

Drakesbrook Despatch

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

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WHAT'S ON IN WAROONA

Sunday 2nd December

Lions Farmers Market

Phone Derek Smith 9733 3303

To book a stall

Sunday 9th December

CAROLS IN THE PARK

7pm Start BYO Chairs

Contact Chris Germain 9733 1093

For further details

Friday 21st December

Christmas BBQ \$5 per head

plus a visit from Santa

Usual Fri Raffles & 'Jag the Joker'

Bar opens 4.30pm

Sunday 23rd December

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CHRISTMAS LIGHTS CRUISE 2012

Departs Pam Corker House @ 7.30pm

Next issue

Friday 11th January

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Monday 7th January

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Thank You, Di!!! & Bon Voyage

The Drakesbrook Despatch Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank Di Schupp for all the work and commitment she put into our monthly newsletter. Over the years it has gradually grown into the fantastic publication that we all look forward to reading each month. We all wish her and her husband, Jon all the best for the future and hope that wherever they end up they continue to have a happy and fruitful life together.

We would also like to WELCOME our new editorial staff, Mike Whitney and Keith Millar and wish them both well in this new venture for them. The Committee gives them both our full support and hope that everyone will rally behind them, so that the Drakesbrook Despatch will continue on.

**The next Really Really
Free Market will be on
Saturday 15th
December from 1-3pm
at the Memorial Hall**



**WAROONA LIONS
FARMERS MARKET
Sunday
December 2nd
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

3rd 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

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

Debra Tyler 041 7 70 5 966

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

Really Really Free Markets

Every 3rd Saturday Memorial Hall

Senior Citizens Welfare

Last Wednesday - Jan Wood 9733 3701.

Hall Hire: Shire Office 9733 7800

South Mandurah Al-Anon Group

Every Monday at 10am

Uniting Church, 2 Reeves Place, Wannanup

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

Debra Tyler 041 7 70 5 966

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:

9733 1225

UNITING CHURCH

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Elders: Rob & Charlotte Bruce

Phone: 9733 1018

Minister Robbie Jetta

0478 243 765

WELL OF LIVING WATER

Meetings at 7 Butler Retreat Waroona
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NOVEMBER RAINFALL

One does not expect November to be
wetter than July but that is the case
this year. A total of 75.4mm of rain
was recorded over 11 wet days.
Greatest fall was 19.0mm on the fourth
of the month. Rainfall to date is
791.6mm.

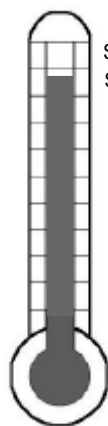
Highest rainfall recorded for November
was 117.6mm in 1984, whilst a
meagre 3.2mm fell in 2007.

The rain gauge is on the move again
and from December will be based at St
Joseph's School. I hope they enjoy
keeping the rainfall records as much
as I have.

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\$20,100
\$18,070

WDHS CHAPLAINCY BAROMETER

Many thanks to the Waroona Christian Fellowship for their donation of \$446.00 and Mandurah YouthCARE for their donation of \$1,000.00 which was part proceeds from the combined churches service which was held in Mandurah. Special thanks to the anonymous donors who donated \$2,500.00. This brings our total to \$18,070.00 which is just short of our total but we do have a couple of fundraising events happening in December so we should be able to reach our target once again this year. Of course this would not be achievable without the support of the volunteers that help us with our fundraising. We are ever so grateful to those people and to the wonderful Waroona community. Old mobile phones are still being collected with collection boxes located at the Waroona Post Office and the Waroona District High School's front office. Please consider supporting this fundraising initiative.

Our Term Deposit is steady at \$46,536.69.

SENIOR CITIZENS

Hello to All

Here we are again. Where has this year gone? Christmas is just around the corner and we hope you all have a great festive time and have a good New Year. Our Christmas Lunch is being held on 10th December at the Drakesbrook Tavern, at 12 noon. Will members please make sure that you put your name down for this function. This will be finalised by 28th November. If you are coming to our next meeting on the 28th you can put your name down then, or please ring me, Jan Wood on 9733 3701. All the Seniors had a wonderful day at Whiteman Park for Seniors Week. Many thanks to Cota Community Department, Lottery West and Bendigo Bank for making it possible. Thanks a lot!

Our thoughts will be with Yvonne Parker, good luck with your operation.

All for Now

Jan Wood (Secretary)

SENIORS OPEN DAY

Would like to thank the following agencies for providing representatives for the Seniors Open Day: Bendigo Bank Waroona & Pinjarra Waroona Arts and Craft, Quambie Park, Waroona Pharmacy, William Barrett and Sons, P.A.R.K Mental Health, Australian Continence Foundation, Peel Community Health Dietician, and Deb Pisconeri for providing a Body Balance Awareness class.

We would also like to thank the Cancer Foundation, Department of Communities, Department of Commerce Read Write Now Literacy Program, Office of Public Advocate and Department for Seniors for supporting our event with lots of information!

The Seniors Day was well attended with over 50 people coming in to talk to the representative organisations, and enjoy the morning tea.

Door Prizes went to: Ladies Prize Winner - Mrs D Pitman, Gents Door Prize was donated to the Community Car, Bendigo Bank Prizes: Mrs C Twaddle (Red Ticket C28) Mrs M Bartle (Red Ticket C30)

Two prizes of a \$25 Bendigo Bank account are still to be claimed by the ticket holders. Please contact the Community Resource Centre on 9733 3011 to claim these prizes if your ticket is mentioned above.

TAI CHI IN THE PARK

Another year of Tai Chi in the Park draws to a close. Thanks to all those who have joined in this year and thanks for all the money you raise for charity through your attendance.

Our final get together will be on Thursday, 13th December at 11:00am at 10 Robbie Court. Please bring a plate to share for lunch. All present and past members are invited.

