

Drakesbrook Despatch

A volunteer monthly newsletter for the residents of
Waroona, Preston Beach, Lake Clifton, Hamel, Coolup & Yarloop.

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AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS WAROONA 2012

WHAT'S ON IN WAROONA

Sunday 5 February

Waroona Lions Farmers Market at its new venue, the Walmsley Pavilion at the Waroona Oval.

Thursday 9 February

Playgroup Open Day

Ag Society AGM

Thursday 16 February

Waroona Chemmart Morning 'Teal'

Saturday 17 February

RRFM Memorial Hall 1 - 3pm

Tuesday 21 February

Waroona Chamber of Commerce Open House

Wednesday 22 February

Kids Club

Friday 2 March

World Day of Prayer

Saturday 10 March

Think Pink Luncheon

Friday 16 March

Movie Under the Stars

Saturday 31 March

Pam Corker Fete

Despite the predicted hot weather, a large crowd turned out to enjoy the Australia Day celebrations in Waroona in what could only be described as a very enjoyable morning full of goodwill and community spirit.

A sumptuous breakfast was served up by the Waroona Lions Club enjoyed with a background of great music provided by Rod Drummond who kept the crowd entertained with his repertoire of well known songs and great voice. Other activities were face painting, balloon twisting, pony rides

to appreciate this wonderful country and not take for granted the things that we have and the life style that we are able to live. He paid homage to the many volunteers in the Shire who contribute to the quality of life and community well being and to early pioneers and those who gave their lives for this country.

Jessica Walmsley delivered the Youth address encouraging all young people to get involved in their community and do some volunteer work. Jessica has just returned from a second overseas



Australia Day 2012 Award Recipients

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and the Meanda Park animal farm. The colourful street parade was led through town by the local police followed by a large contingent of community service vehicles, cars from the Just Cruizin Street Machiners and Nick Derosa in his tractor adorned with Australian flags.

MC for the morning was Shire of Waroona Deputy Chief Executive Officer Laurie Tilbrook. And the awards ceremony commenced with the raising of the Australian flag by local Guides. Shire President Cr Noel Dew gave the Australia Day Address asking everyone

trip after having been awarded a scholarship to a leadership course in Canada for 2 weeks and then selected as one of only 10 participants

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**WAROONA LIONS
FARMERS MARKET**

**Sunday
5 FEBRUARY**

WALMSLEY PAVILION



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Regular Meetings

1st Waroona Girl Guides

Mondays 4pm Scout Guide Hall, Fouracre Street
(Excluding public holidays.)

Agricultural Society

2nd Thursday—Alison Birch 9733 1092

Central Districts Axemen's Assoc.

Linda Miller 9733 2098

Clifton Cwilters

Fortnightly 10am Tuesdays 9739 1484

Community Car

Waroona Resource Centre - 9733 2545

Coolup CWA

2nd Monday—Mary Francis 9733 2736

Coolup Craft Group

Wednesdays CWA Room, Coolup 9530 3258

Coolup LCDC (Landcare)

1st Monday of the month Kim Wilson 9733 2628

Dam Spinners

Fortnightly CWA Rooms, Yarloop

Joy Jackson 9733 1810

FRAGYLE (Preston Beach Hall)

3rd Saturday Monthly Hilary Wheeler 9733 1219

Harvey River LCDC

2nd Wed alternate between Harvey & Yarloop

Kim Wilson 9733 2628

Lake Clifton/Herron Progress & Sporting Association

1st Tuesday—Tracey Timmins 0427 442 781

Lake Clifton Landcare

1st Tuesday - 7:30pm Fiona O'Connor 9739 1727

Nulsen Haven

2nd Wednesday - Jan Wood 9733 3701

Preston Beach Progress Assoc.

1st Saturday 10:00am

Senior Citizens Welfare

Last Wednesday - Jan Wood 9733 3701.

Hall Hire: Shire Office 9733 7800

St John Ambulance

3rd Monday 7:30pm - Carol Racco 9733 2122

Tai Chi—Pisconeri Hts Park

Thursday, 10 am - Del Leahy 9733 1201

Wagerup Community Consultative Network

For information contact Tom Busher at Alcoa on
9733 8768

Waroona Arts and Crafts Centre

Bi monthly, 1st Monday 11:30am - 9733 3086

Waroona Historical Society

3rd Thurs 4:00pm

Glenece Walmsley 9733 1687

Waroona Lions

2nd & 4th Monday—Grant Hewett 9733 2903

Waroona Hamel R&SL

1st Fri, bi-monthly Brent Gibson 9733 2017

Waroona Pensioner's Social Club

1st Wednesday—Dot Hansen 9733 1892

Waroona State Emergency Service

Training every Wednesday. 9733 1477

ST MARK'S ANGLICAN CHURCH WAROONA

Normal Services are held on the 1st, 2nd & 3rd Sunday of each month at 9:00am and on the 4th Sunday at 10:30am.

St Mary's Anglican Church, Coolup

Services are held only on the 5th Sundays of a month at 9:00am.

Rev Karon Austin
Pinjarra 9531 1248

WAROONA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP - AOG

Services 10am Sundays (except 3rd Sun each month then 4pm) at the Senior Citizens Centre, Millar St.

We are a local church in our community. We have mid-week small groups, great worship, children's ministry, Bible based teaching and prayer for the sick. You are welcome to attend.

Info: Ps Stephen Griffiths 9593 6717

WAROONA CATHOLIC CHURCH Waroona/Yarloop Mass Times:

Waroona: Sundays at 8.30am

Yarloop: Second and Fourth Saturday of the Month at 6pm.

Parish Priest:

Fr Roberto Romano 9733 1225

UNITING CHURCH

Thatcher Street, Waroona

Worship Services

1st & 3rd Sundays at 9:30am

A warm welcome is extended to all.

Elders: Rob & Charlotte Bruce

Phone: 9733 1018

WELL OF LIVING WATER

Meetings at 7 Butler Retreat Waroona
7 pm every 2nd Friday

Needed, prayer Warriors for our Nation
from 2 Chronicles 7v14

All welcome supper after.

THE SALVATION ARMY

Family Worship With The Salvos

2nd & 4th Sundays at 5pm

Meeting at the Waroona Health & Community Resource Centre, 10 Henning Street, Waroona.

EVERYONE WELCOME!

Contact: Shirley - 97331842

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☎ Fire Brigade	000
☎ Ambulance	000
☎ State Emergency Service	000
☎ Waroona Taxi	9733 1481
☎ Water Corp (faults)	13 13 75
☎ Western Power (faults)	13 13 51

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JANUARY

January was a quiet month for Waroona with only 2.2mm being recorded over 3 days, the highest being 1.4mm on the 6th Jan. It was a different story for nearby towns with Pinjarra (39), Yarloop (58.8), Wagerup (44.5) receiving heavy falls in January.

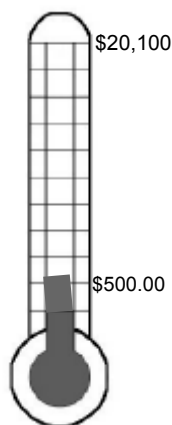
Highest recorded for Jan was 208.4mm in 1982. Falls under 2.0mm have been recorded on at least 24 occasions in the past 76 years.

The average for January is 12.7mm.

Articles and advertising cannot be accepted unless provided with a name, address and phone number for contact purposes.

Disclaimer:

Articles in this newsletter are the sole responsibility of the contributor. We reserve the right to edit where necessary.



WDHS CHAPLAINCY BAROMETER

After our fundraising efforts for December we were able to reach our target for 2011. Our sincere thanks to the Waroona Christian Fellowship Inc for their generous donation of \$2830.00,

a private donation of \$500.00 and to the Waroona District High School for their donation of \$565.00 which enabled us to reach this target.

We have only had one fundraising event so far and have raised \$500.00 to get our barometer started.

