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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING of the Preston Beach Progress Association Inc. held at the Community Hall on Saturday 14 Feb 2026 commencing at 10:23am immediately following the AGM. The same attendees, apologies, quorum and welcomes apply to these GM minutes as listed on the AGM minutes.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS GENERAL MEETING: The Minutes of the previous GM held on 20 Sep 2025 and distributed electronically on 23 Sep 2025. Georgie Tunstill **Moved** that the Minutes be accepted as a true record of that meeting. **Seconded** by Lorraine Walton. **Carried.**

APPROVAL OF NEW MEMBERS

First Name	Surname	Reside No	Reside Street	Reside Suburb	Holiday No	Holiday Street PB
Helder	Bernado	39	Fairway Terrace	Preston Beach		
Mike	Bracher				14	Lakeside Terrace
Sandy	Bracher				14	Lakeside Terrace
Darralyn	Duffy				40	Fairway Terrace
Paul	Duffy				40	Fairway Terrace
Frances	Lequaietermaine				14	Yalgorup Court
Darryl	Luke				34	Mitchell Road
Heather	Luke				34	Mitchell Road
Carla	Moura	39	Fairway Terrace	Preston Beach		
Frank	Oliver	47	Lakeside Terrace	Preston Beach		
Karen	Oliver	25	Waterway Road	Preston Beach		
Kevin	Oliver	25	Waterway Road	Preston Beach		
Lorraine	Oliver	47	Lakeside Terrace	Preston Beach		
Rosa	Ribic	5	Southern Road	Preston Beach		
Bevis	Saunders				Villa 11, 115	Panorama Drive
Karen	Saunders				Villa 11, 115	Panorama Drive
Penny	Van Reenan				9	Ocean View Road
Nigel	White				9	Ocean View Road
Heath	Yeomans	8	Lake View Road	Preston Beach		

There were no objections to any of the new members, so these people will be accepted as members of the PBPA. There are currently 206 members.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary Stuff Done (since last meeting):

- Weekly updates continue to be issued.
- Monthly Public Events Calendars continue to be published.
- Charlie & Mick fixed the cupboard in the office and the street library.
- We acquired (using FRAGYLE funding) 3 new signs for the lake landing and beach (yet to be erected).
- The Footprints Council of Owners noticeboards are being used to display town community events signs.

Secretary Stuff to Do

- Make several small stores in the back shed.
- Need to erect the lake landing and beach signs. Need to do some repairs to the Lake Landing.
- Need to get a new trailer notice.
- Ongoing membership renewals until end-March.
- Agreement is required on whether to publish for sale a 2027 PB Calendar.
- Return to distributing a quarterly newsletter.
- This year's events calendar will be discussed later.
- It was raised at the meeting about the poor state of the toy library at the beach. Some discussion followed and it was agreed that the PBPA was responsible for the Toy Library (like the Book Library) and would review what was required to return this to an attractive condition.

General Correspondence

- Various government departments' correspondence received has been circulated to members via weekly updates.
- Brad Vitale has been elected as a Councillor to the Shire of Waroona. Brad was to attend the AGM but was detained on family business at the last moment, so Mike Walmsley kindly stood in to represent the Shire. Hopefully we will catch up with Brad at a future meeting.
- The Community Garden advised after an extraordinary committee meeting that they did not wish to pursue an amalgamation with PBPA. This was originally proposed by the CG (not the PBPA). There remains some background discussion with some Shire contacts regarding possible formats and mechanisms for any such future amalgamations.
- There has been no further update on Neighbourhood Places of Last Resort.
- Discussion with the Shire over a dog exercise park resulted in them posting to Facebook a consultation for individual contributions. They have also asked PBPA to hold a community meeting to provide their thoughts on the matter.
A meeting will be held at 10:30am on Sat 21 February (next week) at the Community Hall to review people's thoughts on possible locations and other related matters. This will be advised to all PBPA members as well the public through Community Chat and contacting some people directly who we know to be passionate about the subject.
Individuals are still encouraged to directly contribute to the Shire's survey, regardless of PBPA involvement.
- It had been recently raised whether PBPA should coordinate a clean-up effort around PB. Clean-up Australia Day is on 01 March 2026, so this is a bit near to allow adequate coordination and advertising etc. Some discussion was held over past years' clean up programs which had been done independently of Clean-up Australia. Mike Walmsley cautioned about the health and safety requirements of doing this independently in current times. Bob Goodwin agreed to do some research through Clean-up Australia on the requirements for undertaking such works. PBPA members are also welcome to suggest areas that they think would be suitable candidates for clean-up. The Shire offered to assist once a plan had been developed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: (01 November 2025 to 31 January 2026)