There will be a short break over the Christmas season and Tai Chi will resume on Thursday, January 10th at 9:00am. Please note the change of time for the summer months of 2013.

We wish you all a happy Christmas and a wonderful year in 2013



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NULSEN

Hi Everyone. Well I hope all the people who attended our Melbourne Cup Luncheon had a good time. It was very successful, raising \$858 Thanks to all who helped it was greatly appreciated.

Many thanks go to Lee Rosa for organising a Country and Western Night. It was a great success, raising \$531. Thanks again Lee, Grant, Lloyd and all the other helpers. It was a good night.

Nulsen Christmas Lunch is on the 12th December at the Seniors Hall. For all its members. Please ring Jan Wood on 9733 3701 by 5th December, to let us know if you will be attending.

To all the public out there, many thanks for your response to our fundraising. This is a good cause, Well Done!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

Jan Wood (Secretary)

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Quambie Park News



*Board members meet to
farewell Ken Landwehr*

At the recent Annual General Meeting, Pam Corker and Village Residents along with the Board Members joined to farewell Ken Landwehr and wish him well in his future.

Ken has been the General Manager of Quambie Park for 11 years and as he elaborated in his final report he has loved working with everyone associated with the facility.

The Chairperson Michael Walmsley in his report also praised the work that Ken has contributed in his period as the General Manager. He also emphasised that Ken has undertaken so many roles and was always

dedicated to the purpose of promoting Quambie Park and the attributes of Waroona's Aged Care Facility far and wide.

The advancement and changes at Quambie Park in the time that Ken has been at the helm has seen the organisation develop from a "not for profit cottage industry" to a "not for profit business", that provides care and support for approximately 116 persons and is one of the largest employers in the district.

We all wish him well and hope that his Farewell Gift keeps him up to date and on time!

The Just Cruizin Street Machiners Club of Waroona

will again be providing a tour for residents of Pam Corker House to view the Christmas street lights throughout Waroona and Hamel.

The Club encourages other community members to bring their own cars and join in the tour. The residents look forward to the annual event and the community always gets behind them by ensuring their Christmas lights are on and some give out lollies. The participants of the tour choose their favourite house display and a prize is awarded at the Waroona Australia Day Event.

The tour will be held on Sunday 23rd of December and departs Pam Corker House at 7.30pm. The event is organised by Just Cruizin Street Machiners Club and is supported by Shire of Waroona, Waroona Home Timber and Hardware, Pam Corker House Social Club and Alcoa.

BOOK CLUB

Members read novels by James Grippando and found the stories had a touch of terrorism, espionage and murder in the mix – in all very exciting yet not too graphic in the description of violence and murder. Many of us would read him again if we were looking for a quick moving tale set in an exciting background of drugs, crime and action.

We then turned to excitement albeit in a lighter vein – The Phryne Fisher Mysteries by Kerry Greenwood. Members delighted in Phryne's adventures, her life style, her fashions and her life in Melbourne in the 1920s in general. We would definitely read more of Phryne!

Hint: If you are intrigued by this and by the TV series, start by reading "Cocaine Blues" which establishes the characters and the situation, you will not be sorry.

To carry us over the holiday break we will be reading novels by Liane Moriarty, an Australian writer.

All our best wishes for a happy and safe Christmas and holiday season.

Waroona Creative Arts Centre

Thank you to all who visited our Centre for our Open Day which proved to be a great success.

Results of the raffle are:

1st Lil Craigie, 2nd Maxine Towns,
3rd Phyllis Rae, 4th Janelle Twaddle,
5th Val Salerian

A Tear From Heaven

A little tear fell on my cheek
The other night in bed.
Though I was fast asleep
This is what it said:
"This little tear was born in heaven
I made it just for you,
Though I may seem many miles away
I'm here right next to you."

Bert Spooner



WRITER'S CORNER

With Christmas approaching check out the books by local authors on sale at the Waroona Visitor Centre and Waroona News. For information please visit Jeanette Hornby's website. www.jeanettehornby.com.au

Bert The Poet

*Down in the South at a place called Waroona
There lives a great bloke by the name of Bert Spooner.
He's well in his nineties and still drives his car.
The kindest man you would meet by far.
When we meet Bert in shops on Waroona main street
'Tis a pleasure (if lucky) to be pecked on the cheek.
His close friend is Felix who keeps his eye out for Bert
Making sure when he helps him he doesn't get hurt.
He never complains and listens to all.
His poems when we read them make us feel tall.
When we have lost a loved one, it's a whole different game
We realize so many are in the same vein.
So, keep writing poems, Bert in your own special way.
Enjoy your Christmas and New Years Day.*

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"Like" us on facebook, and you will receive updates of our activities and meetings.

Instead of our regular meeting, on Tuesday 11th December, we will be hosting drinks and nibbles to welcome in the festive season. If you're a business owner or operator, we would love to see you there. Join us at Templeman Twells Web Design, 22 Fouracre Street, at 5:30pm

For any enquiries, call Bronwyn Lawson on: 0411 496 025 or email: waroonadistchamberofcommerce@gmail.com

CORAL'S CHARITY KNITTERS



A big thank you to the to the ladies for knitting, crocheting and sewing up squares during the year. Another 6 rugs were left at the Community Centre

for Pat Thomas House giving a total of 27. Two rugs were given to Lee for the Nulsen Haven Fund Raiser on Saturday 3rd November.

Mrs Derrick was invited to a morning tea as we have two rugs to hand over for the Community Car raffles. Thank you Betty for the sponge cake.

Our Christmas Morning Tea is Thursday, December 13th. Ladies please bring a plate of goodies to share over our cuppa.

Happy Birthday to Faye in December and a Happy Christmas and New Year to all.

