



# Shire of Mt Marshall

— THE SANDALWOOD SHIRE —

5 November 2018

## BEACON INDUSTRIAL LAND

The Shire has been in discussions over the last few months with Landcorp regarding the possibility of the development and release of industrial land in Beacon.

Whilst Landcorp have not provided any guarantee that they would be able to financially commit to undertaking any development of industrial land in Beacon, they are wanting to gauge current interest. In order to do so they require confirmation by individual businesses that they have a firm interest in occupying newly developed industrial land.

In order to confirm interest the following questions must be answered:

- Name of business
- Type of business to be conducted on new land
- Size of land required
- What the business is willing to pay to purchase the developed land

Landcorp have asked the Shire to prepare a register of interest. Accordingly if your business has an interest please confirm in writing by answering all of the above questions.

The response can be sent hard copy to:

Chief Executive Officer  
Shire of Mt Marshall  
PO Box 20  
Bencubbin WA 6477

Or by email:

[ceo@mtmarshall.wa.gov.au](mailto:ceo@mtmarshall.wa.gov.au)

Responses should be received by 4pm Friday 14 December 2018.

## DIARY DATES

### 13 November 2018

Recycling Collection

### 20 November 2018

Ordinary Meeting of Council @  
4:00pm at the Beacon Country  
Club

### 14 December 2018

Industrial Land Expressions of  
Interest Close

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## **Shire of Mt Marshall Bush Fire Act 1954 Prohibited Burning Time**

All burning is prohibited in the Shire of Mt Marshall from Thursday 1 November 2018 to Thursday 31 January 2019. The Restricted Burning time will then continue to Friday 15 March 2019.

Burning which may be done during the prohibited burning time:

### **BURNING TO PROTECT A DWELLING/HOUSE**

Throughout the whole of the prohibited burning times, a fire break may be burnt to protect a dwelling house or other building, or a stack of produce. All the conditions of section 18 of the Bush Fires Act must be complied with including obtaining a permit for the burning. The burning may be carried out only between the hours of 4 o'clock in the afternoon and midnight of the same day as is specified in the permit, and within two plough or spade breaks of which the outer break is not more than 100 metres from the property to be protected.

### **BURNING OF GARDEN REFUSE AND RUBBISH**

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.

Garden refuse and rubbish burnt on the ground 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.

### **FIREBREAKS**

All landholders are reminded of the requirements relating to the provision of firebreaks. If your firebreaks do not comply with the Shire's "Fire Break Order" it may affect your insurance. Town site residents who have not complied please expect a letter from the Shire very shortly.

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

## **TAKE CARE AND HELP TO PREVENT BUSH FIRES**





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## Bush Fire Information 2018

### Harvest Ban Information

The Shire of Mt Marshall has not received notification from the ABC that they will once again broadcast harvest ban information, but we will assume that last year's arrangement will remain.

There will be three tune-in times on weekdays 10.05am, 12.35pm and 2.05pm, on weekends there will be two tune in times 12.35pm and 2.05pm.

There will be just one simple announcement saying: **‘Due to the risk of fire the following local governments have imposed a ban on harvesting and the use of any equipment that could potentially start a fire’** and then the names of the local authorities. Although it will not include **“movement of machinery in paddocks ban”** please note that all bans in the Shire of Mt Marshall will be **‘Harvest and Movement of Machinery in Paddocks Bans’**

No radio station will broadcast the lifting of a harvest ban, it will be up to individual shires to use their own methods. Radiowest will provide a similar service.

The Shire will have besides radio, three other avenues to announce harvest bans:

**SMS** - if you are not registered for this service please contact the Shire office on 96851202 or email [ro@mtmarshall.wa.gov.au](mailto:ro@mtmarshall.wa.gov.au) If you have had new staff commence work for harvest please have them register also.

**Harvest Ban Hotline** – please note that the message bank phone number is **9487 0671**.

**Facebook.**

### Harvest Ban Advice

Please note that the SMS will be the first point of contact with farmers advising of a ban, followed by the radio and then the message bank hotline, please give staff time to set up the necessary services before seeking further information.

### Timing of Harvest Bans

To avoid any unnecessary phone calls the Shire has implemented the following procedure regarding the lifting of Harvest Bans. If the ban has been in place before 11.00am it will be reviewed at 3.00pm (not lifted), if the ban has been in place after 11.00am it will be lifted at 6.00pm unless conditions deteriorate.

Although local authorities are responsible for the placing of harvest bans, due to the vast area of the Shire, farmers must also take some responsibility to ensure they carry out their harvesting operations in a safe and timely manner.

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## Total Fire Bans

Total Fire Bans are declared by DFES when there is the potential of extreme fire weather or when widespread fires are seriously stretching resources.

When a Total Fire Ban is declared it prohibits the lighting of any fires in the open air and any activity that may start a fire – including the use of equipment and tools such as welders, grinders, torches or gas cutters.