Our Trust Account has increased to \$44,674.44 after interest of \$487.16 was added.

Thank you to the people who have been collecting aluminium cans and dropping them off at 8 Eastcott Street, every little bit helps.

SENIOR CITIZENS

Hello to all, Well! I know I wished for the warmer weather, but I'm sorry, I now wish for the cooler weather, we are never satisfied, but it has been pretty terrible has it not?

The new year has started. Our first meeting was last week and all went well. We have sorted out the back room) and it looks good. Thanks to all the grants received, we now have a new cupboard and filing cabinet, new chairs and tables. Thanks to all concerned and special thanks to Maree Ellis, who was a great help, without Maree we would be lost.

Next meeting will be on the 29th February at 1.30pm looking forward to seeing you there, remember, if you are new to town and are a senior, you are most welcome to join us. The meeting is followed by afternoon tea and Bingo, Come along and make a difference.

We have a new young man doing the cleaning of the hall, his name is Grant Peake and he did a great job last week. Grant is filling in while our usual cleaner is in hospital, thanks Grant.

All for now.

Regards Jan Wood (Secretary)
97333701.

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NULSEN

Hello everyone.

We had our first meeting for 2012 on 11th January. There were not a lot attending but we had a good meeting. Our next meeting is on 8th February, hope to see you there. The meeting will be followed by 20 games of Bingo. There is no age limit to join Nulsen, so, if you would like to join us, the meeting starts at 12.30pm. After the meeting we have 10 games and then afternoon tea followed by another 10 games of Bingo. All our funds go to Nulsen in aid of the brain injured people in Nulsen care. Love to see you.

We also have Bingo on Tuesday evenings at Seniors Hall in Millar Street, doors open 6.15pm and eyes down at 7pm, tea and coffee available, come along and join us.

If you are interested please give me a call Jan Wood 9733 3701 (Secretary)



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FARMERS MARKET**


**Sunday
5 FEBRUARY**

WALMSLEY PAVILION

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

'Let justice prevail'

Prepared by WDP Committee of Malaysia



**Friday 2 March
10:00am**

**Waroona Senior Citizens Hall
ALL WELCOME**

Hosted by Waroona Christian Fellowship.



***Think Pink
Luncheon***



***Fundraiser For Breast
Cancer &
The Community Car
10th March 2012
Drakesbrook Hotel
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Auction***

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and Professionals Real Estate*

WAROONA PENSIONERS SOCIAL CLUB.

Phew – I am not going to mention the weather.

Not a lot of news as our first meeting is on 1st February when I hope there will be a few new members. We did have our first bingo of the year last Friday. More people than expected turned up as it was so hot but we managed to keep cool.

Has anyone any tips for keeping cool, apart from the usual fan and air-conditioners? I did try a bowl of very cold water at the base of my fan and, yes, it did make a difference.

All for now. Yvonne Hill Warner.

John's Mens Hairdressing

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Bus Service Timetable Fortnightly on Thursday

Depart Waroona 9.00am
Arrive Mandurah Hospital 9.48am
Mandurah Train Station 9.52am
Mandurah Forum 9.55am
Mandurah Central 10.00am
Depart Mandurah Hospital 1.10pm
Mandurah Train Station 1.13pm
Mandurah Central 1.25pm
Mandurah Forum 1.30pm
Arrive Waroona 2.35pm

Pick up and set down points

Waroona Waroona Hotel, South
West Highway, Dehamel St
Nth Pinjarra Carcoola Shop
Pinjarra Murray Shire Office
Mandurah Peel Health Campus
Bus Station
Mandurah Forum
Mandurah Central (Sutton St)

Fares (one way)

Pinjarra - Mandurah
\$3.50 adult \$1.40 concession/child
Waroona - Pinjarra
\$5.10 adult \$2.10 concession/child
Waroona - Mandurah
\$6.20 adult \$2.40 concession/child

WHY NOT JOIN THE RSL WOMEN'S AUXILIARY?

The R.S.L. Women's Auxiliary is seeking new members to boost our numbers. The purpose of the Auxiliary is to support R.S.L. Veterans in any way they can. Mostly this is done by raising money that goes to Headquarters and is used to pay for Christmas cheer, food parcels and monthly visits to Veterans in hospital or R.S.L. homes, where they are always given a small gift of lollies or scratchies.

One of the main events of the year is ANZAC Day and following the service the Auxiliary provides the informal luncheon for the R.S.L. members, their families and the volunteers who help on the day. The Waroona/Hamel Auxiliary, due to our small membership numbers and ages has now limited their fund raising to 2 street raffles a year. We have 10 meetings a year, March through to December and these are held in the R.S.L. room in Memorial Hall at 2.00 p.m. on the first Friday of each month.

There seems to be a misconception in the community about who is eligible to

join the Women's Auxiliary. Contrary to popular belief you do NOT need to have a close relation who is or was in the armed services. I quote from the rule book: members of any Women's Auxiliary may by resolution admit to membership any woman over the age of 18 years who is known to be sympathetic to discharged or serving sailors, soldiers or airmen and their dependents.

You may think the Auxiliary has no relevance today with the Veterans of WW2 getting fewer each year but the 'new' Veterans are those from the Korean, Vietnam and later conflicts and the Veterans of the future are those still fighting in Afghanistan today. They in turn will need support and hopefully the R.S.L. Women's Auxiliary will still be around to provide it.

If you feel you would like to be part of our cause please come along and join us at our first meeting of the year on Friday 2nd March. You will be made most welcome.

1st Waroona Girl Guides

Guides resume for 2012 on Monday 6th February 2011 at the Waroona Scout/Guide Hall, Fouracre St, Waroona from 4 p.m. till 5.30 p.m.

Girls aged between 7 - 9 years most welcome.

Any families who have unwanted Girl Guide books and uniform items Please bring them to the hall between the above times. We are in need of books to be returned - thanks

Contact: Lynda Le Roy - Guide Leader 97 331573

OPEN HOUSE COMMUNITY CUPPA ON WEDNESDAYS 10AM—12 NOON

8th February

22nd February

7th March

21st March

4th April

18th April

Waroona Community Resource Centre Phone: 9733 3011



Annual General Meeting

Members are invited to attend.

Anyone interested in coming along to work with an enthusiastic group are most welcome.

Agenda: President, Treasurer, Stewards Reports, Election of Office Bearers, General Business.

Location: Ag Society office at the Waroona Show Grounds,

THURSDAY 9TH FEB, 7.30 PM

Secretary: Alison Birch 97331 092



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OPEN HOUSE FOR WAROONA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Our thanks go to Thomas Mattin, a year 5 student of Waroona District High School, who designed our logo, and won an iPod for his creative ideas. We have had the image digitally reproduced, and will now use this logo on all our correspondence and documents.

The Waroona Districts Chamber of Commerce will be holding a monthly open house, to discuss any relevant

issues, welcome new members, and stay up to date with current activities.

The first of these open houses will be held on Tuesday 21st February at both 10:00am and 5:30pm, to give business owners every opportunity to attend and discuss their concerns and ideas. The venue will be the office of Evertrue Business Solutions, 63 South West Highway, Waroona. We anticipate this open house to run for approximately 1 hour.

Any enquiries can be directed to: Bronwyn Lawson ph: 0411 496 025, or email: waroonadistchamberofcommerce@gmail.com

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ST VINCENT DE PAUL GRAND OPENING

The Grand Opening of St Vincent de Paul's Retail Store was a huge success on Thursday 12 January with visitors from Perth, Pinjarra and Mandurah as well as many of our parishioners and community members. The opening was performed by State President Clément Astruc and the blessing by Father Robert. A delicious morning tea was served after the formalities.

Peg Mathiesson, who was the founding President of St Vinnies in Waroona and who served for many years in that position and also on the State Executive, was our honoured guest. Although the shop frontage says St Vinnies, inside there is a plaque calling the shop "Peg's Place" to commemorate the years she has served the Waroona Community.