We will have a few weeks break and will be back knitting/crocheting on Thursday, January 10th 2013 from 10am to midday.

Also if you are having a clean out we won't say 'NO' to any ply wool and toy stuffing.

EMERGENCY SERVICES DINNER 23 NOVEMBER

On Friday night the Shire of Waroona hosted the annual Waroona Volunteer Emergency Services & Police dinner in recognition of the continued services volunteers provide to the community and a thank you for the often dangerous work they do.

In attendance were the volunteers and staff from St John's Ambulance, Waroona, Preston Beach Volunteer Rangers, Waroona Central Volunteer Fire Brigade, Lake Clifton Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade, Waroona Police, Preston Beach Volunteer Fire Brigade, Waroona State Emergency Service and Waroona West Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade.

The event was held at the Waroona Football Club and Murray Waroona Youth Care volunteers catered for the event. Shire President Noel Dew

supported by Shire Councillors and staff officially thanked the many volunteers and Police and wished them a safe summer season.



Volunteers enjoy the Annual Dinner



**CHRISTMAS
MASS TIMES**

Waroona Catholic Parish

Christmas Eve: Monday December 24

Waroona Children's Nativity 7:00pm

Yarloop Vigil Mass, 9:00pm

Christmas Day: Tuesday December 25

Waroona 9:00am

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Photo taken at Seniors visit to Whiteman Park during Seniors week. From left Carmella, Lucy, Ingrid, Ivy, Jan & Sheila.

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Annee, Deb, Kelly & Nina would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a safe & happy new year.



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Kelly Marsh
Property Manager
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Nina Scott
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Vet Clinic News: Keeping your pets cool this summer & Christmas Hazards

With the warmer weather on the way, it is important to remember your pet. You can help your pets this summer by providing a cool area for your pets to retreat to, somewhere shady with good ventilation. You should always give your pet's free access to ample fresh water, in a bowl that they cannot tip over and feed them in the cooler hours of the night. It is also important to keep your pets at a healthy weight, as overweight pets find it harder to keep cool in warm weather. For longhaired pets or those with thick hair, now is a good time to have them professionally clipped. They will feel so much more comfortable after the removal of their hot coat. Clipping will allow them to cool down much easier and will lessen the chance of heat stroke during the summer months. Ugly mats of hair that trap foreign bodies and that pinch your pet's skin will also be removed. Check your pet daily for grass seeds, especially around the feet and ears.

Remember cars become like ovens in as short a time as 6 mins, most heat stroke cases seen in veterinary clinics are due to the dogs being left in the car or exercised in extreme heat. Never leave a dog in an unattended car even on a mild day, don't forget the trays of Utes also become extremely hot and can burn feet. Signs of heat stress include lethargy, excessive panting and salivation, bright red gums, staring or failure to respond, high fever, rapid heartbeat, collapse or muscular

weakness and coma. Heat stress can be fatal so think of your dog this summer!

Christmas Hazards

There are a number of potential hazards to be mindful of during the Christmas season.

1. Foods: Try not to feed your pet on Christmas **leftovers**. These tend to be foods that your pet rarely comes across. If they have a high fat content they can trigger all kinds of issues from simple diarrhoea through to life threatening pancreatitis and bloat.

Cooked bones are also an issue. They can cause constipation and pets can easily choke and suffer from serious internal damage. Other foods can contain ingredients poisonous to pets including **macadamia nuts, caffeine and chocolate**. Caffeine in high doses can be found in chocolate and is poisonous to pets. The caffeine in a 200g block of dark chocolate is enough to kill a small dog or cat! This kind of poisoning is most often seen in dogs because they tend to eat food rapidly. The highest risk group is puppies and young dogs because they are naturally inquisitive and tend to ingest strange foods.

2. Decorations : Christmas decorations can cause issues too. If you have a Christmas tree, make sure it is well anchored so that your pet can't pull it over. Try to avoid hanging sweets or chocolates on the tree, as they can be a little too tempting for your pet. Ensure any electrical



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cables for fairy lights or decorations are taped down so to avoid your pet chewing on them and risking electrocution.

Avoid fragile decorations as they can be knocked from the tree by your pet (especially cats) and can lead to cut paws or internal damage and serious gastrointestinal complications if ingested. Tinsel and ribbon should be avoided, or confined to the higher branches of your tree, as these can be attractive to pets and are dangerous to the gastrointestinal tract if swallowed.

3. Toys : Ensure children's toys are not left lying around if they have small parts that your pet could tear or chew off and choke on.

We hope you all have a happy, safe and stress free Christmas!



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We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support this last year and wish you a happy Christmas and all the best for 2013! We would also like to thank out going editor Di Schupp for all her hard work and assistance.

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Waroona Community Resource Centre

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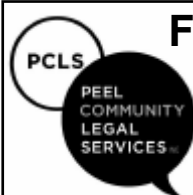
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Thank you.

REALLY, REALLY FREE MARKET GETS SUPPORT FROM LOCAL SHIRE.

For over two years The Really, Really Free Market has been held on the 3rd Saturday of every month from 1-3pm at Memorial Hall in Waroona, making it the longest running one of its kind in WA and currently the only one.

Each month there is a FREE lunch, FREE entertainment, FREE kid's activities, FREE reiki healing and lots of FREE stuff to take home.

Until recently, organisers of the Really, Really Free Market have helped finance the event being a success for the community. This has included the hire of Memorial Hall, the food for the free lunch and the materials for the kids activities, as well as printing posters and volunteering their time to promote it throughout the Peel Region and beyond. With the market exceeding 300 attendees from as far away as Perth, the organisers approached the shire and some local businesses to help support the continuation of the market. The shire suggested that the Really, Really Free Market apply for a community grant which would cover the hire of the hall until November 2014. The application was successful and organisers are delighted as it has relieved a large part of the financial difficulties in maintaining this wonderful community event. Local businesses are still encouraged to support the market and can do so by emailing tashunka@gmail.com.

