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Council Comments

October 2012

Office Hours

Monday to Friday 9:00am to 4:00pm

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SHIRE OF MOUNT MAGNET

Ordinary Meeting Dates

2012	2013
24 August	22 February
28 September	22 March
26 October	26 April
23 November	24 May
14 December	28 June

At 5:30pm following the Ordinary Meeting 14 December 2012 the Annual Electors Meeting will be held.

MURCHISON REGIONAL VERMIN COUNCIL

Ordinary Meeting Dates

2012	2013
4 September	5 March
5 December	4 June

Meetings commence at 10:00am in Council Chambers

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MOUNT MAGNET MEMORIAL SWIMMING POOL

WEEKDAYS

6:00am to 7:00am
10:00am to 12:30pm
2:00pm to 6:00pm

WEEKENDS &

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

10:00am to 6:00pm

**ALL CHILDREN UNDER 10YRS MUST BE
ACCOMPANIED BY A RESPONSIBLE ADULT**



MOUNT MAGNET VISITOR CENTRE



Local & Statewide Information
Rock Exhibition/Internet Access/Gift Shop

ENTRY INTO MOUNT MAGNET
MINING & PASTORAL MUSEUM

Phone: 9963 4172

As at 1 November to 31 March 2013 -
Monday to Friday 1:30pm to 5:00pm

visitor@mtmagnet.wa.gov.au

MOUNT MAGNET CARAVAN PARK

Campers Kitchen
Ablutions block/Laundry
Powered Sites/Unpowered sites
12 Single Units/7 Ensuite Units

Phone: (08) 9963 4198 Fax: 9963 4961
caravanpark@mtmagnet.wa.gov.au

MOUNT MAGNET PUBLIC LIBRARY



Internet Access
Interlibrary Loans
Book Swap/Exchange
FREE Membership



Phone (08) 9963 4480
Tuesday - Friday 11.00am to 2.30pm
library@mtmagnet.wa.gov.au

MARKETS

1st December 2012

Foster Park
9:00am to 12:00noon

For more information or
to book a stall please contact
Cobie on 0488 778 909



DRAWN TO MT MAGNET



*The book features an
extensive range of
colour photographs
of the district and
examines the early
links between the
region's pastoralists
and prospectors.*

AVAILABLE AT THE SHIRE OFFICE
OR THE VISITOR CENTRE

HISTORY

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Mount Magnet Family Festival

On Saturday 20 and Sunday 21 October 2012 the Mount Magnet Young at Heart Family Weekend was held. On the Saturday at the Recreation Centre and Oval the event involved activities for children including a jumping castle, water slide and a bull ride. The large number of children who attended had a great time. Community markets were held on the Sunday and despite the hot weather attendance was good and entertainment such as kite flying and stilt walking was much enjoyed by all.

I thank Cobie Coumbe for her excellent work in organizing the weekend's activities and thank all Council staff for volunteering their time to make the event such a success. The Oval in particular was green and beautifully mowed and my thanks go to the works staff for such a great result.



Payment of Rates

The second instalment payment of 2012/2013 Council Rates is due on 14 November 2012. Ratepayers who have elected to pay by instalments must make their second payment by this date to avoid the outstanding balance becoming immediately payable and interest at a rate of 11% pa accruing.

2011/2012 Annual Electors Meeting

The 2011/2012 Annual Electors Meeting will take place on 14 December 2012 at 5.30 pm following the Ordinary Council meeting. Residents are invited to attend the Electors Meeting at which there will be an opportunity to seek information about current and future Council activities. Early in the New Year Council will be releasing its ten year Community Strategic Plan to compliment our 2012/2016 four year Corporate Business Plan. Input from residents on the future direction of the Shire over the next ten years will be fundamental in the formulation of the Strategic Plan. The agenda for the Electors Meeting will be structured to enable the views of residents to be put forward.

Council Trust Funds

As reported in Council's Monthly Financial Activity Statements the Shire holds in trust the following funds:

Description	Closing Balance 30-Jun-13
Future Directions Committee	\$390
Mount Magnet Chamber of Commerce	\$924
Tennis Club	\$185
Safer WA Committee	\$549
Other Deposits	\$2,227
TOTAL	\$4,447

Some of these funds have been held in trust for a considerable period of time and their origin and intended use is unclear.

