



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK...

I have waited to write this to you all hoping for some good news from the dreadful fires in the South of the State. However, it seems that there are still some very dangerous areas and our hearts go out to all those who have lost everything and the ones who are still facing danger.

I cannot imagine how dreadful it must be to find everything you have worked so hard for destroyed. We all need to make sure, that to the best of our abilities we keep our fire breaks up to standard and clean up litter etc from around our homes.

At this time of the year the Shire of Dandaragan, having just returned from the Xmas break, are all getting ready for 2016. We have many important projects on the go at the moment and will have exciting details for you in the coming months.

I had no idea how much work being President of such a diverse area would be. It is demanding and sometimes frustrating but I am up for the challenge. Having spent most of my life in private business I have found it very challenging to keep to the rules and governance of public service. I have had to trim my expectations a bit to get things done and also respect the difficulties that our staff have in achieving what our ratepayers expect of us.

As ever the coast is heaving with visitors and businesses are recording better figures than ever. The Visitor Centre has been seeing a record number of tourists and helping to keep them in our region for longer.

Both Jurien Bay and Cervantes caravan parks have had their plans approved for expansion and revitalisation so we will be expecting even more visitors in the coming years to enjoy our wonderful coast.

The Pop up Shop in Jurien Bay has proved a real winner and I think that the market type atmosphere of working alongside other retailers, sharing a coffee break and experiences must be very rewarding. The world is changing so much that everything we have been used to is no longer able to be relied on.

Businesses like video stores, book stores, taxis, liquor shops etc etc etc have all had to brace for changes taking place so quickly it is amazing.

There is little point in fighting this and the ones who go with it and become innovative are the ones who will survive and flourish.

The Digital Disruption has already happened:

The world's largest taxi company owns no taxis. UBER

The largest accommodation provider owns no real estate. AIR BNB

The largest phone companies own no telco infrastructure. SKYPE / WECHAT

The world's most valuable retailer has no inventory. ALIBABA

And so on, and so one, I am sure you get the picture. Things are indeed changing but that does not always mean gloom and doom. Early in February some of our children and grandchildren will start school for the first time. How exciting for them. They will learn and grow up with all the above as being common place. What an exciting future, full of opportunities.



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This is the time of the year that my thoughts go inland to the small communities of farming families still working so hard even when the rest of us are on holidays. Farming has become so professional and is now more than ever reliant on technology to remain on top of their game.

Our Shire is so diverse with its strong agribusiness focus, tourism, fishing, aged care that we will fare well in the future. We are able to attract investment in all of these important areas which will create jobs for the future.

We have a pilot scheme to take people from the coastal towns to Joondalup for both medical appointments and any other business that they may have with the ability to come up and back in one day. We have our partners, the Shire of Gingin, working with us to get the best outcomes for the community and hopefully prove the need for such a service and attract funding to keep it going in the future.

Together with our CEO Tony Nottle and the West Midlands Group we have been able to secure a lease on the Badgingarra Research Station for 12 months so that it will not be lost as a valuable asset for the community. We will be working on purchasing the property to ensure the vibrancy of Badgingarra flourishes into the future.

On Thursday 14 January in Jurien Bay, we had Spray the Grey Youth Festival which was a great success with young people from all over the Shire enjoying the activities. Thanks must go to Tony O'Gorman and Michelle Perkins for all their hard work and to the Lions Club of Jurien Bay for the sausages and important water bottles to keep us all refreshed. Thanks to all the Councillors and staff who assisted with the day.

Our next council meeting is being held in Dandaragan and I hope that many of the community will come and talk to us. This is a great opportunity to see how Council works and also to have your say on things which are important to you.

MEET NEW ASSET INFRASTRUCTURE CO-ORDINATOR ANGUS PADFIELD

I was born and raised in the small farming town of Naremben, 300km east of Perth. Where my parents owned and ran a mixed cropping and sheep property between Naremben and Kondinin. My two older brothers and I were raised on the farm before we were sent to board at Narrogin SHS from year's eight to ten. I then continued my schooling at Mazenod College, Kalamunda where I completed my TEE. On finishing year twelve I began studying a Bachelor Degree in Urban and Regional Planning at Curtin University. I then undertook work experience at the Shire of Chittering in the planning department. On completing my degree in 2012 I took a working holiday through Europe for 8 months and Canada and America for 3 months in 2014 and 6 months in 2015 and to see the end of the 14/15 snow season at Fernie, British Columbia. On returning to Australia mid 2015 I went to work in Naremben on a mixed cropping and sheep farm until successfully obtaining a role at The Shire of Dandaragan working as the new Asset Infrastructure Coordinator. I have moved to Jurien Bay with my girlfriend Elyse and look forward to becoming involved in the Jurien Bay community and Shire team.





