

AGM 2015 President's Report

First of all I would like to thank the Committee and all the members and volunteers who have helped out this year by attending meetings and helping at functions such as the Australia Day Breakfast and garden maintenance and Landcare activities. Your participation is greatly appreciated and the Association could not function without your help.

We have had some successes over the year (no special order):

- While the Shire of Waroona will not line mark Southern Estuary Road, we finally got the Shire of Waroona to do a sign audit on Southern Estuary Road. This was with the help of Murray Cowper, MLA for Murray-Wellington. When the report is done it will be sent to us as well as information on any action to be taken.
- All the playgroup equipment, not used for years, was donated to the very grateful Waroona Playgroup.
- The Australia Day Breakfast was a great success with an unexpected 50 attendees. Fortunately we had catered for 50 people and just had enough food. Thanks to everyone who helped in the kitchen and cooking the sausages, bacon, eggs, tomatoes and toast.
- Honorary Membership, due to their service to the LCHPSA and the local community, was temporarily conveyed on two past members, Ken and Glenys Barker, who lost their house in the 2011 fires. Ratification of this temporary decision is subject to an addition to the Rules of the Association at this meeting (AGM). Ken and Glenys raised the flag at the Australia Day Breakfast in recognition of their service.
- A Facebook site has been developed and has helped us disseminate our messages and information on a more up-to-date electronic platform. This is linked to our website.
- The LCHPSA has been awarded a \$23,500 grant from the Dept. of Sport and Recreation, through Lotterywest, to develop an updated and extended Concept Plan for the Historic Lime Kiln Site in Newnham Road. A previous Concept Plan was developed in 2004. A reference group will need to be formed for consultation with various interested partners, such as DPaW, Shire of Waroona, Historical societies, the local Aboriginal people, tourism organisations and the community.
- LCHPSA members assisted the Landcare Group with continued planting along the Lake Clifton foreshore. The LCHPSA has acted as the sponsor for the Landcare Group's application for \$42,000 NRM funding to continue this work.
- The excess Library books are to be donated to the Waroona Library for sale with the proceeds going to the Waroona Library for new purchases.
- We are continuing to monitor WA Limestone's compliance with their management plan and have had positive feedback from their environmental officer
- The Community Hall garden and playing courts have been re-vamped over the last few weeks, thanks to volunteers Jenny Rose, Janice Tetlow, Graeme Wyatt, Terry Rayner, Glen and Mel Baker and their son. Thanks to the Shire of Waroona for mulch. But a special thanks goes to Wayne Goring, Arboreal Tree Care, for two mornings of his time, machinery, and an extra load of mulch. His efforts made the whole process more efficient and extensive.
- The Seniors' sundowners continue to be well attended.
- The Hall is also used regularly for Glen and Mel Baker's Kofucan Karate class, Thermomix meetings and the Clifton Cwilters. As well, the Australian Electoral Commission hires the hall for a polling place for state and federal elections.
- There is the possibility of a new "Family Sunday" once a month.

On the downside:

- The Library Saturdays, 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month, and the AV/Film nights, 2nd Friday of each month, have not really taken off. This is probably due to technology - the easy access to downloaded films and e-books, or just a lack of interest. Continuation of these services is in jeopardy.
- Membership has declined and we need to review our relevance to the community and how we can engage the local community in a better way.

The Association continues to work for the local community and would welcome input into what the community wants the LCHPSA to do for it. We need present and new members to be involved. We want to represent the whole community in what services we can supply and what advocacy we can achieve at the local government level.

The Committee really hopes that the community appreciates what we can do for them and wishes to continue in the role as representatives for the community.