



Shire of Mt Marshall

— THE SANDALWOOD SHIRE —

18 November 2019

DIARY DATES

19 November 2019

Ordinary Meeting of Council @
3:00pm at the Beacon Country
Club, Shemeld St, Beacon

26 November 2019

Recycling Collection

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RATES INSTALMENT DUE

If you have chosen to pay your rates using the instalment option, please remember that the 2nd instalment is due on Wednesday 27 November.



DOG AND CAT REGISTRATIONS NOW OVERDUE

Your dog and cat registrations were due on 31 October. Our contract ranger will be visiting those who have not renewed their registrations in a fortnights time.



Please contact the Shire to renew your registration over the phone or in person at the Shire Office.

Please remember to let us know if one of your fur family are no longer with us so we can update our records.

AQUATIC FACILITY FEE REIMBURSEMENT SCHEME 2019/2020

Once again the Shire will be reimbursing Mt Marshall residents for their entry fees to the Mukinbudin, Trayning, or Koorda Aquatic Centres during the 2019/20 pool season. Receipts are to be presented to the Shire for reimbursement before 30 June 2020.



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REQUEST FOR TENDER

Executive House Build

MM03.19/20

In accordance with section 3.58 Local Government Act 1995 tenders are called for the construction of or provision of an executive house in Bencubbin, WA.

Tenders closing at 4pm on Friday 10 January 2020 can be submitted via post in a sealed envelope clearly marked 'Tender MM03.19/20' to PO Box 20, BENCUBBIN, 6477 or may be deposited in the Tender Box situated in the foyer of the Shire Office, Monger Street, Bencubbin. Tenders are accepted via email to ceo@mtmarshall.wa.gov.au

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 disqualify.

Offer forms are available in the tender section of our website or by contacting Nadine Richmond on 9685 1202 or ea@mtmarshall.wa.com.au

John Nuttall

Chief Executive Officer





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BUSH FIRE INFORMATION 2019-2020

Harvest Ban Information

The Shire of Mt Marshall has now received notification from the ABC that they will be broadcasting harvest bans as in previous years.

There will be three tune-in times 10.05am, 12.35pm and 2.05pm. On weekends the times will be 12:35pm and 2:05pm.

The deadline for the Shire to get our harvest bans broadcast are 9.45am, 12.15am and 1.45pm. If the deadline is missed they will not be included until the next update.

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”

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

Radiowest will provide a similar service.

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

SMS - if you are not registered for this service please contact the shire office on 96851202 or email ro@mtmarshall.wa.gov.au If you have had new staff commence work for harvest please have them register also.

Harvest Ban Hotline – please note that the 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 and contractors 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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Timing of Harvest Bans

To avoid any unnecessary phone calls the shire has implemented the following procedure regards 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.

Activities that are Exempt during a Harvest Ban

An activity that is carried out for the purpose of preventing an immediate and serious risk to the health or safety of a person or livestock, so long as a reasonable precautions have been taken to prevent the activity from creating a bush fire danger. Please note, driving across paddocks to check your livestock is not exempt.

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 usually in place 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.

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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 operational 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.

Other Equipment

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 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 and to ensure everyone is doing the right thing Shire 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 inflammable nature and be maintained free of such material.

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During a recent inspection of the towns it is apparent that the same people need to be reminded each year to clean up their blocks. If you need help to clean up your block, please ask for it, rather than waiting until the weeds are out of control. Thanks to the people who have responded to the recent request they received.

Bush Fire Control Officers

Unfortunately, due to low attendance, we were unable to complete the required training to appoint further Bush Fire Control Officers recently. The steady decline in numbers is a cause for concern and there is a possibility of more departures next year.

Areas of concern at the moment are Welbungin and Gabbin with a possibility of Tampu, Bencubbin and Beacon becoming areas of concern in the future.

To become a Bush Fire Control Officer you will be provided with the necessary training by DFES staff.

If there are any members of the Beacon VESU who have recently completed their bush fire training it would only mean one (1) more day of training to gain the necessary qualifications to become a Bush Fire Control Officer (BFCO). If anyone is interested please give me a call on 0429 851 318 or email ro@mtmarshall.wa.gov.au.

I have arranged for some further firefighter training to be conducted in February, 2020. The BFCO training will be scheduled following this. If you know of anyone who you think could fill this role, please encourage them to register for the training.

Please note that firefighting is no longer considered a male dominated service and females are encouraged to complete the training.

If you feel that you could help your community out by becoming a Bush Fire Control Officer but are a little unsure of the risks involved in fighting fires, please be assured that there are other jobs that you can perform in this role.

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Need to Know Contact Details

Shire Office	96 851 202	CB 5
Damian Tomas	0429 010 574	CB 38
Garry Huckstep	0428 864 050	CB 25
Jack Walker	0429 851 318	CB 5
Brett Clark	0427 486 012	CB 12
John Dunne	0427 861 045	CB 34
Tim Cashmore	0427 926 684	CB 22
Terry Gobbart	0428 848042	
Noel Miguel	0427 966725	
Mark Jeffries	0439 851 327	
Tony Sachse	0429 851 257	
Steve Kett	0488 939 810	

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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Expressions of Interest Invited Surplus items of Plant

Expressions of Interest closing on Friday 6th December 2019 are invited for the outright purchase of the following Shire vehicle's.

1990 John Deere 2250 Tractor – MM 241 – fitted with Trima 340 quick release bucket

2003 John Deere Tractor 5420 – MM 026

2013 Mitsubishi Triton diesel utility with electric tipping tray –

MM 279 – 110,000 km

1998 tandem axle aluminum water tanker – 16,000 litres – MM3336

2004 Hino Primemover – MM 3900 – 325,000 km.

All vehicles will be in a “where is as is” condition and it will be the responsibility of the purchaser to bring the vehicle licence up to full rates or return the number plates.

The highest or any offer not necessarily accepted and the canvassing of Councilors or staff will disqualify.

Offers can be posted to PO Box 20 Bencubbin WA 6477 or emailed to admin@mtmarshall.wa.gov.au

To arrange an inspection please contact Mr Aaron Wootton on 0499 851 111

John Nuttall

Chief Executive Officer