Thinking of installing a swimming pool or spa

In Western Australia, private swimming pools and spas with water that is more than 300mm deep must have a compliant barrier installed. This is intended to help prevent the drowning deaths and injury of young children under the age of five years. This requirement applies to:

- In-ground pools and spas;
- Above-ground pools and spas (including inflatable and portable pools and spas;
- Indoor pools and spas (but not spa baths that are normally emptied after each use); and
- Wading pools (containing water that is more than 300mm deep)

A building permit is required under the Building Act 2011 to construct or install a swimming pool or spa and its associated safety barrier.

Prior to a building permit being granted by a permit authority (usually the relevant local government), a registered building surveyor is required to confirm that the proposed pool and its safety barrier comply with the applicable building standards by signing a 'Certificate of Design Compliance' (CDC). The applicable building standards include the:

- Structural adequacy of the pool or spa;
- Water recirculation system;
- Energy efficiency for heating and pumping;
- Water efficiency (ie a pool blanket or cover that is designed to reduce water evaporation and is accredited under the Smart Approved Watermark Scheme www.smartwatermark.org); and
- Safety barrier.

Applicants can choose to submit a **certified** or **uncertified** application for a pool and its safety barrier.

A certified application (Building Commission Form BA1) is submitted to the permit authority accompanied by a CDC. This requires an independent building surveyor to certify the plans and specifications and provide a CDC. The permit authority has **10 business days** to decide on the certified application.

An uncertified application (Building Commission Form BA2) is submitted to the permit authority without a CDC. The permit authority must appoint an independent building surveyor to check the proposal and provided the CDC. The permit authority has **25 business days** to decide on an uncertified application. If the construction of the pool does not require it to be filled with water during construction, such as some concrete pools, then the permit authority may grant a building permit for the pool without a safety barrier permit application. However it is unlawful to fill the pool water that is more than 300mm deep without a safety barrier that has been approved by the permit authority.

As part of the process for obtaining a building permit, a registered building surveyor assesses the plans and specifications and certifies that the pool and its safety barrier will comply with the applicable building standards prior to issuing a CDC. Also at the completion of the work, the person named as a builder on the building permit must provide the permit authority with a 'Notice of Completion' (Building Commission form BA7). This notice must be accompanied by an inspection certificate that confirms the safety barrier complies with the Building Regulations 2012 (the Regulations). This inspection certificate is separate to the four yearly pool inspection carried out by the relevant local government.

Option1: The pool builder takes responsibility for both the pool and the safety barriers. The building permit application should include the details of the safety barrier and the pool builder may arrange for a separate person to install the safety barrier on his/her behalf. The application must show where the safety barrier will be installed and demonstrate how it complies with the Regulations.

Option 2: The owner, can choose to be the responsible person in relation to the building permit for the pool and the safety barrier. This means that with one building permit you can contract out the actual work to your preferred pool builder and preferred pool barrier installer. If you are named as the builder on a building permit for the pool and safety barrier you take on the responsibility for ensuring the work complies with the Regulations.

Option 3: The pool builder can obtain a building permit to install the pool and another person obtains another building permit to install the safety barrier in accordance with the Regulations.

This option requires two separate building permit applications (one for the pool and one for the safety barrier) and two application fees.

When you purchase a pool, you need to decide if you are going to organise your own safety barrier or you would like the pool builder to do this on your behalf. The responsibility for compliance of the safety barrier will depend on the person named as the builder on the building permit as outlined in the options above.

Prior to any pool being filled with water that is more than 300mm deep there must be a safety barrier (either temporary or permanent) in place that complies with the barrier requirements in the Regulations.

During the construction of some pools, the pool builder needs to fill the pool with water, for example a fibreglass pool. If you have purchased this type of pool it means there must be a safety barrier in place before the pool builder can fill the pool with water that is more than 300mm deep. A temporary barrier must not be removed until a permanent complying barrier is installed.

Visit the Building Commission at www.commerce.wa.gov.au/building-commission to:

- Access our free publication 'Rules for Pools and Spas'
- Download relevant forms including:
 - Application for Building Permit—Certified (BA1)
 - Application for Building Permit—Uncertified (BA2)
 - Notice of Completion (BA7)

To view the Building Act 2011 and Building Regulations 2012 visit the State Law Publisher at www.slp.wa.gov.au

While owners and occupiers are responsible for ensuring that any safety barrier restricting access to a swimming or spa pool is maintained and operating effectively at all times, **there is no substitute for supervising young children around swimming pools and spas.**



CONGRATULATIONS GARRICK & DENAYE

Garrick and Denaye Yandle welcomed their son Maverick Ernest into the world on 21 December 2015 weighing 7lb.

From Staff and Councillors at the Shire of Dandaragan a huge congratulations



2015 Citizen and Young Citizen of the Year Awards

The Awards Ceremony will be held at the **Jurien Bay Community Centre on Tuesday 9 February 2015, commencing at 7.00 pm.**

Supper and refreshments will be provided.

