



October 2023

SHIRE OF VICTORIA PLAINS

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YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



From the Shire President: Pauline Bantock



Council is currently in the caretaker period as we progress through the Shire of Victoria Plains local government election. This new requirement means Council cannot deal with certain matters until after the election, hence our September meeting was a rather quick one.

The meeting did give me the opportunity to make a few acknowledgements.

We have four Councillors with a term that expires this month.

Cr Clarke, Cr Kelly, Cr O'Brien and myself, Cr Bantock.

Our Deputy President, Councillor Neville Clarke, has informed the Shire he will retire at the end of his term. On behalf of Council and the entire community across Victoria Plains, I thank you for giving your time, efforts and experience to the Shire over the last eight years. Thank you for passionately filling the Deputy President role during two of those years. On a personal level, I sincerely thank Cr Clarke for providing support to me during my time as Shire President and helping me share the workload.

I would also like to thank Councillors Gary O'Brien and Cr Jim Kelly for their dedication to the Shire. Thank you for putting in the time and effort during your recent terms serving the Victoria Plains Shire.

I wish everyone well during the local government election process.

Council also had the opportunity to wish our Shire CEO a very Happy Birthday last month. Sean spent his birthday preparing for the September council meeting and advising Council through the agenda.

We say thank you to Deputy CEO Colin Ashe, who took on the role as Acting CEO while Sean took a few days leave.

Kind Regards,

Cr. Pauline Bantock
Shire President



Local Containers for Change Member numbers accepting donations

Calingiri Primary School P&C Association—C10344336

Yerecoin Primary School P&C Association—C10283746

Bolgart Primary School P&C Association—C10324137

Mogumber Outback Club—C10671492

Gillingarra Sport & Recreation Club—C10291910

Calingiri Sports Club—C10232342

From the Chief Executive Officer: Sean Fletcher



October will see a new Council for the Shire made up of three continuing councillors and two returning/newly elected councillors. At the same time, the Shire's wards will be abolished, with a new district wide system in place represented by the Council of five. Staff and I are very much looking forward to what the future holds with the new Council.

Local government reforms continue to unfold with recent changes requiring the vote at Council meetings clearly stated and the names of the elected members are clearly recorded on which way they voted.

I recently met with the Yued Elders Advisory Committee to discuss matters regarding local clan heritage and culture and the need for the Shire to work with the respective aboriginal groups and persons. It was a very fruitful meeting that has seen our local aboriginal elders agree to participate in Shire activities and projects going forward.

I also had the opportunity to attend, with Council, Local Government Week. This year, this very important local government event was opened by the Premier. Among the many presentations that we attended, we found ourselves being updated on the possibilities of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and where it is heading. We also attended sessions on the housing crisis and what it really means to have strategic vision. I also attended the Suppliers Showcase which had all the latest plant and equipment on show, including the new EV charging stations. The focus of this event was very much on asset management and the improvements undertaken to the procurement (purchasing) process in local government.

Discussions with Caravel Minerals at both Council and CEO level have been ongoing in recent times including the status of the proposed copper mine project at Lake Ninan and the proposed water pipeline from the Gillingarra Bore Field to service the mine. The Shire was asked by the EPA to make comment on the draft environmental scoping document, which it has now done. Caravel Minerals also briefed Council prior to the September Council meeting on the copper project. It is expected that the EPA public submission period regarding the copper project will be in the second half of next year.

Staff continue to deliver services at much improved levels and as Colin and Silvio's updates show, the key projects are being rolled out in accordance with the Strategic Community Plan (soon to be The Council Plan) and 23/24 Budget.

The above aside, I also managed to have a few days off with my family and to celebrate a very important anniversary and birthday. They are only one day apart!

Kind Regards,

Sean Fletcher

Chief Executive Officer



NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION CUTOFF

Newsletter submissions are due by
4:00pm on the last Friday of the month.

All submissions to be emailed to:
candice.watson@victoriaplains.wa.gov.au

Late submissions may not be accepted.



