SHIRE OF MT MARSHALL MAP & PLACES OF INTEREST

Billiburning Rock

Wheatbelt Way

Situated in the north east of the Shire; the rock itself is part of quite a large natural forest reserve, surrounded by relatively undisturbed bushland and native fauna. It is one of the largest outcrops in the area and provides many opportunities for birdwatching, wildflower spotting and soaking up the beautiful views. Here you will also find a gnamma hole and soak. A fantastic location for picnics, camping and stargazing.

Datjoin Rock and Well Reserve

Wheatbelt Way

There are several unique rock formations to be found here; located 18 km east of Beacon. The area was opened to pastoral leases as far north as Datjoin in 1872 and the well was dug in the early 1900's by sandalwood cutters. During the Winter and Spring months of June to October, the reserve is a popular picnic destination for both travellers and locals alike. Keep a lookout for some of the best wildflowers and orchids the district has to offer! Narrow 4WD access track along Northern boundary of reserve, off Burakin-Wialki Road. Camping is not permitted.

Beacon Mens Shed

Situated on Lucas Street at the entrance to the Beacon Recreation Complex. Locals have restored various old tractors including a 1947 Allis Chambers Tractor which can be seen upon appointment.

Lake Askew

A large salt lake, located on the main road between Bencubbin and Beacon. Offering stunning views and magical photography opportunities!

Gabbin Townsite

Wheatbelt Way

Pay a visit to the small pioneering town of Gabbin. Although there are no longer any services available, the heritage trail will take you on a journey back in time to where it all began and showcase all the highlights of Gabbin's history.

Lake McDermott

A large salt lake located just 7 km east of Bencubbin. The lake is dry *for the majority of the time and may only fill approximately* every ten years once the region receives extensive rains. With water present this is a great spot for a picnic, water sports, activities and beautiful views that can be rare to find in the Wheatbelt. Characterised by wide valley floors and scattered granite outcrops. Enjoyed by both visitors and locals alike!

Pergandes Sheep Yards

Wheatbelt Way

Take a step back in time with a visit to the unique site of the Pergandes Sheep Yards. Here you will find the remains of an original and prominent homestead, and granite sheep yards that were constructed in 1913. Given the historical and cultural importance of the site, it is now accessible to visitors, located just 10 km from Bencubbin. A must see!

Sandalwood Dray

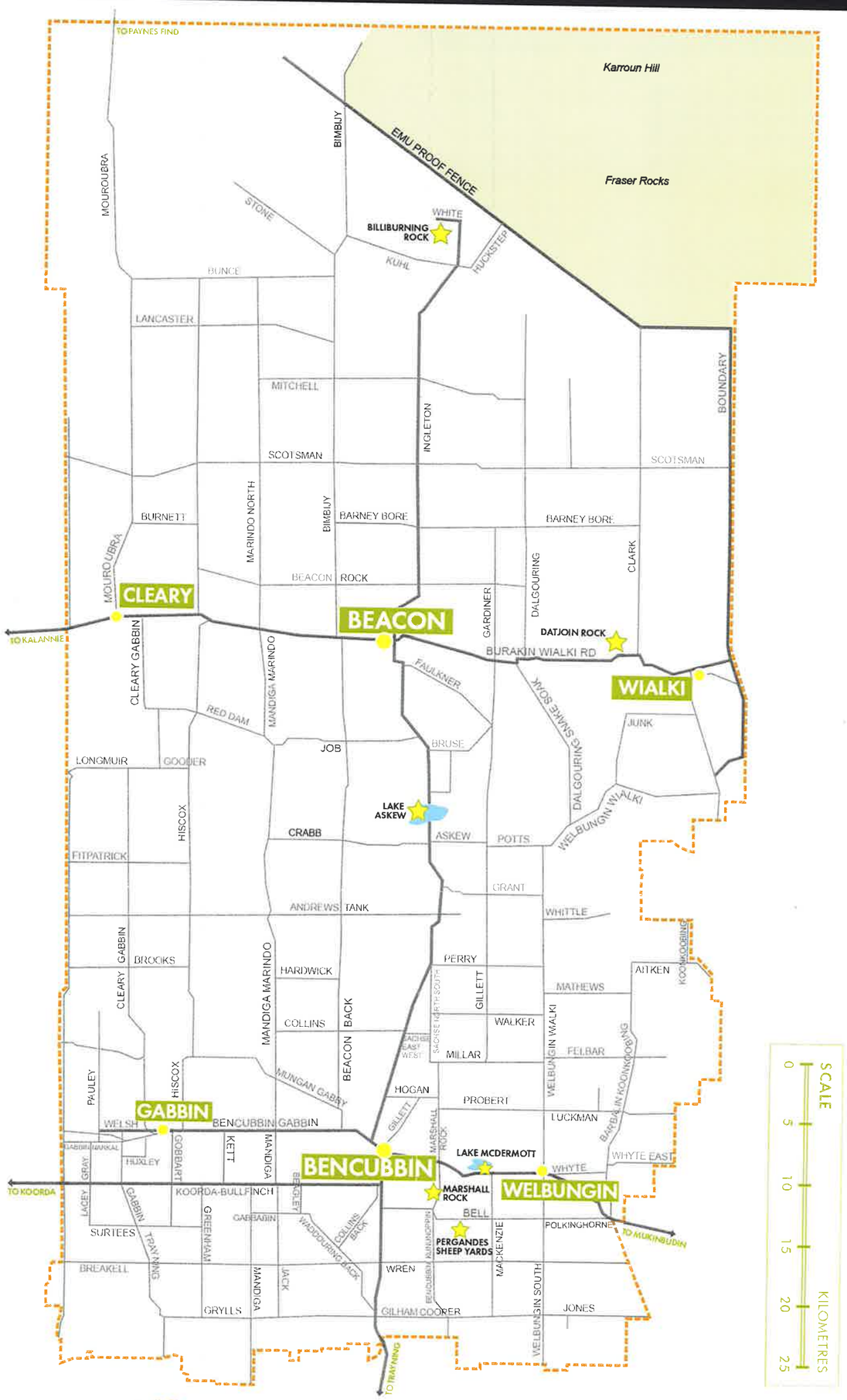
Restored sandalwood Drays are displayed in honour of the true pioneers of the Mt Marshall District - The Sandalwooders. These drays made the tracks that enabled settlers to find their blocks. Located on the main street of both Beacon and Bencubbin.

