



SHIRE OF  
MOUNT MAGNET

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# Council Comments

Community Newsletter  
FEBRUARY 2010

## **Shire Office Hours**

Open - Monday to Friday  
9.00am to 4.00pm

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## **MOUNT MAGNET SHIRE COUNCIL TAKES A STRONG STANCE AGAINST LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM THAT COULD LEAD TO SHIRE AMALGAMATION**

Early in 2009 the Department of Local Government began campaigning to enforce Local Government Reform and wanted Local Governments to look at ways to amalgamate with other shires. The state government see this as the only way to make shires more sustainable. The Shire of Mount Magnet concluded in its report to the Department of Local Government that there were no benefits to amalgamations in this region due to the size of the Shire and the distance between towns.

As a result of the submission, the Department recommended that the Shire of Mount Magnet join a Regional Collaborative Group with a "no opt out clause".

Council has decided to take a stance and say no to a Regional Collaborative Group as have all our neighbouring shires. On 03 February 2010 Council held a special meeting to solidify their stance against the state government so they could be prepared to meet Local Government representatives at a meeting on 05 February together with the Presidents & CEO's from the shires of Cue, Meekatharra, Murchison, Sandstone & Yalgoo. If the state government will not listen to the needs of the shires then they will be forced to form a Regional Collaborative Group.

## **HARMONY MAY BE STARTING UP AGAIN**

Volker Gartz from Harmony (Mount Magnet Gold) contacted Council to request a new realignment of the Mount Farmer/Boogardie Road to allow for possible mining operations to start up again. Council's major consideration was to protect the heritage sites of the Old Stone House ruins that are situated near the Hesperus Pit and the old house very near the Saturn Pit.

Kevin Brand of the Historical Society looked at the sites and reported to Council. Council intends to save the historical sites and hope to utilise them as tourist attractions in the future.

## **THE NAUGHTON ST FLOODWAY IS COMPLETED**

Works on the Naughton St floodway were completed on schedule and to budget.

Pedestrians are asked to take care and walk on the right side of the road when crossing the floodway or alternatively use the swinging bridge on Richardson St.

David Burton  
Chief Executive Officer

## **THE WOMENS GROUP Thurs 18 February 2010**

Next door to Shire Office, Hepburn St, at 10.00am  
Call Dolly for more information on 0439 782 079

## **MOVIE NIGHT Saturday 20 February 2010**

WIZARD OF OZ at 6.30pm  
THE TIME TRAVELLERS WIFE at 8.15pm  
\$5.00 per person

## **SENIORS GROUP GATHERING**

**Monday 22 February 2010**

in the Recreation Centre building at 11am  
Tea, coffee and a light lunch  
Contact Karen on **0400 711 615**

## **KIDS DISCO Saturday 27 February 2010**

In the Anzac Hall  
Under 10's from 6.00 - 7.30pm  
Over 10's from 8.00 - 10.00pm

## **MOUNT MAGNET YOUTH CENTRE**

For youth ten years & over

## **YOUTH CENTRE HOURS**

During the school term

**MON—FRI 3.00—5.00 pm**

At the Rural Transaction Centre  
Corner Attwood & Naughton St

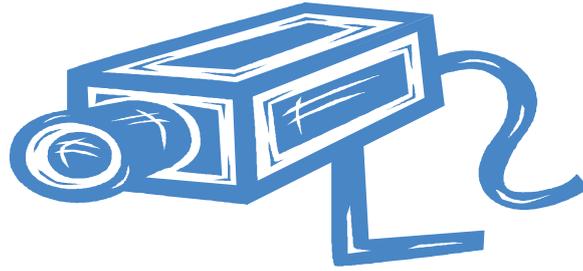
**Contact Sharon for more information**

HORIZON POWER  
ENERGY SAVING LIGHT GLOBES  
ARE AVAILABLE FREE  
FROM THE SHIRE OFFICE

## **CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY 07 MARCH 2010**

Meet at the Swimming Pool at 8.00am

# ATTENTION TO RESIDENTS



**The Shire of Mount Magnet,  
in co-operation with the local police  
and business owners have installed  
several closed circuit television systems in town.  
These units are mobile and will be shifted  
to various locations throughout the townsite.  
The purpose of these units  
is to assist with community safety  
and crime prevention.**

