



DIARY DATES

2 September 2017

Back to Beacon Weekend

5 September 2017

Recycling Collection

19 September 2017

Ordinary Meeting of Council @
3pm in Council Chambers

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Shire of Mt Marshall

— THE SANDALWOOD SHIRE —

21 August 2017

ROAD CLOSURES - BACK TO BEACON WEEKEND, SEPTEMBER 2017

The following roads will be closed for the Back to Beacon Vintage Machinery Parade.

Closed from 12.30pm – 2.30pm on Saturday 2nd of September:



Lucas Street (Kirby St to Shemeld St)
Broadbent Street (Lucas St to Lindsay St)
Lindsay St (Kirby St to Shemeld St)
Shemeld St (Lindsay St to Lucas St)
Rowlands St (Broadbent St to Shemeld St)

Detours will be put in place. People living within this vicinity will not have vehicular access to their property during these hours.

CEO IN BEACON

CEO, John Nuttall's next visit to Beacon to meet with community members will be on Monday, 28 August. As with previous sessions they will be held at Beacon Central between 1.30 and 4pm. Appointments are not necessary, simply drop in and John will see people on a first come, first served basis. This is an opportunity to ask questions, provide feedback, good or bad, or to generally discuss how you see the Shire performing.

For community members based in other areas of the Shire, please remember that John is available in the Shire Office during business hours if you wish to drop in or make an appointment.

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COMMUNITY UPDATE - AUGUST ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

Annual Budget

The 2017/18 Annual Budget was adopted by Council this month. Whilst it is not possible to run through everything that is in the budget, items that everyone may be interested in include:

Rates – a 3.5% increase to the overall rates pool income was endorsed by Council. That rate rise is as low a rise as Council could prudently make it. It is a lower rise than many of our neighbouring Shires. As ever, each individual rate rise will be dependent upon any change provided to us by the valuer general, and so an individual notice may not show an increase of exactly 3.5%. For information please do not hesitate to contact the Finance & Administration Manager at the Shire Office.

Economic Development Grant Fund – Council adopted a new grant fund, which will be known as the Economic Development Grant Fund. There will be two rounds of this fund annually (around September and March each year). The fund will be open to businesses and community groups. It will require a co-contribution (amount depends on the status of the applicant) and the project or event will have to demonstrate significant benefit to the community. Council has set aside \$120,000 this financial year for this grant. Keep a look out for details of the grant round opening, and application details.

Fees & Charges – there have been some changes to the Statutory and Shire fees, again with any Shire charges being kept to as low a rise as possible. Please check the website for a full list of the new fees and charges.

Strategic Community Plan

The plan that was prepared with you, the community, has now been prepared and adopted by Council. Subject to some minor editing and formatting, the document will be available on our website soon.

This plan has set the goals and visions of the community for the next few years. Relevant parts of the plan will therefore be referenced in all agenda items going to meetings of Council, so the community can see how each matter fits into the strategic vision.

In order to carry out the vision in this document, a Corporate Business Plan and a Long Term Financial Plan have also been prepared. These documents will be reviewed over the next couple of weeks, and presented to Council for adoption at the next ordinary meeting of Council.