Advice from residents who may have knowledge of the background associated with any of these funds would be much appreciated. Ideas from residents on how these funds should now be utilised would also be most welcome.

Meeting With School Students

In the first week back from the School Holidays Council's CEO Geoff Brooks met with student from Year's 5 to 11 at the Mount Magnet District High School. This was a follow up on similar meetings earlier in the year with a main topic of conversation being the upgrade of the Recreation Centre to better cater for the needs of young people, a project that includes the replacement of the existing skatepark. The input from students was excellent and a number of classes agreed to put their ideas on paper for Councillors to consider. As a project Year 9-11 students offered to prepare a design for the proposed new skatepark.

Council Meeting

The next Ordinary Council Meeting is scheduled for Friday 23 November 2012 commencing at 1.00pm. Members of the community are most welcome to attend. At the beginning of the meeting there is an opportunity for residents to ask questions.

Ashley Dowden
PRESIDENT

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



**Cr Ashley Dowden
President**

It gives me great pleasure to present Council's 2011/2012 Annual Report and in so doing review our progress over the last year.

A key focus of the last twelve months has been the Government's requirements for all Council's to prepare a four year Corporate Business Plan and a ten year Community Strategic Plan. These plans are required to be in place by 30 June 2013. A major objective of these plans is to ensure that West Australian Councils take a sustainable approach to asset management and to ensure Councils operations are viable into the future. It is pleasing that in June 2012 Council adopted the first Mount Magnet Four Year Corporate Business Plan.

Finance

As indicated in the 2011/2012 Financial Statements Council's financial position is sound. After adding back depreciation a closing funding surplus was achieved and reserve funds were approximately \$1.5 Million. This \$1.5 Million excludes Royalties for Regions grant funding of some \$800,000 intended for the upgrade of amenities at the Memorial Swimming Pool.



**Cr Greg Scott
Deputy President**

A worrying trend in recent years has been an increase in outstanding rates. As at 30 June 2011 \$430,000 in unpaid rates was outstanding. This is clearly an unacceptably high amount and unfair to those who always pay their rates. Council has engaged a legal firm to assist with the recovery of rates and to date action is in hand to take possession and sell nine properties to recover rates that have been outstanding in excess of three years. In accordance with the Local Government Act legal costs in recovering unpaid rates are also recoverable from the property owner.



Cr Kevin Brand

Planning for the Future

As mentioned above in June 2012 Council adopted the first Mount Magnet Corporate Business Plan. This document sets out the future direction of the Shire for the coming four years and involved input from a number of community groups including student at the Mount Magnet District High School. That Corporate Business Plan will be revised at least annually and will be modified as necessary in accordance with the ten year Community Strategic Plan which will be prepared in the coming months.



Cr Wendy McGorman

The Corporate Business Plan is available on www.mtmagnet.wa.gov.au

2011/2012 Projects

Mining and Pastoral Museum

The new Mount Magnet Mining and Pastoral Museum was officially opened by Member for North West, Vincent Catania MLA on 7 April 2011. The Museum Building and adjoining large display shed cost \$1.576 Million of which \$718,000 came from the Country Local Government Fund, \$300,000 from the Mid West Development Commission and \$558,000 from the Shire.



Cr Will Scott



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Cr Bob Ford

The Country Local Government and Mid West Development Commission funding is part of the State Government's Royalties for Regions Program.

The new building has a dual function in that the Mount Magnet Visitor Centre is located in the entrance area and serves as reception point for those visiting the Museum. The Historical Society has a high quality collection of photographs that are a key feature of the visitor experience along with very interesting displays of equipment and memorabilia representing Mount Magnet's mining and pastoral heritage. A major element of the Museum is the Eclipse Head Frame from the old Hill 50 Gold Mine.



Cr Jorgen Jensen

The opening of the Museum was arranged in conjunction with a very successful "Back to Magnet" weekend that attracted over 400 visitors to town. On behalf of the Mount Magnet community I acknowledge with thanks the enormous effort put in by the Historical Society in preparing the Museum displays for the opening.

