

DIARY DATES

31 May

Recycling Collection

4-6 June

WAORRA Rally in Bencubbin

21 June

Ordinary Meeting of Council @
3:00pm in Council Chambers

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— THE SANDALWOOD SHIRE —

16 May 2016

MOSQUITO CONTROL AROUND THE HOME

Some tips are provided below to stop mosquitoes breeding around your home:

Rainwater tanks can become a major breeding area so you should ensure that:

- any tops, lids, covers and inlet pipes are close fitting
- outlet and over-flow pipes are fitted with removable screen mesh
- all water inlets entering the tanks are screened to stop adult mosquitoes getting in.

As an interim measure you can treat small water areas such as ponds and rainwater tanks with small quantities (depending on the size of the tank) of domestic kerosene or paraffin oil. These products produce a film on the surface which drowns any larvae present.

Mosquitoes breed in still water. The following are examples of potential breeding sites and control strategies that you can use around the home:

- seal any holes in septic tank / treatment plant to stop mosquito access.
- dispose of all tins, tyres and other rubbish containers that may hold water
- put sand around bases of pot plants to absorb excess water in the dish
- keep swimming pools chlorinated, salted or empty them completely when not in use for considerable periods
- empty children's wading pools regularly
- overturn boats and dinghies or remove the drain plug so they do not hold water
- empty flower vases, pot plants and other receptacles that hold water at least once a week
- drill holes in tyres used for swings, playgrounds and garden surrounds to allow water to drain
- empty bird baths and pets drinking water at least once a week
- prevent leaking taps which can maintain semi-permanent pools
- flush disused outside toilets once a week
- keep fish ponds stocked with fish
- remove weeds and grass from drains to enable them to drain freely

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MOSQUITO CONTROL CONTINUED.....

- keep roof guttering in good repair and regularly remove leaves and debris so that pools of water do not form
- keep lawns and gardens well maintained so that you are not providing shelter for adult mosquitoes.

Stop mosquitoes entering your house

- install flywire screens on all windows and place self-closing wire screens on doors
- check, repair and replace any screens with holes (screens should be no coarser than 12 x 12 meshes per 25mm).

If you want more information please contact your local Environmental Health Officer – Bill Hardy on 0428 831 037.

AGED PERSONS UNIT AVAILABLE FOR RENT

BROWN STREET, BENCUBBIN

The Shire of Mt Marshall has Unit 3 in the Bencubbin Aged Person's Village available for rent. The unit is one of four and is comprised of two bedrooms, one bathroom and carport.

Applications that meet the following selection criteria will be given priority:

- 65 yrs of age or over
- Disability
- Pensioner



Applicants will need to meet a Department of Housing and Income Criteria. Copies of the criteria and application forms can be obtained from the Shire Office. Enquiries can be made to Morgann Tranter, cso@mtmarshall.wa.gov.au or by calling the Shire Office on 9685 1202.

Applications should be submitted to the Shire of Mt Marshall by 4.00pm on **Friday 27th May 2016**.

Unsuccessful applicants will be placed onto a waiting list.



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COCKIE UPDATE—BEACON

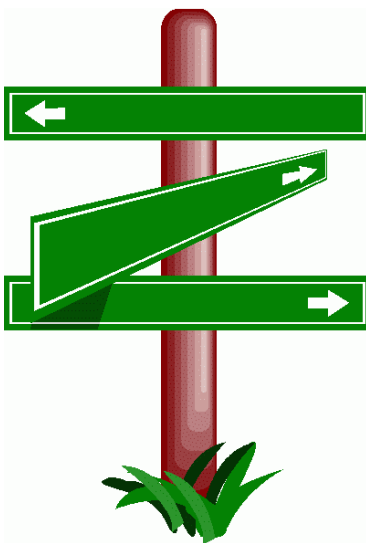
Please be advised that due to more complaints regarding the noisy and destructive winged natives in Beacon, we are arranging to have the situation resolved in the near future and will keep you informed via this newsletter and social media on any developments.

We are also looking into the possibility of arranging similar action in Bencubbin where the birds have also taken up residence recently.

HYMAS STREET—BEACON

We have received notification that the Shire's application to have the spelling of Hymas Street in Beacon amended has been approved by the Minister of Lands.

Signage will be erected with the correct spelling of 'Hymus' in the near future.



TOILET PAPER SUPPLIES IN PUBLIC TOILETS

We have noticed a larger than normal amount of Shire supplied toilet paper being used in the public toilets around Bencubbin.

While this may be explained by a number of occurrences there is a high chance this is due to some people removing rolls of toilet paper for their own personal use.

In response to the disappearing toilet paper please note that the Shire will be stocking decreased amounts of toilet paper in all public toilets around Bencubbin.

It is unfortunate that this will impact the visitors to our town who use the public toilets the most.

