



# Shire of Tammin Newsletter

## Budget News 2015/16

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Council adopted the 2015/16 Budget on Thursday 30 July 2015. The 2015/16 Budget has been based on a general rate increase of 7.0% following last year's increase of 7.0% (2014/15) and 7.40% in 2013/14. Council decided not to increase fees & charges or the minimum rates.

The Shire's total rate revenue is approximately \$835,000 and therefore a 7.0% increase equates to an additional \$58,500 of income.

The new five year Roads to Recovery program provides for two years income in 2015/16, being \$268,800. Council has agreed to allocate these funds to reconstructing and widening the first 2km of the Yorkrakine Rd and for widening and improvements to the McLaren / Walston intersection.

The Shire will also commence the reconstruction and widening of the Wyalkatchem Rd and has budgeted to complete the first 2km this year.

The Shire has been successful in receiving a grant from the Wheatbelt Development Commission Creating Aged Friendly Communities project to install new ramps to our footpaths in Town.

Council has agreed to sell 45 Draper Street as with the two new staff houses this property is now surplus to our requirements.

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## Resource sharing a Chief Executive Officer

Council has agreed to resource share a CEO with the Shire of Cunderdin. The Tammin Council has enjoyed a close working relationship with Cunderdin over the past five years as both Councils (and Quairading) have been proactive in seeking genuine structural reform opportunities.

Cunderdin and Tammin currently share the same Building, Health, Planning and Ranger services and have recently upgraded our computer software as a joint arrangement.

A combined Council meeting was held on Thursday 16 July and a consultant has been engaged to prepare a Business Plan and Resource Sharing Agreement.

While the original agreement will focus on sharing a CEO, further opportunities for resource sharing will be explored by the newly formed resource sharing committee.

Councillors are keen for our community to be kept informed on this matter and interested residents are encouraged to discuss this or other Shire

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**Office hours:**

**Monday—Friday**

**9.00am – 4.00pm**

**Our aim is progress.**

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## Gravel Roads

The Shire would like to appeal to all drivers of heavy vehicles to drive to the conditions of the roads and avoid driving on gravel roads after heavy rain fall. Your cooperation to maintain and protect our roads is appreciated.

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## General and road maintenance requests or complaints

Please notify the Shire office staff regarding all maintenance requests or complaints by either phone, in person or email to [shire@tammin.wa.gov.au](mailto:shire@tammin.wa.gov.au).

This procedure ensures all requests and complaints are recorded and dealt with accordingly.

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## You are invited to celebrate the improved mobile coverage

Telstra, the Minister for Regional Development and the Minister for Commerce would like to jointly announce the switching on of Telstra's mobile phone tower in Tammin, funded by Royal-ties for Regions Regional Telecommunications Project (RTP).

The celebration will be held on Friday 14 August 2015 at 11.00am at the Lesser Hall.

The Hon Mia Davies MLA, Member for Central Wheatbelt, and the Hon Jim Chown MLC, Member for Agricultural Region will both be representing their respective ministers by providing a short informal speech at the event followed by a morning tea.

For more information on the Regional Telecommunications Project visit <http://www.commerce.wa.gov.au/industry-and-innovation/regional-telecommunications-project-overview>.

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## Save the date - Friday 4 September— Annual Senior's luncheon

The Shire will be holding its annual senior's luncheon on Friday 4 September 2015.

As every year all visitors can enjoy a 2-course meal followed by some old time favourite music. This year's entertainment will be provided by Brenton Fosdike whom some might know better as "Neil Diamond". Brenton and a supporting act will perform a medley of all time favourites.

Tickets will be available at the Shire office and on line soon.

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## Wheatbelt Highway Safety Review—Road Safety Commission

Use the new online tool for information and feedback on the Route Review. Pin your observations to the map of the Wheatbelt.

Please visit <http://rsc.wa.gov.au/wheatbeltreview> for more information and to have your input.

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## Free waterwise showerheads –still available

Bring your water account and up to two old showerheads to the shire office and exchange them for new water-efficient showerheads." The initiative will be available until September 30, 2015.

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## Local Government Elections October 2015 - Stand for Council

If you want to make a difference in your community and have a say in local decision-making, stand for election as a local government councillor. There are many reasons why people stand for council. The sense of satisfaction from serving the community, increased knowledge about the operation of government and the chance to play an important role in the changes occurring within your community.

### The Role of Elected Members

The importance of the role of mayor, president or councillor cannot be underestimated. It involves a strong commitment to achieve effective local government, which improves the quality of life in your community. An effective council is essential and requires teamwork and dedication from all elected members. The Local Government Act 1995 (the Act) makes provision for the role of a mayor or president and councillor.

#### Mayor or President:

- presides at meetings in accordance with the Act
- provides leadership and guidance to the community in the district
- carries out civic and ceremonial duties on behalf of the local government
- speaks on behalf of the local government
- performs such other functions as are given to the mayor or president by the Act or any other written law
- liaises with the CEO on the local government's affairs and the performance of its functions

#### Councillor:

- represents the interests of electors, ratepayers and residents of the district
- provides leadership and guidance to the community in the district
- facilitates communication between the community and the council
- participates in the local government's decision-making processes at council and committee meetings
- performs such other functions as are given to a councillor by the Act or any other written law.

Nominations open on Thursday 3 September 2015.

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## Enrolling to vote in a local government election

All eligible electors must enrol to vote. When you enrol to vote, you are enrolled for Commonwealth, State and local government elections. You can [check your enrolment online](#).

All residents in a local government district who are enrolled on the State Electoral Roll are automatically enrolled on the corresponding local government roll. People who own or occupy property within a local government district, can apply to their local government to be included on the roll as an owner/occupier, as long as they are eligible electors. A body corporate may apply to have up to two eligible electors to be included on the owner/occupier roll.

All eligible electors are allowed to vote once in any district or ward for which they are enrolled. If a person lives within one local district or ward, and owns or occupies property in a different district or ward, they may be entitled to a vote in both areas, provided they are enrolled for those addresses. For more information or to enrol as an owner/occupier, contact your local government.

The Shire will provide further information in the following newsletters.

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## Know your council

President	Scott Uppill (2017)	<a href="mailto:cruppill@tammin.wa.gov.au">cruppill@tammin.wa.gov.au</a>
Deputy President	Carol Crane (2015)	<a href="mailto:crcrane@tammin.wa.gov.au">crcrane@tammin.wa.gov.au</a>
Councillor	Michael Greenwood (2017)	<a href="mailto:crgreenwood@tammin.wa.gov.au">crgreenwood@tammin.wa.gov.au</a>
Councillor	Dustin McCreery (2015)	<a href="mailto:crmccreery@tammin.wa.gov.au">crmccreery@tammin.wa.gov.au</a>
Councillor	Patricia Bell (2017)	<a href="mailto:crbell@tammin.wa.gov.au">crbell@tammin.wa.gov.au</a>
Councillor	Donald Thomson (2015)	<a href="mailto:crthomson@tammin.wa.gov.au">crthomson@tammin.wa.gov.au</a>

\*Year in bracket denotes expiry of elected term.

**Next Council meeting : Thursday 20 August 2015, 4.00pm, Council chambers**

## Important phone numbers

Ambulance	<b>000</b>
Police Cunderdin	9635 1000
Police Kellerberrin	9045 6000
Fire & Rescue	<b>000</b>
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