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ABOUT US

The Shire of Waroona, incorporating the towns of Waroona, Hamel, Preston Beach and Lake Clifton, is the perfect destination for a 'drive less, holiday more' getaway.

From the Indian Ocean to the Darling Range, you will find pristine beaches, the unspoiled lakes of the coastal plains, fertile farmlands and peaceful jarrah forests.

When you're ready to explore further afield, Shire of Waroona provides a quiet country base close to WA's capital, Perth, and within an hour of two regional cities and numerous towns.

We invite you to discover the Shire of Waroona - a beautiful place to visit and a wonderful place to live.

THINGS CAN CHANGE SO...

Please check with operators or online for the latest information.

www.waroona.wa.gov.au

TOURIST INFORMATION

The Waroona Visitor Centre staff and volunteers look forward to assisting you with information on places to visit and things to see and do.

WAROONA VISITOR CENTRE - ART GALLERY & GIFTS

The Centre is also home to a gallery featuring a beautiful range of local art, handcrafts, homewares and preserves. 37 South West Highway, Waroona, WA 6215

Open daily 9.30am - 3.30pm Closed Good Friday, Christmas Day, Boxing Day & New Year's Day.
email: visitorcentre@waroona.wa.gov.au Phone (08) 9733 1506



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IMPORTANT FIRE INFORMATION

Please use only gas and electric barbecues, available at most picnic areas. Lighting of fires is an offence during the restricted burning times 1 November to 25 April inclusive and during fire bans at times outside these dates. For information on fire bans phone 1800 709 355 (manned 24 hours) or visit www.dfes.wa.gov.au

FRESHWATER FISHING LICENCES

Online www.fish.wa.gov.au

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Emergency 000
Ambulance • Fire • Police

Shire of Waroona 9733 7800

Ranger A/H Emergency 9531 7777

Volunteer Ranger

(beach only) 0427 199 754

Water Corp Emergency 13 13 75

Western Power Emergency 13 13 51

Main Roads 1800 800 009

Fire & Emergency Info Line 133 337

SES Emergency Storm/Flood 132 500

Peel Health Campus 9531 8000

Harvey Hospital 9782 2222

Health Direct Info Line 1800 022 222

Waroona Police (general) 9733 7400

Wildcare Helpline 9474 9055

Vet Waroona 9733 1356

Vet WAVES 24 hr Emergency 9412 5700



Forest & Farmland, Coast & Lakes

SUMMER FUN & WINTER ADVENTURES



HEAD TO WAROONA VISITOR CENTRE
for maps & information, art & craft gallery

TAKE A SELF-DRIVE TOUR of Waroona Shire's forest & farmlands, coast & lakes

VISIT DRAKESBROOK ANTIQUES & COLLECTABLES to see their fabulous range of treasures

SPEND TIME AT BEAUTIFUL DRAKESBROOK WEIR
to swim, fish, picnic or barbecue

TAKE YOUR BOAT TO SKI & BISCUIT AT LAKE NAVARINO
then explore the area by 4WD

DISCOVER AN ECLECTIC MIX OF BOUTIQUE BUSINESSES, OPEN STUDIOS AND FARM GATE STALLS

CAST A LINE AT WAROONA DAM
to bag yourself some trout or redfin perch
(Freshwater Fishing Licence required)

BOOK A GROUP TASTING AND VINEYARD EXPERIENCE
in the hills at Drakesbrook Wines

HORSE LOVERS WILL ENJOY THE TRAIL RIDES THROUGH SCENIC BUSHLAND
on the scarp with Langford Hill Riding Farm

CHECK OUT WAROONA'S WONDERFUL COMMUNITY ART PROJECTS & HERITAGE TRAIL

VISIT THE HAMEL ECO PRECINCT FOR A PICNIC
& to learn the history of the area

CENTENNIAL PARK IS GREAT FOR THE KIDS with a playground & wide paths for scooters & bikes

GRAB YOUR GOLF CLUBS
& negotiate the challenging terrain of Preston Beach Golf Course

EXPLORE YALGORUP NATIONAL PARK
with its abundant wildlife & Ramsar listed wetlands