Mount Magnet Memorial Pool

The Mount Magnet Memorial Pool was opened in 1965 and the existing amenities and kiosk are due for replacement. On the basis of input from the community, design work was completed during the year on the replacement of the existing pool building with new amenities and a kiosk. A fitness centre was also included in the design.



Cr Robby Davis

Tenders for the new building were advertised in May and the contract for construction was awarded in July 2012. Construction is expected to be completed in early 2013 and the contract makes provision for the pool to remain operational whilst building works are in progress.



Cr Jason Homewood

The estimated cost of the project is \$1.027 Million of which \$850,000 is coming from the Royalties for Regions Program with the balance from Shire funds. The use of Royalties for Regions funding to replace existing infrastructure is a major benefit to the Mount Magnet community.

Roadworks Capital Projects

Council's capital works program for roads in 2011/2012 involved work in the township and also on the Mount Farmer and Cue Paynesville Roads. Utilizing Roads to Recovery Funding and Council funds the following projects were carried out at a cost of nearly \$240,000:

- Reconstruct the intersection of Watson Street and Naughton Streets.
- Form up and seal approximately 600 meters of Leap Year Road to improve access to the Rubbish Tip.
- Reseal approximately 1.0 km of Leap Year Road in the vicinity of the Ramelius Resources camp.
- Reseal and repair parts of Wallace, Carroll, Priestley, Scott and Thurkle Streets, Sirdar Place and Burrows Court.



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In addition gravel sheeting projects to the value of \$116,000 were carried out on the Mount Farmer Road and \$75,000 on the Cue/Paynesville Road. A concrete footpath was also constructed on the eastern side of Hepburn Street from the BP Service Station to the new Mining and Pastoral Museum.

Bluey Osmond Mount Magnet Airport

The Mount Magnet Airport is a CASA Certified Airport being serviced by three regular passenger transport flights per week. In the 2011/2012 financial year charter operations increased significantly resulting in inbound passenger numbers increasing from approximately 1,600 in 2010/2011 to nearly 6,300 this year.

This increased activity has significantly improved the viability of airport operations with some \$88,000 being transferred at the end of the year to the Airport Reserve for future capital works.

Caravan Park

Booking revenue at the Caravan Park was 40% higher in 2011/2012 than the previous year largely due to the influx of contractors seeking medium to long term accommodation. The new self contained cabins have experienced a high occupancy rate which has contributed significantly to the increased revenue.

Working with Government and Other Agencies

On a day to day basis Council interacts with all levels of government and other agencies. The Mount Magnet Police have been particularly proactive in the last twelve months and do a wonderful job, often under very difficult circumstances. The establishment of the Geraldton Regional Aboriginal Medical Service in Mount Magnet is another example of all sections of the community working together to achieve an excellent outcome.

On 30 June 2012 the Shire ceased to be the Centrelink Agent in Mount Magnet. The reason for this was that the Federal Department of Human Services (Centrelink) was not prepared to negotiate a fair agreement, with funding for sufficient hours, to enable Council staff to provide an adequate service. The "take it or leave it attitude" of the Department was very disappointing as was their inability to accommodate the additional workload resulting from new responsibilities such as Child Support and Medicare. Problems in providing the agency service have also been compounded by long delays experienced in assisting clients caused by seriously understaffed Centrelink call centres. The Department of Human Services have arranged a new service provider for Mount Magnet.

A further area of concern has been staff recruitment and retention at the Nursing Post. During the year Council, in conjunction with Member for North West Vincent Catania MLA, was successful in convincing the Government that two nursing positions were required at the Nursing Post in order to provide adequate accident and emergency care, on a 24 hour per day basis. Unfortunately difficulties in recruiting and retaining staff have on occasions negated the increase in approved nursing positions and at times Mount Magnet has been without a nurse altogether.



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In conclusion, I would like to thank my fellow Councillors, the staff of the Shire and the many members of the Community for their efforts during the last twelve. Your contribution to Mount Magnet is very much appreciated.

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Dowden', written over a horizontal line.

**ASHLEY DOWDEN
PRESIDENT**

The 2011/2012 Shire of Mount Magnet Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements are available at the Library, Shire Administration Building and online at www.mtmagnet.wa.gov.au.