Events Calendar

- Since the last meeting in Sep 2025, PBPA has run 2 Sundowners, 1 NYE Party, the Robbie Burns night and the Australia Day celebrations. A huge thanks to Jim and Marion and all the helpers who made this possible.
- A combined events meeting for 2026 was held with the Golf Club (CG were unavailable but contributed notes). The outcomes from that meeting are summarised in the following table:

Possible PB Events for 2026			
Date	Event	Date	Meeting
24-Jan	PBPA Robbie Burns		
26-Jan	PBPA Aust Day Lunch		
		14-Feb	PBPA AGM
22-Feb	CG Garden Design Workshop 11:00am		
28-Feb	GC Movie Night		
		21-Mar	CG AGM
4-Apr	PBPA Mega Book Sale		
4-Apr	GC Easter Cup		
18-Apr	CG Mad Hatters Tea Party at CG		
25-Apr	ANZAC Day Celebration		
27-Apr	ANZAC Day Holiday		
		2-May	PBPA GM
10-May	Mother's Day - GC may run special game		
30-May	Biggest Morning Tea		
18-Jul	Bingo at GC		
		15-Aug	PBPA GM
6-Sep	Father's Day - GC may run special game		
26-Sep	GC & CG AFL Grand Final		
27-Sep	GC Spring Fete		
28-Sep	King's Birthday		
10-Oct	Bingo at Community Hall		
31-Oct	PBPA GC Halloween Quiz		
		7-Nov	PBPA GM
21-Nov	PBPA Newbies Breakfast		
12-Dec	PBPA Sundowner		
31-Dec	PBPA NYE Party		

- It is proposed to run Newbies Breakfast on 21 November. We did not run this in 2025.
- Ideas for other and extra events are always welcome. People do need to both Champion and Volunteer for such events.
- The PBPA Committee intends to clarify in writing (procedure) what the PBPA provides for groups using the Community Hall (tea, coffee, milk [goes off], band aides, etc) and the responsibilities and cost to groups using the hall.

Current Financial Position

Quarter Financial Report:

Nett Income: \$ 6,572.06

Nett Expenses: \$ 5,955.97

As of 31 January 2026

Cheque Account \$ 29,191.53

Debit Account \$ 109.58

Term Deposit \$ 6,598.47

Total: \$ 35,899.58

We received our usual donation of \$550 from the Shire of Waroona for Australia Day and then were lucky enough to secure a further \$500 towards the day. Thank you to Marion, Mick, Dave, Charlie and Di for all they do to assist with the running of the Community Hall and Events

