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MOUNT MAGNET

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Council Comments

**Community Newsletter
MAY 2011 NEWSLETTER**

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Councillors

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

Snippets from the Ordinary Council Meeting 29 April 2011

Mount Magnet Youth Project Request for Waiver of Venue Hire

The Mount Magnet Youth Project, organised through the Mount Magnet Police requested the waiver of hall hire and equipment for the performance by Wadumbah. Council agreed to waive the fees for the community event.

Use of the Tourist Information Centre

After the tourist season is finished for 2011, the Seniors Group have been granted sole use of the Centre until 2013, unless the building is required for the following tourism season.

Attendance and Accommodation for Councillors Attending the Local Government Week

Each year the Western Australian Local Government Association (WALGA) hosts Local Government Week. It is held in August in Perth. Five councillors were selected to attend. They are Councillors A Dowden, W Scott, K Brand, K Williams and J Jensen.

The voting delegates to represent the shire during the Annual General Meeting are Cr A Dowden and Cr W Scott.

Extraordinary Election For Councillor

In March, Cr M Davies handed in her resignation from Council. Usually a vacancy on council requires an extraordinary election to be held but considering that a Council Election will be held in October, it was decided to write to the Electoral Commissioner to request that the Shire defer an extraordinary election until October when six councillor positions will become vacant. Economically this strategy will save the Shire unnecessary expenditure.

Australasian Safari 2011 Request for Facilities

The Australasian Safari will be spending a night in Mount Magnet this year and would like permission to use the oval facilities overnight. Due to the extensive media coverage for the event, Mount Magnet will once again benefit with the incidental advertising and promotion of the town that the event brings. Council decided to donate free use of the facilities for the event.

Appointment of Works Manager

Mr Keith Shaw resigned from the Works Manager Position in March this year and is to be replaced by Mr Bradden Corlett who has left the Shire of Menzies to join us. We would like to thank Mr Jon Jones for his enthusiastic work as Acting Works Manager during the recruitment period.

Kintyre Uranium Project

Council wish to be included to comment on the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) Transport Risk Study regarding the transport of uranium through the shire. One of the most important issues is disaster management, if an accident should occur during transport. Council will submit comments to the EPA and are requesting to be kept fully informed in regard to the Transport Risk Study, the Environmental Review and the Management Program.

Resignation of the Chief Executive Officer

Mr David Burton has resigned his position but will be working up to July. Recruitment for a new Chief Executive Officer is underway.

Acceptance of Tender for Reform and Resheeting of the Mt Farmer Road

After reviewing the Offers For Tender, Council awarded the tender to MTF Services .

Mount Magnet Art Awards

The Mount Magnet Festival is to be held on 03 & 04 September and the Art Awards will again be held over the same weekend. The theme is "Memories of the Murchison" and the entry forms are now available from the office and Library.

WHAT IS THE COUNCIL WORKS CREW UP TO THIS MONTH ?

PLANNED WORKS 22nd April to 31st May 2011 (does not include day to day town maintenance)

Maintenance Grading

Mount Farmer Road SLK 23 – SLK 60

Maintenance grade surface and road shoulders, table drains and flood drains.

Repair all scours and floodway washouts.



Weed Control Spraying

To be carried out on all road verges, R.O.Ws, parks and reserves, sports oval surrounds, drainage reserves and shire controlled areas including Museum Grounds and around the vicinity of Mount Magnet town site.

Herbicide chemicals Round-up (Glyphosate) and Simazine (Flowable Gesatop A) will be tank mixed (both are compatible) and used to control weed growth. The Gesatop A will provide 3 – 4 months of pre – emergent growth protection.

Federation Park

Older Play Equipment and footings to be removed. Subject to approval the older Play Equipment may be salvaged and refurbished for use at another suitable park. If the equipment is approved for reuse we invite suggestions as to a suitable location. Re instating lawn area.