Ordinary Council Meeting

Will be held
Wednesday

25th October 2023

Commencing at 2:00pm in the
Calingiri Council Chambers

DIGITAL NEWSLETTER

Did you know the Shire offers digital
copies of the Newsletter?

Simply email
reception@victoriaplains.wa.gov.au
to register for a digital copy.



From the Deputy Chief Executive Officer: Colin Ashe



Like most local authorities, July and Aug does not attract significant capital expenditure until rate income and external sources of income hit the bank account. There is always a fine balance to ensure there is enough operational funding at the commencement of the financial year but, now being in full swing, the shire is well and truly progressing much of the activities and outcomes listed in the budget 23-24.

Annual Financial Report 22-23

During Sep 2023 the shire's auditor conducted a site visit undertaking sample testing of transactions, reviewing adherence to policies and processes and interviewing staff for compliance. There continues to be off site sampling and queries, along with other mandatory audits required for acquittal of grants but, informal comments from the auditors indicated no adverse findings.

All things being equal – we should have the Audited Financial Report 22-23 by Nov 2023.

Finance:

As mentioned noting there is little to report for Oct 2023 in terms of capital activities, some progress was made in:

Activity	Cost (\$)	Status
Carani East Road (Blackspot Funding)	37,850	In Progress
Calingiri Cemetery Entry Signage	9,853	In Progress
Bolgart Ablution Block	39,070	In Progress

Of note, major road construction is underway in Sep 23 for the Mogumber Yarawindah Road and consequently a high level of expenditure will be reflected in the coming months along with some Plant Replacement in accordance with the program.

Strategic Planning:

Initial appointment with a consultant specialising in Recreation Management Planning has occurred and key stakeholders such as Progress Associations and Sporting Groups will be engaged in the coming months to formulate the plan. Completion of the plan will take about four months and this will be a key corner piece in the shires long term planning. Along with a number of shire staff who will assist, I am very excited to commence this engagement and be ready for implementation in 2024-25.

Enterprise Resource Planning Operating System:

Project planning is well underway for implementation with Customer Service set to go live in Nov 23 and Records Management in Jan 24. The system will replace the aging current shire system which is well overdue and bring it into contemporary ICT, becoming significantly more efficient in how we operate and deliver service.

The Shire has also transitioned from fixed wireless to fibre at the office – fixed wireless general only allows for speeds of 25 Mbps whereas Fibre is currently configured for 100 Mbps and can go up to 1000 Mbps. What does all this ICT jargon mean? – high speeds means less drop outs, waiting for connections (the buffering we all have experienced at some stage waiting for a program to load) and increased security (look out – AI is also coming!)

Finally – 7-14 Oct 2023 is WA Mental Health Week - This year's theme is emphasizing the importance of looking after ourselves and focusing on our body, mind, and environment. I would encourage you to take some time out for yourself to reflect on how you are going mentally and if you are struggling – talk to someone.

Kind Regards,

Colin Ashe

Deputy Chief Executive Officer

From the Manager—Works and Services: Silvio Brenzi



Since commencement on the 18th September the following has been completed on the Mogumber Yarrowinda Road

- Average 500 meters full width of stabilisation (2% GP Cement). See images.
- Commenced at 13.95SLK with 150mm gravel overlay.
- Identified 3 areas of concern with current materials in the existing road. These have been removed and repaired to the new specifications. This will continue through the entire length of works as it progresses.
- Two culverts at the Cocking Rd intersection installed prior to stabilisation works. One 900mm on the East side and one 450mm on the West side. The larger diameter takes all the water off the hill and the smaller 450mm directs a smaller catchment to the North side of Mogumber rd.
- Sealing works are planned for the last week of October.