You can continue farming activities during a Total Fire Ban as long as your local authority has not imposed a Harvest and Movement of Machinery in Paddocks Ban. Total Fire Bans are usually in place for twenty four (24) hours.

## Fire Suppression Equipment

Farmers and harvesting contractors are required to comply with the Bush Fire Regulations of 1954 and in particular the key points below relating to harvesting activities:

Section 38 – A person shall not operate any harvesting machine or header in any crop during the prohibited burning times or the restricted burning times unless a fire extinguisher is carried on the machine.

Section 38A(4) – A person shall when required by a local government, provide a plough or other specified machine, appliance or firefighting equipment in or in the vicinity of any land or paddock where harvesting operations are being conducted.

As a minimum requirement the shire requests that you have on site the following firefighting equipment serviced and readily available at all times during harvest:

A mobile operational farm firefighting unit comprising of a tank with a minimum capacity of 400 litres, a powered pump, reel hose and nozzle. Keep this unit parked on bare ground, in or near the harvesting area for quick access.

## Other Equipment

**PPE** – if you have not been issued with proban treated overalls through your brigade, the minimum acceptable dress on the fire ground is long sleeved shirt, long trousers, sturdy boots, gloves and a hat. (**No singlets, shorts and thongs**)

## Attendance at Fires

If you are required to attend a fire please report (by CB, Channel 5) or in person to the officer in charge and wear the appropriate PPE. If you do not have the appropriate PPE you will be asked to leave the fire ground by the officer in charge or given an alternative job. The officer in charge of the fire is responsible for every ones safety as soon as they step on the fire ground and if someone gets injured or even worse, fatally injured, it is he that is answerable to all questions asked in subsequent investigations.

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## Firebreaks

All ratepayers receive a Firebreak Order with their rate notice, to ensure everyone is doing the right thing Shire staff will be carrying out inspections.

Agriculture Land – clear a firebreak consisting of **mineral earth**, to a width of no less than 3 metres, as close as practical, inside the external boundaries of the property. They must also provide a vertical clearance of 3.5 meters

Town sites – all town site lots within the Shire of Mt Marshall shall be cleared of all debris of an inflammable nature and be maintained free of such material.

During a recent inspection of the towns it soon became apparent that the same people need to be reminded each year to clean up their blocks. If you need help to clean up your block ask for it, rather than waiting until the weeds are out of control. Thanks to the people who have responded to the recent request they received.

## Bush Fire Training / Bush Fire Control Officer

At our annual Bush Fire Advisory meeting the dwindling number of Bush Fire Control Officers in the Shire was once again discussed.

It was resolved to continue advertising this inadequacy in the hope that some members of the community might indicate that they are willing to take on the role. Several members of the Welbungin Bush Fire Brigade have put their names forward but other areas of the Shire, namely Bencubbin, Beacon and Gabbin still need to be covered.

You will be provided with the necessary Bush Fire Control Officer (BFCO) training by DFES staff although it does require more than one days training. The current number of days to complete the Bush Fire Control Officer course is four (4) days.

It has been suggested that as the Fire Fighter training is a three (3) day course, this be held in February 2019 and the one (1) day BFCO training be held in August 2019.

It has been a number of years since some officers have completed any training so members are invited to attend the training to refresh their skills. Please give me a call on 0429 851 318 or email [ro@mtmarshall.wa.gov.au](mailto:ro@mtmarshall.wa.gov.au) to register your interest.

If you know of anyone who you think could fill this role, please encourage them to register for the training.

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All community members, including women, are encouraged to join as a Bush Fire Control Officer and fill this vital role.

If you think that fighting fires might be a bit dangerous but feel that you could help your community out by becoming a Bush Fire Control Officer there are other jobs that you can perform in this role.

## Need to Know Contact Details

Shire Office	96 851 202	CB 5
Damian Tomas	0429 010 574	CB 38
Garry Huckstep	0428 864 050	CB 25
Jack Walker	0429 851 318	CB 5
Brett Clark	0427 486 012	CB 12
John Dunne	0427 861 045	CB 11
Tim Cashmore	0427 926 684	CB 22
Calvin Potter	0428 355 9058	
Mark Jeffries	0439 851 327	
Tony Sachse	0429 851 257	
Steve Kett	0488 939 810	

## Further Information

If you require any further information please contact the shire office, your local Bush Fire Control Officer or visit the DFES website.

Jack Walker – Bush Fire Control Officer

## CEO'S NEXT FORUM IN BEACON

Beacon residents who wish to discuss anything with CEO, John Nuttall are advised that he will be available prior to the November Council Meeting on 20 November in Beacon Central from 2pm. John will see people on a first come, first served basis and no appointments are necessary.



## CORRECTION—NOVEMBER COUNCIL MEETING

The November meeting of Council will be held in the Beacon Country Club at 4pm, Tuesday 20 November, not the Beacon CWA House as printed in last week's Shire news.