



BT TIMES

Shire of Broomehill-
Tambellup

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Your local newsletter covering the Broomehill and Tambellup communities.

Mother Natures FURY



Friday 28 January 2011

Brassey Road, Broomehill



Australia Day 2011



Queensland Flood Appeal



Well done—
Tambellup!!

See page 6 for
details.





SECONDHAND SURPLUS SLEEPERS

If you are interested in taking the surplus sleepers from John Holland that are left along the railway lines please obtain the claim form at the Shire of Broomehill—Tambellup.

Thank You

It was a great honour to be nominated for and then subsequently win the '2010 Premier's Teacher Of The Year Award'. I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank everyone for their congratulations and support. I would particularly like to thank Ms. Chris Mathews for believing me worthy of being nominated and the staff, parents, students and community members who spoke on my behalf. The support and encouragement I have received makes my job extremely rewarding.

Thank You. Sue Sheridan

A RECORD

BREAKER!!!!

Unfortunately not the sort of record breaker we want again anytime soon.

Well I think everyone in Tambellup will say 2010 was one dry year for rainfall. Well with the statistics provided by the Bureau of Meteorology since 1904 we can now tell you 2010 was the driest on record since 1904 and the next driest year was back in 1940 (a few of you may remember that year). We thought you might like some of the statistics from that report.

There have only been 4 years with annual rainfall under 300mm and those years were:

1940	261.4mm	1954	283.7mm
1972	275.0mm	2010	247.1mm

The highest annual rainfall was in 1955 with 695.1mm. In January 1982 we had 217.2mm just 29.9mm less than our entire rainfall last year. The average annual rainfall for Tambellup is 443.0mm

So here's hoping that this year will see a healthier rainfall for Tambellup with the right amount at the right time!!!!!! We have already had 52.4mm this January.

From Peter and Janene at the post office with information prepared by Phil Jefferson in the regional observations section of the Bureau of Meteorology.

SHIRE OF BROOMEHILL-TAMBELLUP

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The next meeting of Council will be held on Thursday 24 February 2011 commencing at 4.00pm in the Tambellup Council Chambers. Members of the public are welcome to attend all Council meetings.

Council Agendas and Minutes

Agendas and Minutes from every Council and Council Committee meeting are available at the Shire Administration Offices and Tambellup Community Resource Centre for perusal. These documents are available in alternative formats on request for people with a disability.

Agendas and Minutes can be accessed online by browsing to www.shirebt.wa.gov.au and clicking on the "Our Shire" tab.

Joanne Trezona
Chief Executive Officer

SHIRE OF BROOMEHILL-TAMBELLUP

NOTICE OF ANNUAL ELECTORS MEETING

The Annual Meeting of Electors of the Shire of Broomehill-Tambellup is to be held on
THURSDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2011 at 7.30pm
in the Tambellup Council Chambers, Norrish Street,
Tambellup.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Attendance and Apologies
Confirmation of the previous minutes
Annual Report for 2009-2010
General Business
Closure

Copies of the 2009-2010 Annual Report for the Shire of Broomehill-Tambellup are now available from the Shire Offices at

46-48 Norrish Street, Tambellup and
30360 Great Southern Highway, Broomehill

JM TREZONA
Chief Executive Officer

SHIRE OF BROOMEHILL-TAMBELLUP

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING TIMES

Local Government Act 1995 section 5.25 (g)

Council meetings for 2011 will be held in the

Tambellup Council Chambers on the following dates:

24 th February 2011	21 st July 2011
17 th March 2011	18 th August 2011
21 st April 2011	15 th September 2011
19 th May 2011	20 th October 2011
16 th June 2011	No meeting in November
	15 th December 2011

Members of the public are welcome to attend all council meetings.

Joanne Trezona
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Disability Community/Client Consultation Forum

Albany Invitation

To all interested community members to attend a community consultation workshop

When Wednesday March 2nd 2011

Where Motel Le Grande
479 Albany Highway

Time 9:00am -12:30pm followed by lunch

Morning tea and lunch provided

We are interested in your opinions and your experiences

One-to-One Consultations & Written Feedback

The Great Southern Employment Development Committee (GSEDC) is implementing a series of consultation forums aimed at assessing the level of community satisfaction with disability service provision and identifying any barriers or gaps in delivery. The findings from this consultation process will be documented and taken back to a reference group for further recommendations.

If you would prefer to have a one to one confidential appointment for your input or provide written feedback, instead of attending the forum, please, let us know when you RSVP. There are limited one to one appointments and these will be reserved for people most disadvantaged by attending a public forum.

RSVP Essential by COB: Tuesday, 22nd February (for catering purposes)
Phone 9842 93 99 or Email: Kirstie@gsehc.org.au



The Great Southern Employment Development Committee
228—232 Stirling Tce
Albany 6330

Hidden Treasures of the Great Southern

NEXT MEETING

Monday 7 February 2011
At Cranbrook, 10am start

Di—9821 0068

hiddentreasures@westnet.com.au

www.hiddentreasures.com.au



Government of Western Australia
Department of Health
WA Country Health Service

Immunisation Clinic

15/02/2011, 01/03/2011, 15/03/2011

"Pope Wing" Community Health,
Francis St, Katanning.

APPOINTMENTS 1.30—3pm - 9821 6280

OPEN CLINIC 3—4pm

Bring Medicare card.

BROOMEHILL CWA

Our annual general meeting will be held on Thursday 3rd February at 11am for morning tea.

We have changed our meeting day to the last Thursday of the month starting at 10am in the Broomehill Museum office.

Everyone welcome.

Inquiries contact Carole 98241354,
0488944416 or Edna 98241208.

