

# SHIRE MATTERS



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## NEWSLETTER TRIAL PERIOD

We are trialling new ways to inform our community about news and information from the Shire.

During the months of April and May, we will be conducting post office box drops and publishing in local newspapers to determine the most efficient way for you to access our Shire Matters.

Additionally, we will begin an E-newsletter in April. To subscribe to the E-newsletter, please sign up on our website or complete the form at the back of this Shire Matters edition and return to our Shire Administration Office, or email it to [council@dandaragan.wa.gov.au](mailto:council@dandaragan.wa.gov.au).



# A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Cr Tony O'Gorman  
Ph. 0407 799 620

## Jurien Bay Marina

As we all know the Jurien Bay Marina has had issues with weed wrack and fish kills within the marina precinct.

The body with responsibility for the marina is the Department of Transport. They have undertaken a number of studies and consultations over the years to develop the best options for solutions to the ongoing issues.

In December 2023, the Hon David Michael took on the portfolio of Ports and Minister assisting the Minister for Transport. CEO Brent Bailey and I immediately sought a meeting with the Minister to advance the cause of dealing with the issues surrounding the marina. We met with the Minister on 12 February 2024 and laid out the issues surrounding the marina and the negative impact on the further economic development of our town. The Minister listened and gave us assurances that he would follow up with the Department to get a resolution to the problem.

Following on from this meeting the CEO and I were invited to meet with the Premier Roger Cook on 22 March 2024 to discuss the issues faced by the Shire of Dandaragan as a growing local government.

We narrowed down the issues to three main obstacles that are impeding the growth of our Shire.



These were access to a reliable power distribution network across the Shire, infill sewage to the older areas of our towns to allow for greater density in our town centres and of course we raised the Jurien Bay Marina weed rack issue. Again, the Premier listened to our concerns and understood the impact those issues were having on our growth and economic development across the Shire.

We are hopeful that our advocacy on behalf of our Shire has had an impact, and we will see some positive outcomes as we continue to work with the State Government on improving the liveability of our Shire.

## State Government Budget Briefing Lunch

The Wheatbelt Development Commission in conjunction with the Jurien Bay Chamber of Commerce have been successful in securing the Minister Hon David Michael to undertake a budget briefing in Jurien Bay the day following the budget delivery in the State Parliament. This will be the first time that we have secured a budget briefing in Jurien Bay.

Tickets will be available through the Jurien Bay Chamber of Commerce.

## Sandy Cape

Over the Easter break the Sandy Cape Campground was once again the target destination for many of the visitors to our region.

The Shire has developed a Sandy Cape Management Plan and as part of that plan an online booking system for select areas will be introduced to ensure that visitors that wish to use the Sandy Cape campground can do so by booking in advance and having a particular site allocated to them.

All other campers will be directed to the overflow camping areas in Jurien Bay and Cervantes. Campers not using the designated camp areas will be asked to move on.

This will take some of the pressure off our treasured Sandy Cape.

The Shire is also undertaking planning for ensuring that our four-wheel drive tracks are properly managed. The proper management and maintenance of our four-wheel drive tracks will ensure that the fragile coastal areas are accessible into the future and not destroyed by users that are not doing the right thing.

To assist with the proper management of the tracks we will be deploying number plate recognition cameras to assist with vehicle monitoring and compliance.

We welcome our visitors, but we must ensure that these beautiful areas are left in as good condition after their visit as they were before the visitors arrived.

## Spray The Grey Youth Festival

It has been ten years since the first Spray the Grey Youth Festival at Weld Park on Hastings Street.

Since that initial Festival the Shire has built a new youth area in Dobbyn Park that is the envy of many regional towns. Spray the Grey has developed into a massive festival that seems to grow bigger and better each year.

The Shire of Dandaragan is very proud of this festival. The festival is sponsored by the Shire to ensure that the event is completely free for young people across our Shire. It is also a great event for visitors to Jurien Bay during the Easter break with many of the visitors amazed that they can have all this fun at no cost.

I would like to thank the many sponsors, community groups and local businesses that get behind the Spray the Grey Youth Festival. The Shire staff work hard every year to make the festival a success. Many of them volunteer their time on the day to ensure setup is completed on time and the young people have a great experience. Thank you to everyone for making this Youth Festival the success that it is.