PRESTON BEACH PROGRESS ASSOCIATION - Summary Report

Account: *** ALL ***

From : 1/11/2025
To : 31/01/2026

Category	%	Nett Income	Nett Expense	GST Amount
Income				
Donation (Function)	8%	500.00		50.00
Donation (Progress)	4%	290.91		29.09
Hall Activities/Use	23%	1,523.54		152.36
Hall Hire	2%	136.35		13.65
Interest Received	2%	152.31		0.00
Membership	26%	1,708.94		171.06
Payment	33%	2,181.83		218.17
Sales	0%	10.00		1.00
Yoga	1%	68.18		6.82
Income Total		<u>6,572.06</u>		<u>642.15</u>
Expense				
Comm/Hall purchases	5%		340.86	(34.08)
Electricity	7%		503.47	(50.34)
Function Cost	66%		4,689.03	(468.90)
General Expense	2%		137.00	(13.70)
Insurance	14%		1,018.66	(101.87)
Misc Labour Charges	1%		100.00	0.00
Printing/Stationery	2%		116.95	(11.69)
Repairs/Maintenance	2%		150.00	(15.00)
Shire Yearly Fees	1%		100.00	(10.00)
Expense Total			<u>7,155.97</u>	<u>(705.58)</u>
Balance Sheet				
Assets (Equipment)			284.42	(28.44)
Transfer		2,150.00	550.00	0.00
Balance Sheet Total		<u>2,150.00</u>	<u>834.42</u>	<u>(28.44)</u>
Grand Total:		<u>8,722.06</u>	<u>7,990.39</u>	<u>(91.87)</u>

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CASH PROFIT / (LOSS) :		(583.91)		

Assets / acquisitions

- We sold our old coffee machine for \$400.
- We purchased and installed 2 plug-in mice repellers for the storeroom and shed. It now smells much better, so we assume that they are working.
- We purchased an extra hot water urn to cater for large functions.
- We need to purchase a new outside sound box for music playing (Mike Cardy is providing recommendations).
- We need to completely review the inside sound system. It is way too complex, out of date, and cannot be reset every time someone uses it for something different. This is particularly vexing for yoga. PBPA to detail new requirements then obtain quotes.
- In 2026, we aim to make several small store sections in the main shed for the cleaner, yoga, singers and canasta.
- The meeting discussed whether to dispose of the old photocopier. It is rarely used and is highly unreliable. It was agreed to dispose of the photocopier and not replace it. Steven Watson from the Shire offered the Shire's services to dispose of the machine as e-waste.
- It has been suggested that we get another few (2 or 3) outside tables (like the existing ones that Mick got made through the Men's Shed. This will require a mini-grant (like last time). It was agreed to monitor usage and then proceed with the acquisition of the number of tables that the committee deems necessary. There was some discussion about the design of the tables, with the current ones being lovely but difficult for older people to sit on the fixed benches. A design of future tables, were they to be required, might consider separate movable benches.

- It was raised at the meeting about the possible acquisition of a large portable outdoor vacuum cleaner. It was advised that this was also being investigated (for a separate purpose) for the Villas by John Lund. Bob Goodwin is to liaise with John Lund to find out details on possible machines.

OTHER ORGANISATIONS:

State Government

David Bolt thanked the PBPA for the invitation to attend. David discussed the 'hot topics' for the State's upcoming parliamentary sitting. These included:

- Housing – purchase cost, lack of rentals, homelessness, building rates
- Health – aging population, ambulance ramping, hospital beds, NDIS and cost
- Householder financial stress – cost of everyday living items and mortgage cost
- Crime – safe communities, prison loading

David also acknowledged the ongoing PB issue of water quantity and quality.

Shire Report

Mike Walmsley apologized for Brad Vitale's last-minute cancellation as he was stuck in Esperance and presented the Shire's updates on the list of issues raised to the Shire by the PBPA. These are attached as Attachment 1.

Questions were raised to Mike (and David) about control of both cats and rabbits in the district. Cat laws are a State issue and changes to legislation are apparently progressing through State government review. Rabbits are an Australia-wide increasing challenge (not just PB). This comes under the Department of Biodiversity and so is outside Shire governance.

Mike also asked that anybody who took good photos (and was willing to share them) of the Preston Beach area and to contact Trick Cole at the Shire for tourism purposes.

