

SHIRE NOTES



Fire Breaks

Reminder letters have been sent to townsite properties assessed as being a likely fire risk if action is not taken to comply with the Shire of Tammin's Firebreak Order.

A letter has also been sent to all rural property owners reminding them of their firebreak obligations.

The Shire of Tammin's Firebreak Order requires 3m firebreaks around the property boundary and around all buildings on the property by 1 November and to be maintained through to 1 April. Consideration is being given to the issue of Infringements for those property owners who have failed to carry out these works. If you have an opinion on this issue, you are urged to contact your local Councillor or Fire Control Officer.

Dennis Heppell and Simon Frith have indicated an interest in providing a service to ensure properties comply with the Order. Dennis can be contacted on 0407 772 689 and Simon on 9731 6235.

Rural Topical Issues

Included with the letter to rural property owners was a *tick the box* survey on the following subjects:

- Is the current Shire of Tammin Firebreak Order adequate and supported?
- Should property owners who fail to provide firebreaks be issued with an infringement notice?
- Should Council's opposition to GMO trials be changed?
- Should the sheep saleyards be closed and the yards sold?
- Have you an email address for broadcasting community information?
- Would you like to see a Tammin phone book produced that includes phone, fax & email addresses?

If you would like to comment on any of these issues, and did not receive the survey, please call into the Office and pick one up.

Restricted Burning Period

From 15 October (through to 31 October) a Permit To Burn is required. These are available from Fire Control Officers:

- Haydn Dixon
- Shayne Mackin
- Tim York
- Ray Reid

From 1 November through to 14 February all burning is prohibited.

Dog Licenses Due

All dog licenses expire on 31 October each year. Licensing your dog is not only a legal requirement but provides the security that should it roam and be impounded, you will be contacted.

Blue Light Disco

The Kellerberrin Police have organised a Blue Light Disco in Kellerberrin on Saturday 1 November 2008 between 7pm and 10pm for 4-12 year olds. The Tammin Community Bus will take Tammin children to and from the event.

Community Events Committee Meeting

The next meeting of the Committee is to be held on 20 October 2008 at 1:30pm in the Tammin Town Hall.

Everybody is welcome to have a cup of tea and children's activities will be set up.

2008 Awards Night

Congratulations to all achievers! The Community Development Officer would like to say thanks to all helpers in organizing 2008 Tammin Awards Night and those who gave a hand on the night – including Margaret Wheeldon, Joan Button, Yipe Thomson, Pat Bell, Janet Stokes, Rodney Stokes, Louise Caffell, Marry Harrison, Pippa Button, Julie Oliver, Laurise Winterswyk. Elena would also like to see more young people participate in the community activities in the future.

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