



DIARY DATES

26 July

Recycling Collection

9 August

Recycling Collection

16 August

Ordinary Meeting of Council @
3:00pm in Council
Chambers

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Shire of Mt Marshall

— THE SANDALWOOD SHIRE —

18 July 2016

HONORARY FREEMAN OF THE SHIRE OF MT MARSHALL

Peter Michael Geraghty JP

At Council's ordinary meeting of 22 March 2016, Council endorsed conferring the title of Honorary Freeman of the Shire of Mt Marshall to Mr Peter Geraghty for his enduring service to the Shire as a member of St John Ambulance. On the 28 June 2016 a ceremony was held in Mukinbudin to present him with his award along with his awards from the surrounding Shire's of Mukinbudin, Trayning, Nungarin.

The speech made at the ceremony by Shire President, Rachel Kirby follows for your information.

The title of Freeman of the Shire of Mt Marshall may be bestowed upon any person who has served the Shire of Mt Marshall community in an exceptional and meritorious manner and whose activities have substantially improved the quality of life of the Shire's residents. Peter Geraghty is a worthy recipient of this title. (continued over page)



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It is a great privilege to be able to give him public recognition for the service he has given to St John Ambulance and the Shires of the Kununoppin Sub-District.

I have spoken to a number of people to learn more about Peter's contribution to our community over the years and the common themes that have emerged are his dedication to the Ambulance service and his commitment to the Ambulance officers.

The enormous amount of work that Peter does is especially appreciated by the ambulance officers. He co-ordinates all the jobs, frequently attends himself and follows up with the ambulance officers afterwards. He is conscious of the work-load placed on local volunteers and will often organise a relieving crew to take over at Kununoppin so that the Mt Marshall volunteers can return to base.

He communicates well, providing reports on ambulance service activity to the Mt Marshall Local Emergency Management Committee meetings and Local Health Advisory Group meetings. I'm reliably informed that his communication skills also extend to excellent phone manners at 3 in the morning.

Peter Geraghty becomes the third person to be recognised as an Honorary Freeman of the Shire of Mt Marshall and the first for almost 40 years.

The inaugural award of Freeman of the Shire of Mt Marshall was made in 1975 when the title was bestowed upon Mrs Elsie May Watson for her service to the community of Bencubbin. Mrs Watson devoted her whole life to helping others and served the community through her roles in a wide range of community organisations.

In 1977, Mr Bertram Merrett Gillett became a Freeman of the Shire. He served the Mt Marshall district as Councillor and President for over two decades from the mid-1950s and gave generously of his time, talents and energy to build a better district for all through many decades of service. In particular, Mr Gillett advocated strongly to improve access to health facilities.

Peter shares the exceptional qualities of the former recipients:

A passion for building the services in the district

A life of devotion to helping others and

Giving generously of his time, talents and energy

to ensure that the residents of the entire sub-region have the best possible access to emergency health care.

On behalf of the Shire and our communities, it gives me great pleasure to present Peter Geraghty with the title of Honorary Freeman of the Shire of Mt Marshall.



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BEACON WATER PROJECTS

To bring residents of Beacon up to date with the Shire's three water projects in Beacon, the following is presented.

Beacon Rock Project

The Shire has purchased most, if not all of the materials such as pumps, pipes etc.

This project involves the water authority transferring ownership of the tank located at the base of the rock to the Shire. This is still yet to take place, however the handover should take place during August 2016.

Capture Dam

The Shire has purchased most, if not all of the materials such as pumps, pipes etc.

The Shire has engaged Porky's Enterprises to lay the pipework under the supervision of the Shire's Works Supervisor, Andrew Johnson. The recent rains in the area have caused delays.

Town Dam

The Shire has purchased most, if not all of the materials such as pumps etc.

General

The grant funding that has not been expended during 2015/16 will be carried over to 2016/17, ensuring the work is completed during 2016/17.

CHANGE OF PURPOSE OF PLANT RESERVE

In accordance with section 6.11 (2) (a) of the Local Government Act 1995, Council resolved at its ordinary meeting, held 21 June 2016, to change the purpose of the Plant Reserve from:

"To fund the purchase of road construction plant, so as to avoid undue heavy burden in a single year"

To:

"To fund the purchase of plant which exceeds Council's capitalisation threshold, so as to avoid undue heavy burden in a single year"

Public comments on the proposed change will be received until 29 July 2016.

Stephen Tindale
Acting CEO