



# Shire of Mt Marshall

— THE SANDALWOOD SHIRE —

**March 2023**

## DIARY DATES

### **18 April 2023**

Ordinary Meeting of Council @  
3pm in Beacon Hall, Hamilton  
St, Beacon

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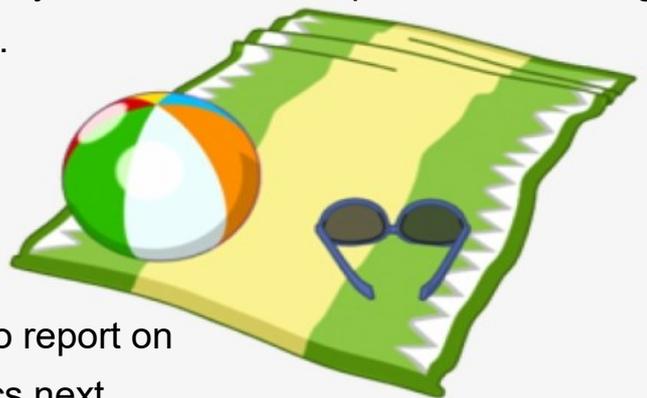
## Burning Information

The Shire's restricted burning period will end Friday of this week — 31 March 2023. While all burning restrictions are lifted as of this date we ask that everyone considers the weather conditions when burning and avoid burning on days of high heat and/or wind.

If you are considering burning garden refuse please ensure that you do not leave the fire unattended and have running water available.

## Pool Season Ends

The Aquatic Centre's last day is Friday, 31st March. Make sure to get your final laps in before the 2022/23 season ends. Thank you to Jay from Contract Aquatics for running another great season.



We hope to be able to report on some season statistics next month.

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# Council Meeting Outcomes



The March ordinary Council meeting was held on 21 March and below is a brief overview of some of the Council decisions made at this meeting.

## **Committees**

There were three committee items this month. The minutes of the February Facilities and Services Committee were endorsed along with the minutes of the Audit Committee meeting and the Economic Development Grant Fund (EDGF) Committee meeting, both held in March. The Audit Committee were also requiring Council endorsement of the 2022 Compliance Audit Return.

The EDGF Committee made recommendations to Council regarding the 2nd round of budgeted economic development grant funding. Successful applicants were Bencubbin News and Post for the upgrade of their aged mail boxes and the Beacon Central Community Resource Centre who received funding towards their Toy Library project.

## **Beacon Central Community Resource Centre Request for Fees & Charges Discount**

Beacon Central Community Resource Centre requested a discount on the fees charged when using the Shire's community bus for their wildflower tours run annually in Beacon during August and September. Council approved this request provided signage conditions applied are adhered to.

## **Reallocation of Unexpended Economic Development Grant Funds**

With only \$3753.45 of the budgeted funds for the Economic Development Grant Fund being awarded in the final round for the financial year, \$31,000 remained unallocated. Council determined they would reallocate the unexpended funds to the Centenary Celebrations account to allow for planning to progress for the Shire's Centenary later in the year.

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## Planning Decisions

Council considered several applications relating to subdivisions in various locations across the Shire. WA Planning Commission were seeking comment and/or recommended conditions from the Shire before determining the applications. Council endorsed all of the applications subject to various conditions and advice notes. The WA Planning Commission will advise the Shire of their determinations once made.

## 2022/2023 Budget Review

The annual budget review was presented to Council this month and accepted as presented. A budget review is carried out to ensure the Shire is on track to achieve the objectives outlined in the adopted budget.

## Projects Update

### Lotterywest Funds Community Garden Project

We have been successful in receiving funds from Lotterywest for the establishment of community gardens in Beacon and Bencubbin with confirmation of one more funding partner for the project pending. With the funds received from Lotterywest and the Shire's budgeted contribution, we will see some progress on the projects in the coming months. If you are interested in becoming involved in the Bencubbin or Beacon Community Gardens, please contact Phoebe at the Shire by emailing [cdo@mtmarshall.wa.gov.au](mailto:cdo@mtmarshall.wa.gov.au) or calling (08) 9685 1202.

### Beacon Community Park

LIGNA Construction has been awarded the contract for the construction of the Beacon Community Park at the Beacon Recreation Centre. With work commencing in the coming month we remind the community that the area will be a construction site and that only authorised personnel are permitted on site while works are occurring.

# Works Report



## Construction Crew

The construction crew are currently completing the budgeted works on Hiscox Road. Once completed they will then head to Gabbin-Traying Road to carry out gravel sheeting and upgrade the section between Breakall and Grylls Roads.

Some of the crew have also been involved with the new concrete pad at Welbungin in preparation of the new facilities and setting up for the agricultural show.



## Contract Works

GDR Contracting are currently undertaking the Monger Street upgrades which includes removing islands and some of the nodes in readiness for sealing works.

Boral Asphalt are currently finalising the Shires sealing works.

## Parks and Gardens

The major problems we were experiencing with the water pump at the Beacon oval have now been rectified which will reduce the extra hours carried out by our Town Maintenance staff. Keeping water up to the oval, clearing leaves and general tidying up of the town site has been keeping Jim busy.

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## Maintenance Grading

Beacon North - The grading here continues with minimum issues and the operator is currently doing edge maintenance along Burakin-Wialki Rd.

Bencubbin West - A new operator has been appointed recently and will commence in the near future.

Bencubbin East has been boosted by the recent appointment of a knowledgeable grader operator who now completes our maintenance grading team.

## Plant and Equipment



The new Bobcat machine that includes a forestry mulcher attachment arrived recently and the crew will commence mulching overgrown road verges in the near future.

# Events and Tourism



Congratulations to the Mt Marshall & Districts Agricultural Society on a very successful 91st Mt Marshall Community Show held on the 18th March.



Great attendance numbers were seen with over 700 people travelling from across the Wheatbelt to enjoy a fun filled family day out.



The Committee had done an amazing job in organising such a great day and we are pleased to be able to work in partnership with them each year on such a community driven event.

