

SHIRE NOTES



Amalgamations Debate

The Minister for Local Government and Regional Development has given local governments until the 31 August 2009 to advise him of their amalgamation intentions – with the statement *If you don't want to do it, I'll do it*. Whilst the Premier has since ruled out forced amalgamations, he has urged all local governments to voluntarily consider the process. The Nationals, Labor Party and 2 Independents have also given the advice they will not support forced amalgamations but have all indicated the need for structural reform.

Council has instructed Mr Tony Cooke to prepare a draft position submission for discussion at the public meeting to be held in the Lesser Hall on Thursday, 13 August at 7pm.

Rabbit Proof Fence Memorial Project

A Steering Committee has been formed to progress a proposal for a memorial to be constructed in Cunderdin for the No 2 Rabbit Proof Fence together with a drive trail linking similar sites around the State for the No 1, No 2 and No 3 Fences.

The Committee plans to meet quarterly with the first meeting to be held on Friday 23 October in Cunderdin. A representative from Tammin is sought to serve on this Committee. Is there someone who has an interest in representing Tammin?

The Jungle Book – A Musical Tale

The Jungle Book was played to a great audience on 28 July. Due to the limited size of the Hall's stage, the show was performed on the Hall floor – with the children being seated either side of a jungle path.



It is estimated that a crowd of 150 people, with a 50:50 mixture of adults and children, enjoyed the performance. Certainly, the kids all seemed to be very excited leaving the Hall and I think a lot of parents would have had difficulty getting them off to bed.

Closed Roads

The question as to why Tammin does not close its unsealed roads on heavy rain has been posed a couple of times. Local roads are generally declared closed following heavy rain to prevent damage to the road. This is generally a problem where there is a reasonable expectation of *through* traffic from beyond the district. In Tammin's case, the unsealed local roads are not *through* roads so closing the roads would only affect local people – who it is expected would recognise that if you drive down a sodden road, the surface will be damaged and it is likely that it will stay that way until the grader returns – generally next winter. Similarly, if they decide to drive down the road, the need is likely to be unavoidable and the decision would not be changed even if it was closed.

Prisoner Work Camp

Sporting bodies and community groups are invited to contact the Work Camp for help or support in any projects.

Vacancy – Community Development Officer

A vacancy exists for the position of Community Development Officer with the Shire of Tammin. Council has reviewed the salary level for this position and has increased it to \$25,370-\$26,588 for a 3 day week. The position is strongly performance based allowing a good deal of flexibility. Anyone with an interest is urged to call and discuss the position.

For further information on any of these issues, please contact your local Councillor or the Staff at the Shire Office.

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