



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK...



I thought I would take the opportunity to correspond with you all from Cheltenham in the U.K. where I am visiting my mother for her 87th birthday. As you read on, the reasons for that decision will become clear.

My family all reside in Mallorca Spain where they have been living and working for the past 27 years. They have enjoyed a wonderful way of life thus far with my father passing away some 20 years ago after a great retirement in the sun.

However, in the past couple of years my mum has decided that she is bored with the Island way of life and wants to spend some of her remaining years closer to infrastructure and medical care unavailable in Mallorca. She missed the galleries and libraries, and all the things ladies love. We all thought the desire might wane when the reality of moving to another country at a late stage in life became apparent. Not so at all.

Never underestimate the strength of mind of the women in our family. My mother flew over last year, rented a lovely townhouse in a leafy lane in Cheltenham in Gloucester. She has furnished it with all new Laura Ashley, very English things and it really looks a treat. Her lovely home in Spain is now a memory and she doesn't want to bring much over. Who knows if she will wake up one day and decide to go back, open the shutters and resume life there. The fact she can still choose is so important.

I am in awe of my mother as she has very quickly found out where everything is and absolutely loves it. She is now feeling very independent without my sisters waiting on her and treating her like an old lady. She has volunteered for the Red Cross opportunity shop and is visiting the elderly in the local hospital. All this is done without a car as the Montpellier District is all walking distance. The doctor, who I am sure won't see much of her is just round the corner as is the dentist, hospital and other ancillary services.

Cheltenham is a very beautiful part of the world with great shops and cafés. Wonderful parks and gardens and lots of galleries and classy little pubs.

The train is close by and visits to family all over the country only take an hour or so and are really cheap and comfortable. Before any of you think about immigration I must tell you I have only listed the good bits.

The drawback is the horrible weather. I have been here for a week and 19 degrees is as much as it has managed to reach and that was only for a couple of hours one day. It rains every day and it is summer. I am cold most of the time and thanking god that I packed some warm clothes.

I hired a little car today and found out when we arrived home from a trip to the country for her birthday, that you can't park outside your own house. The tiny garage is too snug for me to risk as I was told and damage done will be charged to my card at £1000.00 and I can fight my insurance company for recovery. I parked outside the garage and a lurking parking inspector came out of the blue to tell me I needed a permit. I called the council and they told me I would be able to pay a visitors fee to park outside our own place which would be £20 a week.

All this seems so foreign to me with the free and wonderful life we lead. Even in winter in the Shire of Dandaragan it is warmer than this and the sky is blue. I never wear a raincoat from one year to the next.

The poor people here are so sick of waiting for summer that they have decided to wear their summer clothes anyway. Lots of pretty dresses and sandals in freezing cold wind. Lovely cafés that line the streets have breakfast diners jostling for outside tables in conditions that you would not go outside for at home.

On one of my many walks I noticed plenty of ladies carrying their grocery shopping home and climbing stairs into the many apartments in the middle of town. Husbands have long passed away and their lives do not seem lonely due to the activity created when people live close in to the city Center and not in suburbs miles away.

This has resonated with me very much as I don't think it is as simple as someone wanting to go back to their roots in their final years. Mum does not come from anywhere around here. I think it is a choice of where you want to spend your time and the quality of life you are seeking. It is easy for politicians at all levels to only talk about Aged Care and Hospitals when dealing with the older generation. No one really considers trying to create a great quality of life for the healthy ageing population.

After many great conversations that I have missed over the years, due to living so far away, I now have a much better understanding of the needs and aspirations of people of mums age group. I am acutely aware of the challenges we have in our part of the world to provide the things people would like so they can stay in the places they want to be.



Shire to engage with Youth

"The Shire of Dandaragan would like to engage with young people throughout the Shire and involve them in the decision making processes.

Recently the Shire held a series of public consultations to involve the wider community in developing the Shire Strategic Community Plan. People from all across the Shire and from all backgrounds contributed to help make our Shire a better place to live. Unfortunately there was very little input from young people throughout the Shire. The Shire has developed this app to better engage with young people across the Shire and to give them a voice in the Shire's future direction.

Young people make up a large proportion of the Shire population and will be the future users of the services and facilities that we provide. It is therefore very important that we engage with the young people to get their input into our future plans.

To enable us to do this we have developed an online survey for young people to complete which will provide the Councillors with an indication of the types of facilities and services that the Shire will need to plan for into the future. The survey is another method that the Shire is using to engage with the youth, we will also be meeting with young people face to face at events like Spray the Grey Youth Festival, conducting forums targeted specifically to youth. Ideally we would like to have a Youth Advisory Council within the Shire.

The Shire of Dandaragan provides services to all residents of the Shire paid for by state and federal grant funding but most importantly from the rates collected from its residents.