# Council Meeting

The next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held on Thursday, 23 May 2024, at the Jurien Bay Council Chambers, commencing at 4:00pm. Members of the public are welcome and encouraged to attend.

## **NOTICE OF PUBLIC ADVERTISEMENT OF PLANNING PROPOSAL - LOBSTER SHACK REFURBISHMENTS**

Notice is hereby given that the Shire of Dandaragan has received a development application from Design Theory to develop land for the following purpose and public comments are invited.

Property - Lobster Shack grounds at 37 Catalonia Street, Cervantes (consisting of lots 5, 7-11 & 362 Catalonia/Madrid Streets)

Proposal - Refurbishment works to patron and staff toilet facilities, tour group and general patron restaurant dining and retail shop inside the existing building footprint and heights.

Plans of the proposal are available to the public at the Shire Administration Centre, 69 Bashford Street, Jurien Bay or are available for download from the Shire website.

Submissions may be made on the proposal and lodged with the Shire of Dandaragan Jurien Bay Administration Centre or [council@dandaragan.wa.gov.au](mailto:council@dandaragan.wa.gov.au) by 4.00pm Friday 10th May 2024.

Should you require any clarification on this matter, please contact the Shire's Principal Planning & Building Officer on 9652 0800 or [ppbo@dandaragan.wa.gov.au](mailto:ppbo@dandaragan.wa.gov.au)



## Restricted Burning Period Extended

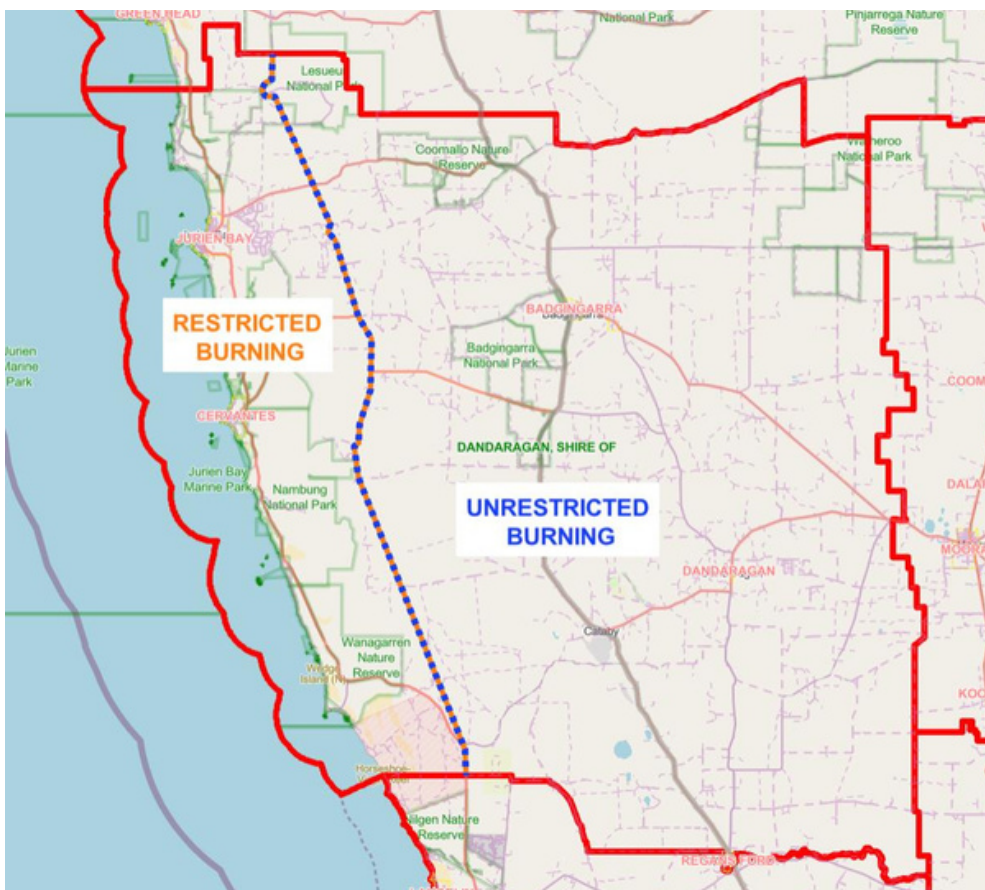
**Until 28 April 2024 (subject to change)**

As a result of unexpected dry weather conditions, the restricted burning period has been extended for the coastal localities within the Shire of Dandaragan.

