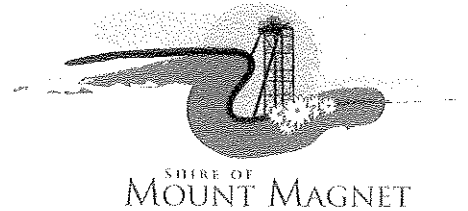


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News from the CEO...

The Annual meeting of Electors was held on 19th December 2005 and 18 people including Councillors and Staff attended. The Annual report was tabled at the meeting; it includes reports from the President, Chief Executive Officer, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Manager of Works and the Financial Statements plus the Auditors report. Copies are available from the Shire Office free of charge should residents wish to obtain a copy.

Work will commence shortly on the Mount Farmer road to remove a bad bend that is situated on a small hill. Council obtained monies through the "Black Spot programme" for this work. We were also fortunate to obtain a small amount of flood damage money from last year and we will commence that work shortly. The town streets that have been sealed will be curbed as soon as a contractor is available.

Council has completed its capital purchases programme for this financial year. You may have noticed a new grader (Cat) new Community bus, truck and water tank, Youth services vehicle, street sweeper and small vehicles. (cars and utilities)

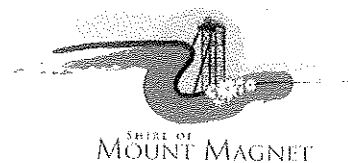
Council is in discussions with various stake holders regarding the medical services in Town. It is a very complex issue and it is not easy to work our way through all the issues associated with this problem, shortage of doctors, shortage of nurses, shortage of money and pending changes to the Medicare system and more importantly trying to involve all the "stake holders".

The Shire President and myself have been lobbying and are continuing to lobby our members of Parliament regards the shortage of Police, their excessive work load and the anti social behaviour of a small minority of our residents. The amount of breakins has become intolerable, however I believe a culprit has been apprehended and sent away. Hopefully that may have a positive impact on the Town

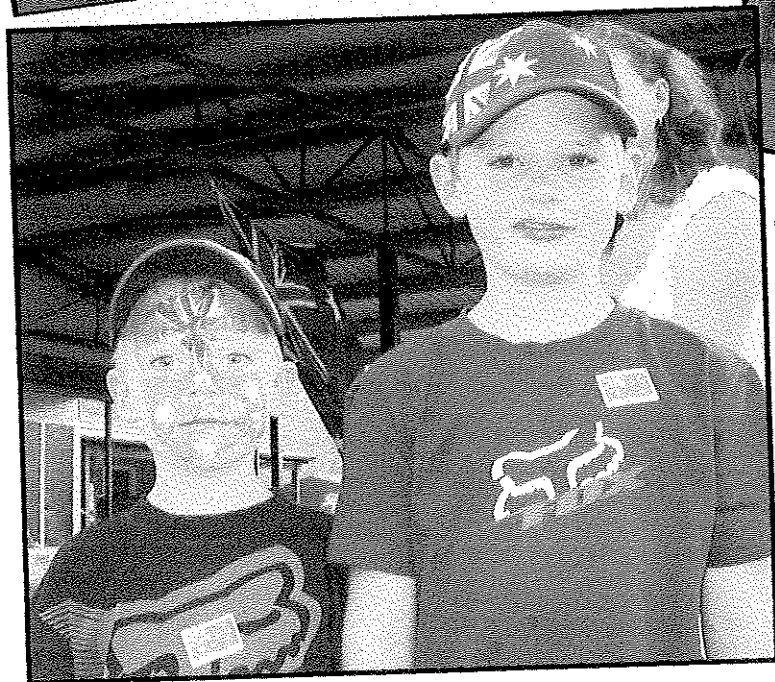
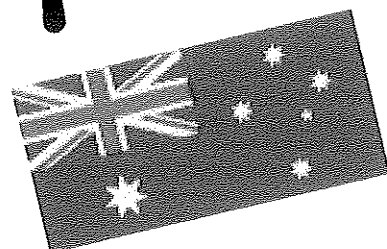
HAVE YOU PAID YOUR RATES??

Please pay promptly to avoid formal debt collection.
If you have any issues call Marilyn on (08) 9963 4001