The Shire of Dandaragan Youth App is available for young people to discuss issues and receive information about youth activities in the Shire, down load the app and keep up to date with everything that is happening across the Shire of Dandaragan."

SHIRE OF DANDARAGAN YOUTH NOW HAS ITS OWN APP



Download our awesome new app now and stay up to date with all the latest information!

Install the Shire of Dandaragan Youth App on your smartphone or tablet now!

Follow these steps:

1. Download Team App from the Apple or Google Play app store.



2. Sign up to Team App. You will be sent an email to confirm your registration.

3. Log into the App and search for "Shire of Dandaragan Youth".

4. Choose your applicable access group(s).

5. If you don't have a smartphone go to sodyouth.teamapp.com to sign up and view this App online.



Need help?

Contact: Tony O'Gorman
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Shire of Dandaragan

Local Development Plan for Lot 62 Roberts Street, Jurien Bay (Blue Waves Site)

It is hereby notified for public information that Council at its meeting held on 23 June 2016 resolved to advertise the proposed Local Development Plan for lot 62 Roberts Street, Jurien Bay for comment.

Written submissions to the undersigned may be made up to 4:00pm Friday 12 August 2016

A copy of the proposed Local Development Plan may be obtained by contacting the Shire Office during office hours on 9652 0800 or by downloading off the Shire website www.dandaragan.wa.gov.au

Ian Rennie

ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



PLANT OPERATORS x 3

(Location - Dandaragan)

Applications are invited from interested persons for three positions as Plant Operators located in Dandaragan.

The three Plant Operator positions operate from Council's Operations Centre in the Dandaragan townsite. The successful applicants will work within a team that is engaged in a variety of tasks involving the construction and maintenance of Council's roads and other assets. The applicant should have sound skills and experience in heavy plant. The position of Plant Operator is required to hold a HC licence.

The position is classified as a Level 4 with an annual salary of up to \$49,915 per annum plus superannuation. The salary will be dependent upon qualifications and experience and is paid in accordance with the Local Government Industry Award 2010. Housing is available within the Dandaragan townsite at a subsidized rent amount and a water subsidy.

An Information Package outlining details of the position is available by contacting Gemma Richardson on 9652 0800, or via e-mail to grichardson@dandaragan.wa.gov.au or off the Shire's website www.dandaragan.wa.gov.au/employment.

Applicants must provide details on previous work experience, relevant personal details together with the name and phone numbers of two recent referees. Applications are to be addressed and marked "PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL - PLANT OPERATOR" to the Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Dandaragan, PO Box 676, Jurien Bay WA 6516.

Applications close at 4.00pm Wednesday 20 July 2016.

The Shire of Dandaragan is an equal opportunity employer.

Tony Nottle
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

FISH KILL – Jurien Bay Marina

On the 22 June a contractor reported a fish kill observed in the Jurien Bay marina to the Department of Fisheries (DoF). Approximately 500 individuals of various species were observed on or near the rocks lining the marina. Species included; blowfish; eels; blue swimmer crabs and; boxfish. Some fish were observed gasping at the surface and moribund.

On 23/06/2016 DoF officers collected fresh fish, preserved fish and water samples. Samples were delivered to the Fish Health group on to be processed for analysis.

Interim results were made available by the Department of Fisheries on the 1 July 2016:

- No HAB (Harmful Algal Bloom) species were present in the sample.
- Three formalin fixed fish were submitted for histopathology. Tissues of some of the fish show evidence of immunocompromisation prior to the fish kill event. It is highly likely that these fish were suffering from a chronic infection prior to the fish kill and the very low oxygen levels in the environment caused enough stress to kill the fish.
- One Trichodina parasite was also found in the gill cavities; this particular parasite is indicative of poor water quality.
- Bacteriology results - Preliminary results show only one of the samples to have any bacterial growth. Further bacterial work up is being conducted.
- Water quality data - Data provided by DoT indicates very low levels of dissolved oxygen in the marina.

Conclusions: Based on the available data it appears that fish in the immediate area may have already been immunocompromised and the very low levels of dissolved oxygen in the water contributed to the deaths. The low dissolved oxygen levels may be due to decomposition of seaweed which was washed into the marina by storm events.