SHIRE OF BROOMEHILL—TAMBELLUP COUNCIL LOGO

After two and a half years, the Shire of Broomehill-Tambellup finally has a new logo! The design, shown on page 11, was created by Market Creations, and in their words, represents "the 'tree change' lifestyle many new residents come to the Shire of Broomehill-Tambellup for. Within the embracing shape of the forked tree branches are a number of squares in a variety of green shades, representing the multi-faceted community of the Shire coming together."

An order for new stationery bearing the logo has been placed with the printers, and will be in use in the near future.

Tambellup Hockey Club AGM

Tuesday 1st March, 2011
7.30pm

Tambellup Sporting Pavilion
All members and interested people are encouraged to attend.

For more information or apologies please contact Kellie Patterson on 9825 8200 or jkpatterson@skymesh.com.au



POOL PARTY!

The Gnowangerup Hub Youth Group is hosting a pool party for all youth at the Gnowangerup Swimming Pool.

Where:

GNOWANGERUP SWIMMING POOL

When:

5TH OF FEBRUARY 2011

Time:

6PM UNTIL 9PM

Food & Drink Available For Purchase

FREE ENTRY

WITH SPECIAL THANKS TO ANDRE AND THE GNOWANGERUP SES!





SENIORS CARD

Welcome here

SENIORS SAFETY AND SECURITY REBATE

Seniors Card holders may claim a rebate of \$200 per household towards buying and installing eligible home security devices. This is to enable improved home security for seniors.

The rebate program has been extended to now include an additional \$200 towards the purchase and/or installation of electrical and fire safety items. These include residual current devices, mains wired smoke alarms, fire extinguishers and blankets.

Applications must be lodged by 31 March 2012 and will end on 30 June 2012. Claim forms are available from all Australia Post outlets or via the Department for Communities website at www.seniorscard.wa.gov.au.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

GP AFTER HOURS CAMPAIGN

This campaign has been launched to raise awareness of the availability of after hours GP services in Western Australia. To find out all GP clinics providing this service visit www.health.wa.gov.au, phone healthdirect Australia on 1800 022 222 or visit WhitePages online for clinic details.



Tambellup Family Playgroup

Welcome back to all members for the 2011 Playgroup year.

The Members of Tambellup Family Playgroup would like to express their sincere appreciation to the Shire in being successful in receiving a Lotteries West Grant on behalf of the Tambellup Playgroup to replace the main play structure, shade sails and lawn at the Infant Health Building.

We meet each Tuesday at the old Infant Health Centre building on Crowden Street 9.30am—11.30am excluding school holidays. Our first session back will be on Tuesday 8th February, all new and old members welcome. We will be holding our AGM on Thursday 3rd March at 7.30pm at the Infant Health Centre.

Fees for the year are \$28 to cover the Playgroup WA Insurance and \$10 per term to cover Tambellup Playgroup expenses. If you are interested in coming along to see what Playgroup is like, you are welcome to attend on two occasions as a visitor and pay a minimal fee of \$2 per visit. We also encourage any Dads, Grandparents or Careers who may look after any children aged 0-5yrs to come along and have a look.

If you would like any more information please contact Fiona Thorn on 9825 3018.



LICENCE ME....

LOOK AFTER ME.....

After the last thunderstorms in our area, quite a few dogs were found wandering, but none with tags, making it difficult for Council staff to contact the dog's owners.

If the dogs had been registered with the Shire the Council staff would have been able to contact the registered owner and advise them that their dog had been found.

REMEMBER:

The Dog Act states:

That all dogs must be registered and wear their registration tag.

FEES PAYABLE:

PREFERRED FEE:	1 YEAR	3 YEARS
UNSTERILISED:	\$30.00	\$75.00
WORKING DOG:	\$ 7.50	\$18.75
STERILISED**:	\$10.00	\$18.00
WORKING DOG:	\$ 2.50	\$ 4.50

(PENSIONER CONCESSION 50% OF ABOVE FEES)

To register your dog as a sterilised dog you must have proof of its sterilization by producing a certificate from a veterinary surgeon at the time of registration

DID YOU KNOW...

Being an effective parent is a very challenging task!

It is okay to ask for parenting help and support when the demands of your little ones become overwhelming.



We would like to know what workshops you would like to be involved in this year. If you have an idea or suggestion for a workshop, please contact Sue Sheridan or Jane Cunningham and we will try to include your suggestions in this year's plan.

FINE MOTOR CONTROL

A child with good fine motor control will find school activities like cutting, drawing and colouring easier.

Activities which will help develop manual dexterity include:

- * playing with play dough – rolling, squeezing and banging the dough
- * popping the bubbles on bubble wrap
- * clipping pegs around the edge of an ice cream container
- * building with blocks
- * threading macaroni, fruit loops, or nutria grain onto plastic tubing.
- * saying finger rhymes and doing the actions eg: Incy Wincy Spider, Where Is Thumbkin?, Little Peter Rabbit, One, Two, Three, Four, Five... *Check out the internet for many more or ask at the school.*

Thank You

A very big thankyou to all the generous people of Tambellup who donated goods to the Queensland Evacuation Centres. I am delivering 17 boxes of groceries, toiletries, personal items, cleaning products & linen to Cam Wilkie of Cambuild in Osborne Park who has organized the transport of donated goods. These items will go to the Good Sammy's Distribution Centre and delivered to the Evacuation Centres where needed. Well done Tambellup - many of you know first hand what it is like to experience a flood!!

These items will leave Perth on Friday 28 January. This will be the last load of goods that Cambuild will be organizing to go to Queensland.

