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NOTICE TO ALL PET OWNERS

Pet owners are reminded that dog & cat licences expire on 31 October in each year.

Renewal notices have been sent out for all registrations expiring on 31 October 2022

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Cr Leslee Holmes
Ph. 0408 419 468

Remembering Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

Many of us were deeply saddened by the recent passing of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II. What more can be said about this woman's achievements during her 70-year reign? The outpouring of grief across the world is a clear indication of just how well-loved and respected she was, and she will be dearly missed by many as a constant presence in our lives. The television coverage of her funeral service was nothing short of remarkable, and very emotional, and whether you support the monarchy or not, one must acknowledge the Britons in just how well they perform the pomp and ceremony required for such historical events. Whilst it was a very emotional event in farewelling our longest reigning monarch in history, it was also an opportunity to celebrate the new reign of King Charles III who will continue to champion the Queen's great work while bringing his own style of 'rule' with him. God Save the King.

Wild about Wildflowers

I cannot believe how quickly the months are passing with people already talking about Christmas, but here we are once again enjoying one of the best seasons of the year with all the spring flowers starting to bloom in our gardens. The Western Australian wildflowers are nothing short of amazing in their variety and colour, and visitors to our State have been raving about how accessible and beautiful they are. Wildflower tourism

is increasing each year, and this is a great boost to the inland towns within our State. Grey Nomads make up the biggest numbers travelling far and wide to enjoy what our wonderful State has to offer. We are now gradually seeing overseas visitors coming back and they also love to travel to look at wildflowers. We hope that this coming season will be just as successful as in previous years.

Walking into Tourism

I had the great opportunity this month to be invited to the launch of Tourism WA's new advertising campaign. Tourism WA were very fortunate to engage Luke Steele from NSW Aussie band, Empire of the Sun, to re-record one of their greatest hits 'Walking on a Dream', along with the help of his very talented 13-year-old musician daughter. Now residing in California (due mainly to his work), they both relished the opportunity to come to WA and be part of this new campaign to entice overseas visitors to our shores. His daughter spoke at the launch and told us how wonderful she felt whenever she had the chance to come home to Australia. You may now have seen the various short versions of the campaign showcasing some wonderful places of interest within our great State with the inclusion of two fabulous dancers from Broome and Perth. It is important to understand how much our overseas visitors want to experience authentic opportunities and learn about our First Nations Australians and their culture. These advertisements are now being shown worldwide and we hope they will bring many new visitors to our very unique part of the world.

Future Workforce Opportunities

During September, the CEO and I also had a very positive meeting with Iluka's local management representatives, Jason and Bronwyn,

about their mining production and the opportunities for local employment. Identifying the value of local staff and the existing skills within the community they are on the hunt for employees in all areas of their business and have put local representation KPI's in front of their mining partner Piacentini & Son. They are also looking at how they can promote their operation to the local youth and position themselves as a quality career path through connections with local high schools. We are indeed fortunate to have diverse industry within our region that can provide a variety of job opportunities.

Tennis in WA Regions

I have had a very busy September and was fortunate enough to recently travel to Melbourne as a guest of Tennis Australia to attend a conference on participation in tennis. I was very honoured to be asked to represent WA Regions in an effort to get more people to take up my favourite sport. With the recent success of so many young Australian players, in particular the all-inspiring Ash Barty, recently retired from the sport, interest in tennis is now greater than ever. The recent retirement of one of the best ever, the great Roger Federer, further opens the door for new talent to succeed at the very top level. At the same time, I was able to see my family in Melbourne that I have not seen for 3 years! I had such a great time being shown around Melbourne which reignited my interest in the lovely inner city and parks. On top of all that, a special mention of my wonderful grandchildren who have grown so much in the past 3 years. Ryder now 16, is 6ft 2, and Lily, 18, now 6ft. Needless to say, I felt like a dwarf up against them!



History's New Home

Congratulations to the Cervantes Historical Society on their opening of their new home a few weekends back. This was a well attend event and it must be acknowledged how hard this group work and we are so very proud of all their achievements.

Return of Youth Festival

Wednesday, just gone, saw the return of the Shire's annual Smarter than Smoking Spray the Grey youth festival at Fauntleroy Park in Jurien Bay.

Once again, the festival was jam-packed full of rides, amusements, entertainment, music and food vendors, and it is a great event to host during the school holidays.