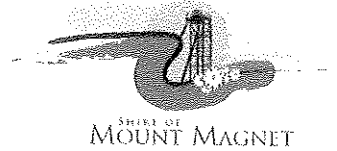
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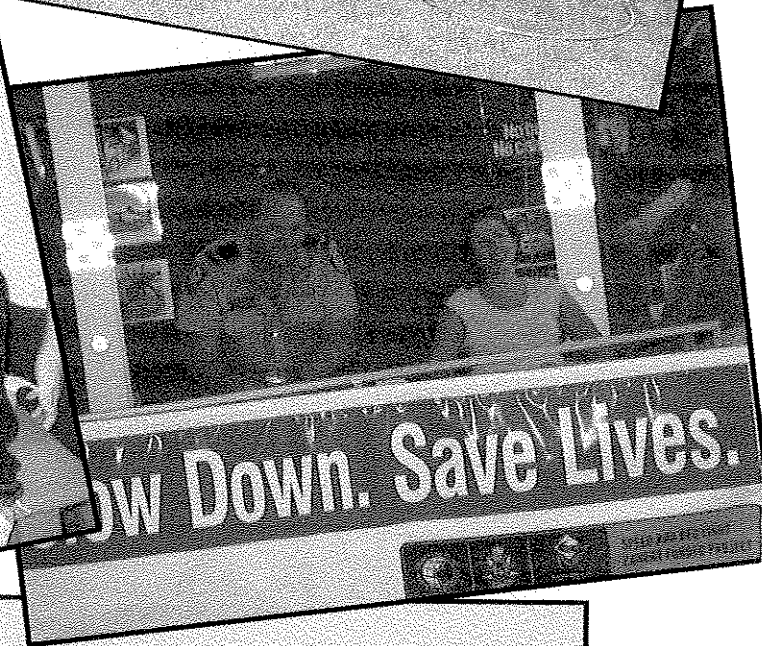
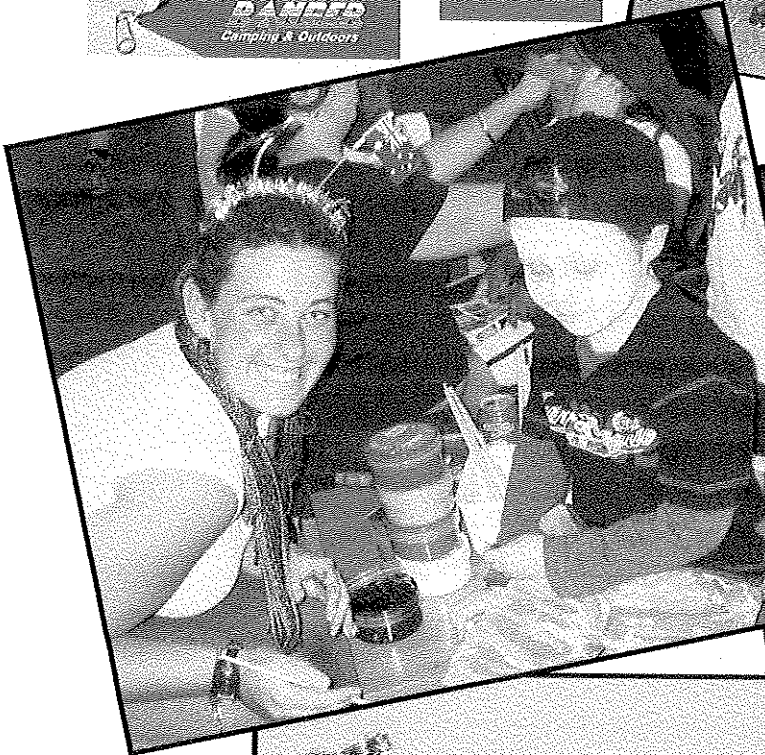
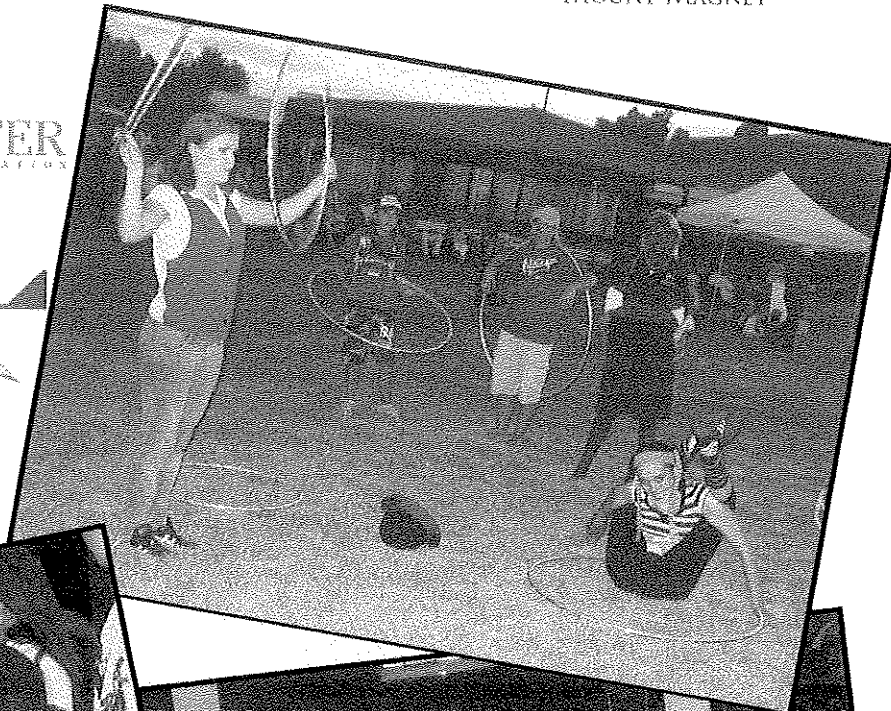
Australia Day Eve 2007



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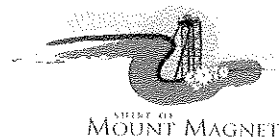
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Australia Day Celebrations 2007

