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# Council Comments

Community Newsletter  
MARCH 2010

## Shire Office Hours

Open - Monday to Friday  
9.00am to 4.00pm

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## Sunday 07 March 8am at the Mount Magnet Swimming Pool

Please bring your own hat, drink bottle and gloves.  
We will finish the clean up with morning tea at the swimming pool  
at around 10.30am

*For more information or to nominate an area that needs 'cleaning up' please  
contact Danelle Fauntleroy on 9963 3000 or drop in to the Shire Office.*

### **MOUNT MAGNET CINEMA SCREENINGS**

**Sherlock Holmes (M)** - 7pm Saturday 6 March  
at Anzac Hall

**Up (PG)** - 6.30pm Saturday 20 March at the  
Picture Gardens

**Whip It (M)** - 8.30pm Saturday 20 March at  
the Picture Gardens

### **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 0418  
937 587**

### **THE WOMENS GROUP Tuesday 13 March**

Call Dolly for more information on 0439 782 079

#### **SENIORS GROUP GATHERING**

**Every Monday 11.00am - 3.00pm**

in the Recreation Centre building

Tea, coffee and a light lunch

Contact Karen on **0400 711 615**

#### **KIDS DISCO Saturday 27 March 2010**

In the Anzac Hall

Under 10's from 6.00 - 7.30pm

Over 10's from 8.00 - 10.00pm

\$5.00 per person

### **HORIZON POWER**

#### **ENERGY SAVING LIGHT GLOBES**

Limit of 4 per household

**ARE AVAILABLE FREE**

Would there be any community groups interested in a  
bit of fundraising at the Cinema showings, disco or  
other community events.

Please contact Danelle at the Shire Office on 9963 3000

# Certificate of Appreciation to the Mount Magnet Volunteer Fire Brigade



*Pictured from left to right  
Back row:  
John Johnson, Jim McGorman,  
Damian Giles, Jason Homewood,  
Melissa Evans,*

*Front row:  
Todd Seivwright,  
Jacinta Bowman  
Chris Nankiville*

John Johnson from FESA Operational Services presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the Mount Magnet Volunteer Fire & Rescue brigade for a excellent job well done at a significant road crash rescue (truck rollover) near Paynes Find August. 2009.

The crew worked with Dalwallinu fire fighters, ambulance crews, police and the RFDS to free the driver who was trapped for more than four hours.

The Shire Council wish to extend their thanks to the Mount Magnet Volunteer Fire brigade who give up their Thursday evenings every week for training and for attending to emergency call outs.

## **MOUNT MAGNET GOLF CLUB AGM**

10AM SATURDAY 20 MARCH 2010 AT THE GOLF CLUB ON RACE COURSE ROAD  
ANYONE INTERESTED ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

Contact Danelle at the Shire Office 9963 3000

## **CENTRELINK Opening hours 10am to 1pm**

*As from February 2010 you are required to lodge all forms before 1pm. If you are late you will be asked to return the next working day between 10am and 1pm.*

*Between 2pm and 4pm you may access the Centrelink phones and computer. These hours are for general enquiries and appointments only.*

*Centrelink is situated in the Mount Magnet Library, Rural Transaction Centre, Cnr Attwood and Naughton St, Mount Magnet.*

*Phone 9963 4480*

*library@mtmagnet.wa.gov.au*

## **PAYMENT OF RATES**

Rates for shire properties are now overdue and we will be sending out notices soon.

If you are having difficulty paying your rates, please contact Maureen at the Shire Office on 9963 3000 to discuss your situation and payment arrangements if needed.

## **Notes from the Ordinary Meeting of Council February 2010**

Council have happily agreed to help the MMDHS students and parents with a donation of free entry to the Swimming Pool and bus hire for the Annual Swimming Carnival. The day was a big success

Council also agreed to help the newly formed Seniors Group with a donation of the Recreation Hall hire and for the occasional use of the bus.

## **VARIETY CLUB ARE COMING TO MAGNET**

The Variety Club will visit Mount Magnet on the 29 August 2010. Council are planning various events over the weekend.

Some suggestions to add to the festivities are we invite other motor clubs to come to town on the same day and hold the Mount Magnet Art Exhibition on the same weekend.

If you have any ideas for entertainments and/or want to be involved please contact Danelle at the Shire Office 9963 3000.

## **We say 'farewell' to our Caravan Park Managers**

Glenyss and Terry Ettridge will be packing their bags after two years of managing the Mount Magnet Caravan Park.