Congratulations to all Shire staff, in particular our Community Development Officer Rhiarn, and the volunteers involved in coordinating this event. Considerable work is done behind the scenes by a great team of people to make this event possible and without them it just wouldn't happen. It was so great to see locals and visitors to Jurien Bay all enjoying the event and the weather certainly didn't disappoint either.

People's Voice in Letters

A special mention needs to be made to recognise local community members, in particular, Penelope Normington, for all their efforts in keeping the Jurien Bay Marina issue at the forefront of State politician minds. At last weekend's Community

Markets, Penelope hosted a writing table where a variety of letter templates were available for individuals to sign and also include their own personal comment at the end of each letter. The Shire of Dandaragan were pleased to be able to assist Penny and her team by printing most of these letters to be made available on the day.

There are now over 200 letters signed and addressed to the Ministers for Health, Tourism, Environment, Primary Industries and Regional Development, and Transport (with the aim of this increasing to 300), and these will be mailed to respective Ministers in the near future.



2022 AUSSIE BIRD COUNT

You're invited to join in the 2022 Aussie Bird Count happening during National Bird Week, 17-23 October.

Make a difference for bird conservation by giving a moment of your time to count the birds that are counting on you. Participate in the Aussie Bird Count during Bird Week in October and use your observation skills for a 20-minute period to make a simple but important contribution to Birdlife Australia's conservation initiatives.

Each year people across the country head out to their front yards, backyards, courtyards, parks and play areas to count how many birds they see to provide a snapshot of Australia's more common bird species. It's a fun, simple and safe activity observing nature, which is proven to provide benefits to mental health and wellbeing.

Collecting this data at the same time each year allows us to look at the trends in our bird communities over time. Think of birds as a barometer for nature, as their health and wellbeing is one of nature's best indicators.

Download the Aussie Bird Count app and get involved or learn more at aussiebirdcount.org.au and join the flock for Australia's largest citizen science project – Aussie Bird Count.



DRAFT POSITION STATEMENT ON FUTURE OF JURIEN HALL

Over the past year, the Shire of Dandaragan have been working with heritage consultant Laura Grey and the community regarding the future of the Jurien Hall.

The Shire's Municipal Inventory of Heritage Places identifies the building as a Category 3 item which is a place of some cultural heritage significance to the Shire of Dandaragan. Under Category 3, the Shire is encouraged to retain the building or document the place if retention is not possible.

In late 2021, the Shire began a multi-faceted community consultation approach to better understand the community's heritage values of the hall and to gain insight into a range of proposed options about retention or disposal of the building. This began with a community survey. After reviewing the community's survey feedback and with advice from the heritage consultant, 5 options were developed and presented at a recent community meeting to gauge the public's sentiment related to the options – the options related to the Hall's future ranging from demolition of the Hall to a complete refurbishment or redevelopment.

One of the options included the presentation of a proposal from the Jurien Bay RSL Sub-Branch to redevelop the site with a new building for the purposes of a RSL facility that would include a military museum, function hall, meeting rooms, offices and kitchen.

Council is now at a key decision-making stage and has prepared the following draft position for public feedback prior to finalising a decision on the building's future, including the proposed redevelopment.

The draft position for the future of the Jurien Hall is as follows:

1. The Shire will authorise the demolition of the Jurien Hall which will be replaced by a new building constructed by the Returned & Services League of Australia WA Branch Incorporated – Jurien Bay Sub-Branch (RSL).
2. The lease for the site to the (RSL) will contain conditions that require:
 1. The Shire to contribute \$60,000 towards the demolition and site preparation works subject to the salvaging of the timber flooring and structurally viable timbers from the building.
 2. The new RSL building is to feature the use of a significant quantity of the salvaged flooring and timbers to the satisfaction of the Shire of Dandaragan.
 3. All remaining flooring and structural timbers will be returned to the Shire of Dandaragan.
 4. The RSL is to design, install and maintain a suitable memorial plaque and foundation featuring an image and acknowledgement of the Jurien Town Hall within the leased area to the satisfaction of the Shire of Dandaragan.
3. Prior to the demolition of the site the following activities are to be undertaken:
 1. A digital video and photographic capture of the site.
 2. A request for community members to supply copies of past photos of events at the Town Hall for interpretative projects and historical retention.

Feedback and comments on the draft position statement are now invited and the public comment period will close at 5pm Friday 28 October 2022. Please address all comments and feedback to the CEO via email at council@dandaragan.wa.gov.au, or by mail to PO Box 676, Jurien Bay 6516.