This area includes all properties WEST of Munbinea Road, in a line extending from the Shires northern boundary on Cockleshell Gully Road, along Munbinea Road to the corner of Wongonderrah Road, then stretching south in a straight line to the intersection of Meadows Road and Indian Ocean Drive, ceasing at the southern boundary of the Shire on Indian Ocean Drive.

Anyone wishing to light a fire west of this boundary will require a permit to burn unless the fire complies with the Shires Camping and Cooking Fire Policy. A permit to

burn can be obtained from a Fire Control Officer, contacts for which can be found in the Fire Break & Hazard Reduction Notice or on the Shires website.



Landholders east of this boundary are asked to only undertake necessary burns for agricultural, hazard reduction or business purposes until rainfall improves conditions.

Please ensure that you inform your neighbours, check for Total Fire Bans and are aware of the weather conditions before lighting a fire during this time.

# COMMUNITY UPDATES

## Leeuwin Scholarship – Now Open

If you or your parents live within the Shire of Dandaragan or the Shire of Coorow, and you are between the ages of 15 – 18 years we would like to hear from you. The Shire of Dandaragan and Shire of Coorow will be offering two fully funded scholarships for the 2024/25 financial year. One recipient will be selected from each of the two Shire's. Applications open 1 April 2024 and close on 10 May 2024. To submit your application, send to the Shire Community Services team at [council@dandaragan.wa.gov.au](mailto:council@dandaragan.wa.gov.au). For further information, call 9652 0800 or go onto the Shire website.

## Shire Community Grant – Still Open

The Shire of Dandaragan Community Grants program is now open. Grants of up to \$2,500 are available under this program for events, projects and initiatives. The application form and guidelines is now available on the Shire Community Grant Webpage. If you would like to discuss your ideas or require further information on future funding opportunities, please contact Kayla Jones on 9652 0800 or email [cdo@dandaragan.wa.gov.au](mailto:cdo@dandaragan.wa.gov.au). The Community Grant Program closes 4pm 10 May 2024.

## Shire Environmental Grant – Still Open

The Shire of Dandaragan Environmental Grants Program supports projects that benefit the environment and community through environmental improvement, sustainability education and the promotion and enabling of sustainable living as a way of life. Applicants are encouraged to consider how their proposed project may address issues such as climate change, waterwise community spaces, biodiversity, recycling and waste avoidance. If you would like to discuss your project idea or require further information on this funding opportunity, please contact Kayla Jones at the Shire of Dandaragan on (08) 9652 0800 or email [cdo@dandaragan.wa.gov.au](mailto:cdo@dandaragan.wa.gov.au). Applications closes 4pm 30 April 2024.

## Sporting and Recreational Facilities Fund Grant - Still Open

Grants are available to assist local organisations to provide or improve sporting and recreation facilities and to purchase or improve items of durable equipment. Applications must have a total project cost of less than \$50,000. Funding will not be greater than 50% of the total cost of the project described in the application and the grant is on the basis that the organisation will match the grant on a dollar-for-dollar basis. The Shire of Dandaragan and Tronox Management have offered this annual funding for over 40 years. If you would like to discuss your ideas or require further information on future funding opportunities, please contact Kayla Jones on 9652 0800 or email [cdo@dandaragan.wa.gov.au](mailto:cdo@dandaragan.wa.gov.au). Applications must be submitted and complete by 4pm 30 April 2024 for projects in the 2024/25 financial year.

## Spray the Grey Youth Festival

Thank you to all who attended the Spray the Grey Youth Festival on Wednesday. We hope you all had a wonderful time enjoying the amusements and what the festival had to offer. We would especially like to thank our sponsors Healthway, Lotterywest, and Department of Communities who supported this event. We would also like to congratulate Kiara, who won the voucher to Seasport and Tackle voucher. We cannot wait to be back, better than ever in April 2025. Here are some of the pictures to reminisce about the event.