Sarah, our Manager, volunteers and the retail team from Perth have achieved a lovely opening display of items for sale, from bric-a-brac, kitchenware, books

and of course good quality pre-owned clothing, shoes and handbags. Why don't you drop in one day. They are open on Tuesday, Wednesday and



At the opening Sarah Johnson, (Shop Manager), Clem Astruc (State President) and Peg Mathiesson (Founding President of Waroona Conference).

Friday between the hours of 9.00am to 3.00pm. Our Welfare Office is just getting up and running from the shop site and in a few weeks all calls and interviews will be carried out from there.

With parents now trying to get together clothes and books for their children's return to school we foresee a busy time at the beginning of February.

We are looking for volunteers who would like to give a few hours weekly, fortnightly or monthly to work in the shop or in the sorting room. Anyone who would like to do so can speak to Sarah; please be aware that a police clearance is required.

Please! If you want to drop off any donations please do so during the shop hours or at the Clothing Bin which is still at the Shed behind the Landcare offices. We wish to keep the outside of the shop clean and tidy. It is unlawful to litter in general and in particularly outside charity stores. Furniture, clothing and other items for our welfare work will still be stored at our Shed. Our shop and welfare number is 9733 3057 or for emergency welfare 0427 128 383.

WAROONA PLAYGROUP UPDATE

With Tiny Tots already getting together every Friday, Playgroup returns on Thursday 2nd February. We would like to welcome back our dear friends and invite new families to come along and meet other mums and dads in our community. It is a great place to have a cuppa and a chat whilst the kids play in a safe environment.



A big reminder that Waroona Playgroup is having an open day on Thursday, 9th February from 9.30am to 11.30am. We have organised a bouncy castle, face painting and balloon modelling. We will also be serving up a sausage sizzle and have drinks available for purchase. Come along, entry will be a gold coin donation.

Waroona Playgroup membership fees are \$25.00 per family per term or a casual membership of \$3.00 per session for playgroup. Tiny Tots is \$1.00 per session attended. There is also a compulsory Playgroup WA Membership fee which covers insurance. This is \$30.00 per family or \$15.00 for Health Care Card/Pension Card holders per calendar year. This **must be paid** by your second visit to Waroona Playgroup.

At our AGM in November the committee unanimously voted through Kristie Marinko as a life member to Waroona Playgroup. Over the last few years Kristie has opened and set up playgroup on a Thursday, assisted on the committee, volunteered her time at events and is always the first to welcome new mums. Without people like Kristie, Waroona Playgroup would not be what it is today. Thank you

Kristie for all your time and effort we all greatly appreciate it.

Our next committee meeting will be held on the 12th March at 11.45am at the Waroona Playgroup building. All members are welcome to come along.

If you find yourself tidying and stumble upon unwanted, good quality toys and craft supplies please drop them into the Waroona Playgroup. Everything will be sincerely accepted.



WAROONA PLAYGROUP

Henning Street, Waroona
9733 1979

OPEN: Mon, Tues & Thurs 9:30am to 11:30am (During school term.)

TINY TOTS

Fridays 9:30am to 11:30am.
(Throughout the year.)



WAROONA LIBRARY BOOK CLUB

Book Club has been reading the books of Australian author Tony Park, who writes of the political intrigue, murder, poaching, terrorism and adventure taking place in African countries. As he lives six months of the year in Zimbabwe he is well versed in the African way of life and constantly travels through Mozambique, Malawi, Zimbabwe and other countries which border these.

As an ex-Army Major who served in Iraq and Afghanistan and latterly a journalist, he is familiar with ordnances, armaments and weaponry of all types and is accustomed and conversant with their use which helps in making his stories fast moving and full of suspense.

Some of our members likened him to Wilbur Smith, although Smith's writings include 16th and 17th century tales about the founding of the southern territories of Africa and the subsequent adventures and international intrigues relevant to these settlements. His works of

fiction draw on history and help to explain the rise and historical influence of the Dutch and English whites in southern Africa, rather than the politically volatile and sometimes corrupt dictatorial and vicious governments in some smaller nations.

Although his stories are action-packed and thrilling they also educate readers about conservation in the African nations he describes, with depictions of the natural reserves and the poaching of endangered animals. He is informative and shows his strong love of these African nations throughout the books, which all of our members enjoyed reading.

During January/February we are reading the Canadian author Joy Fielding who has appeared on the New York Times Best Selling List a number of times. She is the author of over 20 novels and has been published in multiple languages worldwide. Her newest novel is Now You See Her. Joy writes about modern day issues and modern day women. She is married with family. We all look forward to reading her this month and if you wish to read along with us, please speak to one of the librarians. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 22nd February at 12 noon at the Library.

Meanwhile HAPPY READING

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You can also download passport applications online at www.passports.gov.au. This allows

you to fill out your details and then print the application. You will still need to see us with your paperwork to lodge it. (Call 131232 if you have any questions).

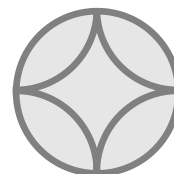
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Waroona \$339,000
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Brick & tile 4 bedroom, 1 bathroom family home on 1058sqm. Large living/dining area, generous country kitchen, a large family sized pantry and slate floors throughout. Entertaining area with a great alfresco dining area with its own pizza oven, gas barbecue, upright gas stove & outdoor sink.



Waroona \$295,000
Better time to invest.

Brick & tile 3 bedroom 1 bathroom home on a 1391m2 block with spacious lounge/dining. There is a large patio across the back of the house plus a shower & 2nd toilet in the laundry at the front of the garage with under cover access to the home. The yard is well shaded with ample room for a large shed/workshop & wide access to rear.



Waroona \$249,000
Big Shed - Suit Tradie

The home comprises 3 bedrooms, kitchen meals & living area, air con, wood fire, under cover entertaining area with built in brick BBQ plus a huge shed & an appealing low maintenance garden. Take advantage of the first home buyers assistance & you may find you are not paying any more in your mortgage than your current rental payments.



Waroona \$255,000
Great Starter Home!!

Newly renovated, new floor covering, freshly painted, tile fire and ducted air con. All this and more on 1000m2 block. Still work to be done in the landscaping of the backyard and back patio, but gives you the opportunity of putting your own flair to the property.



Preston Beach \$399,000
Perfect place for that laid back lifestyle

This 2 storey 4 bedroom, 1 bathroom home with big rooms, lots of space, big timber deck, ample parking, lock up garage & easy care gardens. The kitchen, dining & lounge room with wood fire have access to the outdoors by a big double sliding door to the paved patio. Outdoors has an easy care yard, paved patio & carport plus a separate driveway & access to the lock up powered garage/workshop.



Cookernup \$250,000
Build the House & Bring the Family

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The Just Cruizin Street Machiners/ Pam Corker House Christmas Lights Tour followed tradition with the worthy winners announced at the Australia Day Awards. "Just Cruizin" organiser Neville Smith praised the quality of community entries with numbers down a little but with the quality enhanced on past years.

Quambie Park General Manager said it was a special time of the year and it did brighten and add a spark to the life of all aged residents of the Quambie Park complex. It is an underrated community event and Ken enjoyed driving a 1973 Ford Fairlane for organiser Neville with his two passengers Bert Spooner (almost 98) and Gerry Polinelli. He was fascinated by the light displays as well as being under cover instead of the open air as in the past couple of years

Thank you Shire:

I was delighted to see a good awning over the seating area at Drakesbrook Place on Australia Day. It made such a difference to people sitting there. I was also lucky to have a chair to sit on. I thought it might be a good idea if a row of chairs could be put out next year for the elderly folks to sit on (perhaps clearly marked reserved for senior citizens), as our backs soon ache. All the helpers were very good. I even had a cup of coffee brought to me at the breakfast. Thank you.