Road Maintenance

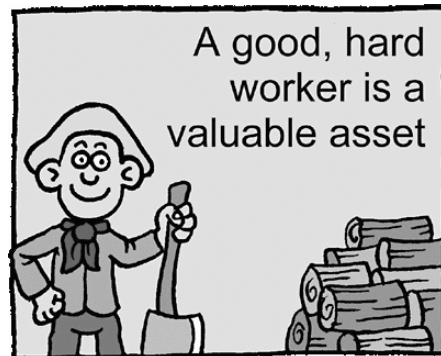
Pothole and edge repair/ patching in all streets in the Townsite.
Guide post replacement.

Fire Break Maintenance

Rubbish Disposal Site

Cemetery

Town property fence lines



MEETINGS

Works and Safety Meetings—A meeting was held 06 May at 6:30am and another will be held Monday 16 May 6:30am.

Note:

There may be occasions where “on the job” unplanned meetings may be held prior to immediate work being carried out and to follow up completed works.

These meetings may also include Occupational Health and Safety.

A diary record will be kept if necessary by the Works Manager.

Letter of Resignation from Cr Marilyn Davies

PO Box 140
Mount Magnet
WA 6638

12th April 2011

Shire President
Cr Ashley Dowden
Mount Magnet Shire Council
PO Box 62
MOUNT MAGNET WA 6638

Dear Ashley,

It is with regret that I find that I must hand in my resignation from Council effectively immediately. Last year and again recently, my health has failed me and I must now put myself in the best position to return to good health.

I have enjoyed my time on Council and the opportunity to represent local ratepayers and to endeavour to plan for the best facilities we can have for the residents of the district and those who visit us. I will continue to maintain a keen interest in the possibilities for better economic opportunities and for improved social, recreational and physical facilities for Mount Magnet.

I feel most disappointed not to finish my term of office and I can only hope that the electors who voted for me will understand my position. The RFDS does not need to have me as a regular passenger as I am sure there are many others in greater need of their amazing skills and dedication.

To my fellow Councillors, I thank you for listening to my point of view over the time I have served on Council and for agreeing with me or not. It is a wonderful privilege to be democratically elected and participate in the decision making process. I wish you all wisdom, good health and good luck in the local government election to be held later in the year.

With Regards,



Cr Marilyn Davies

The Shire would like to thank Marilyn for her dedication and participation as a Councillor and wish her a speedy recovery.

MOSQUITO BORNE DISEASE AND HOW TO AVOID BEING BITTEN

In Western Australia, the mosquito-borne diseases of most public health concern are:

Ross River virus (RRV) disease

Barmah Forest virus (BFV) disease

as well as the rare, but potentially fatal Murray Valley encephalitis (MVE)

The Kunjin virus is not yet a major threat to our area.

They are caused by viruses that are transmitted by the bite of an infected mosquito.



The incubation period (the time between being bitten by an infected mosquito and becoming sick) for RRV and BFV diseases varies from 3 to 21 days, but is normally 7 to 14 days. It may be possible for humans to pass the virus back to mosquitoes that bite them, but only during the incubation period.

People living, camping or recreating within 3-5km of salt marshes, estuaries, tidal rivers and freshwater wetlands are at greater risk of RRV and BFV infection than people living further away.

YOU CAN HELP ELIMINATE BREEDING AREAS IN YOUR BACKYARD

- ◇ Dispose of all containers which hold water
- ◇ Keep ornamental ponds stocked with mosquito-eating fish, e.g. goldfish. Keep margins free of vegetation
- ◇ Keep swimming pools well chlorinated and filtered and free of dead leaves.
- ◇ Fill or drain depressions in the ground that hold water.
- ◇ Vent pipes on septic tank systems must be fitted with mosquito proof cowls. Seal all gaps in lid and ensure leach drains are completely covered.
- ◇ Screen rainwater tanks with insect proof mesh, including inlet, overflow and inspection ports. Ensure guttering does not hold water.
- ◇ Empty pot plant drip trays once a week or fill with sand. Empty and clean animal and pet drinking water once a week.
- ◇ Some pot plants (such as bromeliads) hold water in their leaf axils. These should be emptied of water once a week.