Thankyou for your support, and also thankyou to Peter & Janene at the Post Office for being our collection point, and Mimi at the Settler's Mart for all the boxes to pack the goods in.

Regards,
Barb Groves.

SHIRE OF BROOMEHILL—TAMBELLUP**Broomehill Hall Update**

Restoration works to the Broomehill Hall are nearly complete. The hall was closed to public use in 2006 as it was structurally unsound largely due to white ant damage. Since that time, Council has obtained significant funding through Lotterywest, as well as annual budget allocations, to carry out extensive works to restore the building. As the Hall is a heritage listed building, all works, and the contractor engaged to carry out the work, required ongoing approval from the Heritage Council of WA. Works have included restumping, significant structural works to the roof and walls, painting throughout; reroofing of the front portico, and renovations to the kitchen. It is expected the project will be finished by the end of February and the Hall will be ready for community use after that time.

The main hall area, showing the new works to the ceiling and interior painting. The main floor is currently being used as storage while work is completed on the cloak rooms at the front of the hall.



STOCKBRANDS

Red Card Fox Shoot

FRIDAY NIGHT 25 FEB 2011

Tally Up—"Eden" shearing shed
Jay & Vicki Green—1160 Tambellup West Rd

\$10 per team

All team nominations and fees to be received by Thursday 23 Feb for catering etc, to Vicki.



Prizes to be won!!!

Sausage Sizzle (around mid night) BYO drinks

Phone Laurie Hull 9825 1176 or
Vicki Green 9825 3115

Sally Thomson, Program Coordinator 0417 983 356

Red Card for Rabbits & Foxes

WORKING TOGETHER FOR MAXIMUM IMPACT



MEDIA RELEASE – for immediate distribution 29th January 2011

“RED CARD” GAINS MOMENTUM

Changes to the role of the Department of Agriculture and Food WA, such as the closure of the Bait Production Unit and reduction of in-field Biosecurity Officers have been incorporated into the role of the “Red Card for Rabbits and Foxes” program to ensure landholder support to bait and shoot pests on their properties is not affected.

Currently two companies will manufacture and supply the full range of baits for pest control to rural retail outlets.

The Department of Agriculture has published a frequently asked questions guide, indicating that, from an end-user point of view, baits may have different requirements in terms of recommended laying practices, but overall the products are very similar.

The factsheet states that farmers will continue to go about the normal application process, which involves submitting a one page 1080 baiting application form to their local Biosecurity Officer, who authorises vouchers for applications that pass the risk assessment analysis, including landholder safe use and handling certification.

“We are pleased that one commercial distributor, David Grey Aglink, is sponsoring the Red Card program by donating five percent of sales across their full range of PAKS bait products during March to the Royal Flying Doctors,” Red Card Program Coordinator Sally Thomson said.

“With 28,000 fox baits alone being laid by landholders in March 2010, baiting is now both an effective means of pest control and fund-raising opportunity”.

Stockbrands Co continues with its valuable sponsorship of the Community Foxshoots, which will take place on 25-27th February and 25-27th March 2011, and five dollars will be donated to the RFDS for every fox and feral cat culled at registered community shoots.

“The idea behind this sponsorship is to add another dimension to the program, appreciating that farmers already contribute a significant amount of resources to control pests on their properties. We value their contribution in protecting livestock and biodiversity assets, and the Flying Doctors donations ultimately go towards looking after the people in our rural communities. Local groups and volunteers from Northampton to Esperance are registering their continued involvement in the “Red Card for Rabbits & Foxes” program by hosting and coordinating pest control activities in their local area.

“On average, a fox consumes the equivalent of a mid-size marsupial and a lamb every month, so the more people we can get on board, the bigger our impact will be,” Ms Thomson explained.

“Research students from Murdoch University and the University of Queensland are investigating and evaluating impacts of the program, but in the mean-time, we stick to our motto that a good pest is a dead pest, and that by working together we will achieve a maximum impact.

Local groups such as grower groups, natural resource management organisations, local governments and sporting clubs have volunteered to coordinate local events, seeing value in supporting a cause that delivers environmental, economic and social benefits.

All landholders are urged to participate and can get more information via www.redcard.net.au or contacting Sally Thomson on info@redcard.net.au or 0417 983 356.

ENDS

Contacts: Sally Thomson – RCRF – 0417 983 356, Andrew Woolnough – DAFWA – 9366 2300, Hoss Wehr - David Grey – 0438 904 779, Patricia Forehan – Stockbrands – 9444 5519

Media Release

Tony Crook MP

Member for O'Connor

Crook congratulates Pingelly Development Association for grant

February 2nd, 2011

Member for O'Connor, Tony Crook, has welcomed news that the Pingelly Development Association Inc will benefit from funding through the Federal Veteran & Community Grants program.

The Association will receive \$5,000 which will be used to purchase tools and equipment for the Pingelly Men's Shed project.

Mr Crook said the Pingelly Development Association provides support and assistance to a variety of projects that benefit the entire community.

"Volunteers from the Association have helped to complete a picnic area, a memorial park and to build shelter at a local cemetery," Mr Crook said.

"They are an active group who also support Christmas events and market days as part of their commitment to the community."

The Veteran & Community Grants program assists veteran organisations with their invaluable work in the community by funding the establishment and specific activities of Day Clubs, equipment for Men's Sheds, or travel costs for social excursions.

Administered by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, the grants program supports community activities that promote healthy lifestyles for veterans as well as helping them to live independently at home and support carers.

In the third round of the 2010-2011 program, funding totalling \$750,354 will support 58 projects across Australia.

Mr Crook said it was pleasing to see funding allocated that will improve access to community services and encourage social interaction.