Power House

Bencubbin's first Generator and Engine; used to provide electricity to the Bencubbin townsite, 1950 - 1968. It was retired when the town was connected to the State Electric Grid in 1968. Located on the main street.

Bencubbin Meteorite

During the period between 1912 - 1960 a number of important meteorites were recovered in Western Australia. The most important of these was in Bencubbin. This rare and previously unknown type of meteorite was discovered in 1930. You can visit the Bencubbin Meteorite display at the Community Resource Centre, where you can also find plenty of information on where to explore!



Marshall Rock

Wheatbelt Way

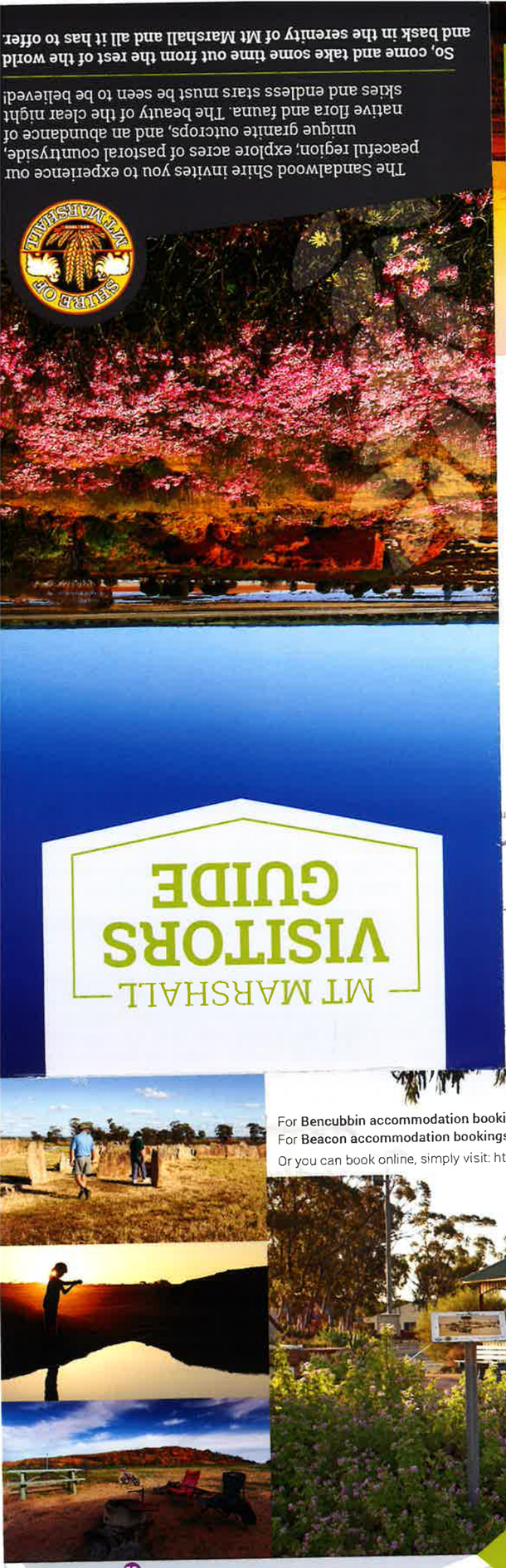
A popular picnic and leisure spot for both locals and viitors alike. Located just 7 km east of Bencubbin, close to Pergandes Sheep Yards. This reserve provides great opportunities for bushwalking, bird watching and inspecting our wildflowers! Proudly boasting panoramic views from the top, where one can see Lake McDermott, vast agricultural lands and the Bencubbin wheat bins. A fabulous camping spot with all the amenities you'll need; picnic tables, shelter, fire pits and a waterless toilet.

Local Walking Trails

Enjoy a leisurely walk around Beacon's townsite trail, marked by ten information plaques of the yesteryear history. A great way for visitors to really appreciate how small wheatbelt towns were established and the life of our pioneers.