For those who have not yet been before, it is a cross between a farmer's

market and a garage sale except everything is FREE. Participants bring items they no longer need or want and leave them on trestle tables in the hall and give them away. Everyone who comes is free to take whatever they like and there is no cost involved. If you have nothing to bring you are encouraged to come anyway as it is a way of bringing the community together.

The next Really, Really Free Market will be held on Saturday 15th December.

For more information join the Facebook Page, Really, Really Free Market Waroona, or contact Carolyne on 0434846863

WAROONA COMMUNITY CAR

Winners of last month's lucky numbers were Kay & Charlie Eats and Carmel Look.

Thank you to Bert Buttery for the lovely painting, also Ella & Harry Murdoch for their gifts to sell.

Thank you to Corals Knitters for 2 beautiful crochet blankets to sell or to raffle and all the community who donate gifts to fundraise each month at the markets for the community car..

I wish A merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our drivers and clients and the wonderful staff at the Waroona Community Resource Centre.

Betty Derrick.

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Tuesday 18 December
Ratepayers Meeting to follow at 6pm

The Waroona Show Results

Trade Cattle

Supreme Champion Lightweight – Blythewood Pastoral Co, Runner up – Morrisvale. Supreme Champion Heavyweight – L Corley, Runner up – Blythewood pastoral Co. Pair Steers locally bred – P Kau Pen 2 vealer steers 650/800kg – LA & EM Mullins & Son, Pen 2 vealer heifers 650/800kg – LA & EM Mullins & Son, Pen 2 vealer steers 340/440kg – LA & EM Mullins & Son, Pen 2 vealer heifers 340/440kg – LA & EM Mullins & Son. Guess the weight – Nicholas McLarty

Stud Cattle

Most successful exhibitor – D Warner, Supreme Female – T & L Kitchen, Supreme Male – T & L Kitchen, Champion Bull – J Morris, Champion Beef Breed – T & L Kitchen, Pair Heifers – T & L Kitchen, Children's Calf – F Wetherell, Boy or Girl leading calf under 20 months L Wetherell

HALL

Photography

Most Points – Kathryn Suggate, Supreme Exhibit – Kathryn Suggate, Outstanding Enlargement – John Meade, Junior Photographer/ Primary School – Morgan Sattler, High School – Kaitlan Reay-Boaden, President's Trophy – Carol Boaden, Pre. Trophy/ Junior – Elizabeth Peebles

Home Industries

Most Points Classes 19/28 – Maureen Crook, Outstanding Exhibit Classes 54/ 67 – Ella Jackson
Most Points 1/ 67- Tracey Curley, Outstanding Exhibit 1/53 – Lyn Marsh.

Arts & Crafts

Most Points 1.44 = Faye Russell, Outstanding Exhibit 1/44 – Darren Heasman

Horticulture

Rose of Show – Estelle Mullins, Outstanding Cut Flower 1/25 – Jenny McNamara, Most Point 1/25 – Estelle Mullins, 26/37 – Lyndie Ward, 38/42 – Nadine Rosental, 43/59 – Kym O'Dwyer, Outstanding Floral Art 43/59

-Sharon Peters, Outstanding Exhibit 60/ 68 – Tracey Stephens, Outstanding Exhibit 1/68 – Nadine Rosental

Fruit & Vegetables

Outstanding Exhibit 1/32 – Tony Deleo

Cooking

Most Points 1/38 – Tracy Curley, Boiled Fruit Cake class 2- Maureen Alexander, Undecorated Christmas Cake & Blue Ribbon – Maxine Cogdon, Blue Ribbon Outstanding Exhibit 1/38-Estelle Mullins, Blue Ribbon Decorated Cakes – Deidre Kau

Eggs

Most Points 1/7 Kristy Wilkins, Blue Ribbon Outstanding Exhibit –Emma Parry

Preserves

Most Points 1/18 – Victor Thompson, **Most Points in Hall** – Lyndie Ward, runner up – Tracey Curley

CHILDREN'S HALL

Craft

6yrs/under Highly commended – William Sattler, 6Yrs & Under – Mattilda Gutta, 9yrs & under – Jessica Hull, 12yrs & under –Rachel Hull, 15yrs & under – Spencer Herd, Open – Demi Ward

Flowers

6yrs & under –Highly Commended – Tom Tognolini, 6Yrs & under – Jasmine Birch, 9Yrs & under – Hailey Moody, 12yrs & under – Rachel Hull, 15yrs & under – Demi Ward, Open – Demi Ward

Cooking

6yrs & under Highly Commended - Arian Marinko, 6yrs & under – Taylah Platell, 9yrs & under – Hailey Moody, 12yrs & under – Daniel Slattery, 15yrs & under – Demi Ward, Open – Lucie Bombara, Most points in cooking – Demi Ward

Vegetables

6yrs & under – Highly Commended Torri Baker, 6yrs & under – Kurt Rosenthal, 9yrs & under – Amber Vincent, 12yrs & under – Mark Ward, Open – Mitch Rosenthal, Most points – Kurt Rosenthal.

Manual Arts

Outstanding Exhibit Woodwork – Joelle Chaffey, Outstanding Exhibit Metal Art Work – Jessica Hay, Outstanding Exhibit Metal Construction – Kyle Jenkinson

Poetry

Poem of the Show – Hannah Gillespie, 6yrs & under – Sophie Tyler, 9yrs & under – Brenna Gardiner, 12yrs & under – Hannah Gillespie, 15yrs & under – Jessica Ha, Most Points in Children's Hall - Rachel Hull

Poultry

Feature Bird of the Show – Hard feather – Tammy Birch., Champion Bird of Show – Jill Wright, Most points in Poultry – John Kennington.