Details about the funding program and deadlines for upcoming rounds can be located at the website: www.dva.gov.au/grants

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THE NATIONALS for Regional WA



KATANNING & DISRICTS GARDEN CLUB



By Shirley Brokenshire

Sixteen club members gathered at the New Lodge Motel Function Room to celebrate the end of what was a very enjoyable year of garden club meetings. Special thanks to the committee and members who took part in the organisation, for those who provided venues for our meetings, those who entered the monthly competitions, for those who provided excellent garden hints and for the overall pleasant fellowship.

Our Christmas meal provided by the New Lodge staff was very enjoyable. Lots of fun was had cracking the home made Christmas crackers and everyone went home with a useful or amusing \$5 swap gift.

2010 ended on a good note and we now look forward to another enjoyable Garden Club year to which new members are always welcome to attend at any time. Meetings are held at a different venue on the second Tuesday of the month (except January).

Our next meeting is 1:30pm, 8th February 2011 at the home of Jean Blyth, 10 Charles Street, Katanning. Thank you Jean for inviting the Club to your home. For more information please contact President Gerry Watson 9821 1648 or secretary Ailsa Thomas 9821 1828.

Happy gardening!

SHIRE OF BROOMEHILL—TAMBELLUP

Works in December and January

Prior to the works crew taking leave in December and January, a range of construction jobs were completed, including sealing on Broomehill-Kojonup Rd, resealing of a 7.6km section of Tie Line Rd and full reconstruction of sections of Tie Line Rd and Toolbrunup Rd.

The maintenance crew are working across the shire installing new signs and guideposts where required. With only a skeleton parks and gardens crew working over the Christmas/New Year period, activities have been limited to ensuring gardens and recreation facilities are maintained. It's great to see the effect the January rains have had on grassed areas in both communities, coming at a most welcome time as far as the water levels in our dams are concerned.

Now the majority of staff are back on the job, work has commenced carting gravel for the widening and resheeting of South Pallinup Rd. As always, residents are asked to take care and obey road works warning signage when travelling in this area.

Charlotte Brooke Boyle



Born 3 January 2011 at 10.25am

6 pound 6 ounces, 47cm long

Brendon and Zita would like to thank everyone for their thoughts, gifts, wishes and love.

Charlotte is growing VERY quickly and is very content.

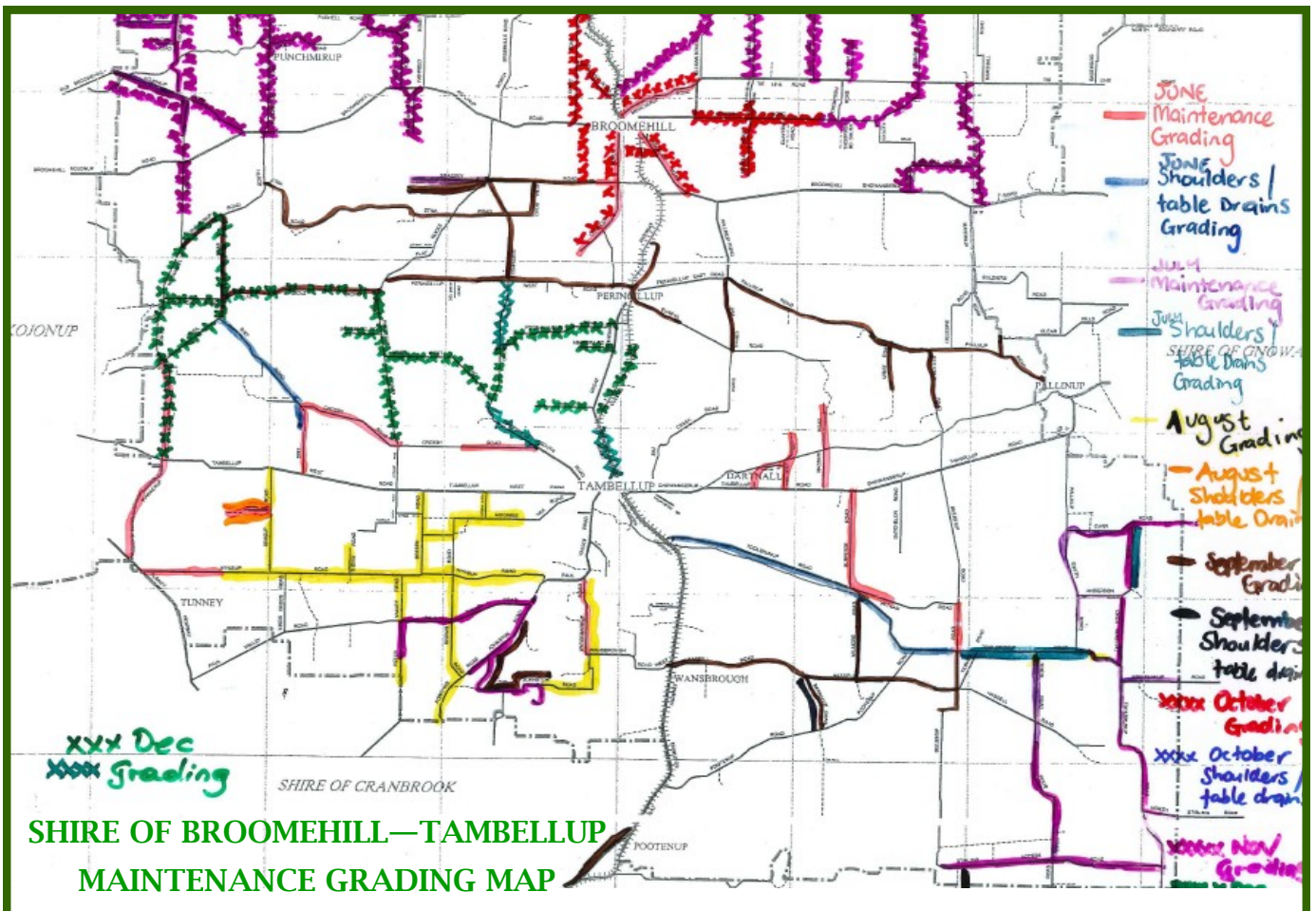


Buddy and Kelly Holzknecht
would like to announce the safe arrival of

'Lachlan Martin'

a little brother for Phys.