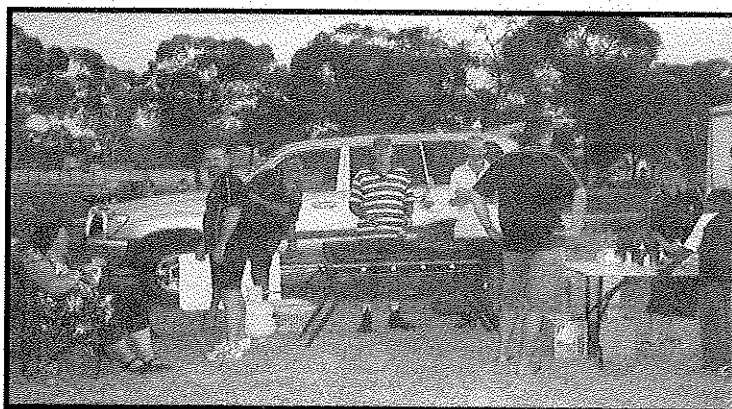
This year the Shire decided to break away from the traditional Australia Day Breakfast and host an Australia Day Eve celebration!

The community came together on the 25th January at Recreation Oval to have a feed, watch the presentations, spend time with friends and neighbours and celebrate being an Australian!

The kids enjoyed circus performers, bouncy castle, face painting and glow-sticks. Everyone enjoyed a feed from one of the community stalls— from the Aussie BBQ to exotic curries!

The Shire used our new cinema equipment to beam Oz Concert live from Government House gardens in Perth, onto the side of a truck for all to enjoy.

Despite the earlier gusty weather and the risk of a storm the evening ended with the spectacular display of fireworks put on by Mid West Fireworks. From all the “ooohhh’s” and “aaaaaahhh’s” from around the crowd I can say that the display impressed and was enjoyed by all!



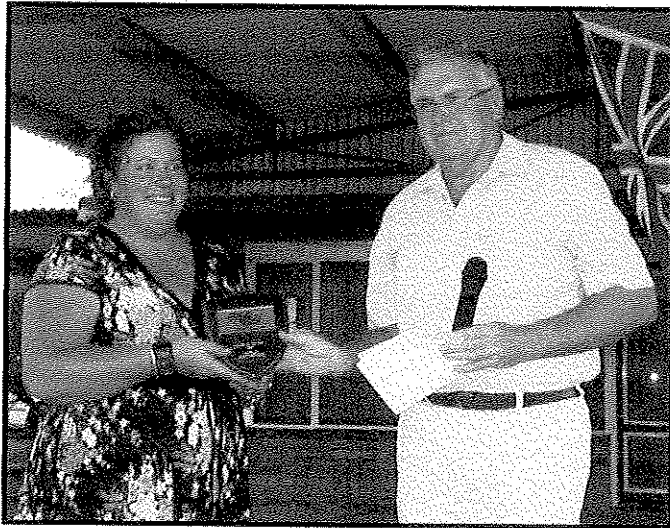
A huge thanks must go out to all the companies that sponsored the evening, the community groups and members that held stalls and made the night something special, the Fire Brigade who made sure the fireworks and crowd were safe, Mid West Fireworks for the fabulous display, and finally to all the Shire workers that helped on the night and in organising the event! The celebration will only get bigger and better next year!

If anyone has photos of the event they would like to share or any feedback how to make the night a bigger success in 2008, please give me a call! I am looking to put the collection together for the www.loockupandsmile.com.au website and the Shires website. Call (08) 9963 4001 or email project@mtmagnet.wa.gov.au

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Australia Day Citizens of the Year 2007

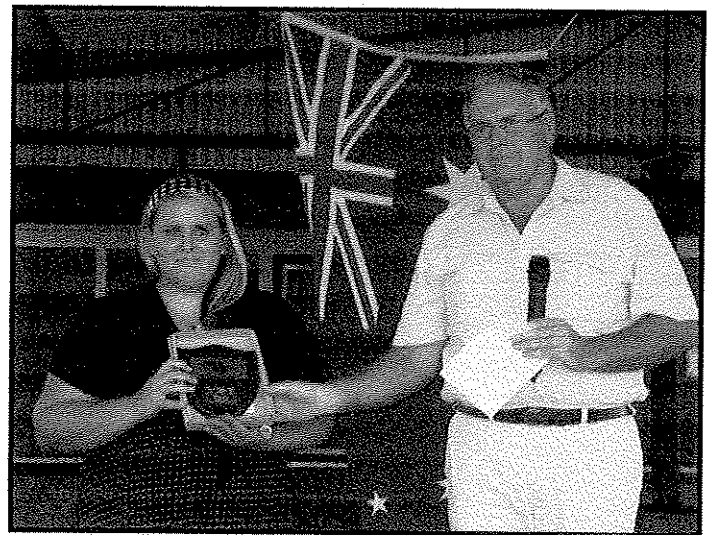


Australia Citizen of the Year— Michelle Lown-Woolcock

Michelle has received the Citizen of the Year award for 2007 for her dedication to the Mount Magnet community, as a working mother and committed volunteer for the St Johns Ambulance service. This involves attending accidents, disputes and taking patients through to Meekatharra any time, day and night; also taking patients to meet the Royal Flying Doctors Service plane when required. Michelle is always prepared to do the job, which is very hard emotionally and physically, at any time, without hesitation.

