

DIARY DATES

17 October 2015 – Local Government Ordinary Election

20 October 2015 - Seniors Lunch in Tammin

20 October 2015 - Recycling Collection

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Shire of Mt Marshall

THE SANDALWOOD SHIRE

12 October 2015

RATES DUE

If you have not chosen the instalment payment option for your rates then you will need to pay your rates in full by 15 October. All payments received in full by this date will also go into the draw to win a \$500 bank account kindly donated by Bendigo Bank, Mukinbudin. The draw will take place at the October Council Meeting being held on the 27th.

If you are experiencing difficulties in payment of your rates, please contact Finance and Administration Manager Jack Walker urgently to discuss alternative payment arrangements.

STAFFING UPDATE

Our friendly Customer Service Officer, Loren will be continuing her employment with the Shire. We had recently notified you all of her impending departure, however being such a valuable part of our administration team it is with great pleasure that we can announce Loren's

continued services.

COMPULSORY MICROCHIPPING OF DOGS

Please be advised that as of 1 November 2015 all dogs <u>must</u> be microchipped. Previously it had only been a requirement for newly registered dogs, however these changes have come about as a result of amendments to the Dog Act 1976, which local governments are required to enforce.

Please contact us if you'd like further information or visit www.dlgc.wa.gov.au/dogs

Remember!



Dog and Cat registrations are due on the 31st October of each year. Renewal Notices will be sent out in the near future.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ORDINARY ELECTIONS — 17 OCTOBER 2015

To ensure your vote matters this coming election day, please have your completed postal voting package lodged at the Shire Office or posted using the postage paid envelope provided. If posting your package allow plenty of time to arrive at the Returning Officer's Perth address before 6pm Saturday 17th October. The Chief Polling Place located at the Shire Office will be open for you to hand deliver your package on Saturday between 8am and 6pm.

CONTACT US









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Shire of Mt Marshall

— THE SANDALWOOD SHIRE —

Bush Fire Act 1954

Variation to Burning Times

Restricted / Prohibited Burning Time

The Shire of Mt Marshall has shortened the 2015/2016 Restricted Burning Time to cease on *Friday 16th October 2015*. The *Prohibited Burning Time* will commence on *Saturday 17th October 2015* and continue until Sunday 31st January 2016.

Burning which may be done during the prohibited burning time:

BURNING TO PROTECT A DWELLING/HOUSE

Throughout the whole of the prohibited burning times, a fire break may be burnt to protect a dwelling house or other building, or a stack of produce. All the conditions of section 18 of the Bush Fires Act must be complied with including obtaining a permit for the burning. The burning may be carried out only between the hours of 4:00pm and midnight of the same day as is specified in the permit, and within two plough or spade breaks of which the outer break is not more than 100 metres from the property to be protected.

BURNING OF GARDEN REFUSE AND RUBBISH

Garden refuse and rubbish may be burnt at any time, day or night, in a properly constructed incinerator designed to prevent the escape of sparks or burning material.

Garden refuse and rubbish burnt on the ground may be burnt only between the hours of 6:00pm and 11:00pm of the same day and must be completely extinguished no later than midnight on that day.

FIREBREAKS

All landholders are reminded of the requirements relating to the provision of firebreaks. If you require any further information please contact Jack Walker at the Shire Office or your local Fire Control Officer.

TAKE CARE AND HELP TO PREVENT BUSH FIRES





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THE SANDALWOOD SHIRE -

Bush Fire Act 1954 Fire Break Order

Each year enclosed with your rates notice is a notice requiring land owners to install firebreaks by a certain time. Firebreaks are compulsory in the Shire of Mt Marshall. The fire break notice is not limited to farmland but also requires owners of town site land, either built on or vacant to remove all inflammable material from their property.

It is apparent that some owners in both Bencubbin and Beacon do not think this applies to them, and it appears to be the same people that have to be reminded each year. Removal of all flammable materials serves many purposes. It prevents the spread of fire, removes hiding places for snakes and it also shows that you have pride in the appearance of your town and property.

This notice is a reminder to property owners that you have an obligation to complete this work. If you continue to ignore our requests the Shire has the powers under the Local Government Act 1995 and the Bush Fires Act 1954 to enter a property and carry out this work and recoup any costs from the owners.

Fire Break inspections will be carried out within the fortnight and infringement notices will be issued as required. Your co-operation in this matter would be very much appreciated.

Jack Walker
Bush Fire Control Officer

MOSQUITOS GIVING YOU GRIEF?

Our Environmental Health Officer (EHO), Bill Hardy is happy to take your calls regarding any mosquito issues you may be experiencing. He can be contacted on 0428 831 037 or emailed at eho@mtmarshall.wa.gov.au. Bill will also arrange for mosquito fogging to take place when required.

With Summer fast approaching we remind residents they can take action themselves to minimise mosquito breeding sites:

- Dispose of all containers which hold water
- Fill or drain depressions in the ground that hold water
- Fit mosquito proof covers to vent pipes on septic tank systems.
 Seal all gaps around the lid and ensure leach drains are completely covered
- Ensure guttering does not hold water
- Empty pot plant drip trays once a week or fill them with sand
- Empty and clean animal and pet drinking water bowls once a week.



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Amended Meeting Dates 2015/2016 (As of 15 September 2015)

At the September Ordinary Council Meeting the following was resolved by Council:

2015/119 OFFICER RECOMMENDATION / COUNCIL DECISION:

That the attached notice specifying the remaining meeting dates for 2015/16:

 27 October 2015
 22 March 2016

 24 November 2015
 26 April 2016

 15 December 2015
 24 May 2016

 Recess – January 2016
 28 June 2016

23 February 2016

be approved for advertisement in the Gimlet Newspaper, the Beacon Bulletin, Council notice boards, and the Shire's website and social media sites.

Moved Cr RN Breakell Seconded Cr IC Sanders Carried 4/0

Please be advised of the following amended dates and details:

Ordinary Meetings of Council

 27 October 2015
 23 February 2016

 24 November 2015*
 22 March 2016

 15 December 2015**
 26 April 2016

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 24 May 2016*

 28 June 2016

Ordinary meetings of Council are held on the fourth Tuesday of every month in Council Chambers, 80 Monger St, Bencubbin commencing at 3:00pm (unless advertised otherwise). These meetings are open to the public, with the first 15 minutes set aside as public question time.

An Electors' General Meeting is held each financial year (typically in December) with notification being provided in the local newspapers.

^{*}Commencing at 6:45pm.

^{**} Held on the third Tuesday