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# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEWS

## GROW YOUR BUSINESS

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT – CLOSING SOON

Apply before 30 April 2024 for an Economic Development Grant of \$5,000 to \$30,000 on a '50% minimum co-contribution' basis for your project. Grant guidelines are available from the Economic Development section under the Services tab on the Shire's website.

Contact Tricia Slee for an application form via [edm@dandaragan.wa.gov.au](mailto:edm@dandaragan.wa.gov.au)

### WA PLAN FOR PLASTICS – STAGE TWO REQUIREMENTS FOR BUSINESSES

The Plan for Plastics was released in response to community feedback and provides a roadmap towards a more sustainable, plastic-free WA. The plan promotes actions that:

- prioritise avoiding single-use plastics
- replace single-use items with reusable alternatives wherever possible
- promote non-plastic single-use alternatives that can be recovered, recycled or composted if it is not possible to use reusable items
- minimise litter or contamination of waste treatment facilities by not using single-use plastic.

The plan includes regulations to ban single-use plastic items in a two-stage approach. Stage 1 regulations are complete. Regulations for Stage 2 items took effect on 27 February 2023, to be fully phased out by 1 July 2025. The Stage 2 regulations ban businesses from the sale and supply of:

- loose and moulded expanded plastic packaging
- degradable plastics (plastics designed to break up more rapidly into fragments under certain conditions).
- produce bags
- expanded polystyrene cups and food trays for raw meat and seafood
- coffee cups and lids
- plastic lids for cups, bowls, trays, plates and takeaway food containers
- trays for food not covered in the Stage 1 ban
- cotton buds with plastic stems
- microbeads.

Contact the WA Plastics Ban – Hotline (1800 817 723) for more information.

### NUFFIELD AUSTRALIA FARMING SCHOLARSHIP

If you're aged 28-45, an Australian citizens or permanent residents directly involved in food and fibre production with a desire to enhance agricultural knowledge, then consider applying for a \$40,000 bursary.

The Nuffield bursary allows scholars to travel overseas both individually and in small groups.

Benefits:

- 15-weeks of purposeful learning and unique access to our approachable, global agricultural network.
- Connections to the global alumni – over 500 scholars in Australia and 2,000 worldwide.
- Access to international businesses and individuals not otherwise reachable.
- Select a research topic that will be of use to you, your business, community, and industry.

More information and application forms are available from the Nuffield Australia website. Applications close 31 May.

## FOR SALE – LOT 3494 / 31C, DANDARAGAN ROAD, DANDARAGAN

### For Sale

House 3x1 with carport and lock up double garage.  
Neat gardens and lawn.  
Plus adjoining parcel of vacant land.  
Total house and land area 1322 sqm  
Contact: kris.teakle@elders.com.au  
0409 686 626 for property information.



## BUSINESS INTRODUCTIONS

### Dynamic Steelworks

Stainless, Glass, Aluminium  
Adam Tapsell and Jude Freckles  
Contact: 0436 300 257  
dynamic-steelworks@gmail.com  
www.dynamicsteelworks.com.au  
Located in Jurien Heights.  
Pool fencing, patios, balustrades, louvres and slats, staircases, gates, and custom marine.



### Thomas Tree Services

(formerly DWC Trees).  
Peter Dodd and Sharol Exley  
Contact: 0409 240 288  
admin@thomastreeservices.com.au  
Located in Leeman  
Fully qualified and insured arborist with extensive experience in the tree industry.