Australia Day Junior Citizen of the Year—Rebecca Dudley

Rebecca won the Junior Citizen of the Year Award as she always strives to be a good role model for the local youth of Mount Magnet. With her outstanding academic achievements, good work ethic and the part she plays in community activities the young people of the town look up to her. As a junior member of the fire brigade and constant enthusiasm for community events and activities she is an asset to Mount Magnet.

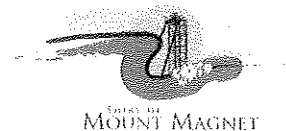


Australiana Raffle Winners

- 1st Prize—Laurie Evans
- 2nd Prize—Cobie Combes
- 3rd Prize—Justine Morgan



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Be Active Circus Workshop

Over 30 kids came along to the Be Active Circus Workshop to learn some new skills, be active and have a heap of fun! Circus performers from Perth brought equipment for juggling, diablo, hula and much more. Everyone that participated had a great time and definitely found their "thirty" for the day! Big thanks to Skippers for bringing up the circus girls!



The Circus Workshop was proudly sponsored by Healthway to promote the Be Active message. Being active every day is not difficult and doing some form of moderate physical activity is important in maintaining good health.

A large number of Australians are not physically active enough. People who have lower than the recommended levels of physical activity have an increased risk of a range of diseases and even death! So taking part in physical activity means you are less likely to get sick.

Also physical activity improves mental wellbeing (in both the short term and longer term) by reducing feelings of stress, anxiety and depression.

So go for a walk, practice your circus skills, ride your bike and Be Active, it will make you feel a whole lot better, both physically and mentally!



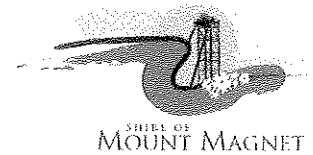
Just 30 minutes of moderate physical activity such as walking most days of the week is a terrific way to avoid heart disease and feel great. It can lower your blood pressure, cholesterol and weight. So get out of your chair and Be Active. Your seat will still be warm by the time you get back.

BE ACTIVE EVERY DAY



Healthway

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Mt Magnet Cinema – Up and Running

The Mt Magnet Cinema is once again running on a regular basis thanks to the support of Lotterywest, Mid West Development Commission and the Shire Council. After months of waiting for grant applications to be processed and approved the Shire has finally purchased and received its brand new cinema equipment! The equipment allows to run movies, concerts, shows and sporting events all on the big screen with surround sound.

Over the Summer holidays we have not only learnt how to use the equipment but we have run several movies! The features including Monster House and Benchwarmers have drawn crowds of around 50 people per showing with adults and kids alike enjoying the night out.

Now that the holidays are over we will be running the cinema on a weekly basis, mainly on the weekend, and will have features that will appeal to all different tastes! We will also have some special events such as our Valentines Day Romance! Keep your eyes on the notice boards for dates and times of upcoming movies.



Tickets

\$5.00 Children (under 18)

\$10.00 Adult

\$5.00 Pensioners

\$8.00 Seniors

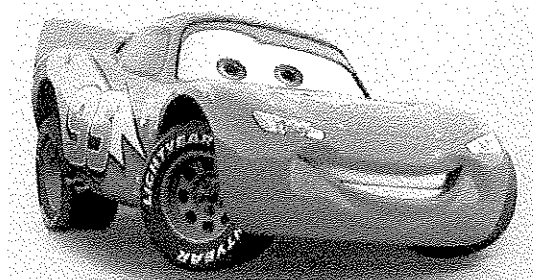
Cinema Rules

- Children under 10 years old must be accompanied by a parent or guardian (18+)
- No Pass-outs: Once the movie has started, if you leave you will not be permitted to re-enter
- All rubbish is to be placed in bins provided on the way out
- Respect other people watching the movie

What's on @ the Cinema?

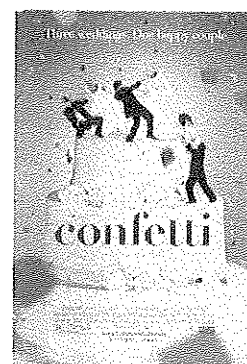
9th Feb—"Cars" (G)

Lightning McQueen is a feisty, self-centred rookie racing car aiming to win the ultra prestigious Piston Cup against his two chief rivals, the veteran King and the mean hearted, ever second Chick. When he's waylaid in the little town of Radiator Springs on Route 66, bypassed by the new interstate highway, he gets into trouble and detained on community service. Anxious to get to the big race in Los Angeles, Lightning is befriended by the rusty tow-truck, Mater and the attractive solicitor Sally Carrera who helps him in court. They, plus the local judge with a secret past, Doc Hudson and the other townfolk, teach Lightning some values he was missing, before he heads off to race for the Cup



14th Feb—"Confetti" (M)

Britains leading bridal and wedding glossy, Confetti Magazine, selects three couples to battle it out in a contest for the Most Original Wedding of the Year, with a \$500 000 house as the big prize. Matt and Samantha want a Hollywood musical theme; Josef and Isabelle go for their passion, tennis; Michael and Joanna opt for their hobby, natural (ie nude). Confetti editor Vivien and publisher Antoni engage wedding planners Heron and Hough to assist each couple, but the eight week journey from go to vow is fraught with stress, tension and interfering family members, even putting some of the weddings in jeopardy.