Kind regards,
Silvio Brenzi
Manager - Works

From the Community Development Officer: Katrina Humphries

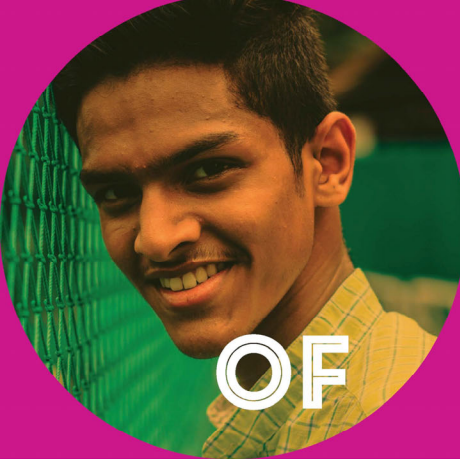
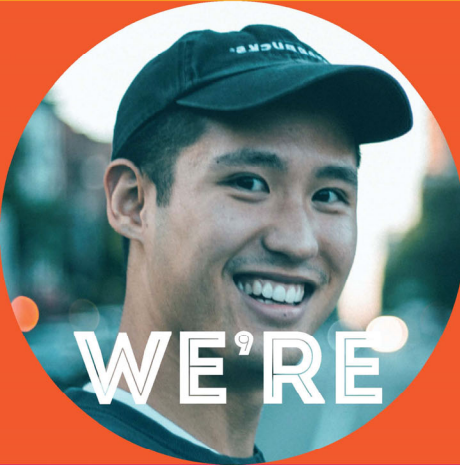


The Goomalling to Yerecoin Art Trail finished at the end of September. We had a great display of artwork from our local artists who did manage to sell a few of their pieces.

The Piawaning Expo was held on the 2nd of September which the Shire attended by having a gazebo there with some promotional materials and frisbees with our logo on, to hand out to the kids. We had a great day out seeing everyone enjoying themselves at a family event within our Shire. Well done to The Piawaning Expo on another great event. The Shire contributed, through our community grants funding, towards their fireworks display that were held that night, and what a spectacular display they put on.



Kind Regards,
Katrina Humphries
Community Development Officer



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- > Citizen of the Year
- > Youth Citizen of the Year
- > Senior Citizen of the Year
- > Active Citizenship (Group or Event)

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Local Government Recognising Community Champions.

CALINGIRI PRIMARY SCHOOL



JOB VACANCY

Gardener - Handyman

Level 2, \$1,094.80 - \$1,112.60 (pro-rata) per week (GS (Misc.) GA 2023)

Advertised Vacancy Number: SS/SS829424

This is a twelve (12) month fixed term, part-time (0.5FTE) position commencing Term 4, 2023 with possible extension and/or permanency.

Calingiri Primary School (PS) is seeking a hardworking Gardener - Handyman to join their team.

About the Role

As a Gardener - Handyman you will be responsible for maintaining and presenting our school grounds in a clean and tidy condition. The successful applicant will work to provide gardening, grounds, and facility management to ensure a safe, vibrant, and clean school environment. They will maintain and present the school grounds and gardens in an attractive, clean, and tidy condition, and provide a suitable growing environment for both soft and hard landscaping, including turf management. They will also perform minor repairs and maintenance as requested, as well as other Gardener - Handyman's duties using safe work practices and in accordance with the Department's policies and guidelines.

For further job related information

You are encouraged to contact Jonelle Ballantyne, Manager Corporate Services, for further information about this employment opportunity, including information about living and working in Calingiri, by telephoning (08) 9628 8500 or emailing Jonelle.Ballantyne@education.wa.edu.au

Application Instructions

Our aim is to make it easy for you to apply!

Your application should include:

- A detailed CV outlining your work history and experience in the context of the role. Your CV should include two (2) work related referees, one being your current Line Manager and;
- A cover letter of no more than two (2) page Please address selection criteria (2 and 4) by providing an example that shows your ability, knowledge and application in relation to each work related requirement.

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You will need to demonstrate the following work related requirements:

- Sound communication and interpersonal skills.
- Experience in maintaining grounds and gardens, including turf management.
- Experience in minor servicing of horticultural/gardening equipment and performing minor repairs and maintenance tasks.
- Knowledge of gardening methods and procedures, including the safe use and storage of gardening equipment, materials and chemicals.

To submit your application:

- Click on the "Apply for Job" button located at either the top or bottom of this screen. You can then complete the online application form and attach your CV and any other supporting documents.

