



# Shire of Mt Marshall



24 August 2015

## Office Hours:

MONDAY TO FRIDAY  
9:00AM—4:00PM

## Diary Dates:

- **3 SEPTEMBER 2015**  
NOMINATIONS FOR COUNCIL OPEN
- **8 SEPTEMBER 2015**  
RECYCLING COLLECTION
- **10 SEPTEMBER 2015**  
NOMINATIONS FOR COUNCIL CLOSE @ 4:00PM

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## NOMINATIONS FOR COUNCIL

will open on 3 September 2015.

## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS



Mrs Lauren Grylls has been appointed by the WA Electoral Commission as the Returning Officer for the Mt Marshall Local Government Elections and can be contacted with any questions relating to nominating on 0408 977 905 or emailed at [lauren.grylls@live.com.au](mailto:lauren.grylls@live.com.au).

If you are thinking of standing for Council we highly recommend you take the time to watch the WALGA webinar for prospective Elected Members. It takes only 30 minutes and covers topics such as:

- How Local Government works;
- Expectations of Elected members and;
- Impacts on Home Life

The webinar can be found on our website at [www.mtmarshall.wa.gov.au](http://www.mtmarshall.wa.gov.au) or contact Nadine at the Shire and she will be happy to email you the link.

Nominations are open for a week closing on 10 September 2015 at 4pm.

**ARE YOU ENROLLED TO VOTE?** You only have until this Friday (28th) to check your details

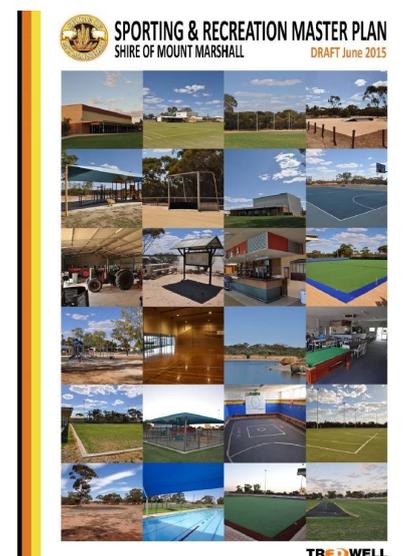
are correctly recorded with the WA Electoral Commission or enrol for the first time. We have enrolment forms at the Shire office or you can visit the WA Electoral Commission's website at [www.elections.wa.gov.au](http://www.elections.wa.gov.au) to quickly and easily update your details or enrol for the first time.



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**PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS HAVE NOW CLOSED** on The Shire of Mt Marshall Draft Sport and Recreation Plan. We were pleased to receive a large response with over 100 submissions. These can now be viewed at our website or hard copies are available to read at the Shire Office and Beacon Central.



## CONTACT US:

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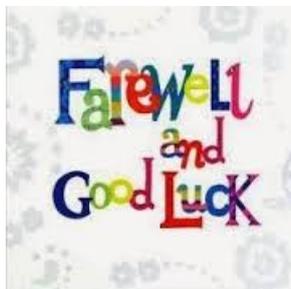
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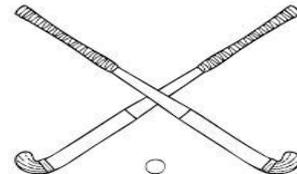
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**FAREWELL** and best wishes to the Shire's Customer Service Officer Loren Northover. In Loren's relatively short time with the Shire she has proven to be an important asset and valued team member. Her enthusiastic and positive approach will be most definitely missed. Loren will not be a stranger to Bencubbin with visits accompanying her partner Brendan Davis, regularly attending the Gillett's farm. Please see our advert for a friendly new Customer Service Officer below.



## GRAND FINAL



**GOOD LUCK** to the Bencubbin Wildfires and the Beacon Hockey Club who will battle it out in this years CWLHA Grand Final in Mukinbudin this weekend. Get along and support your team in what is bound to be a great display of competitive hockey and shire derby rivalry.

## Employment Opportunity

### Customer Service Officer

A fantastic opportunity currently exists for an enthusiastic and conscientious Customer Service Officer to join our administration team in a full time role.

The successful applicant will have a current driver's licence, will be reliable and will have an excellent telephone manner. Most importantly, they will have a real desire to provide excellent service to our customers. Computer literacy, cash handling experience and good knowledge of Microsoft Office is also essential.