17th Feb—"Little Man" (PG)

Hired to steal the fabulous Queens Diamond, pint-sized jewel thief Calvin Simms (Marlon Wayans) and his dimwitted partner Percy (Tracy Morgan) stash the stone in Vanessa Chase's handbag when their get-away plans go uproariously awry. Discovering Vanessa's husband Darryl who's hopelessly obsessed with becoming a father, Calvin trades in his duds for diapers and poses as an abandoned baby. Suffering through a host of hysterical humiliations and outrageous family outings, Calvin desperately tries to retrieve the gem before his cover is blown, and Darryl and Vanessa really cut him down to size!



24th Feb—"The Departed" (MA)

Starring Leonardo DiCaprio, Matt Damon, Jack Nicholson and Mark Wahlberg

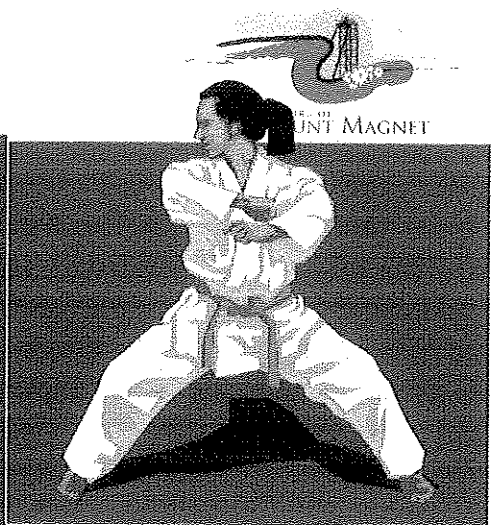
Billy Costigan and Colin Sullivan are two graduates of the Boston Police Academy; Colin is lured into working as a mole within the police force by a local arch criminal Frank Costello and Billy is given a criminal profile so he can go undercover and infiltrate Costello's inner sanctum. Costello's latest caper involve micro chip sales to China with potentially catastrophic consequences, and to make things worse, he is suspected of being an FBI informer. As bot moles become more entangled in their jobs—and also with forensic psychologist Madolyn Madden—suspicions arise and both the police undercover unit and Costello's mob start sniffing for the rat in their ranks.



Days are shortening so please keep checking notice boards for start times!

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Taekwondo Workshops



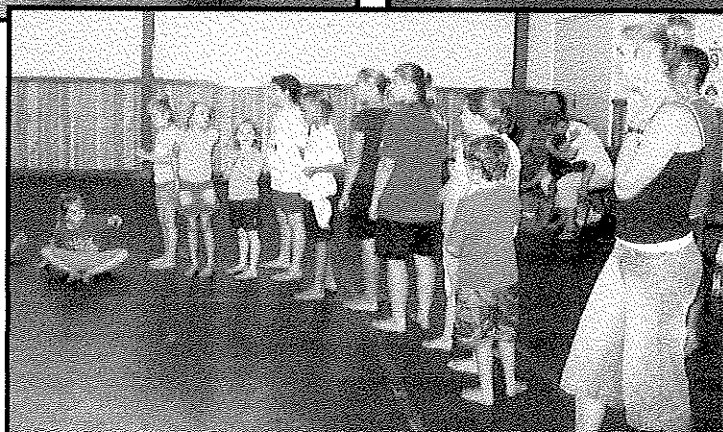
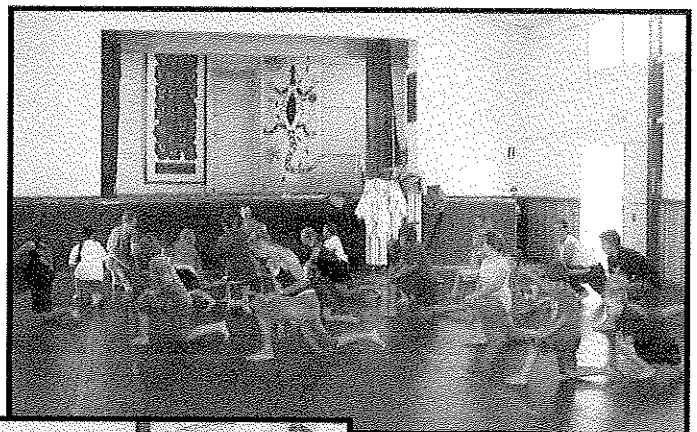
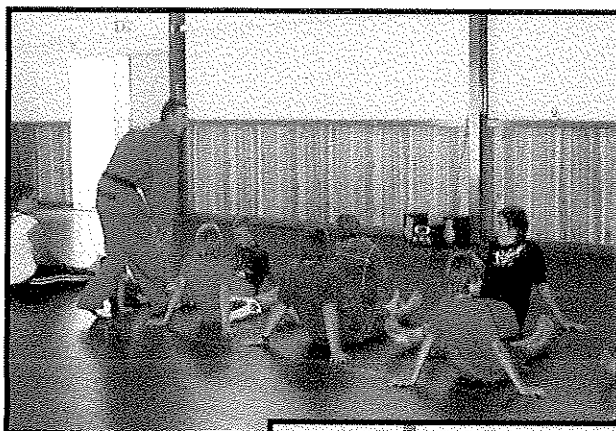
During the Summer Holidays the Shire hosted a week of Taekwondo Workshops for all ages, to teach a range of skills, self-defence and fitness.