Eligibility and Training requirements

Employees will be required to:

- Provide evidence of eligibility to work in Australia for the term of the vacancy
- Obtain a current Department of Education Criminal Record Clearance prior to commencement of employment
- Obtain or hold a current Working with Children Check

And complete the Department's:

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural awareness online course within 3 months of commencement
- Induction program within three months of commencement
- Introductory School Gardener training within 3 months of commencement in metropolitan areas or as soon as practicable for regional areas
- Training specific to this role required by Departmental policy and;
- Training in Accountable and Ethical Decision-Making within six months of appointment.

This selection process will initially be used to fill the above vacancy. Applicants assessed as suitable during this selection process may be considered for other similar vacancies that occur throughout our school for up to 12 months following this initial appointment. This includes circumstances where this position becomes subsequently vacant should the successful applicant decline or vacate the advertised position.

The Department applies a four (4) day breach period to this selection process.

Applications must be submitted before 4:30pm (WST) on Friday, 20 October 2023

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED ONLINE (Via Jobs WA)
PROFORMA, FAXED, HAND DELIVERED, POSTED, EMAILED AND LATE APPLICATIONS ARE NOT
ACCEPTED.**



3 October 2023

Chalice Mining Ltd. wishes to advise local residents of an Airborne Geophysical Survey taking place within the Shire of Northam, York, Victoria Plains, Goomalling and small areas of the Shires of Toodyay, Cunderdin, Quairading and Beverley.

MagSpec Airborne Surveys on behalf of Chalice, are flying an Airborne Geophysical Survey over granted exploration licences, in October 2023, (see Figure 1a).

Figure 1a indicates the area where the Survey will be conducted, which may include some or all of your property. All Airborne Surveying undertaken is in line with Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) regulation including,

- Flights are restricted to daylight hours only, Monday to Friday.
- When operating within 150 m horizontally of any occupied building or vehicle, the aircraft will pull up to a height of 300 ft. Once clear of the obstacle, the aircraft will descend back to survey height and continue.

The entire survey is anticipated to take four to six weeks to complete, depending on weather and contractors.

The Survey will be conducted using a Cessna 210 (see image 1b for typical set-up). The Survey will be flown at a flying height of ~30-40 m in a grid pattern, you may hear noise from the aircraft for a short period. Aside from the potential noise, the survey will have little-to-no impact on the surrounds. The aircraft will not land on or contact private property and will not fly directly over congregations of animals in pens or yards. If you see the aircraft, do not be alarmed, you are not required to take any action.

Airborne Geophysical Surveys are commonly flown throughout Australia and their primary purpose is to effectively screen large areas to define the geology and potential mineralisation.

If you are planning on undertaking any stock movements or have activities that could be impacted by our surveys over this time, please contact community@chalicemining.com or 0487371961, so we can work with you to avoid disrupting your land use.

Please find below a link to the 'Exploration Explained' information sheet prepared by the Association of Mining and Exploration Company (AMEC).

<https://amec.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/AMEC-Exploration-Explained.pdf>

Yours sincerely,

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General Manager – Discovery and Growth

