

SHIRE NOTES



Local Government Amalgamation & Structural Reform

The debate continues over the future of local government. The West Australian Local Government Association has produced a draft Plan which would see the option of the creation of Regional Councils – which would collect rates organise roadworks and make the major decisions for the Region leaving the local government the day to day operational control of local facilities.

Whilst many of the points in the draft Plan have merit, Council has not supported the Regional Model – which for Tammin might include the local governments of Kellerberrin through to Yilgarn (Southern Cross) including Bruce Rock and Westonia – as it is difficult to envisage how any money could be saved nor how such an organisation would even understand Tammin's road needs.

2008/09 Rates

Council will consider the draft 2008/09 Budget at it's meeting on 21 August. Assuming a rate is struck, rate accounts will be in the mail on 25 August. Ratepayers are reminded that you have 35 days to pay the account and that if paid within this period you will be eligible to be in the draw for 2 accommodation prizes.

Local Government Week

Three Councillors attended the conference and AGM in Perth at the start of this month. One of the interesting items debated was whether local government should be recognised in the Australian Constitution and, if so, why? Whilst a definitive position was not reached, representatives from Western Australia will debate the issue further at a seminar in Canberra in an endeavour to reach a common position to present to the Federal Government.

Roadside Rubbish

Following an approach to Main Roads WA regarding the ever increasing volume of rubbish on the highway either side of Tammin, the Shire has been invited to arrange for it's clean-up on a fee for service basis. This presents an opportunity to involve the community and provide a fund raising possibility. Whilst the project is limited to adults (liability issues) it does have potential to make some serious funds.

Could any Club that has an interest please get in touch with the CEO?

Tammin Community Events Committee

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 14 August 2008 at the Town Hall commencing at 3:30pm. Why not come along and make a contribution.

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