Young at Heart Family Weekend

THANK YOU



I would like to say a huge thank you to all the Council Staff and Mount Magnet Community Groups for all their hard work and for volunteering their valuable time to make this weekend a great success. I also thank the Water Corporation, Cougar Kitchen and Gemma Jays Clothing for their great contributions to the event.



Community of Mount Magnet

For those who braved the heat and come down to either or both days
THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

To the one lady that came all the way from Meekatharra
THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

The following children for your help erecting shades and flags on the oval;
Greg Shar, Lynton Shar, Bobbii George, James Finlay, Patrick Curley, Shoab Wheelock.



Community Groups:

Wirnda Barna Artists, Mount Magnet Gymkhana Club, Mount Magnet Race Club & Bidi Bidi

Hired Entertainment

Air Born Amusements, Conny the Clown, Kites Display & Workshop, Nell & Beck Joanne, Geoffrey & Thomas Franklin, Old McDonalds Farm & Emmet Sullivan.



Cobie Coumbe - Event Organiser



Murchison Outreach Services

56 Attwood Street, Mount Magnet
Phone: 08 9963 4111 Fax: 08 9963 4311

Visiting Health Services November 2012

Dr Gibbered	GP	5th & 6th
Dr Anna Stuart	GP	N/A
Dr Greenfield	Diabetes Specialist	N/A
Dr Mylius	Cardiologist	N/A
Gary Bresland	Psychologist	1st
Student Team	Physiotherapist	6th & 13th
Student Team	Podiatrist	N/A
Julie Hancock	Diabetes Educator	12th & 26th
Ashley Cross	Dietician	12th & 26th
Sarah Haskell	Midwife	12th & 26th



Mount Magnet Nursing Post



Monday to Friday 8:30am - 12:00noon
& 1:00pm to 4:00pm
(Closed on Public Holidays)

Phone: 08 9963 3100 Fax: 08 9963 3150

After hours calls go through to Health Direct

Our Medical Team at a Glance November 2012

Allied Health	Child Health	1st, 2nd, 8th, 9th, 22nd, 23rd, 29th, 30th
Allied Health	Podiatrist	N/A
Allied Health	Physiotherapist	20th
Health Dept.	Mobile Ultrasound	12th
Mental Health	Men's Health	Tuesdays & Thursdays
Mental Health	Social Worker	Tuesdays & Thursdays
Medicare Local	Councillor	12th, 13th, 26th, 27th (Mornings only)

DOG REGISTRATIONS

All dogs residing in the Shire of Mount Magnet
MUST be registered

New registrations or renewals can be
made in front of the IGA Supermarket
Saturday, 3rd November 2012 between
9:00am to 11:30am or at the Shire Office
during business hours.

	<u>1 Year</u>	<u>3 Years</u>
<u>Unsterilized</u>	\$30.00	\$75.00
<u>Sterilized</u>	\$10.00	\$18.00

A 50% concession is available for eligible pensioners
(Pension card must be shown at time of registration)

A 25% concession is available for dogs
registered as working cattle or sheep dogs.
(Proof must be supplied at time of registration)

**ALL DOGS OVER 3 MONTHS OLD
NEED TO BE REGISTERED**

come. sit. stay. play!



BURNING TIMES

The burning times for the
Shire of Mount Magnet are as follows:

Restrictive Burning Periods

1 October to 14 November 2012
(Permit required)

Prohibited Burning Periods

15 November 2012 to 31 March 2013
(No open fires)

Restrictive Burning Periods

1 April 2013 to 30 April 2013
(Permit required)

Open Season

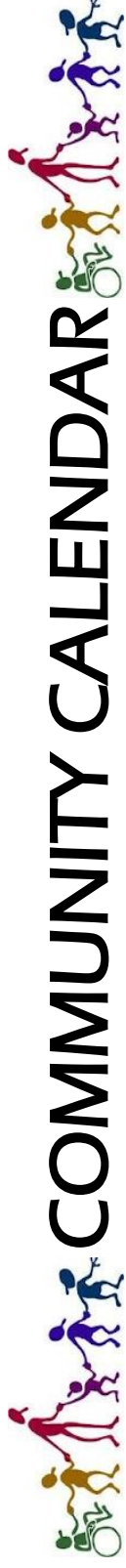
1 May 2013 to 30 September 2013
(No burning permit required)