4WD AT PRESTON BEACH
& try for herring, whiting or salmon when they're running

VIEW THE THROMBOLITES & walk the Lakeside Loop trail at Lake Clifton

VISIT LAKE CLIFTON MANGO WINERY
to taste & purchase award-winning wines

CHOOSE YOUR DINING EXPERIENCE
from takeaways, cafes, bakeries & vegan to restaurants & pubs



EXPERIENCE LAKE CLIFTON naturally



LAKE CLIFTON HISTORY

Located on Old Coast Road between Mandurah and Preston Beach, Lake Clifton is adjacent to the lake of the same name and falls within the boundaries of both Shire of Waroona and City of Mandurah.

Established in 1920 to support WA Portland Cement Co's lime deposit mine, Lake Clifton was a busy company town until the mine's closure late in 1923.

Later, during World War II, Lake Clifton was considered a likely landing place for enemy planes wishing to invade Australia so observation posts were set up along that length of coast.

Today Lake Clifton is known for its environmental and cultural value. Home to living thrombolites, one of the earliest known life forms on earth, this unusual site raises a number of questions around endangered ecosystems and cultural anthropology.

TEN MAGNIFICENT LAKES

With ten magnificent elongated lakes, beautiful woodlands of peppermint and tuart, and what is possibly the longest thrombolite reef in the southern hemisphere, Yalgorup National Park covers an area of 12,888 hectares making it the largest national park on the Swan Coastal Plain.

Protecting an internationally recognized wetland system it stretches from just south of Mandurah to north of Myalup and supports several threatened plant and animal species.

Recreational use of the lakes (e.g. boating, fishing, swimming) is not permitted and dogs are not permitted in Yalgorup National Park.

THROMBOLITES

Off Mount John Road you will be introduced to the fascinating world of a rare thrombolite colony, a modern-day example of those that existed around 600 million years ago.

A boardwalk leads out over the lake for easy viewing and nearby is Lakeside Loop, a 2 hour return, 5km trail that follows the shoreline for stunning close-up views.

HARVEY RIVER RAMBLE

Situated at the southern end of the John Tognela Rest Area (corner of Forrest Highway and Dorsett Road) a 2.1km return trail meanders along the river through wetlands and past historic sites. Despite its proximity to the highway the trail is tranquil and the birds and flowers plentiful. Back at the rest area a community project has resulted in the installation of stunning art work depicting the history of the area.

This is a popular stop for travellers ready to stretch their legs while learning more of the area's history and culture. Public toilets & shade.



LIME KILN PICNIC AREA

The first part of the Lime Kiln Precinct development, the site has historical interpretive boards and you can view remnants of the past. Newnham Road, southern entry.

LAKE CLIFTON MANGO WINERY

Friendly service and award winning fruit wines & ports. Open 7 days at 286 Newnham Road (Preston Beach end of Old Coast Road). Ph 0457 166 300



LAKE CLIFTON BAKERY

Fresh-baked pastries and cakes, burgers and sandwiches, cold drinks and coffee. Open 7 days 8am-5pm at 3234 Old Coast Road. Ph 0420 373 005

LAKE CLIFTON TAVERN & MOTEL

Family, dog and aircraft friendly! Meals 7 days with views over natural bush and Lake Clifton. 24hr free stopover for fully self-contained. 3236 Old Coast Road. Ph 9739 1010

LAKE CLIFTON CARAVAN PARK

Animal friendly with large shady sites, close to the estuary, beach, thrombolites and Yalgorup National Park. 3232 Old Coast Road. Ph 9739 1255 or 0427 692 023

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PRESTON BEACH HISTORY

Preston Beach became renowned in the early 1950s as a great place for fishing and it has the same reputation today. Common species include whiting, herring, skippy and salmon when they run.



4WD FRIENDLY BEACHES

Four wheel drive enthusiasts can enjoy a seemingly endless sweep of pristine beach and fresh sea air on a 60km stretch between Tim's Thicket to the north and Binningup to the south.

As with all adventure pursuits it is important to have some experience and to do the necessary research.

For safety reasons only licenced drivers and 4WD vehicles are permitted so no motorbikes, four wheelers or dune buggies. A strict no camping policy applies although overnight fishing is permitted and whilst camp fires are not allowed, gas cookers are.