Volunteer Beach Rangers

Noel Dew was unable to attend but provided the following report:

- Beach activities have been very quiet so far this year, possibly as a result of the weather conditions we have been experiencing (strong winds).
- The good news is that inappropriate behavior has been minimal and whilst speeding is always a concern, this year we have noticed a decline in this issue. The only downside is a slight increase in the number of vehicles carrying passengers on the back of their vehicles and on running boards. The other concern is drivers allowing their kids to hang out of windows while driving on the beach. These practices, whilst they may appear to be harmless fun, are highly dangerous and are not tolerated.
- The annual dune brushing program this year has had an amazing result for the beach North. Apart from stabilising the dunes, it has been highly effective in stopping vehicles from accessing these fragile dunes.
- Noel was very happy to report that vehicles accessing the Preston Beach dunes is minimal. We have a zero tolerance to this activity: you get caught, you get fined.
- Finally, for those that may be new to our community, Noel provided a quick snapshot of the Volunteer Beach Rangers:
 - The Preston Beach Volunteer Beach Rangers are a community initiative formed to help ensure that we provide a safe environment for all who use this beach and to also protect our fragile environment that we are privileged to enjoy.
 - Officially recognised and supported by the Shire of Waroona in December 1999, this group has worked extremely hard to ensure we have met our objectives over the past 26 years.
 - The role of a Volunteer Ranger is at times somewhat challenging but ultimately, very rewarding.
 - Like most volunteer groups, we desperately need new members. Please give consideration to joining our friendly group dedicated to caring for this special beach.
 - You can contact us for further information on 0427 199 754.

Volunteer Fire Brigade

Don Bebbington provided an update on the activities of the Volunteer Fire Brigade. We are now in full fire season, but fortunately (to date) there have only been a few callouts to the PB Volunteer Fire Brigade (far fewer than last year). Don was pleased to note that two new (and younger) people had joined as members and were now undertaking their training.

Golf Club

Claude Clissa (Treasurer) provided the following update on the Golf Club activities:

- A new committee had been elected late last year.
 - Darralyn Duffy had taken over from Peter Allen as President.
 - Amanda Dury had been elected Secretary.
 - Claud was now Treasurer.
 - Paul Duffy had taken over from Gary Knight as Club Captain.

Claude thanked all the previous committee members for their efforts and dedication over the years.

- The new committee is focusing on fund raising and sponsorship to support a number of projects at the club.
- The new committee is going to trial various new events, formats and fundraising activities. They had recently run a sausage sizzle down at Bunbury Bunnings, and yesterday's Friday night monthly dinner had been a great success with 47 people in attendance.
- The Golf Club is examining ways to improve the facilities at the club house such as introducing new table arrangements inside and out, as well as cleaning up the front garden to make it more inviting.
- Claude advised that Paul Duffy was running various new novelty events throughout the year to increase interest and attract extra people to play golf. The recent Australia Day novelty event had been a great success.
- The Golf Club would soon publish their 2026 fixtures and events calendar.
- The annual outdoors Movie Night showing "Kangaroo" is to be held on 28 Feb at 7:00pm. This is being done in conjunction with the Shire and is always a great night for families.
- The summer competition kicks off on Sunday 08 May with the President's Cup.
- The AFL Grand Final will again be run in conjunction with the Community garden providing half-time eats on 26 Sep.
- The Annual Fete will be held the following day on 27 Sep.

Community Garden

Rick Madin (Vice-President) gave a report on the Community Garden covering the following points:

- Verge planting of Stables Road is progressing. 100 bee friendly plants are in the ground and protected. There have been reticulated using Grant funds from David Bolt MLA. 100 more plants have been ordered and are to be planted this Autumn/Winter. More reticulation has been purchased for the garden beds.
- 2 tonnes of [almost] liquid manure was delivered by Craig Pilton. This has kept the shit shifters busy.
- Assets: A second garden shed has been purchased and erected on donated slabs. Six donated garden beds have been assembled with four filled and planted. 2 x 30meter retractable garden hoses have been installed. 2 new shade sails were erected. A hand rail and safety chain was installed at the shed. The gutters were cleaned and effective gutter guard installed. Signage at the shed is in process of being updated. A new donation box was installed at the garden. Portable street signage is to be upgraded. 10 bags of Lupin Mulch was donated by Bunnings - Halls Head.
- Wooden and plastic pallets, 1000 L bulka bags and Hessian coffee bags were donated and recycled from Fruitico. If anyone would like a hessian coffee bag, you can get one from the Community Garden.
- The monthly mini-markets are still proving to be a great success both socially and financially. Fruit and Honey sales are doing well. Reglar contributors such as Deb Tyler, Pam and George and

others add interest and variety to the markets. Today there was a Valentine's day raffle. And today there is plenty of watermelon.

