

# SHIRE NOTES



## Australia Day

Australia Day 2010 was celebrated by a crowd of approximately 40 residents and visitors to Tammin at Memorial Park on 26th January. The weather was perfect for the event being in the low 30's with a gentle breeze to ensure things remained comfortable. The event commenced with a casual morning tea prior to an official welcome to the event by new CEO Graham Stanley. Former Councillor Margaret Wheeldon raised the flag and the crowd sang the national anthem.

Whilst volunteers cooked a barbecue lunch most attendees enjoyed catching up with each other in the shade of the trees. A number of children were also present and they burned off some energy running around having fun with water pistols that had been provided for the day. When lunch was ready most moved over to the hall and spent a quiet afternoon enjoying a few drinks with their friends over lunch. After ice cream cones for dessert the kids resumed their water pistol battles until it was time to go home.

Special thanks go to Michael Greenwood and Albert Fourie for their efforts in arranging the event, Mrs Beryl Greenwood for the fantastic array of salads, cakes and savouries and all of the helpers for making Australia Day a memorable day.

## New Office Staff

The Shire wishes to welcome Jenny Gemund who recently commenced with the Shire as administration officer. Jenny is originally from Germany and has been living in Tammin for the past nine months after spending 3 years living and working in Ireland before coming to Australia. Jenny has extensive office experience and will be performing customer service and administrative duties including reception, library, receipting, banking, licensing and other duties. Please say hello to Jenny and introduce yourself next time you are in the Shire Office.

## Jay Weston

Preparations are well under way for Jay Weston who is appearing at Kadjiny Kep on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm. Ticket prices are extremely reasonable with Adults \$15; Pensioners and Students 18+ at \$10; teenagers 13-17 \$5 and kids 12 and under free. This show promises to be a great night for all of the family so make sure that you come out & support it so that we can continue to provide great entertainment for reasonable prices at the Kep. Don't forget "if you don't use it you loose it!"

## Genetically Modified Organisms (GMO) Trials

The Shire currently has a policy of opposition to GMO trials – arising from trials carried out in the Region some years ago.

At the December meeting, Council decided it would be appropriate to conduct another community survey to gauge whether there has been any shift in community opinion. The survey form has been sent out to rural landholders and it would be appreciated if they can be completed and returned either by fax, post or dropping it off to the Shire Office by 15<sup>th</sup> February 2010. Obviously farmers would be aware that the Minister for Agriculture in WA Hon Terry Redman MLA recently lifted the ban on GM canola. Your responses to our survey can now be used to advise the Minister whether Tammin farmers support or oppose his move.

Graham Stanley,  
Chief Executive Officer