**David Burton; Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Mount Magnet**

The CCTV scanners have already proved their worth on the night of Tuesday 02 February when two “wanna be” thieves made an unsuccessful break in to Mt Magnet IGA. Footage clearly showed them with the tools they used to try to open the doors. After the Mount Magnet Police saw the footage they recognised the men and upon questioning, the men admitted it was them.

We hope that the message will start getting through to would be criminals that their plans are going to be stopped.

## **TOWN DAM WATER SUPPLY**

Just recently our town dam was broken into and whoever did that let out a lot of the water. The water from the dam is used to keep the shire oval nice and green. There is a real concern that there may not be enough water to keep the lawns green until the winter rains. The shire will manage what is left as best they can but unless we get a good downpour the future of the lawn is not looking good.

## **Councillors**

Ashley Dowden	9963 5361	David Jones	9963 4186
Greg Scott	9963 5823	Karen Williams	0400 711 615
Kevin Brand	9963 4244	Wendy McGorman	9963 4702
Jorgen Jensen	9963 4839	Marilyn Davies	9963 4987
William Scott	9963 5824		

## CARAVAN PARK CARETAKER

**Seeking a challenge?  
Become involved in the emerging Tourist Industry in Mount Magnet  
“Hub of the Murchison”  
in a neat well kept park situated on the Great Northern Highway**

This position may be what you are looking for. Salary package approx \$56,000 per annum with subsidized accommodation. Other benefits can be negotiated. Telephone and fax for business & some private use. The position would ideally suit a couple.

A position description is available by contacting Miss Gemma Poli at the Shire Office, telephone (08) 9963 3000, fax 9963 4133 or on our web site [www.mtmagnet.wa.gov.au](http://www.mtmagnet.wa.gov.au) Applications addressed to the undersigned and clearly marked “Application Caravan Park Manager” will close at 4 pm on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2010.

An electronic copy of your application will be accepted if received before closing time and sent to [ceo@mtmagnet.wa.gov.au](mailto:ceo@mtmagnet.wa.gov.au)

**DAVID BURTON**  
*Chief Executive Officer*  
*Shire of Mount Magnet*  
*PO Box 62 Mount Magnet WA 6638*

## Shire of Mount Magnet Citizenship Award For A Community Group



Each year the Shire invites community members to nominate people from Mount Magnet who have made an outstanding contribution to our community. From these nominations a Mount Magnet Citizen of the Year award is usually presented to one of those individuals. This year, however, a very deserving community group was selected to receive the award.

President Ashley Dowden presenting the award at the Mount Magnet Australia Day Sky show to representatives of the many women who are recorded as having helped run the op shop for over 23 years. Right to Left) Kathy Shaw (current), May Scott (retired), Shire President A Dowden

The Mount Magnet CWA Combined Guild and Catholic Ladies Op Shop (known locally as the 'Op Shop Ladies') were the very deserving winner of this year's Mount Magnet Citizenship Award. They were presented with the award by Mr Ashley Dowden on the 23 January 2010 Australia Day celebrations at the Mount Magnet Recreation Centre and oval.

The group has been operating for over 23 years and serves the dual purpose of fundraising for the community as well as providing countless families and individuals with the opportunity to purchase inexpensive, good quality clothes, shoes and other small items. Over the years there have been many volunteers whose time and effort has kept the group running and we were fortunate to have two of the founding members, May Scott and Kathy Shaw on hand to accept the award on behalf of the group.

Ann Pilkington was also acknowledged on the night with a commendation for her work on the FACET Regional Tourism Conference.