In order to preserve this beautiful environment for future generations, access to the dunes is prohibited to vehicles and sandboarding. Visitors are also asked to take their rubbish with them.

FACILITIES

Preston Beach carpark has five 24hr RV free stay bays available 1 May to 31 Oct, ablution block with disabled facilities, children's playground, lawn area, shaded tables and free electric barbecues.

THE LAKES & BIRDLIFE

Lake Preston is situated within Yalgorup National Park which has well signposted walking trails, barbecues and toilet facilities. Take in the idyllic surrounds amidst wonderful old tuart trees, see kangaroos and emus, and prolific wildflowers in season.

Moving further from the coast, the country changes dramatically as the trees thin out and the plains emerge. The plains and listed Ramsar wetlands support many water birds such as the elegant black swans that come to breed from October to March, and the endangered hooded plover. Black duck, teal, mountain duck and maned geese are also plentiful.

WALK TRAILS

In the Nyoongar language Yalgorup means "a place of lakes or swamps" aptly describing this park with its ten elongated lakes that run in a chain.

Lake Preston Walking Trail

2km disabled friendly trail from the Preston Beach Information Bay through natural bush and groves of melaleucas to the lake.

Lake Pollard Trail

6km, Class 2, approx 2 hours return, starts just past the entrance to Martins Tank Campground on Preston Beach Rd North. Woodlands of jarrah, tuart, peppermint and bull banksia, vistas of Lake Pollard where there is a bird hide. Black swans mass Oct-Mar.

Heathlands Trail

4.6km, Class 3, 1.5 hour return through beautiful woodlands and heathlands to the edge of Lake Preston. A varied walk with attractive scenery. Take precautions against mosquitoes.

PRESTON BEACH GOLF CLUB

Challenging 9-hole course adjacent to Yalgorup National Park with hilly terrain. Green fee - honour system, own clubs.

PRESTON BEACH GENERAL STORE

Open 7 days for fresh bread and cakes, fish & chips, takeaways, groceries, liquor, bait, fishing gear, ice & fuel. 52 Mitchell Road Ph 9739 1444

MARTINS TANK CAMPGROUND

Variety of sites, shelter with preparation surfaces, sink & barbecues, seating & tables, fire pits. Disabled toilets. Drinking water not supplied. Preston Beach Road North. Parks & Wildlife Service Ph 9303 7750 <https://parks.dpaw.wa.gov.au/>

NURTURE BY NATURE

Reiki Master specialising in natural therapies including relaxation & therapeutic massage, reflexology & kinesiology, colours & crystals, sound meditation. Ph 0400 894 660



FOOTPRINTS AT PRESTON BEACH

Close to the beach and amenities include two heated pools, function centre, tennis court and gift shop. Restaurant Fri & Sat nights, breakfast & lunch Sat & Sun. Available for functions, weddings & corporate. 56 Mitchell Road. Ph 9739 1111 www.footprintsprestonbeach.com.au

HOLIDAY HOMES

www.prestonbeachholidayaccom.com
Ph 0448 482 406
www.aldemorholidayservices.com
Ph 0412 800 985

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HISTORIC HAMEL

Hamel, just a few minutes south of Waroona, is a town rich in history. Hamel Hall, built by prisoners around 1902, has shaded picnic tables and free gas barbecues.

Information boards provide visitors with an insight into the area's history and its contribution to the development of the Shire and the State of Western Australia.



On Burney Road is the site formerly known as Hamel Nursery. Between 1925 and 1957 a total of 4.5 million trees of different varieties were produced here and flowers from the nursery were sent to Perth to decorate the Premier's Office. The site is now a popular picnic spot with a babbling stream, heritage listed trees, shaded picnic tables and four short walks.

The Hamel Wetland Walk, just off Cornucopia Street, has trail markers to guide walkers along the 1.1km class 2 return trail.

The wetland supports more than 30 species of birds and 11 species of frogs. An interpretation shelter at the end of the trail provides a spectacular view of the birdlife particularly during nesting season.