- AFL Grand Final day in 2026 will again be in partnership with the Golf Club.
- Footy Tipping starting again shortly, so join up.
- The CG published and distributed its first Monthly Newsletter.
- The CG continues to hold Busy Bees. Some of these have been held combined with sundowners. The CG always need more helpers at the garden.
- The garden now has six active bee hives in production: four hives are off site on a Marri flow and two hives at the garden - plus there are two member hives. There is a lot of work involved in maintaining and harvesting the hives, but the benefit is that there is plenty of honey available today.
- There will be a Backyard Design Workshop which will be conducted by Robin Cardy on Sunday 22 February at 10.00am at the Golf Club. Details are available on the Garden and Chat Facebook pages.
- The AGM for the Community Garden will be held on Saturday 21 March at 10.00am at the Community Hall. Committee nomination forms are now available.

Police Report

The report for Preston Beach is tabled below:

Preston Beach Report

Offences/Police attendance between 1/09/2025-31/01/2026

For the period between 1/09/2025 and 31/01/2026 WA Police attended the Preston Beach townsite for various calls for assistance, though no public reports of any instances of serious crime were reported to Police.

Various requests for Police attendance ranging from domestic related issues, traffic incidents (Forrest Highway) and welfare concerns were reported and attended with no significant outcomes identified.

Proactive actions have been undertaken by WA Police within the townsite which did not result in criminal sanctions. The specifics of these are not able to be further disclosed. The intent of such pro-active actions is to reduce the occurrence of volume crime (Stealing, Motor vehicle theft, Burglary, Trespass and Damage). There was one reported damage offence only in that period.

Waroona Police continued regular traffic patrols and RBT actions, particularly during peak periods and over the Christmas, New Year period. There have been various traffic-based cautions and in excess of 20-30 vehicles/driver breath tested during each RBT action.

Ongoing traffic enforcement will continue during strategically determined periods where offences such as impaired driving, speeding and anti-social driving will be targeted.

This report has been compiled on 6 February 2026.

Police non-emergencies Phone: 131 444 or Crime Stoppers: 1 800 333 000

For emergencies Phone: 000

NEXT GENERAL MEETING:

The next General Meeting of the Preston Beach Progress Association will be held starting at 10:00am on Saturday 02 May 2026 at the Community Hall.

GENERAL MEETING CLOSED:

There being no further business to discuss, the PBPA GM closed at 12:00 noon.

Attachment 1 – Shire of Waroona Update by Mike Walmsley to a series of questions raised by the PBPA in 2025.

Preston Beach Progress Association AGM - Saturday 14 February
Shire of Waroona Update

Update on the passage of the Local Laws legislation and its flow-on to the Preston Beach Management Plan

We are pleased to report that we finally received formal feedback from the Department of Local Government on the draft local law in January. Timeframes for review have been well outside the Shire's control and have likely been impacted by the ongoing local government reform process and the volume of local laws currently under departmental review. Fortunately, no major findings have been identified, and it is likely that the local law can be submitted to Council for adoption with minor amendments only.

The last two steps in the process are:

1. The Shire must apply for Governor's approval to extend the western boundary 200m seaward. This will allow for governing of this portion of Shire Reserve along the beach. I.e. activities on and in the water within 200m from the shoreline – fishing, swimming, boating etc. The Department have advised that this process takes about a month; I am allowing two months; and
2. Council Adoption of the local law, which will be accompanied by Council Determinations made in accordance with the Local Law to allow vehicles and boats on the beach under certain conditions.

Following Council adoption, the Local Law is published in the government Gazette and officially takes effect 14 days after it is gazetted."

The Preston Beach Management Plan is currently being developed, and the draft should be shared with the community shortly.