HOW TO AVOID THE RISK OF BEING BITTEN

- ◇ Houses: Screen all doors and windows. Doors should be self-closing and open outwards.
- ◇ Camping: Screen caravans, tents, swags and other sleeping equipment or use a mosquito net.
- ◇ Use repellents containing DEET (diethyl toluamide) or Picaridin.
- ◇ Wear long loose fitting and preferably light-coloured protective clothing.
- ◇ Outdoor activities: Take protective measures when mosquitoes are prevalent.
- ◇ Locations: Recognise and avoid areas of mosquito activity, e.g. swamps, salt marshes, billabongs, river floodplains.

PERSONAL REPELLENTS

Mosquito repellents are an important way of avoiding exposure to mosquito-borne diseases. However, as with all chemicals they should be applied in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, especially to infants and young children.

The most effective repellents include those containing:

5-20% (50-200g/litre DEET (diethyl toluamide) and picaridin

REPELLENT PREPARATIONS FOR OUTDOORS

- ◇ Residual pyrethroid sprays, e.g. deltamethrin, permethrin, can be used to further reduce nuisance mosquitoes. However this should not replace the removal and prevention of backyard breeding, which is a permanently effective control.
- ◇ Larval mosquito insecticides: S-methoprene is registered (in briquette form.)

For further information on mosquito control and RRV and BFV prevention please contact your local government Environmental Health Officer on 9963 3000

COMMUNITY GROUPS

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| Bidi Bidi Centre | Michele Bentink | 0417 988 729 |
| Freemasons Zenith Lodge | Karl Ibbotson | 9963 4004 |
| Magnet Girls Club | Danelle Fauntleroy | 0417 177 524 |
| Mount Magnet Craft Group | Tarnyia Scott | 9963 5823 |
| Mount Magnet District High School P&C | Cathy Jones | 9963 4081 |
| Mount Magnet Gymkhana Club | Janet Jones | 0407 572 208 |
| Mount Magnet Historical Society | Kevin Brand | 9963 4224 |
| Mt Magnet Leader | Gemma Poli | 9963 4195 |
| Mount Magnet Netball | Danelle Fauntleroy | 0417 177 524 |
| Mount Magnet Op Shop | Kathy Shaw | 9963 4244 |
| Mount Magnet Playgroup | Mary O'Brien | 9963 4548 |
| Mount Magnet Pottery Group | Karin Sturges | 0447 797 285 |
| Mount Magnet Race Club | Melissa Evans | 0427 199 281 |
| Mount Magnet Scout Group | Danelle Fauntleroy | 0417 177 524 |
| Mount Magnet Seniors Group | Karen Williams | 0400 711 615 |
| Mount Magnet Sports Group | Stephen Ralph | 0439 519 742 |
| Mount Magnet Volunteer Ambulance Sub Centre | Donna McConnell | 0427 824 319 |
| Mount Magnet Volunteer Fire Brigade | Melissa Evans | 0427 199 281 |
| Mount Magnet Youth Group | Jason Plant | 0418 937 587 |
| Presbyterian Inland Mission | Pastor Bert Pierce | 9963 4125 |
| St Brigid's Catholic Church | Sr Gerri Boylan | 9963 4179 |
| Wirnda Barna Artists | Matthew Leonard | 9963 4007 |

DENTAL VISITS TO MOUNT MAGNET — 2011

MONDAY 30 MAY - FRIDAY 10 JUNE 2011

MONDAY 22 AUGUST - FRIDAY 02 SEPTEMBER 2011

To make an appointment call 0427 386 647

MOUNT MAGNET MEDICAL CENTRE

Medical Attention is available
Monday to Friday 8.30am—12 noon & from 1pm—4pm

MAY 2011

Our Medical Team At A Glance

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| Mary Ash | Child Health Nurse |
| Sarah Haskell | Midwife |
| Dr Jehangir | Paediatric Specialist |
| Adrian | Male Mental Health |
| Angie Jefferys | Social Worker |
| Dr Mick Gibberd | General Practitioner |
| Dr Anna Stuart | General Practitioner |
| Ashlee Cross | Dietician |
| John Cook | Psychologist |
| Julie Hancock | Diabetes Nurse |

Tuesdays and Thursdays every week the
Mental Health Team is in town.