Born on 13 January at Katanning Hospital.





Broomehill Complex Christmas Party



Sunday 18
 December,
 2010



A very successful
 night with 75
 adults plus children
 attending.
 Dinner was cold
 meats and salads.





Here for **U** in Tambellup & Cranbrook

With 13 years experience in the finance industry, including the length and breadth of regional WA, Clint Masters is no stranger to working with people as they strive to achieve their financial goals.

Clint is the new Branch Manager for Tambellup and Cranbrook **Community Bank**® branches and is making the most of his role, which involves dealing with local business communities and service providers.

With a strong background in small business banking and consumer lending, Clint is looking forward to dealing with surrounding farming communities and service providers.

But it's his commitment to the future of the Cranbrook and Tambellup communities that Clint brings to his role at the branch.

Why... because like his team, Clint sees it as his role to help you achieve your financial goals - whether you're operating a business, buying your first home or saving for your children's education.

If you want to join a bank with a different outlook and a real community focus, introduce yourself to Clint at Tambellup or Cranbrook **Community Bank**® branches.



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Cranbrook Community Bank® Branch

25 Gathorne Street, Cranbrook
Phone 9826 1777

We're open:

Mon & Wed 10am - 12:30pm & 1pm - 4pm
Fri 9:30am - 12:30pm

Tambellup Community Bank® Branch

36 Norrish Street, Tambellup
Phone 9825 1333

We're open:

Tues & Thu 10am - 12:30pm & 1pm - 4pm
Fri 2pm - 5pm

Tambellup and Cranbrook **Community Bank**® branches

Flat Rocks Wind Farm Project

For those of you who are not aware of the details of the proposed Flat Rocks Wind Farm presented in the last issue of the *BT TIMES*, a brief summary of the project and its benefits to the community, are provided below along with some links to recent peer-reviewed, evidence based research which dispels many of the myths associated with wind farm developments.

Moonies Hill Energy (MHE) is a locally owned company and has been involved in the Flat Rocks Wind Farm Project since its inception in 2008. The proposed 150MW Flat Rocks Wind Farm, located approximately 30km south-west of Broomehill between the Kojonup-Broomehill Road in the north and the Tambellup West Road in the south, will generate renewable electricity from a clean renewable resource with capacity to power up to 100,000 homes annually.

The Flat Rocks Wind Farm will generate significant environmental, economic and social benefits to the Shires of Kojonup, Broomehill and Tambellup and the broader Great Southern Region, including:

- Direct and indirect employment opportunities for the local and broader regional community – approximately 200 construction jobs and up to 10 ongoing permanent jobs in operation and maintenance after commissioning
- The permanent works will take up approximately 1% of the landowner's properties, ensuring current farming practices can continue with minimal environmental footprint for the project (total development area approximately 30Ha of open farmland)
- Injection of \$30 million into the local community, based on other projects of this size, thus supporting locally owned businesses
- Establishment of a Sustainable Communities Fund to support local community groups and organisations.
- Additional tourism opportunities through a viewing area combined with a wool harvesting and memorabilia museum.
- Up to 660,000 tonnes of CO₂ (global warming pollution) avoided each year, equivalent to removing 130,000 cars off the road annually
- An opportunity for local farmers to diversify their business
- Introduction of a new industry to the region adding to the diversity of its economic base

MHE is undertaking the following studies to ensure the 74 turbine Flat Rocks Wind Farm Project adheres to all Western Australian Planning Commission and developmental guidelines. Studies to be performed include:

- Flora, Vegetation and Fauna Assessment
- Aboriginal Cultural Heritage
- Electromagnetic Interference
- Noise Impact Assessment
- Aviation Safety
- Shadow Flicker
- Construction Impact
- Aircraft safety assessment
- Transport impact assessment

MHE will also prepare an Environmental Management Plan, including biosecurity and decommissioning, a Fire Hazard Management Plan and an Emergency and Incident Management Plan.

As reports are finalised over the coming weeks they will be available from the Tambellup Council Office and a community display will be set up in Broomehill, Tambellup and Kojonup, the dates to be published in the *BT TIMES*.

For more detail on the project please email info@mhenergy.com.au or contact the Council Office during office hours (46-48 Norrish Street Tambellup or 30360 Great Southern Highway, Broomehill). Below are links to recent research papers commissioned by various government, state and industry bodies which focus directly on the impacts of wind farms in Australia and around the world. These papers directly address common concerns associated with wind farm developments. PDF versions of the reports are available on request at info@mhenergy.com.au.

