

# SHIRE NOTES



## **AC-DC Tribute Band**

21 Guns – the ultimate AC-DC tribute band, will be performing at Kadjiny Kep amphitheatre on Friday 20 April 2007. Gates open at 7.00 pm with the show commencing at 8.30 pm.

Tickets are available at the Tammin Post Office, Shire of Tammin and the Kellerberrin TeleCentre. Pre-sale tickets are \$25/head or \$60/family whilst door sales are \$30/head or \$70/family. Concession tickets are \$20/\$25 and children (16 years and under) \$10/\$15. A licensed bar (no BYO) and food will be available.

## **Newspaper Recycling**

The drop-off point for recycling of newspapers, previously Coinda Centre, has been relocated to the Tammin Refuse Disposal Site (Tip). This has been necessary due to the fire risk concern. A special site has been set aside at the Tip, to ensure that this facility continues to be available.

## **Car Wrecks**

Old vehicles are becoming a problem in Tammin – both to property owners blocking up their property and to the general community as being an eyesore. A proposal is being developed to address this issue. If you want your old vehicles removed, please register your interest at the Shire Office. Once the plan is developed, you will be advised of when and, maybe, how much you will be paid.

## **TALEC**

The twin triggers of the withdrawal of access to the Education Officer (Trish Dames) by the Education Department and the operation cost to ratepayers (over \$70,000 per year) has caused the Committee and Council to consider the future of the Tammin Alcoa Landcare Education Centre. A paper titled TALEC Past & Present - What Next has been developed and a Future Directions Workshop was held on 26 February – with representatives from a wide range of organisations.

Council has asked the Committee to explore and report on alternative uses for TALEC to come into effect from the end of 2007.

One idea proposed is to limit the period of time the Centre is reserved for school children back to a couple of months a year and seek a new market, either similarly based on environmental education or alternatively commercial accommodation, for the balance of the year.

There is a strong feeling in Council that the landcare education role of the Centre needs to be retained, due to it's integral part of the Tammin ethos and culture – however the cost needs to be contained.

If you have an interest in the change in direction for the use of TALEC you are invited to discuss your views with your local Councillor.

## **Tammin Emergency Centre Opening**

The formal opening of this new Centre is to be held on Thursday 19 April 2007 commencing 6.00 pm. Invitations have been sent to registered Bushfire members however the whole community of Tammin is invited. Please come and check out this wonderful new facility which accommodates both the fire truck and the ambulance.

## **Dogs**

Dog licenses expired on 31 October 2006. Sadly, few licenses have been renewed. The Ranger has been instructed to check licenses and issue infringement notices where it is found that a dog is unlicensed. Recent dog attacks on stock have caused a change in approach to dogs. Owners of dogs found wandering can expect the full weight of the law to be applied. Owners of the dog or dogs involved in the attack must realise they are involved. The symptoms are quite evident – if your dog is able to wander or has blood or wool on it, you need to take action.

## **Natural Resource Management**

The Shire of Tammin has joined with its other WE-ROC partners (Shire of Kellerberrin, Bruce Rock, Merredin, Westonia and Yilgarn) to produce a Natural Resource Management Group. A draft Plan of the Group was prepared at a workshop at TALEC on 14 February. The Plan is open for comment before being formally considered for adoption by Council. A copy of the Plan is available at the Shire Office.

## **Rates Sale**

An auction for the sale of land for non-payment of rates is to be held at the Shire Office on Thursday 19 April 2007 commencing at 9.00 am. The rates on these properties have not been paid for more than 3 years. Unless the debt (including interest and charges) is settled prior, the properties will be sold without a reserve. The purchasers will receive an unencumbered clean title without any conditions, free of debt.

- Lot 74 – 21 Shields Street
- Lot 145 – 11 Uppill Street
- Lot 65 – 18 Ridley Street
- Lot 76 – 25 Shields Street
- Lot 5 – 2 Shields Street
- Lot 7/350 – 8 Shields Street
- Lot 127 – 4 Shields Street
- Lot 128 – 6 Shields Street
- Lots 10, 11 & 12 – 1 Shields Street
- Lot 9 – 51 Donnan Street
- Lot 10 – 53 Donnan Street
- Location 19942 – closed road off Palmer Road
- Lots 31 & 32 Walston Street
- Lot 39 Dreyer Street
- Lot 20622 off Franklin Road

## **Smoke Alarms**

Did everyone remember to change the battery in their smoke alarms on 1 April? Whilst batteries may last more than a year, it would be a very false economy if the smoke detector failed and a life was lost. FESA's campaign titled *Don't be a Fool. Change your smoke detector battery on April 1* is very positive, simple solution.

## **2007/08 Budget**

Councillors will be conducting a Roads Inspection on 16 April and a Properties Inspection on 24 April. If you wish an issue to be looked at, contact your local Councillor or the Staff at the Shire Office.

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