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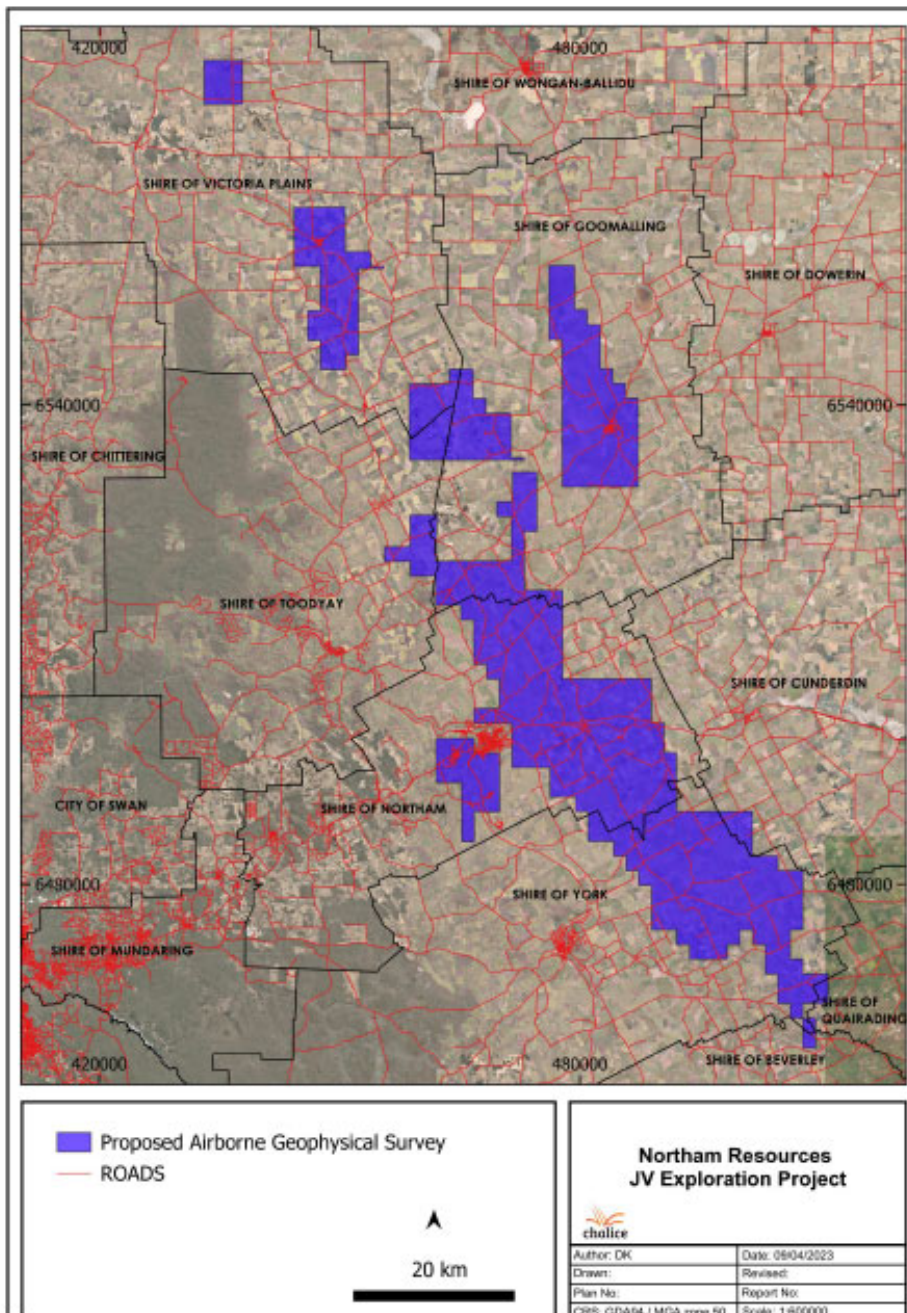


Figure 1a: Map of Airborne Geophysical Survey area, scheduled to commence mid-September and continue in October 2023.



Figure 1b: Example of a Cessna 210 used for Airborne Geophysical Surveys



Ambulance cover that supports your community

St John WA is a not-for-profit community organisation dedicated to protecting the lives of West Australians.

Ambulance care can be costly. Even if you have private health insurance, there's a good chance it's not enough to meet your ambulance cover needs, as most private health insurance policies don't cover non-emergency ambulance care.

One in five West Australian ambulance users requires transport outside the metropolitan area each year.

Unfortunately, the cost of ambulance services is not covered by Medicare or the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme. This means even a short journey could cost hundreds of dollars.

With St John WA Country Ambulance Cover, the cost of ambulance care is covered for as many emergency or non-urgent ambulance services that are deemed to be medically necessary.

This cover does not include the Royal Flying Doctors Service, who do not charge for emergency air transport.

West Australian residents, over the age of 65 and in receipt of a full Australian Government pension, are entitled to free ambulance services.

