

Issue 13 —February 2016

Shire of Tammin Newsletter

This newsletter will be published every month to keep you up to date with the latest news from your council. Feedback and ideas welcome.

ChemClear on its way to WA

ChemClear is heading to Western Australia in June 2016 and is urging chemical users to register their surplus or unwanted agvet chemicals for safe disposal before **22 April 2016**.

"We encourage WA farmers to seize the opportunity to use our program this year as it will be another two years before we head back across the Nullarbor," said National Program Manager Lisa Nixon.

March 2016 Ordinary Council Meeting— Change of meeting date

Wednesday, 23 March 2016, 5.00pm

The program uses local council sites to collect from waste holders who have registered their chemicals for retrieval. The collection process is quick and easy, and waste holders are given an appointment time to meet the ChemClear retrieval team to drop off their registered chemicals for safe disposal.

"Our program operates like a milk run and visits every local government region that we have received a registration in, even if there is only one or a handful of waste holders in that area," said Ms Nixon. "We are required to obtain licences for the transportation and removal of hazardous waste, therefore each waste holder must take an inventory of their obsolete chemicals before registering for the program."

WAFarmers Chief Executive Officer Stephen Brown believes ChemClear is critical for maintaining a safe working environment for farmers.

"Our organisation is committed to ensuring farmers are provided with safe working environments and we're proud to support the ChemClear initiative which works towards this goal," he said.

"Unused chemicals on rural properties can pose occupational safety and health risks for farmers, so we encourage all our members to work sustainably and dispose of obsolete chemicals through this environmentally safe method."

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Ph: (08) 9637 0300 Email: ChemClear collects APVMA currently registered chemicals produced by 121 manufacturers supporting the Industry Waste Reduction Scheme. Chemicals classified as Group 1 are collected free of charge.

As an additional service, ChemClear collects what is classified as Group 2 chemicals.

shire@tammin.wa.gov.au

This category covers deregistered, out-of-date, mixed, unlabelled or unknown agvet chemicals produced by a manufacturer not signed to the ChemClear stewardship pro-

gram.

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Office hours: Monday—Friday 9.00am – 4.00pm

There is a cost for disposal of Group 2 chemicals which is quoted to the waste holder once their registration has been processed.

Our aim is progress.

To register for the WA June collection, please take an inventory of your product and call 1800 008 182 or visit www.chemclear.com.au.

Registrations close on 22 April 2016.

Upcoming road works

During March 2016, works will take place on:

- Yorkrakine Road—Re-construction and widening (from Russell Street to Golf Links Rd).
 Traffic control and side tracks will be used to maintain access throughout all work
- Yorkrakine East Road—Floodway re-construction (opposite Dennis Reid's homestead)
 Traffic control and side tracks will be used to maintain access throughout all work (through road will be reopened and side track removed 9th March 2016).
- Booth and Redmond Street—Footpath re-construction (between Shield St and Great Eastern Highway). Footpath closed, will be reopened 3rd March 2016.

Some delays will be encountered. The Shire of Tammin thanks road and pedestrian users for their patience during these works. For further information please contact Greg Stephens, Works Supervisor, on 0437 371 101.

Rates

Final rate instalments are due by *Monday, 14 March 2016*. Please ensure you quote your assessment number on any payments submitted.

Nominations for Tammin Achievement Awards are open

To honour and recognise Tammin residents who have achieved success in sporting, cultural and community pursuits.

Categories include, but are not limited to; arts and culture, sports and recreation, environment, education, civic duty, community volunteerism and youth or seniors' leadership.

Nominees will have made a significant contribution through a unique achievement or outstanding service – either as a volunteer or in the course of their work – in any area that provides a benefit to the Tammin community

Sporting Awards Best & Fairest winners, club champion, Team achievement, as recommended by each respective Tammin Sports Club.

To nominate, a completed nomination form including a description of why the person and or team should be considered for an award, is to be submitted within the dead-line.

Nomination forms are available on our website (www.tammin.wa.gov.au) or in paper format at the shire office.

Nominations are now open and close Monday 21 March 2016 at 4.00pm.

No late applications will be accepted.

All nominations are subject to approval by Council.

Restricted Burning Period

Until 15 March a burning permits will be required.

These can be obtained from:

Haydn Dixon 04 29 045 205, Shane Mackin 04 28 381 027 and Tim York 04 27 737 113.



Community crop—fundraising opportunity for local community groups and clubs

Please register your interest by Thursday 10 March 2016 by calling 9637 0300 or emailing Sarah at cdo@tammin.wa.gov.au.

Welcome Nathan Gilfellon as new Acting Deputy Chief Executive Officer

Following recent staff changes at the office, the Shire of Tammin has appointed Mr Nathan Gilfellon (previously Senior Finance Officer) as new Acting Deputy Chief Executive Officer. Nathan has been with the Shire of Tammin for nearly 2 years and is excited about taking on the responsibilities that come with his new role.

Remembering Scott Goodin

3rd March will mark the one year anniversary of former Works Supervisor, Scott Goodin's, passing. Scott was highly regarded in the community and among his peers, and is still very much missed. Our thoughts are with his family during this time of remembering.

Local Government Pensioner Rates Concessions for 2016-17

As part of the 2015-16 State Budget the government announced that from the rating year commencing 1 July 2016, the 50 per cent concession allowed to eligible pensioners on local government rates and water rates would be restricted to capped limits. This change results in the pensioners concession being administered in the a similar manner to the concessions currently available to eligible seniors.

Legislative amendments to the Rates and Charges (Rebates and Deferments) Act 1992 were included in the Revenue Laws Amendment Act (act No. 27 of 2015), which received Royal Assent on 2 October 2015.

The pensioner rates cap amounts will be prescribed each year, consistent with the manner in which seniors' caps are set every year.

Shire office & refuse site opening hours

Shire office: Monday—Friday 9.00am—4.00pm

Refuse site: Thursday & Saturday 9.00am—1.00pm



Know your council

President Scott Uppill (2017)	<u>cruppill@tammin.wa.gov.au</u>
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Next Council meeting: Wednesday, 23 March 2016, 5.00pm, Council chambers

Important phone numbers

Ambulance	000
Police Cunderdin	9635 1000
Police Kellerberrin	9045 6000
Fire & Rescue	000
Poisons Information Centre	131126
Telstra - Faults – Residential Faults – Business	13 22 03 13 29 99
Western Power - Emergencies & Service Difficulties	13 13 51
Water Corporation - Supply Interruptions	13 13 75
MainRoads - all matters concerning Gt Eastern Hwy	1800 800 009
WA Ranger Service Matt Sharpe	04 59 67 81 54
Works Supervisor Greg Stephens	04 37 37 11 01

^{*}Year in bracket denotes expiry of elected term.