

SHIRE NOTES



Amalgamations Are Back

The Minister for Local Government and Regional Development has given local governments 6 months to advise him of their amalgamation intentions – with the statement *If you don't want to do it, I'll do it*. This is despite the commitment prior to the election (from both major parties) that forced amalgamations were not on the Agenda. It is also against the significant work done by local government over the past years culminating in the Report titled *The Journey – Sustainability Into The Future* which was to address the issue of sustainability.

Council will be considering this direction at a Special Council meeting on 11 February.

State Government to give \$565,828

A good response has been received to the survey in relation to the Hon Brendon Grylls Royalties to Regions funding of which the Shire of Tammin will be eligible for \$565,828 in 2008/09.

Council will soon consider the replies. Once a decision is made, the details will be provided in this newsletter.

Club Updates

With the new year comes new Club and Association committees. If you have changed your executive, can you let the Shire Office Staff know so that your record can be updated?

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

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