Preston Beach Management Plan - DRAFT

Executive Summary

The Preston Beach Management Plan provides an integrated framework to guide the future management, use and stewardship of Preston Beach. It responds to increasing pressures associated with visitation, infrastructure capacity, environmental protection and community expectations, while recognising Preston Beach as both a valued residential community and a highly accessible coastal destination within the Shire of Waroona.

Preston Beach has a long and distinctive history, evolving from an informal fishing and camping destination into a valued holiday settlement for local families, and more recently, a permanent and semi-permanent coastal community. Its identity is shaped by strong social connections, a culture of volunteering and stewardship, and a deep attachment to the surrounding coastal and wetland environment, including Lake Preston and Yalgorup National Park. These qualities underpin the community's consistent desire to retain Preston Beach's low-key, unpretentious character while managing change responsibly.

The Management Plan has been developed through a comprehensive, evidence-based methodology that consolidates a substantial body of previous studies, technical assessments and community engagement into a single, cohesive document. Rather than addressing individual issues in isolation, the Plan integrates foreshore management, visitor behaviour, environmental protection and tourism considerations and townscape planning to provide long-term clarity and coordination.

Extensive community engagement undertaken between 2021 and 2024 has consistently highlighted several priority issues, unmanaged visitor behaviour, vehicle and pedestrian safety, pressure on ageing foreshore amenities, protection of dune systems, and concern about change that could erode Preston Beach's character. At the same time, there is strong community support for improved management, clearer rules, better infrastructure where needed, and tourism that is modest, well-located and aligned with local values.

The Plan establishes a clear vision for Preston Beach as a distinctive, low-key coastal community defined by its natural setting, relaxed lifestyle and strong sense of stewardship. It seeks to maintain safe and equitable access to the coast, protect environmental values, support appropriate recreation and tourism, and ensure the town remains resilient, accessible and valued into the future.

The strategic framework of the Plan is built around six guiding principles and five interconnected themes:

1. Visitor Management and Safety
2. Environmental and Coastal Values
3. Sustainable Tourism and Accommodation
4. Townsite Development and Land Use
5. Governance, Partnerships and Stewardship

Together, these themes guide a practical Action Plan that prioritises staged, achievable initiatives, supported by partnerships and external funding where required.

The Preston Beach Management Plan is intended to function as a living document. Its implementation will be monitored and reviewed over time to ensure it remains responsive to changing conditions, emerging risks and community expectations. Through clear governance, strong partnerships and shared stewardship, the Plan provides a coordinated pathway to protect what makes Preston Beach unique while managing its future sustainably and responsibly.

Dog Park Strategy - Consultation

The online consultation for the proposed Preston Beach Dog Exercise Area is currently open and will close at the end of February. Feedback will assist in identifying preferred locations and clarifying the amenities and features most important to the community. Once consultation closes, officers will assess suggested locations for feasibility and develop indicative costings. This step is critical, as projects of this nature typically require external grant funding, and accurate scoping and costings are essential to support funding applications. The Shire will provide an update to the community in due course, either via email communication or through a community information session, outlining findings and next steps once investigations are complete.

Welcome Sign for Preston Beach and other signage

The Shire has obtained quotes for a comprehensive signage audit and has selected a preferred contractor. Officers are currently coordinating suitable timing with the contractor. The audit is expected to be completed before June 2026 and will inform priorities for welcome signage, wayfinding, and the repair or replacement of existing signage across Preston Beach and the broader Shire.

Promotion of the Yalgorup Lakes and Lake Haywood signage

The removal of the Lake Haywood sign is being reviewed as part of the broader signage audit and signage strategy, and the need for replacement signage has been noted. The Shire's approach to tourism promotion focuses on consistent branding and clear wayfinding. Reviewing signage holistically allows upgrades to be prioritised and delivered efficiently, rather than on an ad hoc basis. It is our understanding the Shire removed a guidepost only and not formal signage, but we'll look into this further as part of the signage audit.