Y.H.W.



The awnings were much appreciated by those celebrating Australia Day.

in an EH Convertible. Unfortunately a large turning circle and no dash light with a column shift made the tour a little more interesting.

Congratulations to all the winners, participants and a special thank you to the sponsors, Waroona Home Timber & Hardware, Shire of Waroona, Alcoa of Australia Wagerup and Pam Corker House Social Club.

We hope the prize money helps defray some of the electrical costs in bringing joy to aged members of the local community. Keep up the good work.

The Encouragement Award went to Kevin and Jackie Grantham of Hamel, third place was Peter LeRoy of Folkstone Court, second place went to Darren and Tanya Conroy in Hill Street. The overall winner was Jenny McNamara of Fitzpatrick Place.

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attending Kids Club.

Once the garden is up and running it
will be open to small groups or
individuals from 9am to 3pm.

The garden intends on growing all
eatable products as well as a worm
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propagation of plants and a weather
station.

The aim of the garden is to:

- link families and individuals into
social activities,

- educate families and individuals
about healthy eating and foods,
- explore lifestyle choices,
- development of personal
networks,
- close the generation gap,
- have community involvement in
decision making and designing.

The Family Support Service is
looking for volunteers to help set up
the Community Garden.

If you are interested please contact
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SHIRE OF WAROONA NOTICE OF MEETINGS

Meetings are held at the
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He attended West Waroona Primary School till the age of 14, when he left to help his parents on the farm as well as doing various odd jobs in the immediate area. Richard, his brother Charlie and their sister Connie drove cattle to and from the coast to their various land holdings.

Once a month his mother would make her way into Waroona by horse and cart to the local store to buy groceries, meat and vegetables and wild game was obtained from swamps, lakes and the estuary for the family's needs.

One of Dick's most memorable occasions was Christmas holidays when the family would gather up belongings and head out to Birchmont, to their old bark hut, where they enjoyed time shooting, swimming and generally having fun. Two members of the family stayed back to milk the cows and every Sunday fortnight changed over with two other members who came out to join the family at Birchmont.

Another income for the Birch family was breeding horses for the Indian Cavalry. Dick worked with a local farmer by the name of Margaret Doman, doing general farm work and looking after horses and cattle. He then took up a job with War



Richard Birch with some of his woodwork.

Service Land Settlements milking and raising stock for soldier settlers. The property was later split and sold into settlement farms. Dick then moved to Thompson Road, which was used as a depot raising cattle for soldier settlers in the South West.

He ran a small dairy and trucking business on a small farm in Forest Grove, with wife and two children and later moved to Margaret River to run dry stock as well as the trucking business. After moving to Gosnells he bred young thoroughbreds until the property was sold, moving once again to an adjoining property and managing the breeding of Aberdeen-Angus stud cattle for the late Ken Grey.

Dick enjoyed his latter years training and racing thoroughbreds with quite a bit of success.

His sporting achievements include playing polo-cross on various mounts; he won two State Championships. Dick also held Champion Jumper of the South West for nine consecutive years with his horse 'Flying Silver'. He also rode with great success in country shows from Perth to our north and from Margaret River to the south with his family and brother Harry, all riding under the Birch name.

Being a constant companion of Richard's over the last ten years, we had a lot of memorable times together including an exciting trip to Derby and Broome, barramundi fishing and camping with my children out on the Fitzroy. Many of our happy times were at the Pinjarra Races, catching up with friends. Richard had a very close association with both his and my family. We helped each other out through our illnesses (operations) and spent many a happy hour in our garden.

Dick always came up with solutions on how to fix things that were broken. It was a pleasure to go with Dick out to Poverty Point, turn the music on, and watch the kids crabbing and fishing. He had a great interest in woodwork and made some beautiful items. He enjoyed going to the Lions Markets and the Mundijong Markets. He will be sadly missed by many and I am glad I have these happy memories.

Richard was 84 years old.

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- Excessive panting and or salivation
- Vomiting and or diarrhoea
- Bright red or bluish gums.
- Altered behaviour or failure to respond
- Rapid heartbeat
- Seizures
- Lethargy, muscular weakness, collapse and coma

Heat stroke can kill quickly. If your pet exhibits any of these signs you need to seek veterinary attention immediately. If you think your pet is suffering from the serious effects of heat stress cool your pet with tepid (never cold) water and contact your vet as soon as possible.

What to avoid, what to do:

- Avoid exercising or walking your dog in hot weather. Generally if it is too hot for you, it is too hot for your pet.
- Never leave your pet in a car. An animal left inside a closed car on a hot day can die in less than 6 minutes. Leaving the window down will not prevent the car from reaching

extreme temperatures. Leave your pet at home rather than taking them in the car if you can avoid it.

- Dogs on the back of utes can get very hot and uncomfortable quickly. Dogs travelling on the back of utes must be secured and have access to shade (a canopy) and water. If parked up make sure your pet is in the shade.
- Always have water available to your pet and take it with you when you take your pet out.
- Don't forget outdoor pets - ensure outdoor pets have access to shade and water at all times. You may need to wet dogs down or provide a pool filled with water for them to lie in during the hottest parts of the day.

Some breeds are more susceptible to heat stress. Any breed with a short nose (brachycephalic) is especially at risk (e.g. Boxers, Pugs, Bulldogs, Pekinese). Also take more care with longhaired, overweight, very young or old animals or any animal with health issues (e.g. heart conditions). Any pet that really struggles with the hot weather would benefit from being kept in an air conditioned environment during the worst of the heat. Some longhaired pets may benefit from a



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Rabbits, chickens and other small pets such as **guinea pigs** are not immune to heat stroke either. If your small pet lives in an outdoor hutch or coop ensure it is out of direct sunlight and water is always available. Large blocks of ice can help keep your pets cool on hot days. Freeze water in plastic bottles and place them inside the hutches or coops. They will act like a mini evaporative air conditioner and can be changed as needed. If your small pet has an indoor cage consider bringing them inside to escape the worst of the heat.



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AROUND TOWN

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Congratulations to Bert and Myra Triplett who will be celebrating a wedding anniversary. Congratulations are also in order for May Whitehouse who last month celebrated her 90th birthday.

♦♦♦

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From left: Nicole Shore, Kerry
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FROM THE DECEMBER COUNCIL MINUTES.

An application for the installation of a 15m monopole mast (mobile phone tower and base station) adjacent to the existing watertank, in Beachcast Close was discussed. Council is to determine whether the proposed use is consistent with the objectives of the Town Planning Scheme and will advertise the application as per procedure.

The closure of the pedestrian access way located at the rear of Williams Place, Waroona has been requested by an adjoining landowner. Council resolved to close the access way and submit a written request to the WA Planning Commission.

The WA Planning Commission is requesting comment on its proposal to amend the Peel Region Scheme with a minor amendment to protect the environmental and landscape values of approximately 270ha of land within the Peel Region (City of Mandurah, Shire of Murray and Shire of Waroona) by transferring this land to Regional Open Space. The Shire has no objection to the proposal.

In relation to an application from Wagerup Alumina Refinery for Planning Consent for a residual storage area, runoff collection pond, project office compound and ancillary development, Council resolved that the development be carried out and fully implemented in accordance with the details indicated on the stamped approved plans.

Council was requested to consider the adoption of a new Local Planning Policy for third party advertising signs adjacent to primary regional roads. A resolution to adopt the policy was lost. A working group is to be formed with the Manager Planning Services to formulate a revised policy.

The Preston Beach Townsite Strategy budget for 2011/2012 is to be amended as follows: to authorise unbudgeted expenditure of \$40,000 and unbudgeted income of \$40,000.

Approval was sought for the Waroona Cricket Club to keep a habitable caravan at the Waroona Cricket Club, to accommodate a caretaker. Approval was granted for an initial twelve months, subject to conditions.