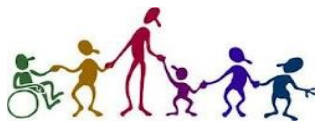
YOUTH SPORT PROGRAM 2012

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
22 Basketball - All Ages 6:00pm - 7:00pm	23	24	25	26 Basketball - All Ages 6:00pm - 7:00pm	27 Cricket U/10yrs 8:30am - 9:30am Cricket 10-17yrs 9:30am - 10:30am	28
29 Basketball - All Ages 6:00pm - 7:00pm	30	31	NOVEMBER 1	2 Basketball - All Ages 6:00pm - 7:00pm	3 Tee-Ball U/10yrs 8:30am - 9:30am Tee-Ball 10-17yrs 9:30am - 10:30am	4
5 Basketball - All Ages 6:00pm - 7:00pm	6	7	8	9 Basketball - All Ages 6:00pm - 7:00pm	10 Cricket U/10yrs 8:30am - 9:30am Cricket 10-17yrs 9:30am - 10:30am	11
12 Basketball - All Ages 6:00pm - 7:00pm	13	14	15	16 Basketball - All Ages 6:00pm - 7:00pm	17 Tee-Ball U/10yrs 8:30am - 9:30am Tee-Ball 10-17yrs 9:30am - 10:30am	18
19 Basketball - All Ages 6:00pm - 7:00pm	20	21	22	23 Basketball - All Ages 6:00pm - 7:00pm	24 Cricket U/10yrs 8:30am - 9:30am Cricket 10-17yrs 9:30am - 10:30am	25
26 Basketball - All Ages 6:00pm - 7:00pm	27	28	29	30 Basketball - All Ages 6:00pm - 7:00pm	DECEMBER 1 Tee-Ball U/10yrs 8:30am - 9:30am Tee-Ball 10-17yrs 9:30am - 10:30am	2
3 Basketball - All Ages 6:00pm - 7:00pm	4	5	6	7 Basketball - All Ages 6:00pm - 7:00pm	8 Cricket U/10yrs 8:30am - 9:30am Cricket 10-17yrs 9:30am - 10:30am	9
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NOVEMBER 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 Presbyterian Service 9:30am St Brigids Liturgy 10:00am	5	6 Seniors Group 10:30am Venue: Old Tourist Centre St John Ambulance Training Venue: St John Sub Centre	7 Playgroup 9:45am - 11:45am Venue: Old Hospital Building	8 Op Shop 9:15am-11:00am Venue: RTC Building Craft Group 11:00am-3:00pm Venue: Old Hospital Building Volunteer Fire Brigade Venue: Fire Station at 7:00pm	9	10 Pottery Club 2 - 4:00pm Venue: Old Hospital
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COMMUNITY GROUPS



Bidi Bidi Centre	Michele Bentink	9963 4508
Community Development Employment Program	Simon Taylor	9963 4144
Department for Child Protection	Sharon Wolgar	0429 370 525
Freemasons Zenith Lodge	Karl Ibbotson	9963 4004
Isolated Children's Parent's Association	Karen Morrissey	9963 5828
Mount Magnet Aboriginal Corporation	Carol Minney	0447 074 220
Mount Magnet Craft Group	Tarnyia Scott	9963 5823
Mount Magnet District High School P&C	Wendy McGorman	9963 4081
Mount Magnet Gymkhana Club	Janet Jones	0407 572 208
Mount Magnet Historical Society	Kevin Brand	9963 4224
Mount Magnet Leader	Karen Williams	0400 711 615
Mount Magnet Markets	Cobie Coumbe	0488 778 909
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 Seniors Group	Karen Williams	0400 711 615
Mount Magnet Sports Group	Melissa Evans	0427 199 281
Mount Magnet Volunteer Ambulance	Angela Van Kints	0428 025 835
Mount Magnet Volunteer Fire Brigade	Crystal Sirrine	9963 4949
Presbyterian Inland Mission	Pastor Bert Pierce	9963 4125
Rangeland Fibre & Produce Association	Anne Pilkington	9963 5827
St Brigid's Catholic Church	Sr Gerri Boylan	9963 4179
Wirnda Barna Artists	Bree Fomenko	9963 4007