in the appropriate receptacles.

**Public rubbish bins are located at the Preston Beach car-park and are for public litter only**

**RUBBISH & RECYCLING SERVICES**

The Shire has again committed to providing a high level of service with regard to rubbish.

**ZERO TOLERANCE**

It is an offence to place household rubbish bags in public bins. It is also an offence to leave bags of rubbish near the bins if they are full. The Shire Rangers will be targeting littering this year and will issue on-the-spot fines for anyone who is caught littering. There will be no cautions.