A grant from the Office of Crime Prevention allowed Mr Simpson from ATI in Perth to come up to Mount Magnet for over a week and instruct a variety of groups.

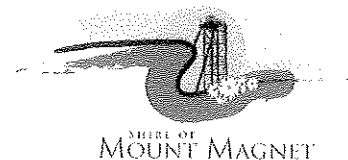
Participants of all ages came along to the Hall throughout the week and learnt the basics of the disciplined martial art of Taekwondo.

The workshops were so successful parents and kids have approached myself and the school to do what we can to bring Mr Simpson back to teach us all some more!

A big thanks to Mr and Miss Simpson who made this such a successful week, that we hope to turn into a regular event.

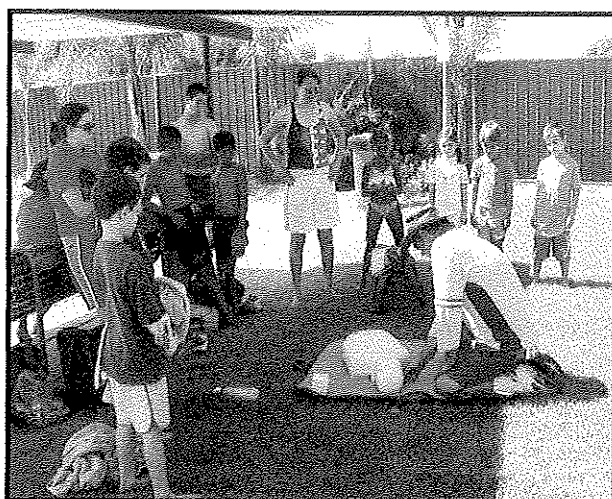


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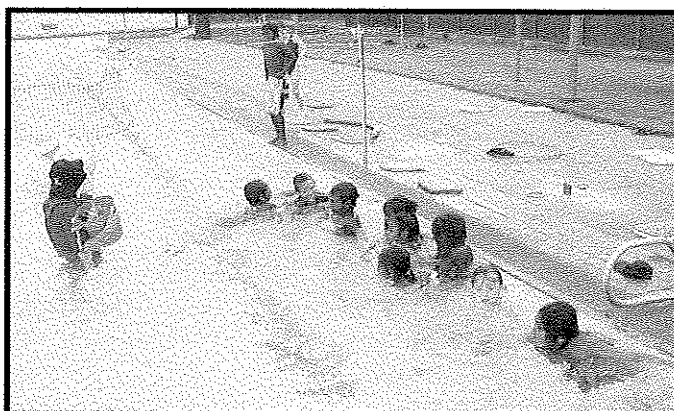
Mt Magnet Memorial Pool

Water Safety in the Bush "Swim Camps" November & December 2006



Last year the Shire received a grant to run a swimming program for families that do not have access to formal swimming lessons. Station families as well as families from Yalgoo, Cue and Sandstone were invited to participate in 4 day long "Swim Camps" to learn essential swimming, survival and water safety skills. The program was designed to cater to all ages, from mums and bubs to teenagers and adults wanting to gain their Bronze medallion. Over 100 people participated in the program and parents, teachers and trainers could all see great improvements in confidence and skills in the kids.

The Water Safety program proved to be very valuable and the Shire aims to run it again next year to continue educating people of the region on water safety and skills.



Training Laps

Organised and Supervised Lap Training

Every Friday

6:30—7pm Little Kids

7—8pm Big Kids

Only participants are allowed in and near the water during this time.
Parents are welcome to come along and watch the session—but please do not interfere!

There will be a BBQ for all participants after the training
Call Lester @ the Pool for more info—9963 4124