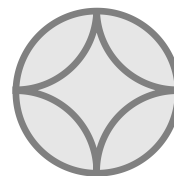
Halter

Supreme Ridden Breed – Andallusion Stallion 'Quiebro' Rebecca Desmond, Supreme of Supreme Halter Pony under 14.2h/h – Welsh B Stallion 'Owendale Firefly' Belinda Leeson, Supreme of Supreme Halter Horse over 14.2 h/h Fresian Stallion 'Y James Gray' Stephanie Smith

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SCHOOL CHAPLAINCY HAPPENINGS – With Clare

Well the festive season is upon us! It's the time of the year when most of us get ready to loosen our belts in preparation for those few extra Christmas kilos :-/. However not everyone will be fortunate enough to enjoy an abundance of food & drink this Christmas, and as I mentioned in my last article, Pinjarra Senior High School Chaplain Justin Hill has been working with students to raise awareness of the issue of global poverty. The total they raised from the World Vision 40 Hour Famine has been announced and was a whopping \$4300! Which Justin says is "Just awesome!!". Well done P.S.H.S! Caroola Primary School and Waroona District High School Chaplain Debbie Lysaght has been very busy with end of year activities and reward days for the students, and helping teachers through the stressful time of end of year reporting. Our Bunnings Sausage Sizzle was

held on Saturday 20th October and was the BEST ever! We had plenty of helpers and over \$2500.00 was raised! We can't wait for next year when we will have two of these great fundraising opportunities.

Overall this year has been a rewarding, challenging and successful year for our district council and all of our chaplains. We are extremely grateful for all the support from churches, businesses, school staff, parents and students, and members of our community as you keep us thriving and our Chaplains in the front-line where they are needed most. We wish everyone in our community a safe and happy Christmas and God Bless!

The role of our district council is to place and support Chaplains and Scripture Teachers into local schools to care for the social wellbeing of students, staff and their families. The chaplains provide practical, emotional, mental, physical and spiritual support to the school community. If you have a heart for the young people in our community and have a few spare hours each month to give, WE WANT YOU! We are always looking for people to assist in fundraising and support for our dedicated Chaplains and Scripture teachers in Pinjarra/Waroona. Please contact John Morrell on 0438-798-997.

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Waroona Pensioners Social Club

On the 14th November quite a few of the Pensioners joined with the Seniors group on a trip to Whiteman Park. The weather was beautiful and the company was really nice.

Jan Lepper and her helpers made sure we all enjoyed ourselves, allowing us to stop at Pinjarra to purchase out lunches. When we arrived at the Whiteman Park, it was just time for morning tea with a great selection of cakes and coffee. Then we all wondered around and some had a ride on the small train. Later after lunch most of us went around the shops, which included a really nice pottery shop, a craft shop and several others. Naturally on the way home we all enjoyed showing our purchases.

Christmas is nearly upon us again, so our next activity to look forward to is the Christmas Party at the Drakesbrook Tavern on December 14th.

Finally we wish everyone a Happy Christmas and New Year and we will see you all then.

Yvonne Hill-Warner

FUNDRAISING FOR ALL LOCAL NOT-FOR-PROFIT ASSOCIATIONS

All Waroona based clubs and groups can receive ongoing donations from the Waroona Districts Chamber of Commerce, through our Shop Local Campaign. A purchase of \$20 or more (some exclusions apply), or bank account opened, will earn a stamp from participating shops and banks in our Local Shopper Card.

When the card is full (10 stamps) and feedback comments added, the club will receive \$5.

This campaign is on-going, so \$5 from many returned cards, many times over, could add up very quickly! Ask your sporting or interest club or group for your Local Shopper Card, and if they are not yet registered with us, **GET THEM TO REGISTER!**

"Like" us on facebook, and you will receive updates of our activities and meetings.

Instead of our regular meeting, on Tuesday 11th December, we will be hosting drinks and nibbles to welcome in the festive season. If you're a business owner or operator, we would love to see you there. Join us at Templeman Twells Web Design, 22 Fouracre Street, at 5:30pm

For any enquiries, call Bronwyn Lawson on: 0411 496 025 or email: waroonadistchamberofcommerce@gmail.com

December Birthdays

When I was growing up, children I knew who were born in December, hated that fact as many relatives bought them a combined birthday/Christmas present. Let's hope this doesn't happen to the following:

Ann O'Dosisio
Gina Fiorenza
Harry Lepper
John Hansen
Judy Alexander
Pam Whitney
Lisa Fry
Margaret Birch
Merle Stacey
Kerry Shore
Thelma Rafferty
Zilla Taylor

Apologies to any one I have missed off, but Happy Birthday to you all.

DECEMBER SALE - WE'RE OVERSTOCKED!



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HISTORICAL HAPPENINGS

This year is coming to a close quite rapidly and it's hard to fit in all the things we want to accomplish before the next year rolls in.

The next two months may seem a little quiet, but our members will be contributing their skills and knowledge behind the scenes and contacting members of our community to be involved in the second phase of "Recording our Past for our Future" Project to record oral histories of what the Drakesbrook area was like over 50 years ago.



We will try to have the museum open as per usual on Sundays from 10am until 12 noon, however if you see the blue sign on the footpath, in front of the building at any other time, then the doors are open and you are welcome to visit.

There will be no committee meeting on the third Thursday of December, instead an informal lunch at some stage, at the newly renovated Drakesbrook Weir.

We extend our best wishes to everyone for a safe and joyous Christmas and look forward to what the New Year brings. We also send our best wishes to member Judy Alexander, who has been out of action for the best part of this year. We hope you are back on your feet again soon.