A Business Incentive Grant of \$2000 was approved for St Vincent de Paul Society, to assist with internal shop fit out, signage and rent at premises on South Western highway.

Council is to amend the 2011/2012 adopted budget to allow for the purchase of 2 handheld VHF radios. These radios will supplement and be fully compatible with the bushfire network including the use by volunteer rangers when conducting beach patrols.

Royalties for Regions recently advised the Shire that this year's funding allocation is \$466,475. Neither the income nor expenditure has been included in the 2011/2012 budget. Council agreed to amend its current Forward Capital Works Plan 2010/11 to 2014/15 to include the following projects to be undertaken in 2011/2012: construction of new cemetery niche wall \$105,000; Recreation Centre and Gymnasium expansion \$250,000; Preston Beach toilet/change room refurbishment \$70,000; Library/Admin Centre car park/landscaping \$41,475; Total \$466,475. These projects will be submitted to the Department of Regional Development and Lands.

The plans for the reconstruction of Coronation Road from the SW Highway to

the railway were endorsed, with the following alterations: the kerbed nib on Coronation Rd at the Fouracre Str Coronation Rd intersection (at the end of the car parking bays) to be a painted nib; the four parking bays on north side of Coronation Rd to be deleted; the median island in Fouracre Str to be a painted median. The widening of Millar Street from the Highway to Fouracre Street was endorsed with the following alterations: all peppermint trees on the southern side of the road to be removed except the eastern most tree - closest to South Western Highway; the driveway exiting from the service station onto Millar Str is to be removed.

Council did not endorse the plans which alter the Millar Str/Fouracre Str intersection and change the priority from Millar Street to Fouracre Street. The project is not to be proceeded with at the present time. Council did agree to proceed with the widening of the north east corner of the intersection in conjunction with the widening of Millar St. Council requested that the Works & Services Committee reconsider the proposed reconstruction of the Millar Str/Fouracre Str intersection after the widening of Millar Street and reconstruction of Coronation Road have been completed.

The above alterations were carried 5/2 - Councillors for the motion Germain, Dew, Wright, Scott, Witney and against Councillors Salarian and Look.

Premiers Australia Day and Shire of Waroona Meritorious Community Service Awards were discussed.

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DWELLINGUP HOTEL / MOTEL UP FOR GRABS

At the Dwellingup Community Association AGM on 17 December 2011 members overwhelmingly voted to put the lease of the historic hotel and the seven modern motel units out to public tender.

The current lease expires in August 2012 and the Committee felt that this presented a once in a decade opportunity to transform the hotel into a more vibrant focal point for the town.

The Committee are working with a team of professionals and hope to commence advertising of the public tender in the first week of February.

The President of the Association

Mr Pickering said that the Committee believes that the process will result in a revitalised hotel that will continue to service the existing customer base as well as being more attractive to tourists and families.

If you would like to know more about the tender for the hotel/motel lease

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and McNeill received compensation for his failed proposal. In August 1919, the hotel caught fire. Arson was suspected, although never proven.

Major alterations and improvements were made as a result. The hotel's electrical plant was installed in 1922, making it the first building in Dwellingup to be so powered.

Dwellingup Hotel was one of the few commercial buildings that survived the 1961 Dwellingup fires. Local tradition has it that everyone was at the hotel during the fire and that it was the first building saved by a human chain formed to carry water buckets.

The Manager's Quarters were constructed approximately 20 years ago and the seven en-suite motel units were constructed in 1997. Last year a new ablution block and a second outdoor area were constructed at the rear of the hotel.



The Dwellingup Hotel

HISTORY

Hugh McNeill applied for a liquor licence in Dwellingup in 1911, but the proposal was knocked back under opposition from mill owners and Dwellingup residents. In response, the State Government, intervened and passed a bill to establish a State Hotel,

PAM CORKER CELEBRATES AUSTRALIA DAY

Quambie Park played their part in the Australia Day street parade with the community bus and three community care vehicles. With their new signs on the side of the vehicles the Getz Kangoo Liberte, which is especially designed with a wheelchair ramp, and the I 35 Wagon made a brave display. Drivers were Steve Aperios, Jo Weston and Ken Landwehr. General Manager Ken Landwehr called into Pam Corker House to



The Getz Kangoo Liberte takes part in the Australia Day Parade.

collect his passenger, Bert Spooner and then tagged onto the end of the Street parade. Community care recipient Edie Elms also enjoyed being a passenger in the Kangoo. The Quambie Park community bus also participated with staff member Jackie Menara the volunteer driver.

Immediately after the street parade finished residents enjoyed a peaceful drive to Drakesbrook Weir and then around Yarloop to stay cool. Hostel residents always enjoy viewing their local community and the drive past.

It was then back to Pam Corker House for a meat pie lunch and including a nice cold drink with beer for some. Lifestyle Coordinator Nerida Black had the Dining Room/ Social Hall decked out in Australian flags and thongs to maintain the Australiana theme. She designed her own top for the day called "Aussie Nerida" which the residents enjoyed. A singalong was conducted in the afternoon and Pam Corker residents had well and truly celebrated Australia Day in 2012.

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Bert Spooner



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It's hard to remember your consumer rights when you're talking about an issue with a shop worker or service provider, especially if there's a dispute between you.

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You can store photos of your receipts, so you don't need to worry if you lose them in the wash or accidentally throw them out.

The app also allows you to set reminders for warranty, gift voucher or online coupon expiry dates, or pick-up

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*Tresslyn Smith
Senior Regional Officer,
Consumer Protection*

There are iPhone and Android versions of the iShopWA app and you can find out how to download them by logging on to www.commerce.wa.gov.au/iShopWA. Alternatively use your smartphone to scan the QR code pictured (download a free QR code reader app if you need to).

The app has been available since just before Christmas and we are delighted that in the first few weeks around 2,000 smartphone users have already downloaded it. Our Perth-based contact centre (1300 30 40 54) and this regional office 97 222 888 are both still available in office hours for those who prefer to call but this new app is a great additional resource which empowers consumers whenever they need it.

If you require further information on this or any other consumer issue, please call into our office on the 8th Floor of the Bunbury Tower, 61 Victoria Street, Bunbury, or call us on (08) 97 222 888 or 1300 30 40 54.

(Consumer Protection is a division of the Department of Commerce)

You can now follow us on Twitter @ConsumerWA or become a fan of our Facebook page - Consumer Protection WA.

NEW HEARING CLINIC IN WAROONA

From 3rd February Helen Jones from Peel Hearing Services will be holding a regular hearing clinic in Forrest Medical Waroona Surgery. Initially a clinic will be held on the first Friday of each month from 10 am – 4pm.

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For anyone wanting information on how to obtain free hearing services under the OHS scheme or to make an appointment, call Peel Hearing on 9535 7185 or ask your GP for an application form.

For more information on hearing loss and what is available, check out the website: www.peelhearing.com.au or email on

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AN OPEN LETTER TO WAROONA SHIRE COUNCIL AND THE PUBLIC.

After viewing the work commenced on Millar Street numerous citizens of the Waroona Shire felt very happy. They believed that the T-junction at Millar and Fouracre streets was being restored. To my, and many others, great disappointment, I have found out that the Shire Councillors have decided not to put that T-junction back. It also appears that the miserable, useless little road to the Waroona railway station will stay in place.

The Councillors, not all, decided that bringing back the T-junction would cost too much money. How much money did it cost to wreck Millar and Fouracre streets in the first place?

Some have said that Fouracre Street was a dangerous street and that the ridiculous roundabout type structure, put at the junction of Millar Street and Fouracre Street, would improve safety.

Hill Street was once a racetrack. A neighbour and myself got over 100 signatures asking the Council to solve the problem. The Council, to its credit, put in traffic islands and speed humps along Hill Street. Since that time Hill Street has been very quiet. The same could be done along Fouracre street. At

present trucks drive over the roundabout structure. South of the former T-junction there are no traffic islands or speed bumps.

