



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.

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Council Affairs – Shire President Update

Tammin residents are aware that the Shire of Tammin is one of the smallest local governments in WA. Regardless of size, each local government is required to administer numerous acts of parliament (Local Government act, Health act, Building act, Planning act, Dog act, Bushfires act, Emergency Management act, Records act, and many more).

Being a very small local government means we are financially inefficient in many areas. The cost of employing a full-time CEO is approximately 22% of our rate revenue and the cost of Members of Council is approximately 26% of rate revenue.

Our Long Term Financial Plan recommends that we increase rates by 7% every year over ten years. Council has recently agreed that rates will increase again by 7% in 2015/16, for the third consecutive year. Financial Assistance Grants to local governments have been frozen for three years and other funding opportunities including Royalties for Regions have decreased.

The Shire's current Chief Executive Officer's employment contract expires at the end of August 2015 and Council have agreed to explore options regarding resource sharing a CEO after this time.

Council has also agreed to continue to explore options regarding achievable structural reform outcomes.

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**Monday—Friday
9.00am – 4.00pm**

Our aim is progress.

It is interesting to note that back in 1999 the then Council acknowledged that Tammin could not justify the costs of employing a full-time CEO and entered into a resource sharing agreement with the Shire of Kellerberrin. Since that time our population has declined and the compliance burden on local governments has increased substantially.

It is important that Council continue to seek a structural reform outcome as unfortunately the only way the Tammin Shire can survive in the mid-term is to keep increasing rates every year as other funding sources continue to be cut.

Residents who are interested in local government structural reform are encouraged to discuss these matters with any of your elected Councillors.

Department of Sports and Recreation CSRFF grant - Bowling Club

The Shire of Tammin has received a grant of \$123,790 for the conversion of two seven rink grass bowling greens into one synthetic rink including floodlighting at Tammin Bowling Club. The total project cost will be ~380,000 and is jointly funded by the Shire of Tammin with a \$174,000 and the Tammin Bowling Club with a \$84,000 contribution.

The project is planned to be completed by February 2016.

Give Happy – Live happy – National Volunteer week

The Shire of Tammin wishes to acknowledge all volunteers and the contribution they make to various clubs and organisations. Special thanks goes to the volunteers of the fire brigade and St. Johns ambulance for making our community a safer place. Every community member is encouraged to either continue their service or consider volunteering for a club or organisation.

Community crop

Council has accepted all expression of interest for the 2015 community crop. Representatives of all clubs were invited to attend a meeting to discuss further proceedings. The following clubs / groups will be involved in the 2015 community crop:

Tammin P & C , Kats Football Club , Tammin Cricket Club, Tammin Golf Club, Tammin Women's Hockey Club and Tammin Bowling Club

If you wish to donate time, money, goods or wish to offer any other help please contact Rod Stokes (04 29 371 153) or Nick Caffell (04 29 452 035).

Farmers must act soon on concessional loans – Applications for concessional loans close on June 30, 2015

Agriculture and Food Minister Ken Baston is urging Western Australian farm businesses to act soon in applying for concessional loans.

The schemes offer eligible farm businesses loans of up to \$1 million at concessional rates. Mr Baston said Drought Concessional Loans could be used for debt restructuring, operating expenses and drought recovery and preparedness activities, while Farm Finance Concessional Loans could be used for debt restructuring and productivity enhancements.

“I remind farm business owners and operators who are interested in applying not to self-assess their eligibility, but make the free phone call to assessors.”

Eligible farming activities include broad acre, pastoral, horticulture, dairy, intensive agriculture and aquaculture. Loan applications for both Farm Finance and Drought Concessional Loans close at 5pm on June 30, 2015, or when funds are fully committed, whichever is sooner.

For more information visit <http://www.agric.wa.gov.au/rbdc> or phone 1800 198 231 (free call within WA).

Free waterwise showerheads for Tammin

Extract from media statement from HON Mia Davies MLA released Tuesday, 21 April 2015

Water Minister Mia Davies is encouraging residents in Quairading and Tammin to take part in a free Showerhead Swap initiative launching on Monday, May 4 2015.

Showerhead Swap is a State Government program which allows Water Corporation customers to swap up to two old, inefficient showerheads for high-efficiency replacements free of charge.

“Households can save up to 7,000 litres of water every year by replacing their showerheads with more efficient ones,” Ms Davies said.

“To get involved you just need to take a copy of your water account and up to two old showerheads to your local shire office and exchange them for new water-efficient showerheads.”

The initiative will be available to customers until September 30, 2015 and follows other successful programs in Laverton, Leonora, Merredin, York, Beverley, Southern Cross, Westonia, Bruce Rock, Bencubbin, Beacon, Trayning, Corrigin, Kalgoorlie-Boulder, Northam, Cunderdin, Toodyay and Wyalkatchem. The free showerhead swaps are also currently under way in Nungarin, Dowerin, Goomalling, Coolgardie and Kambalda.

“To date these programs have exchanged a total of 1,060 showerheads, saving up to 7.4 million litres of precious drinking water each year,” the Minister said.

“I’m really pleased to see these two shires working with the State Government to deliver long-term water savings for residents.

“There are 200 free showerheads available through the program, so I encourage customers to take part as soon as they can.”


For more information, visit <http://www.watercorporation.com.au>

Fact File

- Showerhead Swap is available to Water Corporation customers in Quairading and Tammin from May 4, 2015 to December 4, 2015
- Households can save up to 7,000 litres of water per year by replacing a water inefficient showerhead with an efficient one

Fees & charges 2015-16

At April’s Ordinary council meeting, council adopted the fees and charges for the 2015-16 financial year. No fees and charges relating to hire of facilities for clubs or others, rents, bus hire fees and other services accessed by the public will increase.



Know your council

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*Year in bracket denotes expiry of elected term.

Next Council meeting : Thursday 18 June 2015, 4.00pm, 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	13 22 03
Faults – Business	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