They have taken care of the park beautifully and will be missed. Council would like to extend their thanks and gratitude to them.

There has been a lot of interest in the advertised vacancy and interviews for the position will be held next week.

## **CAR WASH**

There will be a car wash in Mount Magnet to raise funds for the under 17's football carnival in Kalgoorlie

At the Police Station  
Richardson St

Saturday 06 March  
8.00am - 12.00pm

\$5.00 for a small car  
\$10.00 for 4 wheel drives

## **ANZAC DAY 26 April 2010**

Anzac Day is the Sunday after race day on the long weekend. Council will hold a dawn and morning service, and looking at other activities for the long weekend. Watch out for posters advertising these events.

**Wildflower seeds** are available to all residents and ratepayers of the Shire. We may have had a dry summer but that doesn't mean that we cannot have lovely colour in the township. There are handy growing tips in this newsletter to ensure you get the most out of your seeds.

# ATTENTION 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**

## COMMUNITY SPORTS CONSULATION

**TUESDAY 16 MARCH 2010**

**ANZAC HALL**

**7.00PM**

**Anyone interested in developing sporting activities for both young and old please come along and give us your ideas.**

**Contact Danelle or Sharon at the Shire Office 9963 3000**

# Mount Magnet Triathlon

**10am Sunday 21 March at the Mount Magnet Swimming Pool**

Registration open between 9am and 10am at the swimming pool with four divisions -  
**Under 10's      11 – 15 year olds      16 – adults      Over 50's**

Open to all age groups and abilities, the Mount Magnet Triathlon is all about having fun and getting active. Winners medals in each division will be presented and everyone who completes the course will receive a participation certificate. Under 10's and over 50's divisions will be required to swim 1 lap of the pool, ride to the Recreation Centre and walk or run 1 lap of the oval. All other participants will be required to swim 2 laps of the pool followed by a bicycle ride to the Recreation Centre then walk or run 2 laps of the oval. The event will finish with a barbecue & presentation ceremony at the Recreation Centre.

*For more information contact Sharon Lockyer on 0418 937 587.*



**Entry Fee \$7**

**Includes pool entry and BBO**

*All participants are required to supply their own bicycle & helmet.*

# WILDFLOWER SEEDS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP FROM THE SHIRE OFFICE

Use the information below to ensure your seeds are a success.

## *HOW TO GROW YOUR WILDFLOWERS SUCCESSFULLY*

### **Benefits of A Chill Before Sowing**

Recent information suggests that almost all wildflower seeds will germinate better after a period of 2 - 6 weeks storage in a refrigerator at a temperature of 3 to 5 degrees celcius.

Most wildflower seeds can be sown at almost any time, given the right conditions. However in temperate climates where these plants naturally occur, Autumn and Winter brings the rain while also having many sunny day. Sowing at these times in such areas generally gives best results.

Much will depend on the local climate, soil types and the care and attention given by the gardener.

### **Starter Mixes for Seeds**

There are many starting mixes which can be used for sowing wildflower seeds. Best results are usually obtained from a mix of :

**1 part peat moss**

**-3 parts sharp clean, washed river sand or washed small gravel**

**-2 parts clean sand.**

**An alternative sterile mix can be made of :**

**1 part peat moss**

**-3 parts Perlite or Vermiculite.**

If using a mix containing garden soil or garden compost, it may help to sterilize the mix before use as a potting soil by heating it in an oven at 180 degrees Centigrade (350 degrees Fahrenheit) for 30 minutes. This will help prevent any moulds from attacking the germinating seed, prevent any stray seeds or root material from growing and may even assist as a form of smoke treatment of the soil.

A slightly acid soil is generally regarded as best for most wildflowers - a pH level of 6 is about right.

### **Sowing The Seeds**

When using seed trays or small pots, sow the seeds 1 - 1 & 1/2 times their own depth into the soil, ie. just pressed into the surface of the soil and just barely covered.

Very fine seeds should be just pressed into the surface of the potting soil or mixed into some clean, dry sand to assist dispersal over the surface. Fluffy, clinging seeds can be mixed with dry sand before sowing, to allow the seed to be spread out in the pot or garden bed. Flat seeds should be sown flat side down and just covered over.

Thoroughly wet the soil and keep it moist during germination using a fine mist spray.

Most wildflower seeds will germinate in 1 - 4 weeks, though a few species can take up to a year to appear.

### **Watering Your Seedlings**

Watering of most wildflowers, especially during the germination and seedling stages, should be done very gently with a very fine spray. Avoid heavy watering which could disturb the seeds.