The Councillors names are available to the public in the Shire Minutes. They can explain their position to members of the public.

The Council must approve money in the 2012/2013 budget for the T-junction and restore the T-junction as soon as possible.

The whole mess created on Millar and Fouracre streets can be summed up by an old saying, "If it ain't broken don't fix it".

I invite anyone to express their opinion, whether for or against my comments. My advice to people who want the T-junction restored is to contact the councillors. Complaining but then doing nothing always achieves nothing. Democracy requires people to participate in decision making. Democracy requires people to make the people they elect accountable for the actions they take.

Sincerely, Alan Calhoun.

PAM CORKER NEWS

Pam Corker House gardens are looking nicer than ever despite the hot weather and resident Jack Baker has played a large part. The Banksia Wing end of the hostel is looking a picture with dahlias and petunias nurtured and cultivated by Jack. The back of the new staff room and water tank has gained a new lease of life. He even has a patch of sweetcorn and tomatoes outside his room. His neighbour Neville Kuhnberg also has his own tomato patch. Both residents are growing their fresh vegies in the garden tanks supplied courtesy of Pam Corker House Social Club. The Social Club is the fundraising element of the residential care facility and benefits the lifestyle of residents.

Former Lake Clifton resident Neville left his vegie patch and was taken for a Sunday drive by General Manager Ken Landwehr to his old territory. Coronation Road and Dorset Road was the route and his farm in Lake Clifton is now separated by the Forrest Highway. A cold drink and a break was taken at the John Tognela rest area where local Waroona history is well and truly

displayed and on show for the public to enjoy. It was surprising the number of cars that stopped for a rest from the busy Forrest Highway heading south to Bunbury.

Mr Kuhnberg has been a hostel resident since September 2009 and his visit to Tognela's Landing was only his second outing in that time. Community volunteers are most welcome to assist Pam Corker residents in "One on One" social outings and to maintain links with the local community. Contact Nerida Black if you would like to become involved.

Pam Corker House is really missing the twice weekly outings to Yarloop Day Centre which closed in December 2010, despite original government promises when Yarloop Hospital was closed. It is hoped to start a Waroona Day Social Centre under the Quambie Park umbrella initially in 2012. This will be dependant on obtaining sufficient funding. Pam Corker House residents and Community Care clients will then have social interaction with their local community.

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Waroonna.Police.Station@police.wa.gov.au to be added to our distribution list.

There has been an increase in black marks on the roads around town especially in the vicinity of Hill Street.



We have received information a blue utility similar to above is responsible. If you have witnessed any of these burnouts please contact us.

If you see or hear hooning vehicles please contact us straight away.

We seized a white Ford Falcon sedan for a 28 day period on the 27th of January after the driver did a 17 metre burnout at the intersection of Coronation Road and South Western Highway. The 25 y. o. female driver from Waroonna has been charged with Create Excessive Noise and will appear in the Mandurah Magistrate's Court on February 29, 2012.

We are currently experiencing a spike in burglary and stealing offences.

Can we please ask that you secure your vehicles and sheds. In nearly all cases the offenders have removed property from unlocked vehicles overnight and taken alcohol from fridges in unlocked sheds.

In the early hours of the 4th of January 2012 the Golf Club buggy sheds and club house were broken into. As a result, we executed a search warrant and recovered the stolen property, stolen property from other burglaries and stealing offences in Waroonna and Pinjarra and also drugs. A 20 y. o. male from Waroonna

has been charged with several offences and will be sentenced in the Mandurah Magistrates Court on January 31. Inquiries are continuing regarding outstanding offenders.

Please report any suspicious activity to us immediately on 9733 7400.

Missing anything? Are you missing a chainsaw or maybe some bird baths? Please contact us as we have had property handed in which we believe to be stolen.

December Charges

29 y.o. male Unlicensed vehicle
 17 y.o. male Disorderly conduct
 29 y.o. male Driving under the influence, Drive contrary to extraordinary licence
 14 y.o. male 5 x Stealing
 15 y.o. male 5 x Stealing
 56 y.o. male Exceed 08 BAC
 17 y.o. male Possess cannabis
 51 y.o. male No authority to drive(fine suspended)
 44 y.o. male Possess smoking implement
 30 y.o. male Exceed 08 BAC, No seatbelt, No authority to drive(cancelled)
 35 y.o. male Driving under the influence
 35 y.o. male No authority to drive(fine suspended)
 19 y.o. male Trespass
 20 y.o. male No authority to drive(demerit point suspended)
 31 y.o. male No authority to drive(fine suspended)
 21 y.o. male Unlicensed vehicle
 42 y.o. female Exceed 08 BAC
 13 y.o. male Possess smoking implement

January Charges

21 y. o. male Exceed 05 BAC
 29 y. o. male Exceed 08 BAC, Speeding
 22 y. o. female Exceed 08 BAC, No authority to drive (never held)
 20 y. o. male No authority to drive (demerit point suspended)
 18 y. o. female Exceed 02 BAC
 20 y. o. male No authority to drive (suspended), False name
 12 y. o. male Trespass
 26 y. o. female 2 x No seatbelt (passengers), Unauthorised driving by learner

38 y. o. male No authority to drive(suspended)

20 y. o. male 2 x Disorderly conduct

22 y. o. male Disorderly conduct

20 y. o. male Aggravated burglary & commit offence, Aggravated burglary with intent to commit offence, Burglary and commit offence, Stealing, Trespass, Cultivate cannabis, Possess cannabis, Possess smoking implement

38 y. o. male Exceed 08 BAC

30 y. o. female No authority to drive (fine suspended)

26 y. o. male Exceed 05 BAC

16 y. o. male No authority to drive (never held), Exceed zero BAC

40 y. o. male 7 x Warrants of commitment

17 y. o. male Speeding, No authority to drive (suspended)

23 y. o. female Unauthorised driving by learner

22 y. o. male No authority to drive (fine suspended)

36 y. o. male Exceed 08

24 y. o. male No authority to drive (suspended), Unlicensed vehicle

47 y. o. male Reckless driving (130/80)

18 y. o. male Exceed zero BAC

37 y. o. male Common assault

15 y. o. male No authority to drive (never held), Drive unroadworthy vehicle

17 y. o. male No authority to drive (suspended)

31 y. o. male Unauthorised driving by learner, Exceed 05 BAC

22 y. o. male 13 x Warrants of commitment

44 y. o. male Unlicensed vehicle

27 y. o. female No authority to drive (demerit point suspended)

49 y. o. male No authority to drive (fine suspended)

21 y. o. male Speeding, No authority to drive(fine suspended)

38 y. o. male Speeding, No authority to drive (suspended), Exceed 08 BAC

27 y. o. male Unlicensed vehicle

26 y. o. female Unauthorised driving by learner

33 y. o. female No seatbelt (passenger), Exceed 05 BAC

20 y. o. male Possess article

25 y. o. female Create excessive noise (Hoon)

VALENTINE'S DAY 14TH FEBRUARY.

The day started in the time of the Roman Empire. In ancient Rome February 14th was a holiday to honour Juno, the Queen of the Roman Gods and Goddesses. The Romans also knew her as the Goddess of women and marriage. The following day, 15th February, the Feast of Lupercalia began.

The lives of young Roman boys and girls were strictly separate. However, on the eve of the festival the names of Roman teenage girls were written on slips of paper and placed into jars. Each young man would draw a girl's name from the jar and would then be partners for the duration of the festival with the girl he chose – or longer, if the match was right.

In 496 A.D. Christianity had taken over Rome and Pope Gelasius outlawed the pagan Lupercalia Festival. Knowing its popularity he chose to replace it by substituting the names of the girls with the names of saints. To expect a woman and draw a saint must have disappointed many a Roman male!