1. Wind Farms Technical Paper – Environmental Noise – (Sonus Pty Ltd November 2010) www.cleanenergycouncil.org.au/ccc/mediaevents/media-releases/November2010/sonus-report
2. Wind Turbines and Health – A rapid review of the Evidence (NHMRC July 2010) - www.nhmrc.gov.au/publications/synopses/new0048.htm
3. Wind farms and property prices – Preliminary assessment of the impact of wind farms on surrounding land values in Australia. Prepared for NSW Valuer General (Duponts August 2009) www.lpma.nsw.gov.au/valuation/publications-reports
4. Wind Energy – The Myths and Facts – (Sustainability Victoria 2007)
Available as a PDF on request as link is currently down – original Link <http://www.sustainability.vic.gov.au/html/2148-wind-energy-myths-and-facts.asp>

FLAT ROCKS WIND FARM

‘Wind farms do not make good neighbours’

We the under-signed:

Paul Bignell	Helen Bignell	Ian Palmer	Keith Bignell
David Kinsey	Merle Bignell	Craig Dennis	Mark Taylor
Lisa Taylor	Melanie Sounness	Wayne Robinson	Jean Robinson
Sue Palmer	Graham Blacklock	Lynette Mathwin	Brendan Palmer
Alan Goodall	David Mathwin	E. W. O’Neill	Roslyn Collins
A Woithe	R Bilney	Michael Collins	Maree Bilney

as close neighbours to the proposed Flat Rocks Wind Farm are **ALL opposed** to such development. This is due to the many concerns we have regarding winds farms.

Issues include

- Health: Health issues caused by blade flicker and infra-sound (the low frequency sound produced by wind turbines, which easily travels through walls and into the human body) include: sleep disturbance, mental issues, balance problems, headaches, possible flare-up of epilepsy. These effects can be felt both in the house and in the paddocks—work environments for farmers and their families.
- An interesting video worth watching can be found at <http://www.abc.net.au/news/video/2010/02/19/2825235.htm>
- Visual amenity—at a height of 146ms turbines are **not** a tourist park. Wind farms are an industrial and commercial installation.
- Land values—several families have sold farms in other states due to proximity of a wind farm and associated problems.
- Farming pursuits—crop dusting planes, aerial urea spreading can be affected. Chemical drift from conventional application of boom sprays could be affected by changing wind patterns and turbulence caused by wind turbines, especially as the proposed turbines are so large.
- Electromagnetic interference—wind farm owners acknowledge that turbines can cause interference to TV reception, radio, GPS, microwave links, 2-way radio systems including bushfire radios
- Fauna—Bats and Carnaby’s Black Cockatoo (a threatened species of bird) are known to live in the proposed wind farm zone.
- The haste to commit to wind energy created by the Renewable Energy Target will stifle further development of other/more appropriate forms of renewable energy such as biomass, thermal, solar, wave technologies.
- A buffer zone of at least 2 km from wind turbines is increasingly being acknowledged, even by those in the wind power business, as the minimum required to have lesser impact on neighbours. This distance is from smaller turbines than those proposed by the Flat Rocks Wind Farm.

There is a place for wind power possibly on large single-owned holdings or in sparsely populated areas.

To site a wind farm where there are more than 30 inhabited dwellings in the close vicinity would seem to run counter to good policy.

Wind farms are divisive in most communities where they are set up. As one energy CEO said ‘Wind farms do not make good neighbours’.



Department of
Agriculture and Food



What feed have you got and how much will your stock need in 2011?

Department of Agriculture and Food (DAFWA) staff are available to come to a farm in your area to help you improve your skills in assessing feed availability and sheep condition. You will also get tools to help you feed budget so you can use your feed supplies effectively.

Free stock water testing will also be available on the day.

There will be follow up sessions as the season progresses, to help you keep on track. DAFWA will also be offering stock planning and sheep management sessions.

Dates and locations will be advised as grower interest is registered. You will need to let us know where you are, and when you will finish harvest so we can plan session dates in your area.



To register your interest please contact reception at Katanning 98213333 or Albany on 98928444



**Our farming families are
suffering hardship due to
the drought - can you help?**

Operation farmbreak

is an initiative of a concerned group of Dunsborough residents who are compiling a registration of properties and homes within the area which will offer low cost and/or free holidays to our wheatbelt farming

communities.

There are many ways people can help. If you have a house/unit/caravan or property, which you would like to register, or if you can host a barbeque, offer a fishing or yachting experience, or just offer any donation at all please contact one of the following committee members.

Lois Exley 9756 8408

Rod Grist 9755 3987

Denise Mott 9756 7001/0428642010

Don Henderson 9755 3734

Lesley Sproule 0413767134

Terry South 9755 3722

Joy Potts 9755 3043

www.operationfarmbreak.org

SHIRE OF BROOMEHILL—TAMBELLUP**Restricted and Prohibited Burning**

All residents of the Broomehill-Tambellup Shire are reminded that the **PROHIBITED** burning period commenced on **1 NOVEMBER 2010** and continues until **14 FEBRUARY 2011** inclusive.

The lighting of fires during this period is prohibited.

For further information contact the Shire Office or your nearest Fire Control Officer.

Harvest and Vehicle Movement Bans

Residents are reminded the Harvest Ban Hotline number for the whole Shire is **98251042**. The service provides up-to-date information seven days a week.

Harvest and Vehicle Movement bans are broadcast over ABC radio and Radiowest 1071 as they are implemented.

The Shire also has in place a Harvest Ban SMS service for residents. If you would like to register to receive advice of harvest bans, or if you are currently registered but your mobile number has changed, please contact Pam at the Shire office for details to be updated.

2010 Dry Season Assistance Scheme

The Shire of Broomehill-Tambellup has received funding through the Department of Agriculture and Food as part of a state government allocation of funding for rural communities in response to the current dry season. This funding is to be used towards staging one or more events in the community, by 30 November 2011, that help maintain community spirit and welfare.