ORGANIC & FARM GATE

Scattered throughout the Shire are roadside stalls selling seasonal produce. Hamel Homegrown on James Road is known for its delicious organic fruit and vegetables. In Waroona, Hoots Honey have a stand on Birch Street.

WAROONA HISTORY

Waroona is a quiet, RV friendly country town nestled on the slopes of the Darling Ranges. Settlers began to arrive in the 1830s although Drakesbrook (later to be known as Waroona) did not come into its own until the Pinjarra to Picton railway line was opened in 1893.

As in many small towns of the time, dances, picnics and football formed the core of social life within the community. Today agriculture, bauxite mining and tourism are important contributors to the local economy.

LOCAL ART & CRAFT

Open 9.30am to 3.30pm daily, the Waroona Visitor Centre houses an art and craft gallery with a display of quality local art and handcrafts. Disabled access and public toilets (during opening hours). 37 South West Hwy. Phone 9733 1506 Email: visitorcentre@waroona.wa.gov.au

Art is integral to Waroona's identity. Trail maps available from the Visitor Centre highlight community art projects and open studios including Redtail Studio, Merino Dreaming, Woods of the West and Winter Creek Art.

WAROONA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Society's collection is housed in the historic Road Board building erected in 1933. Open most Sundays with admission a gold coin donation. To view by appointment phone 0417 705 966 or 9733 1687

DRAKESBROOK ANTIQUES & COLLECTABLES

Over 300 pieces of Moorcroft pottery plus Charlie Bears, Clarice Cliff, Doulton, figurines, china, glass, toys, dolls and more. 10am-5pm Wed-Sun. 85 South West Hwy. Ph 9733 1240 www.drakesbrookantique.com.au

CENTENNIAL PARK

Playground, gazebos, gas barbecues and shady trees provide a relaxed setting. Wide paths and modern toilets accommodate wheelchairs. Cnr Sth West Hwy & DeHamel Street.

DRAKESBROOK WEIR

Constructed in 1932 by sustenance workers to provide water flow for irrigation, the Drakesbrook Weir is a popular recreation area with gently undulating hills providing a picturesque backdrop. Lawn, shaded tables and gas barbecues complete the perfect picnic spot. Swim to the pontoon, fish and canoe (no power boats), take a 500m return walk through natural bush. Walk and public toilets disabled friendly.

LANGFORD HILL RIDING FARM

Lessons, school camps and trail rides through scenic bushland, catering to all levels including disabled riders. 136 Elliott St. Ph 0417 911 491 or 9733 1455

ALCOA TOURS

Monthly at Willowdale & Wagerup, weekly at Huntly & Pinjarra. Bookings 9530 2400 or visit www.alcoa.com.au

DISCOVER ...

Habitat at Hairy Lentil

Eclectic mix of homewares, local art, natural body products, flowers and candles. Ph 0414 417 913, 6/61 South West Hwy

Flame Tree 88

Fashion, interiors, giftware, art. Ph 0419 969 981, 3/61 South West Hwy

Waroona Health & Wellness Centre

Natural therapies & eco-friendly products. Ph 0478 390 792, 78 South West Hwy

Moonbeam Dream

Art, organic produce, incense, essential oils, gifts, clothing & more. Ph 0447 179 102, 82b South West Hwy

Totem Rustic

Art gallery, rustica, vintage, textiles, artisan coffee bar. Ph 0439 180 188, 83 South West Hwy

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OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS

Vinnies Mon-Fri 9am-3pm
99 South West Hwy Ph 9733 3057

Anglican Op Shop Mon-Sat 9am-12
Cnr Coronation Rd & Fouracre St

GREENER PASTURES SANCTUARY

Compassion is the key to this farm that is home to over 100 rescued farm animals. Organize a volunteer day, or book or join a group tour to interact and connect with these social and affectionate creatures. www.greenerpasturesanctuary.org.au

DRAKESBROOK WINES

Group tastings and vineyard experiences with this alternative variety specialist who uses biodynamic principals. Sip quality wines while looking out over the lake and the Darling Scarp.

Cellar door Wed-Sun 10-5pm or by appointment. Ph 0427 944 503. www.drakesbrook.com.au

LAKE NAVARINO (WAROONA DAM)

The Waroona Dam was built on the Drakes Brook with work completed in 1966. The reservoir known as Lake Navarino covers an area of 145 hectares with its primary use being irrigation.

