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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE...

As a result of Shane Love's election win in Moore, I have been elected as President of the Shire of Dandaragan.

Congratulations to Shane and we wish him all the best over the next four years.

On behalf of the electors in the Shire of Dandaragan I would like to thank Shane for his contribution to the Shire as a Councillor and President over the years.

As your new President I will give a little run down on my life to date. We have farmed a wheat and sheep property of 2500ha at Kondinin for 45 years. I have served on the Kondinin Shire Council for 13 years from 1996 to 2008. I was elected to AWBI (Australian Wheatboard International) by WA Farmers, serving 9 years from 1999 to 2008.

We moved to Jurien Bay in 2009 and I was elected to the Shire of Dandaragan Council in 2011.

Working with all Councillors, Chief Executive Officer, Mr Tony Nottle and the staff, we have a cohesive Council.

I am looking forward to obtaining our objectives and working with the community of the Shire of Dandaragan.

If you have any Shire issues you wish to discuss with me I am always available.

Wayne Gibson

PRESIDENT



CERVANTES COUNCIL MEETING AND TOWNSITE INSPECTION

The 27 June 2013 Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held at the Cervantes Pinnacles Motel commencing at 5.00pm.

Prior to the meeting there will be an inspection of the town of which an itinerary will be set closer to the date. If you have any items that require Council's attention in which you would like to be included in the inspection could you please contact Denaye Kerr at the Jurien Bay Administration Centre on 9652 0800.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Tony Nottle

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

WORKS ON THE NEW JURIEN BAY VISITOR / CIVIC CENTRE IS PROGRESSING

Council at its Ordinary Meeting held 28 February 2013 endorsed the concept plans, and the architect is currently progressing the detailed design and specifications for tender. At this stage it is intended public tenders will be advertised in June 2013, with a proposed construction start date in September 2013.

Further updates will be advertised in future Shire Matters.

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RECEPTIONIST - STEPHANIE NELSON

My name is Steph and I have recently joined the team at the Shire of Dandaragan as Receptionist whilst Amber relieves Zoe of her duties while she is on maternity leave.

I was brought up in my beloved home town of Kondinin and spent my senior schooling years boarding at Narrogin Senior High School.

I first came to Jurien Bay as a child on family holidays and later moved here on my own after commencing work at Cooljarloo mine site in Cataby. Since being with my partner who is a local to Jurien Bay, I left mining to be closer to home and whilst I'm still adjusting from quiet, still days to the sea breeze and crazy winds, I am loving the coastal lifestyle. My interests include swimming, outdoors, hockey and travel.

I am thoroughly enjoying my employment at the Shire of Dandaragan and look forward to a great future in the Jurien Bay community.



PROJECT MANAGER - SPECIAL PROJECTS - BRIAN WALL

As a boy I was brought up on a farm in the Avon Valley, and started my career in Local Government as an apprentice Horticulturalist. I have now been involved in the Local Government Industry for over 30 years and my positions have varied significantly since my first job with the Shire of Swan in 1981. The Shire of Dandaragan is my 11th individual Shire I have been employed at, both country and city, from as far south as Collie to Kununurra in the north and all in between, with a stint in middle of Australia in Alice Springs. The years of experience and consistent training and education during this time has rewarded me positions from hands on Horticultural roles through to Director roles, all of which I have enjoyed immensely. My passion for Local Government is evident over my long career and am looking forward to using my skills and experience in my position as Project Manager – Special Projects with the Shire of Dandaragan to assist and support the community in the implementation of change and growth given the Super Towns title.

On a personal level, as the saying goes, you can take the boy away from the country but not the country away from the boy, so I have now moved my family back to the country, be it coastal, to settle in Jurien Bay. We have purchased a house in Beachridge and my daughter has commenced kindy at Jurien Bay District High School. My wife and I both enjoy the coastal lifestyle and having family in Perth, Jurien Bay provides the option to visit.

I am a one eyed Eagles supporter and have been an Eagles member for over 10 years and will be attending all the home games this season, something I have not been able to easily do for many years given my work locations up north.



I enjoy fishing and anything to do with the ocean, and look forward to using my boat regularly.

