



Shire of Mt Marshall

— THE SANDALWOOD SHIRE —

3 February 2020

DIARY DATES

11 February 2020

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

18 February 2020

Recycling Collection

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AUSTRALIA DAY 2020

President's Speech 26 January, 2020.

On behalf of the Shire of Mt Marshall, we acknowledge the Traditional Owners both past, present and emerging of the land on which we stand today. I would also acknowledge fellow Councillors, past Councillors, past recipients of the Shire of Mt Marshall Citizen of the Year Award, some of who are here today, Ladies and Gentlemen, Girls and Boys, welcome to this 2020 Australia Day function.

Thanks to Shire of Mt Marshall staff, especially Community Development Officer, Rebecca Watson, for their work in preparing for today. Special thanks to the Bencubbin Lions Club for cooking an excellent breakfast, and to the Beacon Progress Association for helping organise this event and cooking a wonderful evening meal.

On Australia Day today we reflect on the past, present and future of Australia, the opportunities that we have, and the contribution of all Australians to our nation. We also recognise those communities facing challenges. We especially think of those communities affected by the recent and current bushfires, and those fighting these fires.

We also reflect on living and visiting the Shire of Mt Marshall, and recognise the contributions of so many towards our communities here, and what a difference this makes to the wellbeing of everyone. Thank you.

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The Mt Marshall Citizen of the Year is an award to recognise and reward a Shire of Mt Marshall individual for their outstanding service to the community and to encourage and continue to foster community spirit. The Award was established in 1989.

2020 Citizen of the Year - Mrs Megan Beagley

Megan rode into Beacon on her motorbike in 1992 to take up a graduate teaching position at the Beacon Primary School. At this stage no one would know what a profound impact that she would have on the community of Beacon.

Megan has embraced country life and is passionate about making Beacon the best possible place for her family and community to live. She has been an active member of many community groups in her 28 years in Beacon, there wouldn't be many groups that Megan has not been involved in in some way.

Megan held the position of Secretary of the Beacon Telecentre (now the Beacon Central Community Resource Centre) from 1999-2001, Beacon Playgroup Treasurer and President from 2001-2006, is heavily involved in the Beacon Theatre Arts Club, Beacon Parents and Citizens Association and the Beacon Hockey Club. Megan is also a member and held numerous management roles for the Beacon Progress Association since 2004. Megan has also served as a volunteer St Johns Ambulance Driver for 20 years.

Megan is recognised as a leader in her community. She can certainly rally the troops and get people organised to achieve the task at hand.

Some of the projects where Megan has demonstrated her leadership skills include the establishment of the Beacon Youth Centre in 2002, the toy library in 2001, the FM Radio Transmitter tower, the establishment of an annual Big Busy Bee, establishment of a tourism working group, the building of the Beacon Co-Operative, fit out of the Beacon Men's Shed, remodelling of the Beacon Country Club kitchen, the Locust Luau (2000) and the Adam Harvey Concert (2018).

Megan also played an active role in the establishment of the Central Wheatbelt Netball Association as well as the Beacon Netball Club which are a wonderful and successful addition to the Winter Sports League in the Central Wheatbelt.



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Over the years, Megan has submitted many funding applications on behalf of many of the Beacon Community Groups. Significant funds have been received by the community to implement projects, programs and activities thanks to Megan and her ability to write a great application. Megan doesn't just source the funds for a project, she also manages these projects through to their successful completion.

Megan is very passionate about the children in the community and has held numerous teaching roles at the Beacon and Bencubbin Primary Schools since she arrived. This passion however has extended beyond the school gates with Megan organising extracurricular activities such as Junior Theatre Arts, Music Club, Youth Group and School Holiday Activities such as the recent Blue Tree Painting.

Council would like to recognise the contribution that Megan has made to the Beacon Community by awarding her the 2020 Mt Marshall Citizen of the Year Award.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST - BUSH FIRE TRAINING 2020

Prior to Christmas, while advertising a 2 day Bush Fire Fighter training course I had several people enquire about attending the course. Unfortunately one of the requirements before attending the Bush Fire Fighting course is completion of the Introduction to Fire Fighting course.

If you are interested in attending an Introduction to Fire Fighting course please let me know via phone on 0429 851 318 or email ro@mtmarshall.wa.gov.au and I will see if I can arrange this course being held.



Fire Fighting is an important part of living in a rural community and it is important that we all have the necessary skills to ensure we can protect ourselves, our families and friends in the event of a fire.

Jack Walker – Bush Fire Control Officer



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Shire of Mt Marshall Bush Fire Act 1954 Restricted Burning Time

All burning is **Restricted** in the Shire of Mt Marshall from **Saturday 1 February 2020 to Saturday 15 March 2020**. During this time a Permit to Burn is required.

Farmers are advised that Permits will only be issued on a daily basis and all burning must be completely extinguished by midnight the same day.

One important condition is that **burning cannot be carried out** on the day if a **Very High, Extreme or above Fire Danger has been issued by the Bureau of Meteorology**. Farmers are also asked to check the forecast wind speeds for the day as a permit will not be issued on any day that winds speeds are predicted to be above 20 kph in the afternoon.

Please check BOM website for further information or contact your nearest Bush Fire Control Officer.

Permit holders are reminded to read the "Obligations of the permit holder" prior to burning.

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.

If you are considering burning garden refuse please ensure that you do not leave the fire unattended and have running water available.

During this period there are still **Extreme** weather conditions and care should be taken before considering any burning.

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

Jack Walker
Regulatory Officer



TAKE CARE AND PREVENT BUSHFIRES