Remuneration for the Customer Service Officer position will be in accordance with Level 2 or 3 of the Local Government Industry Award 2010, depending on skills and experience.

For further information and to obtain a **Position Description** please contact Nadine Richmond at [ea@mtmarshall.wa.gov.au](mailto:ea@mtmarshall.wa.gov.au) or 08 9685 1202.

Applications addressed to the Chief Executive Officer and marked Private and Confidential must be received before **4.00pm** on Friday 11 September. They may be emailed to [ea@mtmarshall.wa.gov.au](mailto:ea@mtmarshall.wa.gov.au), delivered to our office or posted to the address below. Please address the selection criteria and provide your resume along with the names of two recent employment referees with your application.

Housing and relocation expenses may be available to suitable applicants.

Dirk Sellenger  
Chief Executive Officer  
Shire of Mt Marshall  
PO Box 20, BENCUBBIN WA 6477



Hello Community Members,

Due to recent concerns and debates over the redevelopment of the Bencubbin Sporting Complex I feel as though I need to clear up some mistruths and rumours surrounding this very important Shire project. The concerns that the Shire of Mt Marshall is trying to develop a regional sporting hub with the intent of closing down surrounding sporting facilities is completely untrue, in fact the opposite is true. The Shire has recently installed a new synthetic bowling green at the Beacon Country Club, a dual use netball/basketball court in Beacon, has committed \$60,000 in this year's Budget for upgrades of the Beacon Sporting Complex as well as new cricket nets. The Shire has also committed over \$200,000 for improved water harvesting in Beacon to reduce the need to use expensive scheme water for the Beacon Oval, which is in line with the Shire's intention to continue to provide this excellent and essential community facility well into the future.

I would also like to explain Council's decision to proceed with the Bencubbin Sporting Complex redevelopment prior to the completion of the Tredwell Sport and Recreation Master Plan. The Shire Corporate Business Plan 2013 includes several important Key Performance Measures, including *S4.1-prepare and adopt a master plan....* and *S4.2 - maintain service levels, major upgrade to Bencubbin Sporting Complex.....* Council agreed at the April 2014 Ordinary Meeting of Council to allocate \$30,000 to engage the services of an architect to carry out initial design of this project which included close consultation and input from the Bencubbin Recreation Council. In May of this year the Shire received advice of our successful funding application from the Federal Government of \$990k of which staff should be highly commended for. At the July Ordinary Meeting of Council when adopting the Budget in Schedule format the decision was made to receive this federal funding and budget for the works accordingly in the 2015/2016 year. Whilst additional outside funding for this project would have been ideal it is our belief that given the Shire's strong financial position, strong reserve base and record low interest rates that it was prudent to move on with the project rather than wait and risk increasing costs which would result in less value for our money.

The findings of Tredwell Management's consultancy is a reflection of a totally independent and highly credible and experienced specialist firm who have been preparing plans similar to the one for the Shire of Mt Marshall for in excess of 13 years. Council is yet to endorse the Draft Sport and Recreation Plan and public submissions have given everyone the opportunity to express their point of view. Everyone is entitled to their own point of view and I hope that everyone will respect others' opinions and comments. For the Shire to seek grant funding for these projects in the future it is essential that Council has a clear and precise document, such as the Tredwell Plan to support any grant funding applications. This will increase the Shire's chances of successful funding applications for projects of significance throughout the Shire of Mt Marshall.

The concept for a multiuse facility is not dissimilar to what has recently been done in Mukinbudin. Nungerin and Koorda are planning on a similar type redevelopment, not to mention numerous Shires and communities around the Wheatbelt including Dowerin, Bruce Rock, Kellerberrin, Goomalling and many others.

I would like to ask that people take a step back and put this project to one side for a moment and then consider how they feel the other elements of the Shire are travelling. I believe since the appointment of our new CEO our towns, roads, rubbish tips and general operations of the Shire of Mt Marshall is the best it has been for a very long time and I think it is something that all ratepayers should appreciate and be very proud of.

I strongly encourage that if people have questions with regards to any non – operational Shire issues, they need to contact myself or other Elected Members for clarification before getting caught up in the rumour mill.

Yours sincerely

President Robert Breakell