



# COUNCIL COMMENTS

## **Our Beloved Baramia Creek is due a face lift**

The shire Works Crew will be starting the widening of the Baramia Creek this week. Seasonal flooding has caused difficulties for businesses and home owners and for this reason an exhaustive study into the creek and water flows has been conducted by Greenfield Technical Services of Geraldton. There will be strategic widening of the creek and removal of the footbridge on the northern floodway. This will allow the water to flow more freely through the creek system and reduce the possibility of flooding into the back of the businesses in the main street and back wash onto Watson Street. The road will be remade as a causeway to join the east and west of town.

Once the creek works are complete, Council intend to beautify the creek edges possibly by creating a flora/tree walkway and other community suggestions to make the area more attractive.

### **HOW YOU CAN HELP**

If anyone is interested in submitting suggestions or a design layout for the area, Council would certainly appreciate any assistance we can get. The main concern for the area is to ensure that it is water wise and contains native plants.

## **Architect to assist with Museum**

Council has engaged the services of an architect to assist with the drawing up of tender documents for the construction of the museum building. Council has also sought advice from WA Museums and the Mount Magnet Historical Society to ensure that the building is practical, functional and cost/energy efficient. Once the details of the building are prepared Council will invite the public to view them and then prepare a submission for the building facility.

Funding for this project will come from the federal Royalties for Regions funding. Council will also be seeking funding from other sources to assist with the second stage of development of the museum for footpaths, etc to complete the project.

## **Under-cover recreation area**

Council conducted a Recreational Needs Study done in response to public concern regarding the need for an undercover recreation area for residents to play sport during the hotter months. Council is now planning an under-cover area at the Recreation Centre and also a Youth Centre within the recreation grounds.

The disused tennis courts will provide the site for the undercover area which will be the size of two courts. There will be an office for the Sports and Recreation Officer and also an area for a Youth Centre. Relocating the Youth Centre close to the Skateboard Park and BMX track and other recreation facilities will allow the Sports and Recreation Officer to co-ordinate youth and general sport & leisure activities far more effectively.

Designs are in the pipeline for this project and once completed will be available to the public for comment and submission to Council who will then give approval for the work to begin.

Funding for this project is from the Royalties for Regions funding.

## **Upgrade of Old Hospital Building**

Part of the funding from Royalties for Regions for the second year was for projects of regional significance. Council has resolved to spend Mount Magnet's share of the funds on the restoration of the Old Hospital Building. Once completed this will become a Regional Arts Centre and will still house the Quilting group, Pottery group and also include the Indigenous Arts Centre.

The allocation of funding to this facility will allow Council to restore the old hospital back to a functioning centre again by using Royalties for Regions money rather than creating a huge cost to the ratepayers for the restoration of the building which is estimated to be in excess of \$700,000.

The restoration of this facility is also a lot cheaper than building a new facility to provide a similar multi function area.

## **FACET Conference**

Many thanks to the people who assisted with the FACET Conference. The conference was a complete success and proves that Mount Magnet can host a national conference and cope with it very well.

Council was so pleased with the success of this conference that they are considering more for the future. A suggestion from Councillor Williams is to host the Annual GWN Tourism and Tidy Towns Conference which will give the shire wonderful media coverage.

Council and the Tourism Advisory Committee are eagerly awaiting the report from FACET to assist them to make key sustainable decisions for tourism promotion in Mount Magnet and the mid west region.

## **Our New Councillors**

Congratulations are extended to Councillor David Jones for his re-election and Councillors Marilyn Davies, Will Scott and Jorgen Jensen for their election to Council. I am sure that they will enjoy their term and become valuable members of the council.

Many thanks are extended to Joey O'Brien and Kent Lucy for their dedicated service to the community as councillors. Their dedication to Council and commitment will surely be missed.

Congratulations to Cr Ashley Dowden for his re-election to the position of Shire President and also the Cr Greg Scott for his election to Deputy Shire President.

### You're Councillors

Ashley Dowden	9963 5361
Greg Scott	9963 5823
Kevin Brand	9963 4244
David Jones	9963 4186
Karen Williams	0400 711 402
Wendy McGorman	9963 4702
Jorgen Jensen	9963 4839
William Scott	9963 5824
Marilyn Davies	9963 4987

## **Airport Renovation**

The airport renovation is nearly complete and a grand opening is planned for early December.

## Airport Training Exercise

Emergency Crews will be out at the airport doing the bi-annual emergency training exercise as required by the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) on Sunday the 15<sup>th</sup> November.

**INJURED BODIES REQUIRED**

We are also looking for a few people willing to be casualties for the day, anyone interested in helping please contact the administration Office on 9963 3000.



## Dog Registration

Registering your dogs is very important. Dogs can easily get lost if they escape from your yard and a recognisable dog tag allows us to reunite you quicker with your beloved pet. Remember that permission must be sought if you wish to keep more than two dogs on your property. You can register you dog Monday to Friday 9am – 4pm at the shire office.

## Receive your shire newsletter by email

If any rate payers or residents would like to receive their newsletter in the comfort of home or business please contact Gemma at the shire office who will put you onto our email mail out. You will also help the environment by saving paper, inks and land fill space.



## How to report a problem in town

Although the staff in the shire office regularly check road, paths, buildings etc we still depend upon 'eyes in the street' to inform us if there are problems.

For example these could be long grass in a vacant block or nuisance dogs or damage to public buildings or the radio or TV reception is on the blink or a herd of cattle have settled in for a long sleep on the airport runway.

We need to know about these things and it is best to contact the office and report the problem to an on duty officer. We have procedures that ensure that the problem will be dealt with appropriately. It is not useful to mention the problem to an officer who is off duty because they cannot record the problem unless they are in the office.

## Winners of the 2009 Early Bird Rates Competition

Congratulations to the following people, who paid their rates early, went into the Early Birds Ratepayers Competition and were picked to receive wonderful prizes.

Thank you to everyone else who also promptly paid their rates.

<b>1<sup>st</sup> prize Sophie Singh</b>	<b>LCD TV/DVD COMBO</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> prize Lynette Brown</b>	<b>DIGITAL CAMERA</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> prize Joey O'Brien</b>	<b>\$50 FUEL VOUCHER</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> prize Presbyterian Church</b>	<b>\$50 FUEL VOUCHER</b>

## Winners of the 2009 Shire of Mount Magnet/Imerkate Haulage Gardens Competition (Prizes and letters for the winners will be distributed soon)

Congratulations go to the following people who put tremendous efforts into their gardens. Thank you to all the other garden owners who have worked hard at their gardens.

<b>1<sup>st</sup> prize Barry &amp; Kay Gaines</b>	<b>\$200</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> prize Sophie Singh</b>	<b>\$150</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> prize Dave and Lisa Hinds</b>	<b>\$90</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> prize Edna Sutherland</b>	<b>\$60</b>
<b>Encouragement prize Sharon Lockyer</b>	<b>\$30</b>



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