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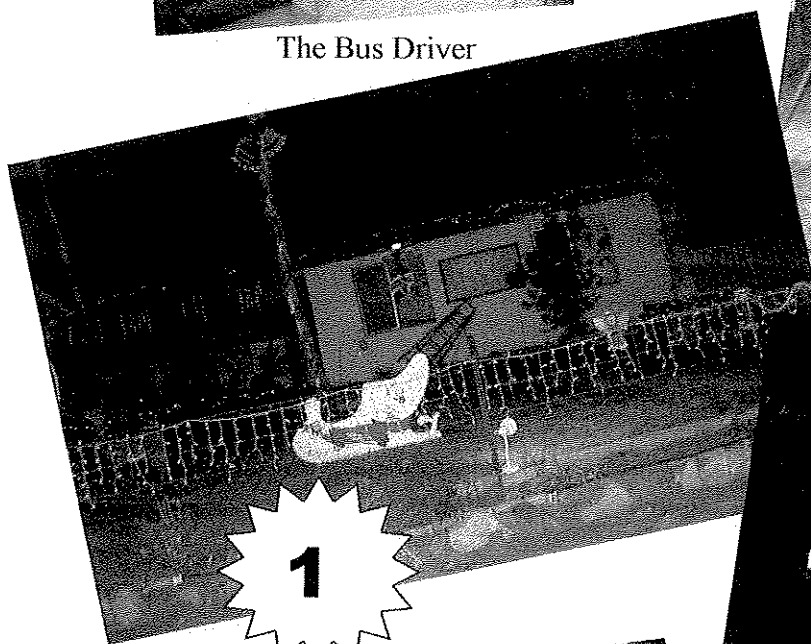
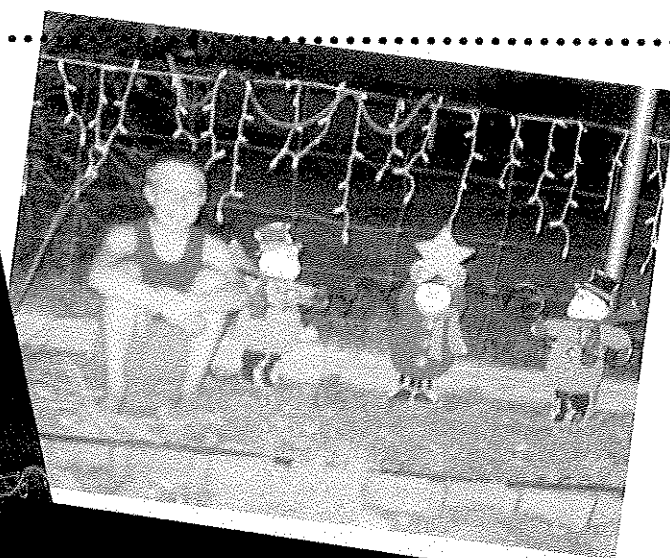


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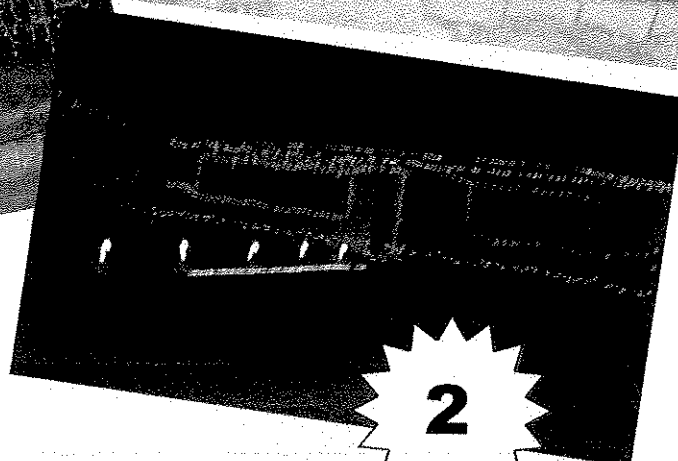


The Bus Driver

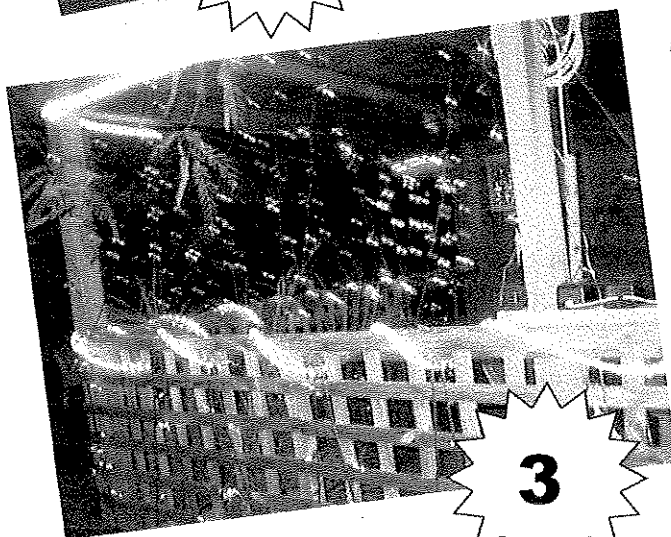
- 1st—Michelle and Graeme Woolecock
- 2nd—Amanda and Richard Greaves
- 3rd—Robina and Alan Ryanga-Franklin



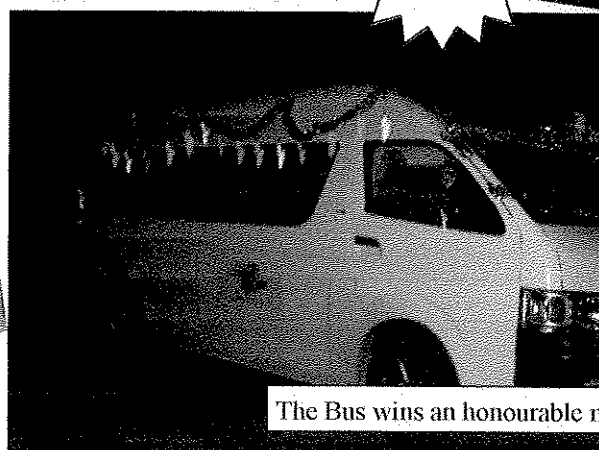
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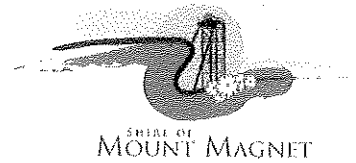


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The Bus wins an honourable mention

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Computer Course

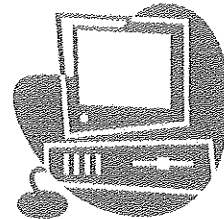
After the great success of the Free Computer Course run late last year, Rob has decided to return and teach us some more about computers, internet, email and how it all works!