**To find out more contact St John Victoria Plains on t: 9671 1079
e: victoriaplains@stjohnwa.com.au or visit cover.stjohnambulance.com.au**

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CHILDREN'S WEEK™ WA 2023

21 October - 29 October 2023

October is Children's Week: a national event just for children!

Here in WA, the celebrations are as big as our state. Every community is invited to get into the spirit of the festivities to celebrate, play and discover together. Children's Week takes place across a week-long program of events, held around the fourth Wednesday of October every year.

Children's Week is a week dedicated to celebrating children, promoting the Rights of the Child as proclaimed by the United Nations in 1954 and to remind us of our responsibility to advocate for children as citizens and their right to a positive childhood. Meerilinga has

been the proud convener of Children's Week in Western Australia since 1985, the first year it was celebrated in Australia. We have been delighted to contribute to the increased understanding and recognition of the Rights of the Child.

Children's Week is an opportunity for the community to engage in a variety of family-friendly activities that facilitate, support and encourage children and their families to play, learn and grow together.



Stress Free Stockmanship

with Bruce Maynard

SATURDAY 28th OCTOBER

8:00AM - 2:30PM

CALINGIRI

LOCATION PROVIDED UPON REGISTRATION

\$40 GENERAL ATTENDANCE

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GET TICKETS: tinyurl.com/y9mwr84s

Join RegenWA for this one day workshop with one of Australia's leading Agricultural innovators and current Bob Hawke award winner for excellence in sustainable agriculture, Bruce Maynard. Over 30 years Bruce has pioneered the fields of No Kill Cropping, Stress Free Stockmanship, Self Herding and Grassland Grain.

This practical workshop will provide a great opportunity to get an insight into Stress Free Stockmanship, see Bruce in action, and to hear how he has implemented these strategies on his own farm, with plenty of time to ask questions throughout the day.

More details to follow.



Bruce is one of Australia's most innovative Agricultural systems thinkers who shares his unique journey of implementing and inventing breakthrough land management techniques transforming his own farm at Narronine, NSW.

Bruce invented the No Kill Cropping system, developed Stress Free Stockmanship and co-invented Self Herding. He travels Australia and overseas enjoying being a passionate and impartial voice in the promotion of agroecology that increases the diversity of communities and landscapes.

Bruce's work can be readily found on the web at: theagtoolshed.com and was recognized as Australia's leading landcarer with the 2022 Bob Hawke Award for excellence in sustainable farming.

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This event is supported by the WA Regenerative Livestock Producers Inc, Lotterystart, the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation through their Soil Wise Program, Wheatbelt NRM and Northern Agricultural Catchments Council.

Soil Wise is funded by the National Landcare Program Smart Farms Small Grants – an Australian Government initiative. It is supported by Healthy Estuaries WA – a State Government program.

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You don't need to have any prior training or experience - just a big smile, can do attitude and preference for working collaboratively as a team.

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CHILDREN'S WEEK



Fuel to Go & Play Teddy Bears Picnic

Saturday 28th of October 2023

10am to 12noon

Feel free to bring a picnic basket filled with your favourite morning tea snacks.



Held at the Piawaning Hall

The Shire of Victoria Plains are excited to be putting on a Teddy Bears Picnic for kids up to 5years of age (older siblings are most welcome). We will have a guest speaker attending to discuss the Importance of Healthy Nutrition - Fuel To Go & Play, as well as face painting and other small activities.

Fruit & Refreshments will be provided.

Please bring your favourite teddy bear/s, a hat & sunscreen, picnic basket and join us for a morning of play, creativity & networking with other parents/carers in our area.

RSVP to Katrina Humphries at the Shire of Victoria Plains Office on 9628 7004 or katrina.humphries@victoriaplains.wa.gov.au by the 25th of October 2023.

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Shire of Victoria Plains Photo Competition



Happy
Halloween

Enter your best Halloween photo (decorations, dress-up, carved pumpkin as ideas) by the 30th of October to go in the chance to win a prize kindly donated by Yerecoin Traders, Calingiri Traders & Bolgart Rural.

All photos to be submitted to the Shire office,
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HALLOWEEN

PARTY



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**HELD AT THE ORB
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