Waroona Playgroup's AGM was recently held on Wednesday, 21 November. We had a fantastic turnout with a few general members attending. We take this opportunity to say thank you to the 2012 Committee of Waroona Playgroup and to welcome the 2013 Committee to an exciting year ahead. They are our most valuable resources with their many capabilities and without their presence and the input we receive from our members; our playgroup wouldn't be what it is today.

This year we will be celebrating the Christmas Party on Friday, 14

December between 9:30 and 11:30am. Please come along to share a cuppa and meet our special guest. If you will be attending please bring a Christmas plate to share and have your little ones wear their favourite dress-up. All members are welcome to this free event.

After the Christmas break, Playgroup will reopen in the New Year with dates to follow shortly.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and happy festive season and look forward to seeing you all in 2013

Waroona Memories

I am placing this article on the same page as the Historical Happenings as, in a way it is about part of the history of Waroona. I would like to introduce a new section to the monthly newsletter, entitled 'Waroona Memories'. When I first came to Waroona 8 years ago, I was often enthralled at stories I heard about the happenings in Waroona many years ago. They are usually of no real historical significance, are

often quite amusing, but to many of the 'newbies' to Waroona they would be interesting to read about. The sort of memory I would like to write about, for example; is the story of the pumpkins floating down the street after a storm. Unless it was so long ago that no one had cameras, I am sure someone in town would have a photo of that event and the date it happened.

Waroona The Best Place to Live

When I first came to Waroona I liked the place so much I wrote a short poem about it. Many of you have read it before, but I had space in the Despatch, so it is here again. Hope you like it

Mike Whitney

*Living in the East, a decision was made.
 To retire to the West was the plan we then played.
 Having lost one sweet daughter, the other over here,
 The decision was made with some tension and fear.
 On an Elders website we searched far and wide,
 And looked at the map 'till our brain cells were fried.
 So this is Waroona, a town on its own.
 As the best place to live, it stands out alone*

*Having hit on Waroona, we fell for the place,
 With its scenery great and its lifestyle slow pace.
 There's so much to do and so much to see,
 We decided 'real quick' to buy property.
 To build our dream home, it took quite a while.,
 But the finished product gave us both a big smile.
 So this is Waroona, a town on its own.
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*The people are friendly, the kids say: "G'day!"
 Something unknown in the East I would say.
 They open their arms and welcome you in,
 Then give you a job with the shake of a tin.
 There are 'Pommies' and 'Kiwis' and other descents,
 The mix is amazing when you hear the accents.
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*Some are Italian when you look at their faces,
 And also the names of the streets and the places.
 Pisconeri, Iseppi, to name just a few.
 And their accent alone mostly gives you a clue.
 Their culture is great, but their sausages better.
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Thank you for your support during 2012 and we look forward to serving you in the New Year.

POST OFFICE PATTEN

Welcome to our new Contract Postie's. Customers may have noticed something different about the Postie lately...we would like to introduce the new contract Postie's Robyn & Ellie. Robyn does daily letterbox mail deliver on the motorbike, while her daughter Ellie looks after parcel delivery. Please give them a warm and friendly welcome to town! At the same time we thank Sharon & Neil and wish them all the best in their next adventures!

There are new Rules for Parcel Pickup at the Post Office. Australia post has introduced new rules concerning how long we are allowed to hold parcels at the post office. Customers will now receive a card notifying you that we have your parcel. If you have not picked it up within 5 days, we will issue a reminder card. If it is still not picked up within another 5 days, we are

required to return the parcel to the sender.

This will potentially impact our FIFO, Lake Clifton & Preston Beach customers in particular. Customers can make arrangements to authorise another person to pick up/sign for their parcels as long as the authorisation is registered with our Post Office. Please discuss with post office staff if you wish to use this type of arrangement.

The usual discount is available for those posting Christmas Cards this year. To post a Christmas card the cost is 55 cents, but you must only be posting a card, and it must be marked 'Card Only'.

Lots of customers are using the pre printed plastic sleeves that have tracking barcode stickers on them. It is important to note however that unless those parcels are handed across the counter here at the post office, they are not lodged for tracking. This means that they will not be able to track the

parcel on the Australia Post website. This includes those parcels that are put in the red box out the front of the post office. So to ensure you can track them, please bring them inside.

In our attempt to successfully deliver mail to our Nanga Brook Rd customers we often have difficulty with mail addressed to Lot Numbers or no numbers at all. This is further complicated when multiple customers have the same surname, or have mail addressed in their business names as well. As there is no physical postal delivery service to the hills, we encourage our customers to ensure that their PO Box address is the only one they issue for use as a mailing address. Additionally, next time they are at the post office they can get us to check what road address we have listed for their box number.

Finally we would like to thank everyone for their support throughout the year, and wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas....

KEEPING YOUR MEDICAL COSTS DOWN

Medicines can take up a substantial chunk of your budget, especially if you're taking more than one. However, there are ways to reduce your spending on medicines without compromising your health.

How can I keep my medicines costs down?

If you or your family use a lot of medicines each year, the cost can really eat into your budget. It is worth knowing about the Government programs that are there to help, such as the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) Safety Net, as well as prescribing options you can discuss with your doctor. Choosing the brand of your medicine when you have a prescription filled at the pharmacy is another opportunity to save yourself money. See the tips below to get started.

8 ways to save money on your medicines

- Consider your choice of medicine brands.
- Make sure your pharmacy has your Medicare number on file so you get the PBS subsidised price for your prescription medicines.
- Use the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) Safety Net.
- Have your medicines reviewed by your doctor or pharmacist if you take several medicines.
- If you use a lot of one particular non-prescription medicine, ask your pharmacist whether getting it on prescription will cost you less (this is more likely to apply to concession card holders).
- If you take a higher dose of a medicine than the usual PBS prescription allows, ask your doctor or pharmacist if an authority prescription could reduce your costs. With an

authority prescription, you may only pay the same amount as someone on the standard dose.