My wife and I intend to make Jurien Bay our home and look forward to becoming part of the community as it continues to grow and prosper.

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Tronox and Shire of Dandaragan Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund

The Tronox and Shire of Dandaragan Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund provides a total of \$30,000 to local clubs and community groups within the Shire for sporting and recreation equipment and small scale infrastructure projects each year.

These grants offer up to half the costs for small equipment to community groups. **The grants are now open and will close on Friday 28 June 2013.** Letters have been sent to community groups and sporting bodies within the Shire with guidelines and application forms. Applications will also be available to download from the Shire's web site at www.dandaragan.wa.gov.au.

If you require any assistance in completing the forms or have any questions please contact Ian Rennie at the Shire of Dandaragan on 9652 0800.

VOLUNTEER GRANTS 2013—CALL FOR APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

The Volunteer Grants 2013 call for applications period is **now open** and will **close on 24 April 2013 at 5.00pm AEST.**

Volunteer Grants 2013 recognises the valuable work of Australia's volunteers. The Grants funding is available to purchase small equipment items to assist volunteers and contribute towards reimbursement of fuel costs, transport costs incurred by volunteers with disability who are unable to drive, training courses and background screening checks for volunteers.

Eligible not-for-profit organisations can apply for grants between \$1,000 and \$5,000. Funding is limited and applications will be assessed and prioritised according to how strongly they meet the selection criteria.

For further information you can call the Volunteer Grants Hotline on 1800 183 374 or alternatively send an email to vg2013@fahcsia.gov.au

Shire of Dandaragan Community Grants

The Shire of Dandaragan offers small grants of up to \$1,500, to Community and Cultural groups within the Shire for events or activities. The purpose of the program is to provide funds for individuals and community based organisations in support of the development of social, economic, recreational, art and cultural benefits. If your group is ineligible for the Tronox / Shire grants, then your group MAY be eligible to apply under the community grants scheme. Guidelines and application forms are available from the Jurien Shire office and also on the Shire website. For further information please call Bob Bower at the Shire Administration Centre on 9652 0800.

Applications will close at 4 pm on FRIDAY 28 June 2013.

ANZAC DAY SERVICES

The Jurien Bay RSL Sub Branch will be conducting an ANZAC Day



Memorial Service at Jurien Bay Memorial Park on 25 April 2013 commencing at 10am.

Cervantes will be holding a Dawn Service at the Cervantes Memorial Park on 25 April 2013 commencing at 6.30am.

Dandaragan will be holding a Memorial Service at Pioneer Park on 25 April 2013 commencing at 8.00am.

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Shire of Dandaragan NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

Please be advised that the Ordinary Meeting of Council for 2013 / 2014 will be held on the following dates, times and venues:

DAY	DATE	TIME	MEETING VENUE
Thurs	25 July 2013	5.00pm	Jurien Bay
Thurs	22 August 2013 (School Visit)	11.00am	Jurien Bay
Thurs	26 September 2013	5.00pm	Dandaragan
Thurs	24 October 2013	5.00pm	Jurien Bay
Thurs	28 November 2013	5.00pm	Jurien Bay
Thurs	19 December 2013	5.00pm	Jurien Bay
Thurs	23 January 2014	5.00pm	Jurien Bay (AGM of Electors)
Thurs	27 February 2014	5.00pm	Jurien Bay
Thurs	27 March 2014	5.00pm	Jurien Bay
Thurs	24 April 2014	5.00pm	Badgingarra
Thurs	22 May 2014	5.00pm	Jurien Bay
Thurs	26 June 2014	5.00pm	Cervantes

Public Forums commence immediately following the closure of the Council Meeting which is generally about 6.00pm.

Members of the public are most welcome to attend both the Council Meetings and the Public Forums.

BY ORDER OF THE COUNCIL

Tony Nottle
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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NATIONAL YOUNG LEADERS DAY CONFERENCE 2013

On 15 March 2013 four lucky students along with Mrs Lyons from Jurien Bay District High School went to the National Young Leader's Day Conference at the Convention Centre in Perth. National Young Leader's Day is about being a good leader and making the right choice. They had the opportunity to listen to inspirational guest speaker presentations.

