

SHIRE NOTES



Local Government Elections

A change has occurred to the date elections for Council are held. The new date is the third Saturday in October. Elections are held for half the Council every two years – so that elected candidates serve for 4 years.

Now is the time to ensure you are registered on the electoral roll to be eligible to vote. Residents are automatically enrolled to vote if you are on the State Electoral Roll as at 5.00pm on 31 August 2007. If you are not already on the State Electoral Roll but meet the eligibility criteria for this Roll, a claim for enrolment can be made to any Divisional Returning Officer of the Australian Electoral Commission in Western Australia. Forms are available from all post offices or the Western Australian Electoral Commission and must be completed and reach a Divisional Returning Officer by 5.00pm Friday 31 August 2007. See the advert in this Tabloid for details of other eligibilities.

The Australian Local Government Women's Association are to conduct a workshop to provide information on the process of nominating, running a campaign, responsibilities of councillors and insights into the experience of being a woman councillor. The workshop is to be held in the Shire of Merredin Council Chambers on 27 August 2007 from 1.00pm to 2.30pm. Prior to the event a further workshop is to be held (12 noon – 1.00pm) to provide information on networking for existing female councillors, prospective councillors and interested female staff.

Further information is available from Judy Cooper on 9364 0666 (or jcooper@melville.wa.gov.au).

Liquor Accord

The Shire of Tammin has joined the *Kellerberrin and Tammin District Liquor Accord* promoted by the Kellerberrin Police as a measure to reduce the alcohol related crime and anti social behaviour, by promoting the responsible sale, service and consumption of alcohol. In relation to local government, the Accord places an obligation to:

- meet with stakeholders regularly to discuss and resolve issues
- monitor and investigate noise complaints.
- provide comment on applications of liquor licenses and requests for extended trading permits.
- control the standard of food preparation, service and hygiene in licensed premises.
- issue of section 39 and 40 certificates where licensed premises are altered as per the requirements of the *Liquor Licensing Act 1988*.
- Provision of information to venue hirers regarding the hirers responsibility to ensure appropriate and responsible consumption of liquor

Community Safety & Crime Prevention Plan 2007-2010

Thank you to all those who participated, by responding to the survey and attending the public meeting, in the preparation of this Plan.

A *draft* Report for the WE-ROC (Wheatbelt East Regional Organisation of Councils which includes Tammin, Kellerberrin, Merredin, Bruce Rock, Westonia and Yilgarn) has been produced. The draft Report has identified a number of Safety issues including:

- More police and a more visible police presence.
- Better street lighting
- Upgrade footpaths

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- Partnership between the police the shire and the community
- Drug education program in schools
- Drug test all meat workers
- Activities for youths
- More speed signs
- Roundabout at the post office

The two most discussed issues were a more visible police presence and better street lighting.

The Shire of Tammin will focus on the street lighting issue and is preparing a plan to address the area around the roadhouse/Donnan Street.

A copy of the *draft* Report has been placed in the Library.

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