To make an appointment contact the
Medical Centre on 9963 3100

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| Monday 09 May | Dr. Gibberd, Sarah Haskell Dr. Anna Stuart |
| Tuesday 10 May | Dr. Anna Stuart |
| Wednesday 11 May | Dr. Jehangir Paediatrician |
| Tuesday 17 May | Physiotherapist |
| Monday 23 May | Dr. Gibberd, Sarah Haskell Ashlee Cross Ruth Sehnke Julie Hancock |
| Monday 30 May | GRAMS afternoon |
| Tuesday 31 May | GRAMS whole day |

Mount Magnet Medical Centre Ph 9963 3100 Fax 9963 3150
After hours calls go through to Health Direct

Your child's education is very important to us so please bring your child in for dressings
and non emergency treatment after school hours.

MOUNT MAGNET COMMUNITY CALENDAR MAY 2011

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| Tuesday 10th | Auskick – 4pm at the Oval Junior Football Training – 5pm to 6pm at the Oval Junior Netball Training – 4.30pm to 5.30pm at the Netball Courts |
| Wednesday 11th | Youth Centre open 3pm to 5pm Magnet Girls Club 3pm - 5pm Hip Hop dance session at Anzac Hall Zumba dance fitness 5pm at Anzac Hall – Free entry everyone welcome |
| Thursday 12th | Op Shop Open - 9.15am to 11am at the Rural Transaction Centre Playgroup 10am - 12pm at the Old Hospital Craft Group 10am - 3pm at the Old Hospital Youth Centre open 3pm to 5pm Cubs 4pm - 5.30pm at the Recreation Centre Scouts 5.30pm -7pm at the Recreation Centre Mount Magnet Volunteer Fire Brigade Training – 7pm at the Fire Station |
| Friday 13th | Youth Centre open 3pm to 5pm Outdoor Cinema 6.30pm - Gullivers Travels, 8.30pm - Little Fockers |
| Saturday 14th | Auskick / Football 8.30 - 10.30am at the Town Oval Net-Set-Go (5 to 10 year olds netball) 8.30am at the Netball Courts Junior Netball 9.30am at the Netball Courts |
| Sunday 15h | Presbyterian Inland Mission Church 9.30am St Brigids Catholic Church 10am |
| Monday 16th | Seniors Group 11am to 3pm at the Recreation Centre Soccer 4.30 - 5.30pm at the Oval Netball 5.30pm at the Netball Courts |
| Tuesday 17th | Auskick – 4pm at the Oval Junior Football Training – 5pm to 6pm at the Oval Junior Netball Training – 4.30pm to 5.30pm at the Netball Courts Mount Magnet Sports Group Meeting – 5.30pm at the Recreation Centre St John Ambulance Training 6pm to 7pm Wadumbah Dance Group performance 7pm at Anzac Hall – free event |
| Wednesday 18th | Youth Centre open 3pm to 5pm Magnet Girls Club 3pm - 5pm Zumba dance fitness 5pm at Anzac Hall – Free entry everyone welcome |
| Thursday 19th | Op Shop Open - 9.15am to 11am at the Rural Transaction Centre Playgroup 10am - 12pm at the Old Hospital Craft Group 10am - 3pm at the Old Hospital Youth Centre open 3pm to 5pm Cubs 4pm - 5.30pm at the Recreation Centre Scouts 5.30pm -7pm at the Recreation Centre Mount Magnet Volunteer Fire Brigade Training – 7pm at the Fire Station |