The Heritage Trail in Bencubbin is a 5 km track that meanders through the townsite, surrounding bushland and our golf course. Enjoy the peace and quiet of the area and keep an eye out for orchids during our wildflower season!

MT MARSHALL VISITORS GUIDE



@shireofmtmarshall

We kindly ask that all visitors who are staying with us and exploring our area to do so responsibly.

Please ensure you 'leave no trace' at our nature reserves by taking all belongings with you and dispose of any litter accordingly. We hope you will love and admire our native flowers, but please make sure you leave them where they belong to be enjoyed by others!

Please keep all pets on a leash. Visitors must supply their own firewood; please contact the Shire on (08) 9685 1202 for any questions related to any restricted burning periods.

Welcome

The Shire of Mt Marshall is located deep in the heart of Australia's golden outback, an easy three hours' drive north east of Perth in WA's Wheatbelt region. The Shire is home to approximately 550 residents who make up our friendly and vibrant communities; enjoying a relaxed country lifestyle.

The two main towns within the Shire are Beacon and Bencubbin, as well as the locations of Gabbin, Wialki, Welbungin and Cleary; these localities although small have played an active part in the history and development of our Shire.

Originally inhabited by members of the Kalaamaya Aboriginal language group; the rich agricultural lands of the area have been nurtured for generations and have crafted the region's proud pioneering legacy and laid strong foundations for the future. The region is now primarily known for its wheat, coarse grain and sheep farming industries.

Sandalwooders and Graziers were the first European settlers in the Mt Marshall area. Sandalwood was harvested from the 1880's through to the 1920's. Permanent settlement and development of the land for farms commenced around 1910. In a historic tribute to the region's first settlers and once thriving sandalwood industry the Shire of Mt Marshall was officially named The Sandalwood Shire in 2007.

From June to October you will be treated to a spectacular vista of wildflowers! The natural landscape is transformed into technicoloured tapestry as the region's famed 'carpet of colour' comes into full bloom, following good seasonal rains. If you love the outdoors it is a great place to take a trip back in time and visit the remains of centuries old homesteads, rocky outcrops and nature reserves.

The months from April to October prove to be the most popular for visitors heading out our way to see the best of what our district has to offer.

Visitors staying with us can expect clean, friendly and quiet accommodation. With powered and unpowered sites, self-contained cabins and units. You will find great facilities, including; a fully equipped campers' kitchen, outdoor BBQ area, laundry on premises, ablution blocks, disabled access. All within walking distance of local businesses and town services. Please also take advantage of the $10.00 vouchers to spend locally for all who stay with us!

The Sandalwood Shire invites you to experience our peaceful region; explore acres of pastoral countryside, unique granite outcrops, and an abundance of native flora and fauna. The beauty of the clear night skies and endless stars must be seen to be believed!

So, come and take some time out from the rest of the world and bask in the serenity of Mt Marshall and all it has to offer.

Stay at the Bencubbin or Beacon Caravan Park and receive a $10 voucher for every night you stay! These vouchers can be spent at any local participating business.
(max value of $50, excludes tent sites and Bencubbin workers camp)

For **Bencubbin accommodation bookings**, call the Shire office on (08) 9685 1202
For **Beacon accommodation bookings**, call 0428 811 686 or 0488 025 853
Or you can book online, simply visit: https://apac.littlehotelier.com/properties/shireofmtmarshalldirect

BENCUBBIN

Accommodation
- 1 Bencubbin Caravan Park ..... (08) 9685 1202
- 2 Accommodation Units ..... (08) 9685 1202

Fuel
- Great Southern Fuel ..... Self Service, 24hrs
- Caltex Fuel ..... Self Service, 24hrs

Tourist Information
- 5 Bencubbin Community Resource Centre ..... (08) 9685 1007
- 6 Shire Administration Office ..... (08) 9685 1202
- 7 Information Bay

Emergency
- 8 Police Station
- 9 Silverchain Nursing Post
- 10 Fire Services

Services
- 11 The Bencubbin Shop
- 12 KC's Cafe & Sales
- 13 Bencubbin Ag Supplies
- 14 Bencubbin News & Post
- 15 Bencubbin Truck N' Autos
- 16 Hands on Therapeutic Massage
- 17 Bencubbin Sports Club
- 18 Multipurpose Complex
- 19 Mt Marshall Aquatic Centre
- 20 Golf Course

BEACON

Accommodation
- 21 Beacon Caravan Park 0428 811 686

Fuel
- Great Southern Fuel ..... Self Service, 24hrs

Tourist Information
- 23 Beacon Central ..... (08) 9686 1014
- 24 Information Bay

Emergency
- 25 Silverchain Nursing Post
- 26 Fire Services

Services
- 27 Beacon Co-operative
- 28 Beacon Post Office
- 29 Town Hall
- 30 Beacon Country Club
- 31 Recreation Complex
- 32 Men's Shed
- 33 Ninghan Spraying & Ag Services
- 34 Porky's Enterprises and Tyre Shop
- 35 Beacon Garage