The lake is used extensively for recreation activities such as water skiing and freshwater fishing with the surrounding forest providing beautiful displays of wildflowers in season.

WATEROUS LOOP CYCLE TRAIL

Part of the Munda Biddi Trail, Waterous Loop starts at Lake Navarino Holiday Park and meanders through the rolling hills of the Darling Scarp. Munda Biddi means "path through the forest" in local Nyoongar language.

Predominantly a gentle cycling trail, it is made up of bush tracks, firebreaks and old railway formations and begins in Mundaring. www.mundabiddi.org.au

SPORTING & RECREATION

Waroona Golf Club
18 holes set in natural bush surrounds. Green fee honour system. Hill Street

Waroona Bowling Club - visitors welcome. Parnell Street Ph 9733 1406

Waroona Recreation & Aquatic Centre
Heated indoor pool with toddlers' area, gymnasium, squash, basketball and netball courts. Crèche and free barbecues for Centre users. Shower facilities for small fee. Open access to children's playground and skateboard park. Hill Street Ph 9733 2389 or www.waroona.wa.gov.au

BUSH & LAKESIDE CAMPING

Lake Navarino (Waroona Dam)
BBQs & toilets. Ph 9733 3000



Lane Poole Reserve
Bush camping, day use area, river access, hiking, picnic tables, gas & wood BBQs, toilets. Entry station 9538 1536 w/ends only. Parks & Wildlife Service 9538 0000 or <https://parks.dpaw.wa.gov.au/>

Forest Edge Recreation Camp
School, family and corporate groups, group activities. Minimum numbers apply and prior bookings are essential. Ph 9733 1731 or visit www.forestedge.net

TRAILS, TRACKS, WALKS,

Guides & maps for mountain bike tracks, walk trails and 4x4 drives are available from Waroona Visitor Centre.

ACCOMMODATION & DINING

Drakesbrook Hotel Motel
Fully air-conditioned and serviced modern accommodation. Variety of amenities. Licensed restaurant for lunch and dinner 7 days a week from 11am, closed 2:30-4:30pm Mon & Tues. 8229 South West Hwy. Ph 9733 1566 www.drakesbrookhotel.com.au

Waroona Hotel
Good old fashioned pub with friendly service and in the town centre. Games room, TAB, drive through bottle shop, budget accommodation and meals Tues - Sun. Fouracre Street. Ph 9733 1232 Find us on Facebook.

Lake Navarino Holiday Park
Rustic setting in jarrah forest. Cabins, cottages, park homes, shady powered and unpowered sites and camping areas, glamping tents. Fully licenced restaurant open weekends, school holidays and for bookings. A CMCA Dollar Wise Park. Invairell Rd (off Scarp Rd). Ph 9733 3000 www.navarino.com.au

Waroona Caravan Village
A rural setting within walking distance of town centre and golf course. Dogs on leash welcome. 45 Logue Street. Ph 9733 1518 www.waroonavillage.com.au

Country Café
Takeaways, dine-in & alfresco, BYO, functions, playground. 97 South West Hwy. Ph 9733 3155

Pinjarra Bakery & Patisserie, Waroona Store
Award winning pies, delicious cakes, coffee, sandwiches & wraps, gelato and more. 36 South West Hwy. Ph 9733 2278 www.pinjarrabakery.com

The Hairy Lentil
Health food restaurant offering scrumptious vego & raw creations. Functions & catering. Cnr Coronation Rd & South West Hwy. Ph 0466 824 633

Puma Roadhouse
Freshly cooked takeaways or dine in, grocery lines, excellent prices on fuel. 32 South West Hwy. Ph 9733 1294

Tasty Bite Indian Restaurant
Dine in or takeaway buffet. Authentic cuisine. 82 South West Hwy. Ph 0451 915 244

Vibe Roadhouse
Takeaway or dine in. Fuel, car accessories, gas, ice, groceries, wood and shower access. Open 24/7. 89 South West Hwy. Ph 9790 7606

