



Shire of Mt Marshall

— THE SANDALWOOD SHIRE —

May 2023

DIARY DATES

20 June 2023

Ordinary Meeting of Council @
3pm in Council Chambers,
Monger St, Bencubbin

20 June 2023

Annual Electors Meeting @ 5pm
in Council Chambers, Monger
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Annual Report

The Shire's Annual Report 2021/2022 is now available from our Shire office and in the document centre of our website. The Annual Report will be presented at the Annual Electors Meeting.

Notice of Annual Electors Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Electors of the Shire of Mt Marshall will be held on Tuesday 20 June 2023, in the Council Chambers, Bencubbin, commencing at 5:00pm.

Order of Business

1. Attendance and Apologies.
2. Confirmation of Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of electors held on Tuesday, 21 December 2021
3. Reading of the Auditors Report for 2021/2022.
4. Reading of the President's Report for the year ended 30 June 2022.
5. Receiving of the Annual Report for 2021/2022.
6. General Business as the President thinks fit or as the majority of the electors present may decide.

Ben McKay

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Council Meeting Outcomes



The May ordinary Council meeting was held on 16 May and below is a brief overview of some of the Council decisions made at this meeting.

Application for Planning Approval - Wialki

Council considered an application for a tree farm development in Wialki by Carbon Neutral Pty Ltd. The proposed application generally complied with the requirements of the Shire's Local Planning Scheme and was approved with an extensive list of conditions imposed.

F&R.2.5 Purchasing Policy Review

A review of the Shire's purchasing policy has been undertaken and was presented to Council for endorsement as it is good practice to regularly review policies to ensure they have not been impacted by changes to legislation and that they still reflect Council's position. The new policy is included in the updated Policy Manual and available on our website.

Audited Financial Report

The Shire's long awaited audited financial report for 2021-2022 was presented and endorsement recommended by the Shire's Audit Committee. The financials and auditor's report are included in the Annual Report 2021-2022 and will be presented to the Electors at the Annual Electors Meeting on 20 June.

Subdivisions

Another two subdivisions were considered in May, one being in Gabbin and one being in Welbungin. The application for subdivision on property located in Gabbin would see 10 lots become 16 that meet the minimum requirements of the Shire's Local Planning Scheme, which requires each lot to be 200ha or greater in size. Both applications were endorsed with recommended conditions and advice notes.

Projects Update



Beacon Recreation Centre

The new roof will be going on over the next few weeks. This will hopefully eliminate the many water leaks and damaged ceilings throughout the building. The new timers dug out is also under construction and we hope the volunteers will be able to enjoy this new space for the second half of the winter sports season.

The pavers are scheduled to be laid in the second week of June between the Beacon Complex and the Tennis Clubhouse. We are looking forward to these finally being installed. A new place for the tank will also be built so that the Beacon Tennis Club can install their new tank.

Bencubbin Multipurpose Complex

A limestone garden bed will be installed along the front of the building at the entry of the grounds in mid June. It will be great to tidy up this entry area and re-establish the garden.

Footpaths

We have secured a company to complete this year's footpath program. The work will be completed in the next six weeks along Lucas Street in Beacon and Rupe/ Collins Street in Bencubbin.

Community Gardens

Materials and equipment for the gardens should arrive by the end of June so we can work with the communities, organise some busy bees and get the gardens established. The Beacon site has been prepared with the garden shed and work area being built this week.

If you would like to get involved in the community gardens, please contact Phoebe at the Shire on 96851202 or cdo@mtmarshall.wa.gov.au

Projects Update



Beacon Community Park

The Community Park now has all the foundations in place with the completion of the limestone walls, stairs and ramp access. Over the coming weeks you will see the gazebo, barbeque, lawn, garden, paving and nature play area come together to see the project completed by late July.



Beacon and Bencubbin Caravan Park Works

The power and water upgrades at the Beacon Caravan Park are almost complete with Western Power scheduled to make the final switch over to the new infrastructure this week. It will be great to have the additional powered sites at the park for the upcoming tourist season.

Site preparations have all been completed for the camp kitchen and new cabin in Beacon and the new cabin in Bencubbin, we are just waiting for the delivery of the new facilities in June.

Works Report



Construction Crew

The construction crew have completed works on Gabbin-Traying Road and Scotsman Road. They are currently working on Ayres Rd with Gilham Cooper Rd works to follow.

Parks and Gardens

Bencubbin staff have recently spent time tidying up the Pergandes Sheep Yards, which is a popular tourist site in the Shire. Their impressive efforts have resulted in the site looking the best it has in a long time.



Staff are keen to catch up on areas in general that have lacked in maintenance over a period of low staffing in the Parks and Gardens department and it is definitely evident around the town site.

Maintenance Grading

Bencubbin West - School bus routes have been a priority for the grader in the south of the Shire. Unfortunately the lack of moisture in the roads is making it difficult to get the finish to last for any length of time.

Beacon North - Grading of Burakin-Wialki Rd shoulders has been carried out as well as the Shire's section of Wialki-Mukinbudin Rd. The grader is currently working along Boundary Rd, however the dry conditions are again affecting how long the grade stays smooth.

Works Report



General

Staff have been carrying out works around the Beacon and Bencubbin Caravan Parks as part of the upgrades mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter.

Streetlights

If you have streetlights in your street that are not working, you can report the issue on the Western Power website : <https://www.westernpower.com.au/faults-outages/report-a-faulty-streetlight/>

Events and Tourism

WA Off Road Racing Event

We welcome back the Western Australia Off Road Racing Association family over the WA Day long weekend. The recreation grounds come to life over this weekend as competitors and their families enjoy the facilities at the multipurpose complex, meals cooked by local groups, friendly bar staff and the crisp June weather. Please remember that there are road closures in place over the weekend. These can be found elsewhere in this paper, the Shire's Facebook page and website.

General

Beacon Recreation Complex Female Toilets

There is currently one female toilet out of service in the Complex and Shire staff have locked the toilet to prevent access. We ask that Complex users do not unlock this toilet or use it under any circumstances until a plumber can attend and resolve the issue.