St. Valentine's Day was chosen as the day of celebration for the new feast as the date coincided. Emperor Claudius II executed two men — both named Valentine — on Feb. 14 of different years in the 3rd century A.D. Their martyrdom was honored by the Catholic Church with the celebration of St. Valentine's Day. In 1969 the church removed St. Valentine's Day from its calendar of 'official' holidays.

Valentine Day greetings became popular during the middle ages. During that time period, lovers sang or spoke their sentiments. Paper and written Valentines became popular at the end of the 15th Century. The oldest Valentine that exists today was sent in 1415 by Charles, Duke of Orleans, to his wife while he was a prisoner in the Tower of London and is on display in the British Museum.

Valentine's Day is a day of symbols, among which red roses, doves and lovebirds are particularly popular. The rose was sacred to Venus, who is the Goddess of Love. Doves and lovebirds are birds which mate for life and it was once believed that they choose their mate in the middle of February. No Valentine's Day would be complete without hearts. It was once believed that the heart was the centre of all emotion. People believed that when they gave a heart, they were truly giving all of the love and emotion that they possibly could give. Cupid, the winged cherub with a bow and arrow which he uses to make people fall in love, is another popular symbol. The origins of Cupid can be traced back to the days of the Roman Empire. Cupid (the son of Venus) is a Roman God, the symbol of passionate love. Traditionally lovers express their love for each other by presents of flowers, confectionery and greeting cards.



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WAROONA SUB CENTRE NEWS

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

It seems you all listened when I asked in my last article before Christmas if you could all please be safe over the festive season so that we could have a quiet one. I'm happy to say that it was extremely quiet compared to other years.

A few of us decided to do rostered shifts over the period between Boxing Day and New Year's Day as there were a few of us on holidays. These shifts consisted of a day shift (8am to 6pm) and a night shift (6pm to 8am). Between seven ambos we managed to have a crew in depot for six complete day shifts, four complete night shifts and two night shifts that were covered from 6pm to midnight (and then we were all on call from home). Funnily enough it turned out that all the crews were male/female crews. We all kept busy by thoroughly going through the ambulances and checking all the equipment and stock, disinfecting the complete insides of the vans and then annoying each other when we got bored.

The first nightshift I did with Drew, Pete kindly let us use some inflatable mattresses which we had set out in the main area under the air conditioning. I had to pump mine up by foot which was apparently quite hilarious but the funniest thing was watching Pete and Drew trying to pump up this big king single double storey air mattress with this tiny little compressor. All I can say

is the photo I got says it all!!!! I finally got mine pumped up and thought I was set for the night only to realise when I lay down on it later that it made me feel decidedly sea sick! At some point during the night I ended up sleeping on the floor.

Drew finally got his mattress up to standard and thought he was the bees knees because he could lay back on it and watch TV. Well Karma came back and bit Drew on the backside because at around 1:30am Drew realised his luxurious double storey mattress had deflated. Unfortunately I didn't see any of it because I was snoring but Drew tells me he was trying to blow it up with his eyes closed and his forehead resting on the mattress (that I would have liked to see). Rather rudely, other ambos tried to blame me for the mattress going down implying that I had sabotaged it but sadly I didn't think of it otherwise I would have because it would have made up for all the exiting of rather smelly air that was coming from Drew when he was asleep (actually it was happening when he was awake as well). I tried to stay upwind from him but that was a bit hard when the air cons at either end of the room were on full blast. I'm sure just as funny things happened on the other shifts but they're just not game to admit them.

New Year's Eve night was a bit of a fizzer. Jacinta and Mark did the day shift and Drew and I did the whole night

shift. Mark and Andy did from 6pm to midnight. Drew and I were all pumped and ready for action but were severely disappointed when we went for a drive at 12:30am and found that the whole of Waroona was tucked up in bed. So we decided to go and annoy two of our boys in blue that were doing car checks on the highway (amongst other things). Needless to say after about half an hour we did one last bog lap around town and headed back to the depot.

I'd like to say a big thank you to Drew, Jacinta, Jo, Mark, Pete and Andy (and their families) for giving up their time over the festive period. I don't know about you guys but even though it was fun and we didn't do many jobs, I was exhausted!

2011 Statistics

Total Community Hours	3,028.74
Jan – Dec Jobs	156
Ambulance Officer Hours	776.1
Patient T/fer Vehicle Officer Hrs	114.9

I'd like to acknowledge the work that Patrick Templeman Twells does on our website. Patrick has donated his time and enthusiasm to create and maintain the website and he does a fantastic job (even though he is a firey). Thanks Patrick!!

RETHINK YOUR HEROES. BECOME A VOLUNTEER.

Judy Chalmers

AAC Ambulance Volunteer

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FOLLOWING A DREAM

Ken and Mary Ann Landwehr went to Perth last week and celebrated with their daughter Caitlin Rose who has overcome hardships to obtain a Bachelor of Science Degree at University of Western Australia. She took time out from her Masters of Pharmacy studies at Curtin University to join her parents to enjoy her achievements.

Caitlin has spent the last four weeks along with 17 other specially selected

students hard at work with tests and laboratory assignments. In two weeks time, after she sits her last exam she hopes to have passed her first three units of her Masters. Her last exam mark was 83 % and her lab tests have all been in the high nineties.

After her meal she retired to her air conditioned motel room despite the extreme heat to study until 11.00pm. Most University courses don't resume until the end of February. Parents

Ken and Mary Ann said they are extremely proud of her continued scholastic achievements and hopes she gives other rural youth an example to follow in pursuing their dreams.

Dedication, application and willingness to learn are three good ingredients. Caitlin hopes to have a successful career in Pharmacy after six years of study following that dream.

EVERY WOMEN NEEDS TO KNOW ABOUT OVARIAN CANCER

One in 77 women will develop ovarian cancer in their lifetime. It could be you, your sister, your mum, your gran or your girlfriend.

Each year, more than 1,200 Australian women are diagnosed with ovarian cancer; around 800 will die from the disease. On average 3 Australian women are diagnosed every day.* Unfortunately, when most women are diagnosed, their cancer will be at an advanced stage, where the cancer has spread and is very difficult to treat successfully.

More than half these women will not live for five years after their diagnosis.

But... if ovarian cancer is found in the early stages, up to 95% of women will be alive and well after five years. More women need to be diagnosed at an early stage when

ovarian cancer is very treatable.

There is currently no reliable early detection test or screening program for ovarian cancer (the pap smear does not test for ovarian cancer). So every woman needs to know the symptoms of ovarian cancer. Ovarian cancer has previously been called a silent killer, but we now know that the symptoms are NOT silent.

Almost all women with ovarian cancer experience symptoms, even in the early stages.

Being aware of these symptoms and risk factors and talking to your doctor if you are concerned could save your life.

Every women needs to know the symptoms of ovarian cancer

It can be difficult to diagnose ovarian cancer because the symptoms are ones that many

women will have from time to time, and they are often symptoms of less serious and more common health problems.

But when these symptoms are new for you, have persisted for two weeks or more, and you have them on all or most days, then it's definitely time to see your doctor:

- Increased abdominal size or persistent bloating
- Unexplained abdominal or pelvic pain
- Difficulty eating or feeling full quickly
- Needing to urinate often or urgently or a change in bowel habits

Also let your doctor know if you have any other symptoms that are not usual for you.

These may include:

- Unexplained weight gain or loss
- Vaginal bleeding
- Back pain
- Indigestion or nausea
- Excessive fatigue

There is no reason to panic. Most women with these symptoms will not have ovarian cancer. Your doctor should first rule out more common causes of these symptoms.

If there is no clear reason for your symptoms, your doctor needs to consider the possibility of ovarian cancer. If you are not comfortable with your doctor's diagnosis,

you should seek a second opinion.