Community groups and organisations with an idea for an event in 2011 which meets these aims are invited to submit details of the proposed event to the Shire of Broomehill-Tambellup for consideration.

Submissions should include:

- Name of community group
- Name of event
- Brief outline of proposed event
- Proposed date of event
- Proposed venue
- Target participants
- Expected number of participants
- Estimated cost of event
- Name and contact details for group contact

Events are required to be endorsed by the Shire of Broomehill-Tambellup and should be inclusive of all community members as far as possible.

Submissions should be received at the Shire of Broomehill-Tambellup by **28 February 2010**, by any of the following methods:

Emailed - mail@shirebt.wa.gov.au
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For more information please contact Pam Hull at the Shire on 98253555.

**MEDIA RELEASE**

Wednesday 15 December 2010

BE DIEBACK AWARE ON THE COAST

Southcoast NRM is urging campers and recreational vehicle users to stay on designated tracks and roads and avoid driving in muddy conditions to prevent spreading Phytophthora dieback.

If your planning to visit native bushland and coastal areas take the simple step of ensuring your vehicles, camping equipment and shoes are clean of all soil and plant material prior to arriving and again when you leave.

Thursday 23 December 2010

PROTECT OUR SOUTHERN SHORES

Southcoast NRM in collaboration with the South Coast Management Group is inviting applications for Southern Shores grants of up to \$20 000 for projects designed to improve the condition and amenity of coastal and marine assets located in the South Coast region.

The region's coastal and marine environments include marine and intertidal zones, islands, reefs, beaches, dune systems, estuaries and coastal wetlands, and associated coastal vegetation.

Applications close 5pm, Friday 18 February 2011, with all works completed by 30 April 2012. For more information call South Coast NRM on 9845 8537.

Thursday 27 January 2011

TAKE A CLOSER LOOK AT SOIL HEALTH

Helping farmers to improve their soil health and land management practices is the focus of a regional forum planned for the Albany Entertainment Centre on Thursday March 3, 2011.

The Soil Matters forum will examine the three main components of soil health—physical, chemical and the biological 'living' aspect of the soil.

Registrations begin at 8.30am and concluding at 3.30pm. Early bird registrations cost \$75 before February 27, and \$100 after this date and at the door. Student concessions are available at \$25. The registration fee includes morning and afternoon tea and lunch.

For more information or to register contact Lynn Heppell on 9851 2697, 0428 531 015 or email lynn.heppell@agric.wa.gov.au.

BROOMEHILL BOWLING CLUB RESULTS

So far this season has been a very good one for the Broomehill men's pennant team, after 9 rounds we are now on top of the ladder with 44.5 points, and 5 games to play. The game at Jerramungup was a very tight affair and the result rested on the last bowl of the game. Jerramungup was holding the aggregate with Jim Paganoni having the last bowl he needed to draw shot to give Broomehill the win. This he accomplished and Broomehill came away with a 2 shot win.

Results;

Nov 27 Broomehill (63) 5 vs Jerramungup (61) 1

Ross Thomas (skip) Graeme Jose, Wes Hams and Nathan Haynes won 29 to 19

Jim Paganoni (skip) Greg Blake, Kim Gartery and Kevin Winspear lost 12 to 31

John Dye (skip) Brian Sanger, Tony Stock and Bob Vesey won 22 to 11

Dec 4 Broomehill 6 vs Ongerup 0 (forfeit)

Jan 22 Broomehill (83) 6 vs Gnowangerup Red (55) 0

Jim Paganoni (skip) Greg Blake, Kim Gartery and Dave Kempin won 36 to 16

Ross Thomas (skip) Graeme Jose, Kevin Winspear and Nathan Haynes won 25 to 23

John Dye (skip) Brian Sanger, Tony Stock and Bob Vesey won 22 to 16

The next round of men's pennants is Feb 12 vs Tambellup at Tambellup.

Unfortunately the Ladies have not fared too well with losses to Gnowangerup White, Tambellup, Gnowangerup, Gnowangerup Green, Jerramungup and Gnowangerup Red, the match to be held on Jan 22 was cancelled due to the heat.

In club events Karen Dye defeated Jim Paganoni to win the Handicap Singles Championship on Dec 5. On Dec 19 Jim Paganoni, Nathan Haynes and Dave Kempin won the Club Triples Championship. Due to wet weather the Men's Four's to be held on Sunday Jan 23 had to be cancelled.

Congratulations to John Dye and Nathan Haynes on selection in the men's Central Stirling Bowling League Inter League Round Robin team. Also to Helen Paganoni for her selection in the ladies pairs and fours teams and to Karen Dye and Bev Sanger on their selection in the fours team.

On December 8 there was a visit to Broomehill by two Commonwealth Games Athletes, Rachelle Lynch – Hockeyroos goalkeeper and gold medallist and Nick Kidd – Badminton representative. The visit was made possible by the WA Sports Commission's Share the Spirit 2010 Commonwealth Games Team Regional Tour in conjunction with the Broomehill Primary School P&C. The Broomehill Bowling club was given the opportunity to introduce the local school children to the game of bowls. With the loan of carpet bowls from Katanning Bowling Club and Brian and Bev Sanger, 24 children, after some instruction on bowling and care of the green, were let loose for some fun. A big thank you to all those involved.

