

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.

On 14 July the Minister visited Tammin to meet with the Great Eastern Country Zone in Tammin in the morning followed by a public meeting in Kellerberrin in the afternoon. Council has also held a workshop on 6 July with support from the WA Local Government Association to develop its preferred position. Several Councillors also attended a workshop on 17 July provided by the Department of Local Government and Regional Development in Quairading. Mr Tony Cooke has been appointed to assist Council in developing its final position submission due 31 August. Prior to then, a public meeting will be convened.

Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund

Applications from not-for-profit sport, recreation or community groups and local government authorities seeking capital works grants to develop sport and recreation facilities are now open for the 2010/11 funding round of the Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund (CSRFF). These grants are made available by the Western Australian Government.

Key changes have been made to CSRFF for the 2010/11 round. These include:

- an increase of the available funds from \$9 million per year to \$20 million per year
- introduction of a development bonus, allowing up to 50% funding of the total project cost for projects that meet certain criteria (previously one third)
- introduction of two small grant rounds per year, for grants with a project cost of under \$150,000, allowing quicker release of funds
- quarantining of a portion of the available funds for sustainability initiatives and non-metropolitan pool upgrades

Applicants must discuss their application with the Department of Sport and Recreation (DSR). Guidelines on eligibility and application forms are available from DSR offices.

For further information about CSRFF please:

- visit www.dsr.wa.gov.au or
- contact the Wheatbelt office on 9690 2400.

Applications for small grants close with the Shire of Tammin at 4pm on Friday 31 July 2009. Applications for standard grants generally close with the Shire of Tammin relevant local government authority at 4pm on Wednesday 30 September 2009.

The Jungle Book – A Musical Tale

Rudyard Kipling's *The Jungle Book* has been popular amongst many generations of children, discussing themes that are as relevant today as they were when they were written.



The Jungle Book tells the story of a young human baby, Mowgli, found in the wilderness by a family of wolves and raised as one of their own. He learns over time the rules or 'Laws' of the jungle, instructed by his animal mentors including the wise black panther, Bagheera and Baloo the sleepy bear. Both of these friendly beasts contribute to the child's education.

Australia's Premier Theatre Touring HIT Productions will bring to life *The Jungle Book – A Musical Tale*, with Mowgli now in his early twenties, returning to the jungle to see Baloo and Bagheera. Narrated by Baloo, the songs reflect Mowgli's time growing up in the jungle.

Covering an eclectic range of styles from contemporary ballad to funk and bongo beat, *The Jungle Book* songs include Bearstar, Jungle Law, Rumble in the Jungle, Baagheera's Song and many more.

This show directed by Glenn Elston (*Wind in the Willows*), is a bright, colourful and entertaining experience aimed for children 4-12 but can be appreciated by the entire family.

This 1 hour production (no intermission) is to be performed in the Tammin Town Hall on Tuesday 28 July 2009 at 6pm. A school talk has been organised for 2pm.

Tickets at the Door—Adults: \$10, Concession: \$6, Family :\$25

WIN TV Digital

As of 1 July WIN Digital service is operating with new transport stream parameters from transmission site at Mawson. The reason is to facilitate the addition of GWN into this service. Viewers in the Mawson area will need to re-scan either their Set-top box or their Digital Television to enable continued viewing of our service.

Office Closure

All Shire Staff will be joining the Shire of Kellerberrin on the afternoon of Friday 31 July in a Staff development day. To accommodate this, the Shire Office will be closed from noon.

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

Mick Oliver, Chief Executive Officer