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| Friday 20th | Walk Safely to School Day Youth Centre open 3pm to 5pm Underage Disco at Anzac Hall – under 10's 6pm to 7.30pm, 10 to 17 year olds 7.45pm to 9.30pm |
| Saturday 21st | Auskick / Football 8.30 - 10.30am at the Town Oval Net-Set-Go (5 to 10 year olds netball) 8.30am at the Netball Courts Junior Netball 9.30am at the Netball Courts |
| Sunday 22nd | Presbyterian Inland Mission Church 9.30am St Brigids Catholic Church 10am |
| Monday 23rd | Seniors Group 11am to 3pm at the Recreation Centre Soccer 4.30 - 5.30pm at the Town Oval Netball 5.30pm at the Netball Courts |
| Tuesday 24th | Auskick – 4pm at the Oval Junior Football Training – 5pm to 6pm at the Oval Junior Netball Training – 4.30pm to 5.30pm at the Netball Courts |
| Wednesday 25th | Towel Day Youth Centre open 3pm to 5pm Magnet Girls Club 3pm - 5pm Zumba dance fitness 5pm at Anzac Hall – Free entry everyone welcome |
| Thursday 26th | Op Shop Open - 9.15am to 11am at the Rural Transaction Centre 10am – Australia's Biggest Morning Tea @ the Recreation Centre – bring a plate Playgroup 10am - 12pm at the Old Hospital Craft Group 10am - 3pm at the Old Hospital Youth Centre open 3pm to 5pm Cubs 4pm - 5.30pm at the Recreation Centre Scouts 5.30pm -7pm at the Recreation Centre Mount Magnet Volunteer Fire Brigade Training – 7pm at the Fire Station |
| Friday 27th | Youth Centre open 3pm to 5pm Outdoor Cinema 6pm – Tangled. 8pm – The Tourist |
| Saturday 28th | Auskick / Football 8.30 - 10.30am at the Town Oval Net-Set-Go (5 to 10 year olds netball) 8.30am at the Netball Courts Junior Netball 9.30am at the Netball Courts |
| Sunday 29th | Presbyterian Inland Mission Church 9.30am St Brigids Catholic Church 10am |
| Monday 30th | Seniors Group 11am to 3pm at the Recreation Centre Soccer 4.30 - 5.30pm at the Town Oval Netball 5.30pm at the Netball Courts |
| Tuesday 31st | Auskick – 4pm at the Oval Junior Football Training – 5pm to 6pm at the Oval Junior Netball Training – 4.30pm to 5.30pm at the Netball Courts |

MOUNT MAGNET COMMUNITY CALENDAR

1st Week of JUNE 2011

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| Wednesday 1st | Mount Magnet Interagency Meeting 10am in Council Chambers Youth Centre open 3pm to 5pm Magnet Girls Club 3pm - 5pm Zumba dance fitness 5pm at Anzac Hall – Free entry everyone welcome |
| Thursday 2nd | Op Shop Open - 9.15am to 11am at the Rural Transaction Centre Playgroup 10am - 12pm at the Old Hospital Craft Group 10am - 3pm at the Old Hospital Youth Centre open 3pm to 5pm Cubs 4pm - 5.30pm at the Recreation Centre Scouts 5.30pm -7pm at the Recreation Centre Mount Magnet Volunteer Fire Brigade Training – 7pm at the Fire Station |
| Friday 3rd | Youth Centre open 3pm to 5pm |
| Saturday 4th | Auskick / Football 8.30 - 10.30am at the Town Oval |
| Sunday 5th | Presbyterian Inland Mission Church 9.30am St Brigids Catholic Church 10am |
| Monday 6th | Foundation Day |
| Tuesday 7th | Auskick – 4pm at the Oval Junior Football Training – 5pm to 6pm at the Oval |
| Wednesday 8th | Youth Centre open 3pm to 5pm Magnet Girls Club 3pm - 5pm Hip Zumba dance fitness 5pm at Anzac Hall – Free entry everyone welcome |
| Thursday 9th | Op Shop Open - 9.15am to 11am at the Rural Transaction Centre Playgroup 10am - 12pm at the Old Hospital Craft Group 10am - 3pm at the Old Hospital Youth Centre open 3pm to 5pm Cubs 4pm - 5.30pm at the Recreation Centre Scouts 5.30pm -7pm at the Recreation Centre Mount Magnet Volunteer Fire Brigade Training – 7pm at the Fire Station |
| Friday 10th | Youth Centre open 3pm to 5pm Outdoor Cinema 6pm – Alpha & Omega 8pm – The Kings Speech |
| Saturday 11th | Auskick / Football 8.30 - 10.30am at the Town Oval Net-Set-Go (5 to 10 year olds netball) 8.30am at the Netball Courts Junior Netball 9.30am at the Netball Courts |
| Sunday 12th | Presbyterian Inland Mission Church 9a.30am St Brigids Catholic Church 10am |