



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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LAW & ORDER

Residents are reminded that it is the POLICE not the Shire that is responsible for law and order.

The Shire has recently received a number of phone calls reporting anti social behaviour. We do not have any power in this area and you need to contact the Kellerberrin Police on 9045 6000.

Resource sharing CEO...

Council has agreed to forward correspondence to all four of our neighbours (Cunderdin, Kellerberrin, Quairading and Wyalkatchem) to determine their interest in sharing their CEO and further structural reform and resource sharing.

Based on the responses received, Council will then need to decide which local government has the best strategic fit with Tammin and then establish a detailed Plan that clearly identifies the benefits for both local governments involved.

Council has received a Grant from the Department of Local Government to assist with this process.

Disability Access and Inclusion Plan (DAIP) - Review

The Shire of Tammin is required under the Disability Services Act to review and renew its DAIP every 5 years. The reviewed plan will be adopted by council at the July meeting.

All residents are invited to view the DAIP and comment on it before adoption. To view the plan please visit www.tammin.wa.gov.au or contact the Shire office for a hard copy.

All comments have to be submitted by 9 July 2015.

Tip passes

All rural residents will automatically receive a new tip pass for the next financial year via mail. Residents of the townsite need to contact the Shire office between 9.00am-4.00pm to pick up a tip pass. Please note that only Shire of Tammin residents and waste generated within the Shire will be accepted at the Tammin Refuse site.

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9.00am – 4.00pm

Our aim is progress.

New Works Supervisor

The Shire of Tammin has appointed Mr Greg Stephens as Works Supervisor and he will be starting on 8 July.

Greg has substantial experience with local government works & services and will be a great asset to the Shire.

The Shire acknowledges the outstanding work of Ray Jefferies who has filled the Supervisor role since Scott's passing in early March.

Compulsory micro chipping for ALL dogs as of 1 November 2015

Amendments to the Dog Act provided that from 1 November 2015 the owner of a dog that has reached three months of age must ensure that the dog is microchipped.

Dogs currently licensed need to get micro chipped before the registration can be renewed.

New Staff Houses—Nottage Way

The two new 3 x 1 transportable dwellings will arrive on site in Nottage Way in early July. The houses are funded by Royalties for Regions and Shire funds. Under the terms of the funding agreement the houses can only be used for Shire Staff for the first five years.

Free waterwise showerheads for Tammin—still available

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

Water Minister Mia Davies is encouraging residents in Tammin to take part in a free Showerhead Swap initiative.

“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.

Astronomical Society of WA (ASWA)

Council has agreed to extend the term of the lease for the site on Lowles Rd to the Astronomical Society of WA for 25 years from the expiry of the current lease in March 2018. ASWA are planning to erect a building and toilets on the site and request an extension to the term of the lease to provide security of tenure.

There is an Elephant in the Wheatbelt...

Nationals MPs welcome feasibility study into waste facility location

Media Release: Hon. Paul Brown MLC, Hon. Mia Davies MLA— 8 June 2015

Nationals MPs Hon Paul Brown MLC and Hon Mia Davies MLA have welcomed a decision by the Wheatbelt Development Commission to approve funding for an independent study into the suitable location of a regional waste facility.

The \$50,000 awarded to the Shire of Tammin to conduct a feasibility study was one of 86 projects across regional WA announced as part of the 2014-15 \$9.024 million Regional Grants Scheme round, funded by Royalties for Regions.

Member for the Agricultural Region Paul Brown said funding would go towards an independent feasibility study to identify a location within the Wheatbelt that would be best suited for a regional waste facility.

“We have heard the concerns of a number of communities on the fringe of the metropolitan area, such as Toodyay and York, that feel they are under threat from having enormous quantities of waste from Perth being dumped in unsuitable areas,” he said.

“Foremost in the minds of these communities is the erosion of their reputations as being part of a pristine wilderness, which initially attracted many residents to the area.

“Increased truck traffic required to transport waste from the metro area into peri-urban communities that are already under significant traffic pressure was also a major concern.”

A recent application to develop a waste facility on farm land 15km west of York by waste management company SITA was condemned by the local community and rejected by the Wheatbelt Joint Development Assessment Panel (JDAP).

A similar application by Opalvale for a waste management site near Toodyay has stalled due to concerns raised by nearby residents and the Department of Environmental Regulation.

Member for Central Wheatbelt Mia Davies said Tammin Shire’s study would highlight the most suitable location for a regional facility that could value-add to the community.

“Once a site is identified that will not place unnecessary risks on the environment or our water resources, we can work towards developing an industry that will provide jobs and investment in the region,” she said.

“The State Government will not allow any further landfill development along the Perth coastal plain beyond 2020, but little or no planning has been done to identify locations that are best suited to receive metropolitan waste.

“Currently it is being left to waste management companies to identify and develop sites.”

The Shire of Tammin will now seek a reputable public institution such as the University of WA or Curtin University to undertake an independent study on their behalf.

Discussions with other local governments, along with waste management companies that may be interested in participating in the study will be sought.