Community Club mergers – learning from other models

Officers have facilitated contact between Wendy from the Balingup Progress Association and interested Preston Beach community members to discuss the umbrella governance model used in Balingup. Coordination of any follow-up meeting has been left with the local groups to allow flexibility in scheduling. If required, the Shire can provide meeting space or online facilities to support further discussions.

Update on the 'Road Closure'

There is not a 'road closure', however the Shire is progressing well with the reconstruction of Preston Beach Road. Subject to weather and contractor availability, the works should be completed by the end of April. Importation of limestone into the road shoulders has occurred. The Shire is in the process of ripping of the existing pavement and construction of the sub-base layer. At this stage, the project remains on schedule with no delays identified. The Shire thanks the community for its patience whilst these works occur, although remind the community to expect and allow for delays.

Preston Beach Slip Lane at Forrest Hwy intersection.

Main Roads WA advised the following in December 2025.

Our delivery team has advised that the Preston Beach Rd construction works are currently planned to commence in June 2026. We are currently working through some challenges with services impacts.

Outcome of the 2025 Council Election

Following the October 2025 Council election:

- John Michael (Mike) Scott Walmsley and Larry Russell Scott were re-elected as Councillors for a four-year term commencing 28 October 2025.
- Three new Councillors were elected: Cr Karlie Bartle (2-year term), Cr Julie Rowles (4-year term), and Cr Brad Vitale (4-year term).
- Cr Walmsley was re-elected unopposed as Shire President for a two-year term and Cr Scott was elected as the Deputy Shire President for the same period.
- Cr Brad Vitale will be a point of contact between the Shire of Waroona Council and Preston Beach Progress Association.

Footpaths – Panorama Drive and Waterway Road

These footpaths are identified within the Shire's footpath cycle planning. Delivery is subject to funding availability and the completion of prerequisite works, including drainage and kerbing, which must occur prior to footpath construction. An initial assessment of pathways has been conducted to prioritise some areas for repair. These repairs are limited to the allocated budget allowance and customer service requests.

Consultation on Australia Day Awards

The Shire generally emails groups directly to inform them of the Australia Day Awards however it does appear that this year groups were not individually emailed. We have updated our procedures and PBPA and other groups should expect an email around September to inform them of the upcoming award nominations and continue to use social media, Shire website, newsletter and Shire email signatures will also continue to inform. Perhaps the PBPA could place a reminder in their agenda for the September meeting to discuss potential nominations at that meeting.

Stairs at the Panorama Drive end of Fairway Crescent

The condition and placement of these stairs is being investigated at present – they are not compliant with Shire policy IP004 and may have to be removed. The Policy position would indicate it is unlikely these stairs were installed by the Shire, although stranger things have happened. In all likelihood, the Shire will need to consider the options for repair / removal.

Customer Work Requests

Works Team - Customer Service requests logged:

- Edge break repairs – Styles Road
- Signage repairs – Beach Carpark
- Signage repairs – Causeway
- Broken kerbing repairs – Panorama Drive
- Broken kerbing repairs – Wildcat Way
- Stormwater issues – Bouvard Place
- Speed awareness signage repairs – Mitchell Drive
- Public walkway erosion – Lakeside Terrace

Parks and Gardens Team - Customer Service requests logged

- Nil

Buildings Team - Customer Service requests logged

- Water leak – Golf Club
- Beach Public Toilet - Blockage

Current Capital Works 2025/2026:

- Preston Beach Road – from the end of previous works to causeway
- Drainage catchment upgrade – Divert water from Starflower upgrade
- Cul-de-sac repairs – Chalet Vale
- Cul-de-sac re-construction – Panorama Drive
- Reseal – Beachcast Close
- Dump point – Beach Carpark
- Industrial bins hardstand – Beach Carpark

General Updates for Preston Beach – Community Development

Tourism and Visitor Guide

The Shire's Tourism Visitor Guide has recently been updated. Community members are encouraged to visit www.visitwaroona.com.au for the latest information, with feedback and suggestions welcomed. A photography and drone shoot is planned to support tourism promotion, with a focus on Preston Beach. This is anticipated to occur in early March, subject to conditions.