

Rates Due Dates

Rates notices were sent out during July and the discount period has now passed with rates due on Monday 28 August.

If you have chosen to pay your rates by instalment your first instalment was also due Monday 28 August.

2nd instalment: 28 Oct 2023

3rd instalment: 28 Dec 2023

Final Instalment: 28 Feb 2024



If you are having problems making rates payments please contact the Shire's Finance and Administration Manager, Tanika McLennan on 9685 1202.

Meeting Change of Date and Time

Please be advised the September ordinary meeting of Council will be held on 26 September 2023 at 3.30pm in Council Chambers, 71 Monger St, Bencubbin.

Shire Centenary - 23 September 2023

The Shire's centenary is quickly approaching, and we are looking forward to commemorating this special milestone with a free community event. The festivities will include amusements for everyone to enjoy and live music from The Little Lord Street Band.

Meals and beverages will be provided. We do encourage everyone to RSVP for catering purposes. Please RSVP here: <https://www.trybooking.com/CJTRT>

We hope to see you there!

AUGUST 2023

Important Dates

23 September 2023
Shire Centenary

26 September 2023
Ordinary Meeting of Council
Council Chambers

Council Meeting Outcomes

2023/2024 Annual Budget

At the July ordinary meeting Council adopted the annual budget for 2023/2024.

Budget 2023/2024 project highlights include:

- Significant increase in the allocation for the Club Support Fund for community groups.
- Investment into strategic planning including the strategic community plan, corporate business plan and long-term financial plan.
- Backup generators for mobile tower telecommunications.
- Conversion of the Bencubbin and Beacon recreation oval lighting to LED.
- Improvements on sealed and unsealed local road network of more than \$1.9M
- Further upgrades to the Beacon and Bencubbin Recreation Centres.
- Resurfacing of the Beacon netball court.
- Upgrades of the Beacon day care facility
- Centenary celebrations.

Draft Local Planning Strategy

Council considered a draft local planning strategy prepared by planning consultants,

Hames Sharley, at their July meeting. Council's decision will see the draft strategy presented to the WA Planning Commission seeking certification. Once certified, the Shire will commence advertising and invite submissions from the public on the document.

CS.1.6 Club Support Fund Policy Update

In August Council endorsed updates to CS.1.6 Club Support Policy which will hopefully provide more clarity to the community and increase participation in the funding. An annual pool of \$50,000 will be available for clubs and associations within our Shire with funds being divided evenly between the North and South areas of the Shire.

Council Committee Meeting Outcomes

The Shire has received queries expressing concern regarding the Little Bees Daycare facility in Beacon being moved to a Shire owned house. Please see the minutes from the Facilities and Services Committee meeting held on 16 August, where the item was discussed, over the next page.

SHIRE OF MT MARSHALL



Facilities and Services Committee

**Minutes of the
Mt Marshall Facilities and Services
Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 16
August 2023 in CWA House,
Rowlands St, Beacon
commencing at 5:33pm.**

Chairperson

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**Minutes of the Facilities and Services Committee Meeting held on
Wednesday 16 August 2023**

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Wednesday 16 August 2023**

1.0 Declaration of Opening / Announcement of Visitors

The Chairperson welcomed Committee members to the meeting and declared the meeting open at 5:33pm.

2.0 Record of Attendance / Apologies

Attendance

Mrs Krista Lancaster	Committee Member / Chairperson
Cr ARC Sachse	Councillor / Committee Member
Cr TM Gibson	Councillor / Committee Member
Mr Michael Carr	Committee Member
Mr Nigel Beagley	Committee Member
Mr Ben McKay	Chief Executive Officer
Mrs Georgina McKay	Coordinator of Community Development

Apologies

Mrs Sue Munns	Committee Member
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3.0 Confirmation of Minutes

**3.1 Minutes of the Facilities & Services Committee Meeting held on
Wednesday 15 February 2023**

FASC2023/003 COMMITTEE DECISION:

That the minutes of the Facilities & Services Committee meeting held on Tuesday 30 May 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

Moved Cr TM Gibson Seconded Cr ARC Sachse Carried 5/0

4.0 Reports of Officers

Project Updates:

Beacon Caravan Park

Power and water upgrades are complete. The new cabin has been built and the camp kitchen is not far off, with transport arrangements currently being made.