SHIRE MATTERS

Shire of Dandaragan Public Notice – Local Law Review

In pursuance of the powers conferred upon it by the Local Government Act 1995 the Council of the Shire of Dandaragan hereby gives public notice of having resolved on 26 May 2016 that it proposes to undertake a periodic review of the following Local Laws;

Local Government Act 1995

- Local Government Property Local Law (Gazetted 9 May 2001);
- Activities On Thoroughfares and Trading in Thoroughfares and Public Places Local Law (Gazetted 9 May 2001);
- Standing Orders Local Law 2001 (Gazetted 9 May 2001);
- Extractive Industries Local Law (Gazetted 9 May 2001);
- Local Laws Relating to Fencing (Gazetted 9 May 2001);
- Local Law Relating to Beekeeping (Gazetted 9 May 2001);
- Sand Drift Prevention and Abatement Local Law 2009 (Gazetted 18 December 2009);
- Parking and Parking Facilities Local Law 2010 (Gazetted 21 December 2010);

Bush Fires Act 1954

- Bush Fire Brigades Local Law (Gazetted 9 May 2001);

Dog Act 1976

- Dogs Local Law (Gazetted 9 May 2001);

Cemeteries Act 1986

- Local Laws Relating to the Badgingarra, Dandaragan and Jurien Bay Public Cemeteries (9 May 2001); and,

Health Act 1911

- Health Local Laws 2005 (Gazetted 13 September 2005 & subsequently amended 19 September 2006 & 22 May 2007);

Agriculture and Related Resources Protection Act 1976

- 13. Local Law Relating to Pest Plants (Gazetted 9 May 2001);

Copies of the Local Laws may be inspected or obtained on line at www.dandaragan.wa.gov.au, at the Shire Administration Centre, 69 Bashford Street, Jurien Bay WA 6516, (**Opening Hours:** 8.00am to 5.00pm Monday to Friday - PH:(08) 96520800) or at the Jurien Bay, Dandaragan, Cervantes and Badgingarra Libraries (please contact the Jurien Bay Administration Centre for Library open times) Copies of the local laws can also be obtained upon request by calling PH:(08) 96520800.

Public submissions relating to the above may be made in writing to the Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Dandaragan PO Box 676, Jurien Bay WA 6516, via email to council@dandaragan.wa.gov.au or via facsimile to (08) 96521310 and be received no later than 4pm Friday 29 July 2016.

Mr T Nottle
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

SHIRE OF DANDARAGAN ON FACEBOOK



Like us on
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The Shire of Dandaragan is using Social Media as a platform to connect with the public and promote our regional assets to potential investors and visitors.

Like us on Facebook for local events, promotion or information. Interact with other community members and Councillors. Stay informed with Shire specific information and environmental warnings. Share your photos and experiences within our Shire.

SHIRE OF DANDARAGAN COUNCIL MEETINGS IN THE MONTHS AHEAD

DATE	VENUE	TIME
28 July 2016	Jurien Bay	4.00pm
25 August 2016	Jurien Bay	4.00pm
22 September 2016	Badgingarra	4.00pm



ROYALTIES FOR REGIONS SEWERAGE PROJECT OPENING

Recently the Shire of Dandaragan hosted the official opening of the Royalties for Regions funded Jurien Bay Sewerage Project.

Official guests included Mr Shane Love, MLA Member for Moore who officially opened the project on behalf of the Minister for Regional Development, Mr Terry Redman, MLA, and representatives of key stakeholders from the Department of Regional Development, the Wheatbelt Development Commission, Water Corporation and Councillors and senior staff from the Shire of Dandaragan.



President of the Shire, Cr Leslee Holmes stated that while not a particularly “sexy” project the delivery of this project does provide significant and important infrastructure services within Jurien Bay and will unlock development potential, both commercially and for the strategic growth areas of health and aged care and visitor servicing.

Funding for the Jurien Bay Sewerage Project was provided through various streams; Royalties for Region programs providing \$3.7 million as part of the Department of Regional Development SuperTowns fund and \$1.06 million through the efforts of the Wheatbelt Development Commission in securing Growing our South funding. The Water Corporation contributed \$600,000 while the Shire of Dandaragan contributed \$300,000.



DISABILITY BEACH ACCESS

Survey Available

The Shire of Dandaragan would like to better understand the needs of people in our Shire with disability or mobility issues and how they are able to access our beaches. If you have mobility issues that prevent you from utilizing the beaches in our Shire, please have your say here.



Want to use the beaches, but have a disability or mobility issues?

Have your say

Fill out our survey

Online survey or hard copies available from CRC or Shire office

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QGPPYHS>

SHIRE OF DANDARAGAN

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Faulty Streetlights

What to do if a streetlight is not working?

Because faulty streetlights are typically only evident at night-time, Western Power customers are a valuable source of information when it comes to identifying faulty streetlights.

If you notice a streetlight is not working as it should; for example it's not coming on at night or it's staying on during the day, please let Western Power know via the short form below.

Alternatively you can call Customer Service Team on 13 13 51 – around the clock, every day of the year.

For non-urgent streetlight problems go to: www.westernpower.com.au/customer-service-faulty-streetlight.html and complete form.