



Shire of Mt Marshall

— THE SANDALWOOD SHIRE —

19 October 2015

The Shire of Mt Marshall would like to congratulate the newly elected members of our Council:

DIARY DATES

27 October 2015 – Ordinary

Meeting of Council @ 3:00pm

3 November 2015 - Recycling

Collection

COUNCILLORS

Cr John Beagley

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Cr Elect Helen Shemeld

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Cr Elect Tony Sachse

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Name

Mrs Rachel Kirby

Mr Stuart Faulkner

Mr Tony Sachse

Mrs Helen Shemeld

Mr Callum Lumsden

Votes

202

201

197

176

156

We look forward to working with you all over the coming years.

We would also like to thank the following Candidates who nominated and were unfortunately not successful:

Name

Mr Nick Gillett

Mr Robert Breakell

Mr Ian Sanders

Mrs Tanya Gibson

Mrs Ruth De Jong

Mr Jelle De Jong

Votes

154

147

138

101

32

13

We would like to congratulate and thank the outgoing Mr Robert Breakell and Mr Ian Sanders for all their efforts within the Shire.

Dirk Sellenger

Chief Executive Officer

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Bush Fire Information 2015

Chief Bush Fire Control Officer Appointment

Congratulations to Damian Tomas who has accepted the position of Chief Bush Fire Control Officer recently vacated by Allan Gracie. Allan was appointed a Bush Fire Control Officer in 1984 and took over the role of Chief Bush Fire Control Officer in September 1997. Allan will continue to serve the Welbungin area as a Bush Fire Control Officer.

Harvest Ban Information

The Shire of Mt Marshall has received notification from the ABC that they will once again broadcast harvest ban information, but only at certain times.

There will be four tune-in times 10.05am, 11.05am, 12.35pm and 2.05pm.

There will be just one simple announcement saying: **“Due to the risk of fire the following local governments have imposed a ban on harvesting and the use of any equipment that could potentially start a fire”** and then the names of the local authorities. Although it will not include **“movement of machinery in paddocks ban”** please note that all bans in the Shire of Mt Marshall will be **“Harvest and Movement of Machinery in Paddocks Bans”**

Radiowest will have a similar procedure, and Anthony Tilli (Radiowest, Merredin) will announce any bans prior to 9.00am.

No radio station will broadcast the lifting of a harvest ban, it will be up to individual shires to use their own methods.

The Shire will have three other avenues besides radio to announce harvest bans:

SMS - if you are not registered for this service please contact the shire office on 96851202. If you have had new staff commence work for harvest please have them register also.

Harvest Ban Hotline – please note that the new message bank phone number is 9487 0671.

Facebook

Harvest Ban Advice

Please note that the SMS will be the first point of contact with farmers advising of a ban, followed by the radio and then the message bank hotline. Please give staff time to set up the necessary services before seeking further information.



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Bush Fire Information 2015 **Continued**

Timing of Harvest Bans

To avoid any unnecessary phone calls the shire has implemented the following procedure regarding the lifting of Harvest Bans. If the ban has been in place before 11.00am it will be reviewed at 3.00pm (not lifted). If the ban has been in place after 11.00am it will be lifted at 6.00pm unless conditions deteriorate.

Although local authorities are responsible for the placing of harvest bans, due to the vast area of the shire, farmers must also take some responsibility to ensure they carry out their harvesting operations in a safe and timely manner.

Total Fire Bans

Total Fire Bans are declared by DFES when there is the potential of extreme fire weather or when widespread fires are seriously stretching resources. When a Total Fire Ban is declared it prohibits the lighting of any fires in the open air and any activity that may start a fire – including the use of equipment and tools such as welders, grinders, torches or gas cutters.

You can continue farming activities during a Total Fire Ban as long as your local authority has not imposed a Harvest and Movement of Machinery in Paddocks Ban. Total Fire Bans are in place usually for twenty four (24) hours.

Fire Suppression Equipment

Farmers and harvesting contractors are required to comply with the Bush Fire Regulations of 1954 and in particular the key points below relating to harvesting activities:

Section 38 – A person shall not operate any harvesting machine or header in any crop during the prohibited burning times or the restricted burning times unless a fire extinguisher is carried on the machine.

Section 38A(4) – A person shall when required by a local government, provide a plough or other specified machine, appliance or firefighting equipment in or in the vicinity of any land or paddock where harvesting operations are being conducted.

As a minimum requirement the shire requests that you have on site the following firefighting equipment serviced and readily available at all times during harvest:

- A mobile farm firefighting unit comprising of a tank with a minimum capacity of 400 litres, a powered pump, reel hose and nozzle. Keep this unit parked on bare ground, in or near the harvesting area for quick access.



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- **PPE** – if you have not been issued with proban treated overalls through your brigade, the minimum acceptable dress on the fire ground is long sleeved shirt, long trousers, sturdy boots, gloves and a hat. (**No singlets, shorts and thongs**)

Attendance at Fires

If you are required to attend a fire please report (by CB, Channel 5) or in person to the officer in charge and wear the appropriate PPE. If you do not have the appropriate PPE you will be asked to leave the fire ground by the officer in charge or given an alternative job. The officer in charge of the fire is responsible for every ones safety as soon as they step on the fire ground and if someone gets injured or even worse, fatally injured, it is he that is answerable to all questions asked in subsequent investigations.

Firebreaks

All ratepayers receive a Firebreak Order with their rate notice, to ensure everyone is doing the right thing Council staff will be carrying out inspections.

Agriculture Land – clear a firebreak consisting of mineral earth, to a width of no less than 3 metres, as close as practical, inside the external boundaries of the property, they must also provide a vertical clearance of 3.5 meters

Town sites – all town site lots within the Shire of Mt Marshall shall be cleared of all debris of an flammable nature and be maintained free of such material.

Further Information

If you require any further information please contact the shire office, your local Bush Fire Control Officer or visit the DFES website.

Jack Walker
Bush Fire Control Officer



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Shire of Mt Marshall SALE OF SURPLUS PLANT Tender – MM04.15/16

Tenders are invited for the purchase of the following items of plant which are surplus to the Shire's requirements:

2013 Compliance 4WD Mitsubishi Triton Utility



The item may be viewed at the Shire Office, Monger St, Bencubbin. The item is offered for sale by tender on an '**as is and where is**' basis and it is the responsibility of the tenderer to examine the item thoroughly prior to tendering.

Tenders are to be received by **4.00pm, 6 November 2015** and submitted in a sealed envelope marked "**Tender MM04.15/16**".

Tenders may be deposited in the Tender Box situated in the foyer of the Shire Office, Monger Street, Bencubbin, or posted to be received by the due date, to the Shire of Mt Marshall, PO Box 20, Bencubbin WA 6477. Tenders will not be accepted via fax or email. Tenders received after the closing time/date, will not be considered.

The highest or any Tender will not necessarily be accepted. Canvassing of Councillors or staff will automatically result in disqualification.

Any queries or to inspect / drive the vehicle, please contact Executive Assistant, Nadine Richmond on 9685 1202. Please see over page for more photo's and offer form.

Dirk Sellenger
Chief Executive Officer



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Dash board showing odometer (36,241 klms)

Interior of Ute