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ANNUAL EVENTS

ALL AUSTRALIAN CAR DAY

With hundreds of great Aussie cars and a mix of stall holders, there's something for everyone at this April event. Entry by gold coin donation. allaustriancaraday.com.au

VINTAGE MACHINERY RALLY

Vintage engines, cars, trucks, tractors, motor bikes, tools & toys. Antiques, craft & food stalls & more. October. waronavintagemachineryrally.com.au



ANNUAL EXHIBITION

Hosted by Waroona Visitor Centre and showcasing talented local artists and artisans in a diverse range of mediums. All through October. Ph 9733 1506

YARN BOMB WAROONA & MOORIEL

Yarn meets street art all year round with local knitters and crocheters displaying their creativity and talent.

Meet fashion icon Mooriel at the Visitor Centre for a selfie and follow her on Instagram @waroonacow



WAROONA AGRICULTURAL SHOW

All the fun and excitement of a real country show. Displays, exhibits, stalls, horse events, log chopping, entertainment & so much more. A band in the evening & sideshow alley until late. Fireworks around 8pm, early October. www.waroonashow.com.au

MARKETS

WAROONA FARMERS MARKETS

Fresh local produce, handcrafts, artisan works, delicious breakfast and brunch options. 1st Sunday each month (excl. January) 8am-12pm at Memorial Hall, South West Hwy. waroonaactiongroup@hotmail.com



REALLY REALLY FREE MARKETS

3rd Saturday each month 1pm-3pm at Memorial Hall, South West Hwy.

SERVICES

Australia Post (Waroona Surf Post)

Local post office services plus gifts & boutique. Agency for over 70 banks (card required) incl. ANZ, Commonwealth, Westpac. 2 Millar St. 9733 1238

Banking (see also Australia Post)

Bendigo Bank ATM only, 83 South West Hwy National Bank & ATM, 72 South West Hwy. 9733 7500

Churches

St Mark's Anglican Church, St Patrick's Catholic Church, Waroona Abundant Life, Christian Fellowship, Waroona Uniting Church, Salvation Army

Community Resource Centre

A range of services and programs, access point for ATO, State Government information, Dept. Human Services visiting agencies, Family Support Service and community activities. 10 Henning St. 9733 3011 waroonacr.com.au

Dump Point

Waroona oval, Gate 3 on Millar St. Water available.

Hairdressing

Savvy's, 4/67 South West Hwy. 9733 1895

Medical & Dental in Waroona

Harvey Medical Waroona, Fouracre St. 9733 3007 Dentures Direct WA, Fouracre St. 0411 222 784 OC Chiropractic, 10 Henning St. 0458 940 981

Laundromat

56 Sth West Hwy. 0414 722 507

Library

Cnr Thatcher & Hesse Streets. 9733 7822

Licensing

Shire Office, 52 Hesse St. 9733 3021

Natural Therapies & Massage

Sea to Scarp Natural Therapies. 9733 1122 Waroona Health & Wellness 0478 390 792 Wise Botanicals. 9733 1254

Newsagency

Waroona News, 54 Sth West Hwy. 9733 1365

Pharmacy

Terry White, 22 Fouracre St. 9733 1315

Real Estate Agents

Drakesbrook Realty (Professionals) 9733 2299 Harcourts 0409 949 559 Mercer Harries 0427 777 470

Supermarket

IGA open 7 days, Fouracre St. 9733 1233

Transport & Charters

Train (Australind), TransWA 1300 662 205 Taxi 0418 900 649 Bus Waroona/Mandurah (fortnightly) 9581 6555 Herbie's Shuttles 0497 354 100 Mandurah Wine Tours & Charter 0427 442 781 Waroona Harvey Bus Services 0427 331 535

Vehicle Service/Repairs & Fuel

DeRosa's Hwy Motors, 8222 SW Hwy. 9733 1462 Ian Duffen City Discount Tyres, 62 SW Hwy. 9733 1007 Puma Roadhouse, 32 SW Hwy. 9733 1294 Rigg's Auto Service, 7 Coronation Rd. 9733 1848 Vibe Waroona, 89 SW Hwy. 9790 7606 Waroona Smash Repairs, 3/69 McLarty. 9733 1103