Course will be held in late Feb or early March.

Places are limited so please give me a call ASAP to register your interest or reserve your place.

Details on dates and times will be on notice boards soon so keep your eyes out!

Call Jenna 99634001



Congratulations! to Angela Grant...

Angela became an Australian Citizen at the Australia Day Eve celebration on the 25th January. The community of Mount Magnet welcomed their newest Australian as Shire President, Russell Lockyer, conducted the ceremony.



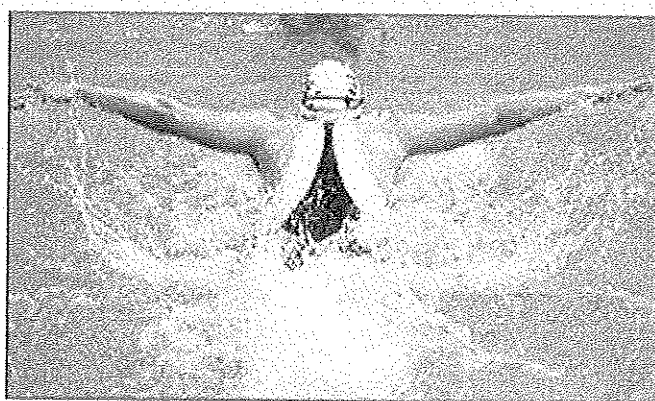
Next Ordinary Council Meeting

23rd February 2007

1pm Council Chambers

POOL TIMES

"NEW" *SWIMMING POOL HOURS*



MONDAY

EVERY SECOND MONDAY CLOSED

9.30—11.30am

2.30pm—7.30pm

(No early or late lap swims on Monday)

TUESDAY to FRIDAY

7.00am—8.00am (Adult Laps)

9.30—11.30am

2.30pm—7.30pm

SATURDAY, SUNDAY & PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

12.00pm—7.30pm

Infant Aquatics Classes Tuesday & Thursdays

9.30-10.00am

Kids Training Laps Fridays 6.00-8.00pm

WHAT COULD YOUR SPORTING CLUB DO WITH \$2,000?



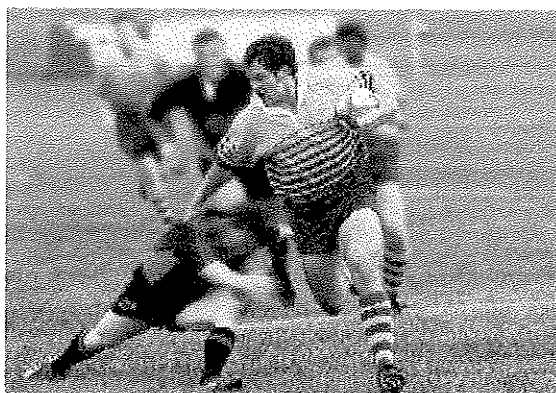
Healthy Club Sponsorships

Incorporated clubs playing in a recognised sporting competition over the 2007 winter season may apply for up to \$2000 for initiatives to make their club safer, healthier and to train and educate volunteers.

In return for sponsorship, clubs are required to become permanently and totally smoke free in all indoor areas and introduce strategies to address other health issues. Clubs will also need to develop and introduce a Healthy Club Policy addressing the issues of smoking, sun protection, sport safety, alcohol and healthy food choices.

Guidelines and application forms can be obtained from the Sports Medicine Australia website at www.smao.asn.au or by contacting Sports Medicine Australia on (08) 9285 8033.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE 5pm, Friday March 2 2007.





Pancake Day

20th February, 2007

buy a pancake and help people in need

www.pancakeday.com.au
freecall 1800 060 543



9:30am 20th February

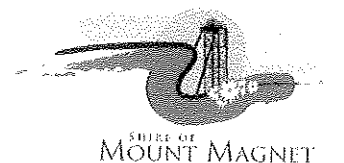
Picture Garden

Bring along a donation to have hot, fresh pancakes for morning tea!
All Welcome.

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Quiz



Answer the following questions and place your entry into the box at Murchison Hardware or Mount Magnet Meats by **Feb 28th** to win an awesome Be Active Prize Pack! There are 5 to win, so enter now!!

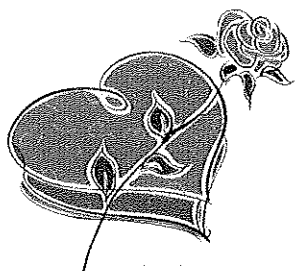
Q.1 What is your favourite sport to play? _____

Q.2 What do you like to do on weekends ? _____

Q.3 How many minutes of physical activity to you need everyday?
(Clue: "Find Th...") _____

Name: _____

Phone/Address: _____



Valentines Day @ the Movies

Do something different this Valentines Day and bring your loved one/s down to the Mount Magnet Cinema.

Couples Tickets for \$15
Door Prize

Singles are more than welcome! Come along with friends and have a fun night out!