Each speaker had a different perspective on leadership such as:

Mike Martin, founder of the Halogen foundation, spoke about not needing a badge to be a leader and having a good, kind influence on your younger peers. His motto was "*You Are a Leader, No Matter Who You Are*".

Creel Price, a successful entrepreneur, believes that you need to be content with what you achieve throughout life. His key phrase is "*Believe to Achieve*".

Brad Robbins, a retired co-captain of the Perth Wildcats, believes you have the choice to do what you choose. He spoke about a dark passenger which was his anger.

Toni Cronk, a hockey Olympian, suffered a pretty disappointing start to her sporting career. This encouraged her to "*dream big, achieve big*". You can get there if you try. In 2012 she played hockey for Australia and only let two goals through out of the six games she played.

Bruce Willis, a former SAS commander, believes it doesn't matter who you are, we all need respect. His role models were his grandfathers, who both fought in World Wars I & II. His mottos were "*see something, do something*" and "*if at first you don't succeed, try again*".

In conclusion those who attended said the trip to the National Young Leader's Day Conference was a very inspirational experience that they will never forget and they thank the Shire of Dandaragan for funding their registration.

WHAT DO THE NEW CAT LAWS MEAN FOR YOU AND YOUR FELINE FRIEND?

Important information for all domestic cat owners about the new *Cat At 2011* and the steps they need to take to meet the new cat law requirements, coming in 1 November 2013.

From 1 November 2013, all domestic cats, over 6 months of age, will need to be sterilized, microchipped and registered with your local government. You can microchip your cat at the vet now and help identify your pet if it ever gets lost or injured. Sterilisation now will prevent unwanted kittens, reduce cat numbers in shelters and save wildlife by reducing the number of feral cats in our native bushland.

Local governments will be responsible for administering and enforcing the legislation.



To help identify owned cats, they will need to wear a collar and registration tag.

Cat breeders will need approval from their local government to keep unsterilised cats.

For more information, including tips for being a responsible cat owner, contact your local government or visit www.dlg.wa.gov.au

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SUMMER ESTUARY WORKSHOP SERIES

The region includes many estuaries important for their ecological and recreational values. However, pressures such as population growth and poor water quality are impacting on these sensitive ecosystems.

Join NACC for a series of community workshops exploring current knowledge on: estuary form and function:

- Aboriginal cultural heritage values;
- community values;
- threats; and
- management considerations.

The workshops will include an optional field trip.

HILL RIVER ESTUARY

When: Friday 5 April

Where: CWA Hall, Jurien Bay

Time: 9.00am to 3.00pm

To register please visit: www.hillriverworkshop.eventbrite.com.au

For more information contact Jennifer Bairstow at jennifer@wmggroup.org.au or on 9651 4008.

This is a FREE event. Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea will be provided.

INTEGRATED WHEATBELT AGED CARE PLAN COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

The Shire of Dandaragan has committed to participate in a Regional Aged Care Planning process to develop and assist in the implementation of an Integrated Wheatbelt Aged Care Plan.

The Plan will build on our existing services and infrastructure while finding methods in which our residents can age in their homes and communities for longer.

Funded through a partnership between the Wheatbelt Development Commission, the WA Country Health Service's Southern Inland Health Initiative (SIHI), and local government, the Wheatbelt Integrated Aged Support and Care Solution/s (WIASCS) is a proactive process which will produce Shire specific Needs Studies and an overall Wheatbelt Integrated Regional Aged Care Plan.

The Plan will look at all facets of aged care from aged friendly communities, aged persons housing, community care and residential care.

Melbourne consultants, Verso, have been appointed to carry out this work and have prepared a summary of aged housing and care needs for our Shire. Verso would like to present these findings to the community to receive our thoughts and inputs, this will also provide a more accurate account of what will work and what is important to our community.

This is an invitation to all community members who access Aged Care services or have experienced the delivery of Aged Care services in our community to attend.

The community consultation will be held on Monday 15 April commencing at 9.30am at the CWA Hall, Jurien Bay. Please RSVP your attendance to Gemma Richardson at the Shire of Dandaragan on 9652 0800 for catering purposes.