Council Meeting

The next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 27 October 2022 at the Dandaragan Community Recreation Club commencing at 4.00pm. Members of the public are welcome and encouraged to attend.



ADMINISTRATION / LIBRARY & VISITORS CENTRE OPENING HOURS

Current opening hours for the Shire of Dandaragan Administration Centre / Library & Visitors Centre are Monday - Friday from 9am - 4pm. If you would like to meet with a staff member outside of these opening hours, please call or email to make an appointment.



2022 OUTSTANDING CITIZEN / OUTSTANDING YOUNG CITIZEN AWARDS

The Shire of Dandaragan is again inviting nominations from clubs, organisations and citizens within the Shire for the above mentioned awards. Nomination forms will be posted out to Community Groups shortly and also may be obtained from the Shire Office in Jurien Bay or go to the Shire of Dandaragan Awards page at <https://www.dandaragan.wa.gov.au>. Nominations close 31 October 2022. The awards ceremony will be at Dandaragan Community Centre on Tuesday 7 February 2023 commencing at 7.00pm.

The ceremony is open to all members of the public and supper and refreshments will be provided.



SAFE ISOLATION AND QUARANTINE

More and more people are requiring isolation and quarantine as a result of COVID-19.

The Department of Health has provided advice about how to isolate and quarantine effectively on the HealthyWA website, including how to protect others, care for others, and what to do when living with those at greater risk of serious illness.

The advice is also available as a printable factsheet. Refer to the 'What is isolation and quarantine and how do I do so safely?' accordion. Refer to the 'Looking after yourself in quarantine and isolation' accordion for advice about food and medication access during isolation and quarantine, what to do in an emergency and how to access medical assistance.

For local assistance, the Shire of Dandaragan's COVID Neighbourhood Heart initiative is still running and we have a number of people who are available to help those in need. You can register to get help with shopping, walking your dog, phone check-ins, or any other assistance you might need as you isolate or quarantine. Details are available at the Shire website, on the COVID Neighbourhood Heart Initiative page where we will link people needing help with those able to help. If you have previously registered to help, there is no need to reregister unless your details have changed.

CERVANTES LIBRARY OFFICER (PERMANENT PART TIME)

We currently have a wonderful opportunity to work as a Library Officer located in the stunning coastal town of Cervantes, on a permanent part time basis.

In this rewarding position you will provide high quality customer service and approachable first point-of-contact, mindful of the positive public relations impact such a service offers.

We are open and welcoming to all members of the community. If you are looking for work/life balance and have strong customer service and computer skills, then this is the job for you!

An information package including the Position Description can be obtained via email to cghr@dandaragan.wa.gov.au or via the Shire's website www.dandaragan.wa.gov.au/employment. Further information about the position is available by contacting the Shire's HR Coordinator, Sharon McArdle, on 9652 0800.

Applications for this position are open until 4pm Friday 7 October 2022.

The Shire of Dandaragan is an equal opportunity employer.

Brent Bailey
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Canvassing of Councillors will disqualify. The successful applicant is required to obtain relevant police checks, and to provide evidence of all claimed qualifications prior to commencing employment.

CHANGE TO RUBBISH COLLECTION DAYS – ALTA MARE AND JURIEN BAY HEIGHTS

The Shire of Dandaragan has received advice from Avon Waste requesting a change to the weekly waste collection day for Alta Mare and Jurien Bay Heights rural estates.

This request is due to current time issues with Avon Waste resources stretched to capacity following steady increases in building development across the Jurien Bay townsite and subsequent bin numbers continuing to grow. As a result, Avon Waste advise that rubbish collection on Tuesday's is now too large to manage within the allocated workday hours.

It is therefore proposed that the waste collection day for Alta Mare and Jurien Bay Heights be changed to a Wednesday, effective from Wednesday, 26 October 2022.

Additional information regarding this change will be circulated to property owners within these Estates, including posts on our Shire website and Facebook pages to ensure that all those affected are notified well in advance of the change.

Any additional queries regarding this matter can be directed to the Executive Manager Infrastructure via email at emi@dandaragan.wa.gov.au or (08) 9652 0800.



REPORT ANY ISSUE, ANYTIME, ANYWHERE



Spotted an issue in your community like graffiti, illegal parking, dumped rubbish, trip hazards or potholes? Time to get Snapping!