Coming Events; February

5 & 6	Club Singles	
12	Men vs Tambellup at Tambellup	
13	Valentine Mixed Fours	
19	Men vs Gnow White at Broomehill	Ladies vs Gnow Green at Tambellup
22	Ladies League Singles at Gnowangerup	
26	Men vs Borden at Borden	Ladies vs Jerramungup at Broomehill



SHIRE OF BROOMEHILL—TAMBELLUP Tambellup Railway Water Tower

Late last year it was noted that several large pieces of steel had broken away from the tank and fallen to the ground. For safety reasons, the Public Transport Authority (PTAWA), who is the owner of the structure, requested Council to erect barrier mesh around the tank stand. At that time PTAWA contacted the Heritage Council of WA seeking comment on the removal of the tank. The Heritage Council advised it had no objections, and PTAWA then sought Councils comment for the removal of the tank only.

Council considered the issue at the December meeting, and will advise PTAWA that it supports the proposal to remove the tank ONLY, on the provision that a tank 'façade' made from a lighter material is installed in its place to give the impression of the tank.

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Talking television.

Set top boxes

Over the past few months, you may have seen the Government advertisement about the coming Digital TV transmission.

In that ad, it advises people to buy a set top box so that they can receive these new signals in area's that are getting digital TV so that the old analogue TV's can still show the signals which the box converts from digital to analogue.

But do you need one?

Before rushing out to the nearest retailer, check to see if and when your area will be getting Digital broadcasts.

Currently partial digital is broadcast from Wagin, Kojonup and Tambellup.

Here is Katanning, we do not have anything yet.

If you are going to get ready for digital, by buying a set top box, then please do your homework and don't rush into it. Full digital is not scheduled until sometime in 2013!

Don't buy on price as some boxes may be superseded real soon and you will have to upgrade once more, so ask the retailer about how long will the offered box be active for. Go for long life and quality.

The digital signal itself is also subject to outside "Noise" like electrical emissions, electric motors, atmospheric noise and general electrical interference from many sources.

To overcome this, suitable cabling and fittings have been developed which stop this outside interference and delivers a clean strong signal.

Big Screen TV's.

I am often called out to correct the quality of picture on these new Big Screen TV's. Mostly the problem is one of new technology being plugged into an old inadequate antenna and cabling system. These new TV's require a strong clear signal as they have no tolerance for "dirty" signal.

There is not much I can do with an old system. Many of the old systems have been here for 20 years or more and they have served their time and are now found wanting.

The Federal Government has decreed that we will be watching digital TV, no matter what, and installers such as myself are required to install only digital ready systems. So even if I could get hold of the old cable or antenna's, I am obliged to install only Government approved digital capable TV equipment.

Gone are the days of "Just patching it up". Now the system must be Digital ready, no options.

Satellite TV...

Satellite TV is great option for area's which have trouble receiving terrestrial signals, Broome Hill is but one example. However, Some people including myself have it because we like the strong clear picture and we like the ability to watch programs at the different State time zones.

Most of you will be aware of the Pay TV providers. These offer a variety of programs according to you preference, but for those who cannot have good TV reception via an antenna, then I recommend that you look into Free To Air TV.

Let me hasten to clarify what I regard as "Free to Air"

There are many satellites up there. Only a few are suitable for an English Speaking population. Mostly they are in a foreign language and you would struggle to understand them.

For Australia, the government has contracted with Optus to provide satellite coverage outside the metro area. This is known as the "Optus Aurora C1" satellite service. It covers all of Australia, but in sections according to the licensed area as set out by the Government.

The Optus system requires you to purchase a "One time only", card to enable you to see the channels contracted for.

There are other "Free to Air" channels on other satellites, such as "The God Channel" and other faith channels. This is not on the Optus C1 platform and will require a specific Sat Dish to receive them. Not impossible but it is in addition to the usual Optus C1 system.

In our area we get GWN, ABC, SBS, Win and NITV, plus a shopping channel and a schools channel.

The newer channels such as ABC2 &3 and SBS 2 and 3 are not on C1 at present. I expect that they will be when full digital service is transferred to a new satellite, which is "in the works".

However, if you really want those channels and don't want to wait, I can provide them via a second satellite, which will require a second dish and mixing equipment.

The broadcast area for the Satellite service is not like a light which shines all over, but is in a peanut shaped pattern which fades off as it goes past this area. Therefore it is very important to have the correct equipment to bring in a strong signal.

For example, the minimum dish size needs to be 85cm.

A Warning.

Many people have bought their Sat equipment from various sources, e.g. the internet, magazines, newspapers.

I recommend that you buy your equipment from local retailers or specialist equipment suppliers. This is *important* as suppliers from other areas either don't know or don't care about our special needs and will supply whatever is in their stock. There are some area's that have special geological influences.

Many times I have been called out to install equipment which has been bought outside this area only to find that either the decoder is a strange brand, not supported by the Aurora system or that the dish is undersize and of flimsy material.

This has got to the stage where, as I am very busy now, I will not install equipment which does not fit my criteria for being of good quality.

The Brands I install are "Strong", "Arion" and "U.E.C".

Simply I would be wasting your money and my time, which is getting to be more and valuable as the digital change over creeps nearer, so check with your local supplier before making any purchase.

Tune in service.

To make sure that equipment purchased will perform as it should, I offer a pre-tune in service.

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For my installation clients, this is a free service.

Where do we go from here?

There is a government web site on the digital changeover, which is constantly being up-graded. It is <http://www.digitalready.gov.au/subsidy/Default.aspx>

In suggest that you look to this site from time to time so as to keep yourself informed.

Happy Viewing.

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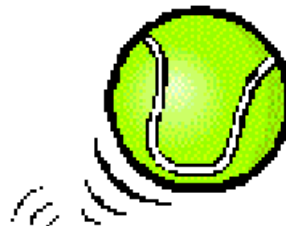
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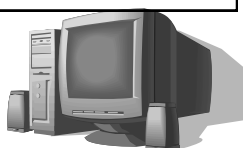
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