Beacon Community Park

Works have been completed, with the community now being able to use most of the park. The temporary fencing around the turf will be removed Friday 18 August 2023.

Beacon Recreation Centre

The new roof and window in the disabled toilet are now installed.

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Replacement of internal hardware on the female toilet cisterns and replacement of flow restricted shower heads for the female changerooms has been booked in with a contractor. We have experienced multiple delays with this project, but works are due to be completed prior to 18 August 2023.

The paving between the Beacon Complex and the Beacon Tennis Clubhouse is now complete and is a wonderful addition to the facility, providing a cohesive link. Funds have been allocated to install a safety rail on the steps. A limestone block platform was provided for the Beacon Tennis Club to install their new water tank.

Lucas Street Footpath

A contractor has been secured and a review of location suitability has taken place. The construction of the footpath has been relocated to a more suitable location and can be viewed on the below map.



Beacon Hall

Provisions to relocate the daycare facility have been made in the 2023/24 budget, the Shire are investigating two options:

1. Renovate an existing facility or
2. Build a new facility on vacant land.

No decision has been made - both options are currently being explored and more information will be shared as investigations progress.

There are also funds to repair water damage in the theatre arts room. The committee was supportive of relocating the generator.

Community Garden

Beds and soil have been moved to the site and we are currently planning the next steps of assembly.

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Beacon Netball Court

An assessment was undertaken, and funds have been allocated in the 2023/24 budget to repair/replace the netball courts.

5.0 General Business

Mr Michael Carr raised housing discussion, issue of lack of housing and why a house would be potentially removed from stock for the daycare. He suggested the CWA house would be better suited. CEO Ben McKay advised that only Shire owned assets could be used, of which there is limited supply, but was happy to look at any land if it was 'gifted' to the Shire. Committee queried ownership of CWA building, confirmed Beacon Progress Association is the owner.

General discussion regarding the reason for the proposal to move the daycare eg. dual use of Beacon Hall, ideal to move facility rather than extend hall, which everyone agreed was a good idea.

CEO Ben McKay reiterated nothing is set in stone regarding where the daycare facility might move, simply investigations at this stage.

Mr Nigel Beagley queried if the Shire was looking at purchasing land for housing, CEO advised land may be required for CEACA housing in the future. Mr Nigel Beagley advised Beacon Co-operative owns a block of land in main street.

CEO Ben McKay queried if Beacon Co-operative and Beacon Progress Association could provide a listing of properties owned.

Mr Nigel Beagley raised eastern side town of town is tidier than the main street, CEO Ben McKay will pass feedback on to the Works Supervisor.

Mr Nigel Beagley queried portable toilet for semi finals weekend. Georgina McKay advised that 1 x toilet is with the road crew and 1 x toilet has been returned with a reported fault, therefore none are available for the weekend. This conversation has been had with event organiser Kerry Junk.

CEO advised streetscape plan is being undertaken in 2023/24, previous documents were in fact drainage/footpath plans.

6.0 Next Meeting – TBA

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7.0 Closure of Meeting

The Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 6:10pm.

These Minutes were confirmed by the Facilities and Services Committee at its meeting held

Date

Chairperson

Bush Fire Act 1954

Restricted Burning Period

All burning is restricted in the Shire of Mt Marshall from **Tuesday 19 September 2023** to Tuesday 31 October 2023. During this time a Permit to Burn is required.

Farmers are advised that permits will only be issued on a daily basis and are reminded that certain conditions are endorsed on the permit. Permit holders are also reminded to read the “Obligations of the permit holder” prior to burning.

FIREBREAKS

Landowners are also reminded that Firebreaks are to be constructed by Sunday 1 October 2023. Firebreak inspections will be carried out by Shire staff and our contract Ranger. Townsite residents are reminded that this also applies to them as they are required to keep their properties free of flammable materials during this period. Notices will be issued to landowners if their firebreaks do not comply.

BURNING OF GARDEN REFUSE AND RUBBISH DURING RESTRICTED BURNING PERIOD

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 during the restricted burning period.

Garden refuse and rubbish burnt on the ground during the restricted burning period may be burnt only between the hours of 6 o'clock in the evening and 11 o'clock of the same day and must be completely extinguished no later than midnight on that day. If you are considering burning garden refuse please ensure that you do not leave the fire unattended and have running water available.

If you require any further information please contact the Shire Office or your local Bush Fire Control Officer.

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