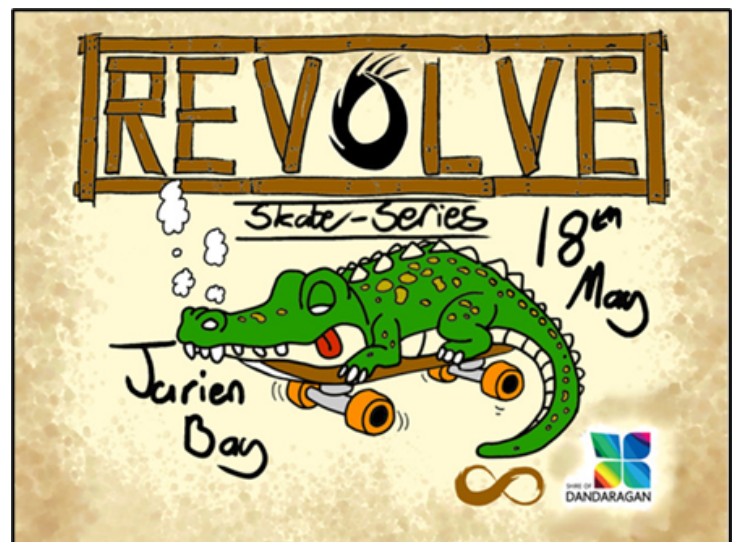


## EVENTS COMING SOON

### Grant Writing Sundowner for Businesses

From 4pm – 5.30pm  
Friday 3 May  
Jurien Bay

RSVP Required to Trish  
[edm@dandaragan.wa.gov.au](mailto:edm@dandaragan.wa.gov.au)  
or 9652 0800 by 30 April  
Hosted by the Shire of  
Dandaragan





# WHATS ON AT THE LIBRARY?



## ONLINE LIBRARY SERVICES

Are you interested in discovering how to utilise your device and library membership to borrow books, graphic novels, movies and more at no cost?

Speak to your local Library Officers for more information



## NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME

National Simultaneous Storytime at the Jurien Bay Library and Badgingarra Library will be Wednesday, May 22 at 9am.



## Better Beginnings Rhymetime at Jurien Bay Library

Enjoy Rhymetime from 9.00am at the Jurien Bay Library.

For further information please contact the Jurien Bay Library on 9652 0810 or email [jblibrary@dandaragan.wa.gov.au](mailto:jblibrary@dandaragan.wa.gov.au).





# Congratulations

Congratulations to the below employees who have reached the significant milestone of dedicating a decade of service to working at the the Shire of Dandaragan.

## ***KELLI ANDA***

Kelli started on April 9, 2014 and is our fabulous Rates Officer who constantly goes above and beyond for everyone around her. Kelli also covers multiple other roles around here including being our great photographer and even a snake catcher! Well done on this huge milestone Kelli. The Shire of Dandaragan is grateful for all your hard work and commitment over the past 10 years. Here's to another 10!



## ***JAMES DEAKER***

James (Jim) Deaker is one of the Shire's Operations Leading Hands based over in Dandaragan, and who commenced work with the Shire in 2014. This year the Shire is pleased to acknowledge Jim and his commitment to his work while celebrating his 10-year anniversary on 7 May 2024. Congratulations Jim!

## ***ISHBEL WILSON***

We would like to congratulate Ishbel Wilson on 10 years of service and dedication to the Shire. Thank you Ishbel for your hard work and commitment to the Badgingarra Library and Shire of Dandaragan as a whole over the 10 years.

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## **NEWEST AUSTRALIAN CITIZEN**

On Thursday, 28 March 2024 we had Thi Bich Ngoe NGUYEN attend a Citizenship Ceremony and become the newest Australian Citizen living in our Shire.

The Ceremony, held at the Jurien Bay Council Chambers and was officiated by Shire President, Tony O'Gorman in the presence of Councillors, staff and Thi's guest. Congratulations Thi.



# National Volunteer Week Morning Tea



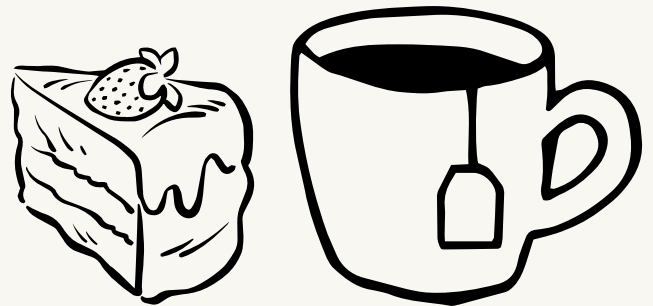
If you are a local volunteer in the Shire of Dandaragan, we invite you to join us at the Jurien Bay Beach Cafe for morning tea to celebrate National Volunteer Week.

Wednesday, 22 May 2024

9.30am – 11.30am

Jurien Bay Beach Cafe

Cnr Roberts and Heaton St, Jurien Bay WA 6516



If you are unable to attend this event in person, register for online attendance and join in virtually (a link will be provided closer to the date). Gift packs will be provided for all registered attendees.

Please register for this event by completing the survey by  
4.00pm Wednesday 8 May 2024.



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