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SEA TO SCARP

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ALCOA WITHDRAWS COMMUNITY FUNDING

Alcoa has given notice to the Shire that it will be withdrawing its \$200,000 annual ex-gratia payment in lieu of rates in 2019. Ratepayers will then have to pick up the tab for the lost income which will equate, at today's value, to approximately a 4.5% increase in rates and/or a reduction in services to match that amount.

The State Agreement, under which Alcoa operates, only allows the Council to charge rates to Alcoa's Wagerup refinery site based on 'unimproved values (UV)' instead of 'gross rental values (GRV)' which has given Alcoa almost 'rate free' status since their operations began, as compared to other industrial and commercial operations in the shire which have to pay rates based on the much higher GRV system. To partially compensate for low rates Alcoa has always paid a voluntary ex-gratia payment in lieu of rates.

The Council will be meeting with Mr Simon Pascoe, Alcoa General Manager WA Refining Operations in June to further discuss the matter and has made contact with the local State and Federal politicians to assist with the renegotiations.

PRESTON BEACH COMMUNITY "BIGGEST MORNING TEA"

The Preston Beach Community is once again hosting a "Big Morning Tea" in support of the Cancer Foundation. In previous years this small hamlet has raised in excess of \$4000 with many locals giving up their time to ensure a fun day is had by all.

This year it will be held at the Preston Beach Community Hall on **Monday 22nd May at 10.am**. Buy your raffle tickets from 9.30am and settle in for a fun morning.

Everyone is welcome and don't forget to bring your purse (or wallet)! Entry is just \$5 per person. This will get you a scrumptious morning tea but there will also be a door prize, raffles, chocolate wheel spins and, if you're lucky you could win yourself a luxurious foot or shoulder massage. Put the date in your diary and we'll see you there.

For further information contact Irene on 0498 121 146.

SEA TO ART EXHIBITION

Enthusiasm is building amongst local artists to make this year's tenth anniversary of the Sea to Art Exhibition something memorable.

Held late October at the Waroona Visitor Centre on South West Highway, some extra pizzazz will be injected into the opening night including incorporating a red, black and white decorating theme.

The exhibition continues all through November and street front displays including the

SHIRE OF WAROONA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

The Shire of Waroona Community Development Grants offers funding of up to \$800 per grant to assist community organisations with projects and activities that enhance services, support young people, provide arts and cultural development, and meet the principles of community development.

The 2017 Grants Program saw the greatest number of applications since the scheme was initiated in 2004. Thank you to all those who applied, and congratulations to all successful applicants who are listed below:

- Lake Clifton Herron Residents Association
- Lions Club of Waroona
- Preston Beach Progress Association
- Really Really Free Markets
- Waroona Amateur Swimming Club
- Waroona Community Men's Shed
- Waroona Creative Arts
- Waroona District High School P&C
- Waroona Hamel RSL
- Waroona Historical Society
- Waroona Junior Netball Club
- Waroona Karate Club
- Waroona Senior Citizens' Welfare Association

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