Every woman needs to be aware of the risk factors

There are a number of factors that can increase a woman's risk of developing ovarian cancer:

Age is the main risk factor for ovarian cancer. The risk increases with age, and women aged over 50 are more likely to develop ovarian cancer. However, ovarian cancer can affect women of all ages.

Family history and genetics are probably responsible for 10% of ovarian cancers. If you have two or more relatives from the same side of the family who have had

ovarian, breast, colon or endometrial cancer, your risk of ovarian cancer may be increased.

You can read more about genetic risk at www.ovariancancer.net.au

Other factors that may increase the risk of ovarian cancer include:

- Never being pregnant, having a small number of pregnancies or never having taken the contraceptive pill – this may be because pregnancy and the pill give the ovaries a 'rest' from ovulation.
- Infertility and/or a history of using fertility treatments.
- Using oestrogen-only hormone replacement therapy (HRT) for 10 or more years.
- Smoking cigarettes.
- Eating a high fat diet, or being overweight or obese.

On the other hand, having several children, breastfeeding and using the contraceptive pill may reduce the risk.

* 'Ovarian Cancer in Australia: An Overview 2010': A report by Australian Institute of Health & Welfare and National Breast and Ovarian Cancer Centre

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ROYALTIES FOR REGIONS IMPROVES MOBILE PHONE COVERAGE

Nationals' member for the South West Region Hon Colin Holt has recently welcomed the announcement that the tender for the \$39.2 million Regional Mobile Communications Project has been awarded to Telstra.

The Royalties for Regions funded project aims to improve mobile communications coverage in notorious black spots across the state. Under the project, Telstra will invest around \$106 million to deploy new mobile communications infrastructure at 113 sites along major roads and highways across the State and in several regional communities. This will increase mobile phone coverage in the State by up to 22 per cent while significantly boosting

access to next generation broadband services.

Mr Holt was confident the RMCP would enhance the safety and convenience for people living, working and holidaying in the South of the State. The contribution of \$39.2 million in Royalties for Regions funding is a significant investment towards improving mobile telecommunication coverage and services that support sustained regional development across the State. It will also build on the \$94.5 million already invested through the Community Safety Network.

The RMCP will not only benefit individuals and businesses, it will have a huge impact on the delivery of State

Government and emergency services, especially in communities prone to bushfire and road trauma. Public safety in the regions will be boosted with enhanced emergency radio and mobile telecommunication coverage, which is a great outcome for regional WA. For example, fire-fighters and emergency medical services can use wireless broadband to download vital information while out in the field and will be able to remotely access and transmit information in real time.

The roll-out of the 113 sites will take approximately 3 years, commencing in January 2012. A roll-out schedule will be released once land access arrangements have been secured for all of the 113 sites.

For further information or photos of the tour, please contact Colin Holt on 0418 902 204 or colin.holt@mp.wa.gov.au

Hon Colin Holt MLC Member for the South West Region

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Authorised by C. Holt, Unit 12A Aberdeen St. Albany WA 6330.

JUST JOKING

A policeman pulled alongside a speeding car on the freeway. Glancing into the car, he was astounded to see that the young lady, who was driving, was knitting. Realising that she was oblivious to his flashing lights and siren, the policeman wound down his window, turned on his loudspeaker and yelled, "PULL OVER!". "NO," the young lady yelled back, "IT'S A SCARF!".

Jack was driving down a back lane when he met a car coming the other way. Although there was enough room to pass, Jack forced the oncoming car to slow down. As Jack was passing the other car he wound down his window and shouted "PIG!". The other driver looked in his rear view mirror and swore at Jack. Then his car hit the pig.

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worldwide to attend a leadership summit New York in December.

The final part of the morning's activities was the presentation of the Shire of Waroona Meritorious Community Service Awards and the Premiers Australia Day Active Citizenship Awards. When presenting the awards, Shire President Cr Dew congratulated all recipients for their outstanding community service, hard work and dedication. The message from all recipients was that giving back to their community through volunteering had given them the opportunity to make many friends, meet new people and feel proud that they had been able to make a difference. On accepting the award on behalf of the Waroona Volunteer Fire Services, Captain John Twaddle also thanked the families of the volunteers for their patience and support.

Premiers Australia Day Awards:

Person over 25 years:

Christine Germain

Community Group:

Waroona Volunteer Fire Services

Certificates of Appreciation: Preston Beach, Lake Clifton and Waroona West Volunteer Bush Fire Brigades

Certificate of Achievement:

Waroona Football Club

Shire of Waroona Meritorious Community Service Awards:

Glenece Walmsley

William (Bill) Rafferty

Annette Mason

Individual winners were recognised for their volunteer activities over a very long period of time.

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, Lynda LeRoy, Waroona District High School Year 9 and 10s, Waroona Youth Advisory Council, Waroona Agricultural Society, Just Cruizin Street Machiners, Waroona Police, Waroona Voluntary Fire Services, Waroona St John Ambulance, Waroona Community Car, Waroona SES, Nick Derosa, Quambie Park, and Pam Corker House. Finally, a large vote of thanks to Amelia and Rudy Strobl for the generous loan of their large fans.

In other areas of the Shire, an Australia Day luncheon was held at Preston Beach by the Preston Beach Progress Association and Lake Clifton residents were treated to a breakfast run by the Lake Clifton Progress Association.

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BOWLING CLUB NEWS

Several of the Men's Club Championships were completed recently leaving us with the Singles and the Triples next month, so check the notice board for those. The Men's Pairs was an excellent competition, with many very close games. Eight teams were entered and they were drawn into two groups. Each group of four played a round robin and the winner of the each group then played off in the final. Mark Hiller and Malcolm Hayes were the eventual champions after a very close game with Bob Waide and Mike Whitney the runners up.

We had six entries in the Novices Championships which were played as a knockout. There were several very close games and the standard was very high for new bowlers. Phil Turner was the eventual winner and Pedro Underwood the runner up. The Veterans (over seventies) has also been completed. All games were closely contested leaving Nick Stampone as the champion and Jack Lang as the runner up. Well done to all the guys who entered.

Next Sunday, February 5th is the first week of the Singles Championships. Please try to get your name up by Friday 3rd, or as a last resort phone Mark Hiller at home. The last Sunday of February will see the Triples Championships, so let's get a few entries and have a great competition.

The Men's Pennants resume on the first Saturday in February with an away game to Mandurah. We are hoping to field a strong team to maintain our position in the top three. The Men also have an Open Triples on Sunday, 19th Feb, so again check the notice board and enter a team. The Ladies have already resumed their Pennant competition and are currently one point behind the leaders. Their game on Tuesday is

against the leaders, Port Bouvard and since it is an away game it is critical. The Ladies also have a Gala day on Friday 24th February. All Pennant Ladies will be required to assist on the day, either playing or working, so check with your Captain for your duties.

We currently have another Mega Raffle. This time it is a very large bottle of Jim Beam. The tickets are again \$5 each and it will be drawn soon, so make sure you are in the draw. Friday's Jag the Joker has not been picked, so by this Friday it will be up to \$3,000. Tickets for this are available from 4.30pm with every drink purchased until 7.30pm. Friday nights are still going well with several rinks of scroungers being played, plenty of raffles being drawn and meals available from 5.30pm until 7.30pm.

With the help of Kerry Stokes the Club has purchased a new, extremely large TV screen, which is excellent for watching the 20/20 cricket and will be a great asset when the football starts. From time to time we will also be showing movies, so keep your eyes open for details.

We are starting to make significant changes to our Club and will continue to do so until we are all proud to be members of the Club. We can only make these changes by using volunteers instead of paying wages, so please if you have particular skills please offer your name as a volunteer. We also need all members to frequent the Club regularly so that raffles, the kitchen and the bar make us the profit we need to make those changes. It is perhaps time for all members to think about encouraging their friends to join the Club. Social Membership is very cheap and if you are interested in bowling, our Full Membership is the cheapest in our League.



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