Once seedlings appear, continue fine spray watering. As the seedlings become established the potting soil should be kept just moist and never allowed to dry out. Water logging should be avoided at all times. Good drainage is essential. Smoke-treatment using smoky-water or our Wildflower Seed Starter granules has been shown to assist noticeably the germination rates of most native plant seeds and is recommended for their first watering.

### **Protecting Your Seedlings from Insect Pests**

Protect the new shoots from snails and slugs and continue this through the seedling stage.

### **Importance of Mulching**

Generous mulching over the roots of native plants during Summer is essential to protect the roots and reduce water loss. Cover an area at least as wide as the spread of the plant itself. In Summer water around the roots using a trickle system or gently from the garden hose to avoid disturbing ground from around the roots.

### **Fertilizer Application**

Most wildflowers respond well to light applications of slow-release or natural fertilisers during the early growing stages and just prior to flowering. This can often help to produce more flowers, stronger colours and stronger growth - but don't overdo it and favour fertilisers containing low levels of phosphates.

## Mount Magnet Community Calendar March 2010

- Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> **Clean up Australia Day** - meet at 8am at the swimming pool
- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> Mount Magnet Seniors Group - 11am to 3pm at the Recreation Centre  
Dr Anna Stuart - 10.30am to 3pm at the Nursing Post
- Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> Dr Anna Stuart - 8.30am to 3pm at the Nursing Post  
ATI Martial Arts Kickboxing - 5pm at Anzac Hall
- Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> St John Ambulance Training - 6pm at the Ambulance Hall
- Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> Op Shop Open - 9.15am to 11am at the Rural Transaction Centre  
Playgroup - 9.30am to 11.30am at the Old Hospital  
Craft Group - 10am to 3pm at the Old Hospital  
Mount Magnet Volunteer Fire Brigade Training - 7pm at the Fire Station  
ATI Martial Arts Kickboxing - 5pm at Anzac Hall
- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> Ear Nose & Throat - 9am to 1.30pm at the Nursing Post  
Audiologist Specialist - 9am to 1.30pm at the Nursing Post
- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> Dr Gibberd - 8.30 to 3pm & Child Health Nurse Mary Ash at the Nursing Post  
Mount Magnet Seniors Group - 11am to 3pm at the Recreation Centre  
Mount Magnet District High School P & C Meeting - 3pm School Library
- Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> Community Sport Consultation Anzac Hall 7pm
- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> Op Shop Open - 9.15am to 11am at the Rural Transaction Centre  
Playgroup - 9.30am to 11.30am at the Old Hospital  
Craft Group - 10am to 3pm at the Old Hospital  
Mount Magnet Volunteer Fire Brigade Training - 7pm at the Fire Station
- Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> *Mount Magnet Golf Club AGM* - 10am at the Golf Club  
Cinema Screening - **Up** 6.30pm at the Picture Gardens & **Whip It** 8.30pm
- Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> Mount Magnet Triathlon - Registrations from 9am at the swimming pool
- Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> Podiatrist Gerard Huck - 9am to 3pm at the Nursing Post  
Mount Magnet Seniors Group - 11am to 3pm at the Recreation Centre
- Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> Physiotherapist Brian Poller - 9am to 3pm at the Nursing Post  
ATI Martial Arts Kickboxing - 5pm at Anzac Hall  
St John Ambulance General Meeting - 6pm at the Ambulance Hall
- Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> St John Ambulance Training - 6pm at the Ambulance Hall  
Paediatric Physiotherapist Natasha Ostermeier and Paediatrician  
Dr Jehinger—9 to 1.30 at the Nursing Post
- Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> Op Shop Open - 9.15am to 11am at the Rural Transaction Centre  
9.30am to 11.30am at the Old Hospital  
Craft Group - 10am to 3pm at the Old Hospital  
ATI Martial Arts Kickboxing - 5pm at Anzac Hall  
Mount Magnet Volunteer Fire Brigade Training - 7pm at the Fire Station
- Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> **Underage Disco** at Anzac Hall - \$5 cover charge  
Under 10's 6pm to 7.30pm / 10 to 17yrs - 8pm to 10pm
- Monday 29<sup>th</sup> Dr Gibberd - 8.30 to 3pm at the Nursing Post  
Child Health Nurse Mary Ash - 8.30 to 3pm at the Nursing Post  
Mount Magnet Seniors Group - 11am to 3pm at the Recreation Centre  
***For more information call the Shire of Mount Magnet on 9963 3000.***