- Ask your doctor if a different strength of your medicine could save you money; for example, by allowing you to take one higher strength tablet rather than two tablets of a lower strength.
- For a few medicines, where there is a less expensive medicine that does the same job, you are charged a 'therapeutic group premium' if you use a more expensive medicine. If this applies to you, talk to your doctor to see if you can get an exemption for medical reasons.

For more information on saving money on your medicines, come in and talk to the pharmacists at Waroona Chemmart Pharmacy.



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Waroona District High school has a long history spanning back over more than 50 years. While the primary school is a relatively newer addition, the high school was built in the 1960's. With no upgrades or changes since then the facilities were a little outdated to say the least.

After securing funding from the Capital Gains Expenditure through the State Government, the school has been able to completely update and outfit the science wing.

With all new fixtures and equipment the lab is now a state of the art learning facility, proudly able to keep up with any other high school in the district.

Together with new Science Teacher Ryan Worton the students at Waroona can look forward to a thorough science education experience.

Waroona hopes that a similar upgrade will be available for the Home Economics wing sometime next year.



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The packages are sent free of charge through Australia Post as long as they

are under 2kg in weight. The students have been collecting now for several weeks and ten boxes of foodstuffs and letters will be posted this week.

Other good news for the High School was the announcement recently of the allocation of \$400,000 for the refurbishment of the Home Economics Room. With the recent investment in the Design and Technology facilities, the Science Room (story page 18) and a specialist computing room, Waroona has become an exceptional High School learning environment.



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WAROONA LADIES GOLF CLOSING DAY



Helen Oliver receives the Cybil Chuard Memorial trophy from Sybil sister Sheila Panton earlier this year.

Waroona Ladies held their closing day today, with a solid crowd in attendance. An enjoyable 9 hole Ambrose set the scene for a delicious lunch and season presentations. A bonus was having life members Connie Twaddle, Peg Plant and Joan Scott all in attendance.

Overall the season belonged to young mum Helen Oliver. With some fantastic performances throughout the season, Helen saw her handicap drop 6 shots, to finish up playing on a 10 handicap. Helen took out a hefty 7 major awards for the club (see below) and looks forward to continuing her good form next

year. Not far behind Helen was another new starter in Rita Rae. Rita also lost six shots for the season to now be playing on a 38. All in all, the ladies had a very enjoyable season.

Awards List

Ladies Champion - **Helen Oliver**
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Consistency - **Rita Rae**

Jubilee 4's - **J Snell & J Jarvis**

Silver Spoon - **Helen Oliver**

International Bowl (Silver)

Helen Oliver

International Bowl (Bronze)

Rita Rae

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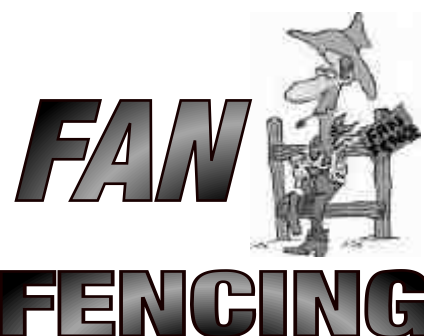


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SUB CENTRE NEWS

Well it's that time again! The Festive Season is upon us and sadly it is one of our busiest times of the year.

On behalf of the ambulance officers, I would like to thank the Waroona, Yarloop, Harvey and Pinjarra Police for their support over the last twelve months. Without them we would not have been able to complete some of what I would call, very interesting jobs.

Our thanks also go to the local Volunteer Fire Brigade who have

thankfully not had to help us too much this year. Without the support of the Police and Fire Brigade, our jobs would be a lot more difficult in some of the situations that we encounter...

St John Ambulance Benefit Fund – Parents please be aware that once your child turns 18 they are no longer covered under your Family membership. At the age of 18 they must take out Singles membership so as to maintain having ambulance cover.

Finally but not at all least and it doesn't seem to be enough, but a very warm hearted thank you to our family and friends who put up with us disappearing at all hours of the day or night and not knowing when we are going to return. They are there when we need to get stuff off our chest and they know when

not to push and leave us alone until we are ready to talk. Without them we couldn't do what we do and keep going so big hugs to all of you from all of us.

To the members of this wonderful community and your families, have a wonderful, healthy festive season. Please don't take any risks (it's just not worth it) and help to make our (Ambos, Police and Fire Brigade) festive season a quiet one!

I'm off on holidays from my real job now but no doubt you will see me out and about on the ambulance.

I wish you all a happy, healthy and safe festive season.

Drive safe, stay safe!!!!

Judy Chalmers

AAC Officer

Public Relations/Recruitment Officer

WAROONA AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY END OF YEAR VOLUNTEER THANK YOU BARBECUE

Members and volunteers of the Waroona Ag Society gathered together for an end of year volunteer thank you barbecue on Friday 16th November at the Waroona Ag Society offices. It was a beautiful night to celebrate another successful Waroona Show (apart from the weather of course) and was attended by over 100 committee members, sponsors and volunteers. Many presentations were made on the night to many hard working committee members including Ali Birch, Gloria Johnson, Maree Ellis, Kirsty Ferraro and a special award to our junior member Jacob Walmsley. Gloria was presented with the unique gift of a tractor (a miniature version of course) to assist her in moving heavy objects around when stall holders are not happy with their space allocations! A special mention was made of Brian Richter who is retiring from his position with the Trade Cattle section.

Bill Rafferty was given an award for the Best Features Display. This was an inaugural award given to acknowledge the hard work that people like Bill put in to the day by providing interesting and interactive

exhibits. Bill's display of all things old, has been a feature of the John Marchetti Shed for a number of years and is a popular and interesting display for people of all ages. Bill's collection of old tools and other memorabilia gives an insight into times past and there are many who do a bit of reminiscing about the "old days" when viewing the collection. The display is also educational for younger people and Bill must be commended for doing his part to preserve our history.

