



Shire of Mt Marshall

— THE SANDALWOOD SHIRE —

22 July 2019

PUBLIC COMMENT SOUGHT

The Shire has been approached by the Better Bencubbin Progress Association regarding erecting some native animal statues in Bencubbin, primarily along Monger St. The statues would be in various colours and made out of metal. The idea behind this request is that they would be of interest to visitors to the town.

We now invite feedback from the community as to whether you support the installation of these statues or not. Below is an example of the proposed statues:



Statues would be painted in bright colours eg yellow, orange, green and blue. Height of the statues will vary between 40cm and 4 ft.



Written feedback will be received until 16 August via post to PO Box 20, Bencubbin, via email to admin@mtmarshall.wa.gov.au or in person to the Shire offices, 71 Monger St, Bencubbin.

Council will consider community feedback at their September ordinary meeting.

DIARY DATES

6 August 2019

Recycling Collection

13 August 2019

Ordinary Meeting of Council @ 3:00pm in Council Chambers, Monger St, Bencubbin.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS 2019

The next Local Government Ordinary Elections will be held on **19 October 2019**. Elections are held every two years and candidates are elected using first-past-the post voting system.

Enrolling to vote in a Local Government Election

All eligible electors must enrol to vote through the Australian Electoral Commission: www.aec.gov.au/enrol

When you enrol to vote you are enrolled for Commonwealth, State and Local Government Elections. You can check your enrolment online.

All residents in a local government district who are enrolled on the state electoral roll are automatically enrolled on the corresponding local government roll.

People who own or occupy property within the local government district can apply to their local government to be included on the roll as an owner/occupier, as long as they are eligible electors. A body corporate may apply to have up to two eligible electors to be included on the owner/occupier roll, however an elector only ever gets one vote in a particular district.

If you are an owner, once you are enrolled to vote your eligibility to vote continues until you do not own that property anymore.

If you are an occupier, once you are enrolled your eligibility expires 6 months after the second ordinary election and you will need to re apply.

All enrolment eligibility claim forms need to be received no later than close of business 50 days before the election date.

All eligible electors are allowed to vote once in any district or ward for which they are enrolled. If a person lives within one local district or ward, and owns or occupies property in a different district or ward, they may be entitled to a vote in both areas, provided they are enrolled for those addresses. For more information or to enrol as an owner/occupier please contact the Shire of Mt Marshall.

Voting in a Local Government Election

Voting in a Local Government Election is not compulsory in WA, however, all electors are encouraged to vote.



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Local Government Elections continued

There are two types of local government elections—postal elections and voting in person election. At a postal election electors are sent an election package, which includes ballot papers and instructions on how to return the papers by post. During an in person election electors have the option to vote early by attending a polling place within the district or attending on the day of the election.

Postal Elections

Postal elections administered by the Electoral Commission are the most popular means of conducting a Local Government Election and the Shire of Mt Marshall has resolved to conduct the October 2019 elections in this manner as postal elections generally have a higher elector participation rate.

All eligible electors will receive a postal voting package in the mail around three weeks prior to the election. The package will consist of a list of candidates, ballot papers and an unsigned declaration. Your postal vote must be received before 6.00pm on polling day. If you are worried about your postal vote being returned on time via Australia Post you can deliver it by hand to a polling official.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

CLEANER

A vacancy exists for a full time Cleaner working from the Bencubbin depot (38hrs/wk). You will be required to clean various Shire facilities including, but not limited to, the Shire office, the Bencubbin Caravan Park ablutions and accommodation as well as the Bencubbin Multipurpose Complex.

Remuneration will be according to Level 3 of the Local Government Industry Award 2010 and Shire housing may be negotiated with the successful applicant.



To obtain a copy of the position description, please contact Nadine Richmond during office hours on 08 9685 1202 or via email admin@mtmarshall.wa.gov.au. Applications submitted to the undersigned, marked 'Private & Confidential' are to be received by 4pm, Friday 26 July 2019.

John Nuttall
Chief Executive Officer



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2019 CULTURAL DAY

On Friday 5 July the community were invited to join the Beacon and Bencubbin Primary schools for the 2019 Cultural Day. We welcomed the Njaki Njaki Aboriginal Cultural Tours who had some exciting group activities planned for the day. There were four group sessions that the students and community members participated in throughout the morning. These activities included damper making, canvas paintings of the six seasons, exploring the indigenous language, learning about bush tucker, listening to didgeridoo music and learning traditional dance.

After some hamburgers and a quick break for lunch, we finished the day with a trip to Datjoin reserve where we had a smoke ceremony and a short walk to see some rock paintings. We then finished the day with a jam session with the didgeridoo playing along with the tapping sticks which were being played by the students.

It was a wonderful learning experience and we must thank the Njaki Njaki Aboriginal Cultural Tours for the planning that went into each of the activities. Thank you to Beacon Primary School for hosting the day and to both schools, in particular Leah and Craig, who have worked in partnership with the Shire to pull the day together.

CEO VISIT TO BEACON

CEO, John Nuttall's next visit to Beacon to meet with community members is scheduled for Wednesday 31 July. John will be available at Beacon Central from 2.00pm. Appointments are not necessary, simply drop in and John will see people on a first come, first served basis.

WEBINAR FOR PROSPECTIVE ELECTED MEMBERS

Ever thought about nominating to become a Councillor, but you aren't sure if the role is for you? Then be sure to register for the West Australian Local Government Association's (WALGA) free webinar to have all your questions answered.

Local Government Ordinary Elections will be held 19 October 2019.

The WEBINAR will be held on 15 August at 5pm and details of the WEBINAR can be found on our website www.mtmarshall.wa.gov.au





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ROAD SAFETY COMMUNITY FORUMS

The Road Safety Council is consulting with people in facilitated forums across WA to share information and to understand what you would support in the State's next road safety strategy.

The purpose of community consultation forums is to engage with the WA community to understand local road safety issues and hear the suggestions of our community on making roads safe for all road users. The outcomes of these community forums will inform the development of WA's new road safety strategy and the supporting action plans.

Each forum is expected to run for 1 hour 45 minutes. Dates nearby are:

Merredin - 29 August 2019

Northam - 28 August 2019

You will need to register at the link below and once attendee numbers are known the venue of the forums will be released:

https://imaginezero.rsc.wa.gov.au/forums/survey_tools/rsvp-for-forums

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