



Office Hours:

MONDAY TO FRIDAY
9:00AM—4:00PM

Diary Dates:

- **21 AUGUST 2015**
CLOSING DATE FOR
SUBMISSIONS ON THE
DRAFT SPORT AND
RECREATION PLAN
- **25 AUGUST 2015**
RECYCLING
COLLECTION
- **26 AUGUST 2015**
ORDINARY MEETING OF
COUNCIL @ 3:00PM
IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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VACANT

Bencubbin Caravan Park Update

As some readers will know the Shire recently came to an arrangement with a large corporate client for the construction and use of a Workers Camp in Bencubbin situated at the southern end of the Bencubbin Caravan Park.

This corporate client is currently paying the Shire of Mt Marshall in two days what the Caravan Park received in total last financial year so from a financial perspective as CEO I believe it is essential that this client is looked after and their needs are met whilst also catering for the needs of the travelling public visiting our area.

Please be advised that the Bencubbin Caravan Park will be closed to members of the public until December 2015, when the current arrangement with the corporate client expires. As an alternative to the Bencubbin Caravan Park the Shire is making available to visiting caravans and campers the Bencubbin Community Recreation Ground where unpowered sites, various powered sites and ablution facilities will be available.

With the conclusion of the 2015 CWFL season, players of winter sports will no longer be needing the oval area and visitors using this alternative location will be able to utilise the grassed oval and children will have easy and safe access to the playground, both of these not available at the permanent Bencubbin Caravan Park.

Most local governments have an overflow type arrangement in place for caravan parks and this new arrangement is effectively operating in an overflow type capacity for the Shire of Mt Marshall.

Terms of Use - Fees

Unpowered Sites - \$5.00 per site per night (maximum stay 2 weeks)

Powered Sites - \$10.00 per site per night (maximum stay 2 weeks)

Local business vouchers to a maximum value of \$10.00 will be provided for anyone staying at the complex area.

Please see over page for mapping outlay of the facilities.



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CANDIDATE INFORMATION SESSION

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ORDINARY ELECTION

OCTOBER 2015

The WA Electoral Commission will be holding an information session for community members considering nominating for the October 2015 Local Government Election. Details are as follows:

Where: Council Chambers, 80 Monger St, Bencubbin

When: Tuesday, 18 August 2015

Time: 7:30pm

Topics will include:

- The nomination process including eligibility to stand and key dates;
- Requirements for a profile;
- Electioneering for postal elections and;
- Offences and other general information

If you are thinking of standing for Council, this would be an ideal opportunity to learn more about the process.



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From the CEO

Hello Readers,

Please find below a recent response to a community member's budget queries. We receive many queries of a similar nature relating to Council's 2015/2016 Budget and this response includes factual information, which, as CEO I have no hesitation in making available for all community members.

Council has made no allowance for loan repayments with regards to the complex in the 15/16 year, it is unlikely for Council to draw down on this loan until March or April at which time this will be considered at the March budget review depending on the progress of the build project, either way any loan proceeds for this project will be very much towards to the end of the financial year.

Cr Breakell stated (accurately) at the July Council Meeting that approximately \$3.00 in every \$100 paid in rates (\$30 in every \$1,000 or \$300 in every \$10,000) will be required to service the loan, as Council has a total operating Budget far exceeding that of the rates, in fact at the Shire of Mt Marshall rate income consist of only around 20 - 25% of Council's total Budget revenue.

The 5% rate in the dollar increase really has nothing whatsoever to do with the taking of the loan. It is essential that local governments keep up with rates to ensure services are continued to be provided to the community, as I stated recently the Shire of Mt Marshall didn't increase the rate in the dollar last year and already we are falling behind Mukinbudin and Koorda by between 10% and 15%. This is something Council needs to be very mindful of in the future and something the Department of Local Government takes very seriously.

Whilst a million dollars over a 20 year period is a lot of money it needs to be put into perspective, for example as you will know Council is spending \$750k this year along on various improvements to the Burakin-Wialki road and \$2.3 million on various roads throughout the Shire (Capital expense only). The fact that some (perhaps most?) of the Councillors or the Mt Marshall Community members don't drive on this particular road regularly is completely irrelevant, the work needs to be done and it will be done. Just think how much will be spent on this one Shire road during the course of the 20 year period? I would estimate this amount will be in the vicinity of \$8-\$10 million during this same timeframe, just one road of a large number of roads throughout the Shire of Mt Marshall.

Finally what needs to be remembered that the Ratios in the 13/14 Audit report included Councils very generous donations during the past few years to the Beacon community, these donations for the new Bowling Green, Co Op and Men's Shed total in the vicinity of \$600k. As Council is not able to capitalise these assets on the Balance Sheet these donations have obviously impacted our financial ratios considerably (for the worse). Council is aware of this now and Councils Auditor addressed Council in person and made very clear to all Elected Members that very generous donations in the future of these sorts of amounts simply cannot be allowed to continue which Council now fully understands. I give you my assurance that as CEO of the Shire of Mt Marshall the financial ratios of the Shire will be improved considerably during my remaining four years as CEO.

Dirk Sellenger
Chief Executive Officer

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