Another very special presentation was made to a very deserving lady. Life Membership was awarded to Lorraine Clifford for over 28 years dedication as chief steward to the children's hall exhibitions. It was fitting that Lorraine was joined by junior childrens hall stewards Leanne Martelli, Carol Martelli, Joy Nicholson and Deidre Kau when receiving her award.

The committee would also like to make mention of our hard working President Ken Landwehr who did a wonderful job with the speeches. Ken has worked tirelessly all year and is an asset to the Waroona Agricultural Society

AROUND TOWN

It is with some sadness that I write the final words for 'Around Town'. Hopefully there will be enough small incidents happening to keep the column going.

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As you probably all know by now Jon and I are moving to Halls Head and will be gone by the time you read this. We have spent a wonderful 13 years in Waroona but age has caught up with us and we are no longer able to manage our large garden. We hope you make the new owners of 28 McDowell Street as welcome as you made us in 2000.

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Mike Whitney and Keith Millar have stepped forward to take over producing the Drakesbrook Despatch. They have literally been flung into the deep end as with the stress of moving I have not been able to offer them much help. They have done a sterling job and I think the Despatch will be in capable hands.

That said, they will appreciate some more support. There have been a couple more expressions of interest and if those people could contact Mike on drakesdespatch@gmail.com they will be made very welcome.

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Happy Christmas to you all and I am sure I will not be losing touch with Waroona.

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Swimming News



Swimming News

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As always, local community groups have shared in a cash benefit from this years

“British Auto Classic” event held at the Pinjarra Paceway in October.

All volunteer, non profit group Event Assist Inc. who run the Peel Events Tourism Initiative of which this annual event is part, hosted a Thank You Presentation Lunch at the Australian Sailing Museum in Mandurah on Monday 19th Nov.

Representatives of The Pinjarra – Waroona Youthcare, who provide School Chaplains in the area and Members of the Austin Cove Baptist College, Parents and Friends Assn. enjoyed a delicious lunch along with the Event Assist Chairperson and Treasurer, who presented each group with

Certificates of Appreciation for the hard work of their members, who volunteered to help with the running of the event and with funding cheques for their respective organisations.

Event Assist Chairperson Terry Cockerham said “Without a doubt if we did not have the support of these willing volunteers, these events could not happen and the benefits they bring to the wider community would be lost” adding “It is good to see that the Volunteer spirit is alive and well in this area and that so many young people are willing to become involved. A great sign for the future of the region.”

All of these willing hands are now taking a break but will be back on April 14th next year for the landmark “Tenth All Australian Car Day”.

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WAROONA BOWLING CLUB: PRESIDENTS NOTES

The Club Championship Mixed Pairs was completed on November 11th. Nine teams contested the event, which was slightly disappointing, but this was totally outweighed by the competitiveness of the games. The teams were divided into two groups, a four and a five. Each group played a round robin and then the winners of each round robin contested the final. Bob Clark/ Terry Clark were the runners-up in group one and Joan Scott /Mike Whitney in group two. The majority of the competitors stayed for the final between Jeff Dixon/ Adrienne Belairs and Mark Hiller/ Barb Hiller. The game was exciting to watch with Mark and Barb being the eventual winners. Well done everyone! The Championship Men's Fours which was scheduled for the last Sunday had been postponed till later in the season for various reasons.

December 9th sees us with another new event, the Handicap Singles for both the Men and the Ladies. I am not sure exactly how the handicap system works and for that matter who decides the handicap. May be everybody has to play with their other hand, or perhaps someone like Joan Scott has to play with size 5 instead of her usual 00s. Anyway it should be a great afternoon of bowls and starts at 1pm. A list will be on the board soon, so get your name up as soon as possible to allow the handicappers to get to work.

The men had to cancel their Open Fours in November, through lack of entries. This event had been sponsored by Rural Weed Control. When contacted prior to the event, all the local Clubs seemed to have a Club Championship event on the same day, which would indicate that, the scheduling of this by the League was a poor move. This will be brought up at the League meeting.

All the Waroona men who had entered this event decided to have a bowls afternoon anyway and Home Hardware provided sponsorship for the afternoon. Two games were played. Firstly a game of triples, followed by a game of two bowl singles. The points gained in each game were added together, so that the person with the highest points was the winner. A very enjoyable afternoon was had by all and the final result was very close. Dom Ferraro won the day with 30 points, followed by Kevin MacDonald with 29 and Mike Whitney with 28 points.

Last Sunday saw us have another Home Hardware Mixed Event. This also works on a points system. After a hard fought competition, Fiona Treasure won the ladies with 25 points just ahead of Barbara Hiller with 23 points. For the men, Bob Clark was the winner with 25 points again just ahead of Mike Whitney with 24 points.

For no apparent reason our Friday Night numbers have been down recently, but those who attend still seem to have a lot of fun. The 'Jag the Joker' is now up to \$2,200 and as always the meals are fantastic. Several raffles are on offer and as you would be aware children are always welcome.

Christmas Friday Night this year is on Dec. 21st and this year we have decided to do something different. Since every one needs a break in the kitchen it is never open for meals on the Friday before Christmas and the Friday before New Year. Bar snacks are not really filling so this year we have decided to have a barbeque. Steak, sausages and salads will be provided at a cost of \$5 per person. As well as the usual raffles and 'Jag the Joker', we will raffle off several Christmas Hams and also have a visit from Father Christmas. So as it is not that close to Christmas day to be a nuisance, why not bring all the family along and have some fun?

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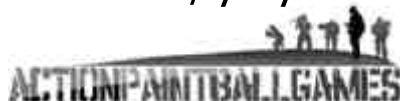
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