AN INVITATION BY REQUEST IS EXTENDED TO THE PUBLIC TO ATTEND

Citizen of the Year nominees:

<u>Name of Nominee</u>	<u>Nominating Organisation(s) or Person</u>
Jane Roberts	Dandaragan Fundraisers
Margaret Johnson	Advance Dandaragan
Shirley Hallas	Cervantes Ratepayers and Progress Association
Pamela Slee	Country Women's Association – Jurien Bay Branch

Young Citizen of the Year nominees:

<u>Name of Nominee</u>	<u>Nominating Organisation(s) or Person</u>
Mica Salmon	Country Women's Association – Jurien Bay Branch
Nathan Lyons	Vicki Tyler
Caitlyn Porteous	Jurien Bay Progress Association / Inspirational Community Arts Network

Please advise Robyn Headland at the Jurien Bay Administration Centre on 9652 0800 **as soon as possible** as to the numbers attending the ceremony for catering purposes.

NEW RECEPTIONIST — MEET ERIN BINSTED

My name is Erin and I've come all the way from Albany to live in Jurien Bay with my partner. I'm a qualified beauty therapist and am currently completing my third Certificate in Business at the Shire of Dandaragan. I am enjoying my new role as I get to interact with different members of the community and help them at the same time as learning about where I live.

My spare time is spent exploring the coast of Jurien Bay and through Sandy Cape camping, swimming and 4wd-ing. I am passionate about animal welfare and do all I can to help out where I can. I have 2 dogs in Albany, one of which was adopted.

My first big move away from my home town was made much easier by the friendly and welcoming attitude I've been shown from all I've met in Jurien the past few months and am looking forward to my future here.





ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ELECTORS

In accordance with section 5.27 of the *Local Government Act (1995)* please be advised that the Annual Electors General Meeting will be convened at the:

**Dandaragan Community Recreation Club on
Thursday 28 January 2016 commencing at 7.00pm**

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Confirmation of minutes

Receiving of the Annual Report 2014 / 2015 incorporating:

- Annual Financial Statements
- Auditors Report
- Presidents Report

General Business

PLEASE NOTE

If you would like to raise a matter that requires research by Council staff please contact the Chief Executive Officer, prior to the 18 January 2016, advising the nature of the matter so that it may be answered at the meeting.

In accordance with section 5.55 of the *Local Government Act (1995)*, a copy of the Annual Report 2014 / 2015 is available for perusal at the Council office and libraries from Friday 18 December 2015.

Copies of the Annual Report 2014 / 2015 will also be available at the meeting however, if you would like to receive a copy prior to the meeting please contact the Shire office on 9652 0800.

Tony Nottle, **CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

SHIRE OF DANDARAGAN COUNCIL MEETINGS IN THE MONTHS AHEAD

DATE	VENUE	TIME
28 January 2016	Dandaragan	5.00 pm (AGM at 7.00pm)
25 February 2016	Jurien Bay	5.00 pm
24 March 2016	Jurien Bay	5.00pm

Want to tell the world how much you love your town?

If you live anywhere in or around the Shire of Dandaragan, please consider the opportunity to promote your own wonderful area of the world by becoming a Turquoise Coast Visitor Centre volunteer.

Assorted shifts are available Monday to Saturday, full training and support provided.

Phone Alison on 08 9652 0800 or email aslyns@dandaragan.wa.gov.au

“Spray the Grey”

Annual Youth Festival adds Colour to Skate Park



The Shire of Dandaragan, in partnership with young people in the Shire, planned and held its annual “Spray The Grey” youth festival on Thursday 14 January, which was an enormous success.

The family-friendly event was open from 12 noon until 4 pm and provided free activities and entertainment for youth of all ages including a sausage sizzle, contemporary music CD's, drumming workshops, wrist bands, a photo booth and a number of rides such as a rock-climbing wall, bucking bull, human

gyroscopes, bungee trampolines, a giant chess set plus other giant games and more. With the temperature peaking at close to forty degrees during the day, two of the most popular activities were the giant water slide and the inflatable obstacle course with sprinklers running through it. Festival-goers were also treated to amazing music sets by Badgingarra artist, DJ Mondii, and hip hop dance performances by Urban Youth Effect.



The original concept for the festival was to create an urban artwork at the Jurien Bay skate park, which was largely coordinated by a youth committee, and the concept was expanded to include not only the urban artwork but hip hop dancers, music, games and rides. With the skate park ramps previously being painted as part of the inaugural festival, this year the skate park bowl was painted. This was coordinated by mural art company, Graphite Crew, during a series of two urban art workshops with local youth aged between nine and thirteen years.

The major sponsors for the event were:

Community Crime Prevention Fund; Healthway Act Belong Commit; Shire of Dandaragan (Youth Services).

The event was also supported by:

Jurien Bay Lions Club; Jurien Bay Community Resource Centre; Makit Hardware, Cervantes; Jurien Bay Youth Group; Midcoast Hydraulics; Holyoake Drumbeat program; Thrifty Link Hardware, Jurien Bay; Jurien Bay Sport and Recreation Centre.