

SHIRE NOTES



New Councillor

Congratulations to Bernard Stokes who was elected unopposed. Bernard was sworn as Councillor on 19 June by Murray Packham JP and will serve the balance of the term to October 2011. The extra ordinary vacancy was created by the resignation of Barry Leslie.

Properties Inspection

On 4 June Councillors undertook an inspection of the town with particular emphasis on Shire of Tammin property. Issues identified will be costed for consideration with the draft 2008/09 Budget.

July Council Meeting Date Change

The date for Council meeting in July has been changed to Wednesday 16 July 2008 – to avoid the clash with the DKT Golf Day. The meeting time remains the same – commencing at 2pm.

Community Grants

Council has invited submissions from sporting, community or welfare groups and organisations requiring financial assistance from the Shire of Tammin for consideration with the draft 2008/09 Budget. Forms are available from the Shire Office.

HACC Services

Home and community care (HACC) services are available in Tammin and surrounds. These services include meals, cleaning, gardening and basic property maintenance. If you need these services (or know of someone that should be using these services) please contact the local liaison officer Mary Harrison.

Children Get Involved

On 5 June students from the Tammin Primary School held a mock *Student Council* meeting in the Council Chamber with Councillors overseeing. The meeting was Chaired by Wade McIntosh. The issue on the Agenda was whether to build a BMX track and skateboard track proposed for construction adjacent to the tennis courts. A motion moved by Lachlan Crane and seconded by Millie Charlton to proceed to build both tracks was amended by a sole brave voice of Christopher Canova. Christopher successfully changed the course of the meeting such that only the BMX track be built.

Following the meeting, the students posed questions to Councillors and the CEO on local government before Cr Stokes, President, presented the School with a copy of the Shire of Tammin's history book *Wheat Wool and Wodjil*.

Public Telephone Booth

Telstra has advised that the phone box opposite Coinda is to be removed due to lack of use. Alternative public telephones are available outside the Post Office and at the Roadhouse.

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

Hello, I'm Elena Wong. I have just start working in Shire of Tammin last week as the Community Development Officer. I'd like to meet you all and to get to know Tammin more and more. In the future, I'm looking forward to work with you in organizing Tammin's social gathering events, and like to see your participant in promoting Tammin's community services, art and sport activities. The following is my contact details.

Survey results from Tammin about the Community Entertainment

Back in March 2008 a survey was undertaken in relation to the future of the Hall, TALEC and community entertainment. In relation to community entertainment, there were a total of 29 responses received; however, it is only recently that these were reviewed due to the vacancy of the position of Community Development Officer position.

The results from surveys reveal that the local community supports Tammin social gathering activities. The community gives plenty of feed back as to what sort of music or performing art style they prefer. The following are some direct quotes from the collected surveys.

- Seating for seniors needs to be addressed. If putting on a concert there needs to be space for costume changes etc.
- Any entertainment suitable for families. Perhaps a young people band occasionally.
- I will like to see some classical music and pop music, as I believe it would bring all age groups together.
- A mixture of music or comedian once per year at Hydrology model.
- I will always support events in Tammin, so no need to comment. More people should do the same.
- Any entertainment that is presented locally is an asset to Tammin and the Wheatbelt.
- Can seats be made available for the elderly and disabled at the venue? It is difficult for them to sit on ground and then get up.

The Shire is very much supportive of the community's need of promoting social events in Tammin, and will provide assistance to seniors and other people who need additional help in our community to enjoy community events.

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