Snap Send Solve is a free app that simplifies the reporting of community issues across Australia to local councils and other authorities

Snap Send Solve makes reporting quick and easy which means when you see an issue while you're out, you can let the responsible authority know. The app also allows you to provide an image of the issue and its geolocation, all with only a few taps. To find out more download the Snap Send Solve app today.



SHIRE OF DANDARAGAN ON FACEBOOK

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.



LUCKY SCRIBBLERS FESTIVAL WINNER

This month sees us wrap up the Scribblers Festival for another year. The festival is a calendar of literature and arts activities for young people, held over a number of months each year. The festival invites young people and the 'young at heart' to celebrate the magic of storytelling through various activities and events.

One of those activities is the Golden Feather Hunt. With the help of our librarian superheroes, each year 15,000 feather shaped bookmarks are hidden in the children's and young adult section of libraries across Western Australia. Feather finders have the opportunity to win a variety of prizes, but most of all, fuel their love of reading and libraries.



This year, lucky local reader Tatum Eacott, aged 10, found an Amethyst Feather at Jurien Bay Library.

Tatum found her feather in J.K. Rowling's Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire, and was very excited to receive her book prize Wombat, Mudlark & Other Stories by Helen Milroy."



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SCRIBBLERS FESTIVAL

Join us at Jurien Bay Library
10 - 1pm Wednesday 5 & Thursday 6 October

2 day Visual Story Board Workshop
with local artist Linda Quanchi



Embellish your art piece with personal
momentos and keepsakes

All ages and abilities welcome, bookings essential
Call 9652 0810 or email jblibrary@dandaragan.wa.gov.au to book



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The Smoke Column

LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

During September, the Local Emergency Management Committee conducted their annual multi-agency emergency exercise. The exercise was designed to test the operation capacity for a group of the areas local first responders including WA Police, Bush Fire Brigades, Fire and Rescue Brigades, St Johns, Department of Communities, Parks and Wildlife Service and the Shires corporate team.

Whilst a handful of improvement areas were noted within the various groups abilities to respond to the selected emergency effectively and efficiently, the bulk of the exercise was conducted with confidence and knowhow in the predetermined procedures already in place. "Improvement areas" may not sound like a positive thing, however it is beneficial to identify these now, as improvements and contingencies can be put in place for future responses. Seeking funding and training opportunities will be a priority to improving some of these weaknesses over the coming months.

ESCAPED BURNS

Canover Bush Fire Brigade has been called to several escaped burn-offs over the last week. It was lucky that the weather on these days was calm and both fires were contained to the property. As it heats up over the next couple of weeks the risk of a burn escaping will increase, and you will need to be smart and vigilant when conducting a burn on your property. If you want to get your hands on some helpful tips for burning off visit the Burn Smart area on the Department of Fire and Emergency Services Website.

From October 1, you will require a permit to burn prior to setting fire to bush, piles, or other matter. A permit can be obtained by contacting a Fire Control Officer found in the Bushfire section the Shires Website or by contacting the Shire Office.

FIRE SEASON APPROACHING

Now is the time to start getting in touch with firebreak contractors and to start tidying your yards. Rangers will be conducting property checks in October and November to ensure your property is compliant to the regulations set in the Shire's Firebreak & Fuel Hazard Reduction Notice. Extensions may be given under certain circumstances; however, fines and work notices may apply for those whose properties are not up to standard. If you have not received a copy of the Fire Notice in your rates you can pick up a copy at the Shire's Jurien Bay administration office or the CRC in Dandaragan.

The work you do on your property makes a difference to more than just your property; it builds a network of defence across entire suburbs to reduce the risk of fire impacting not only your property, but your neighbours too. If you want assistance in clarifying the work your property requires, or help with burning off, you can contact the Shire of Dandaragan on 9652 0800 and we'll be happy to help.

As of 1 September 2022, the Australian Fire Danger Rating System changes will come into effect. These changes bring the system in line with a nationally consistent system and provide a much more accurate approach to generate the rating. If you want to know more or where to find the fire danger rating visit www.emergency.wa.gov.au . These changes will have implications which affect when you can burn off or light a campfire on your property or approved locations, amongst other activities so it's best to get your head around it soon.

Will Miller
Shire of Dandaragan Emergency Management Coordinator



OWNERS AND OR OCCUPIERS OF LAND - FIREBREAK NOTICE

The Shire would like to remind landowner/occupiers with the Shire of Dandaragan that firebreaks must be installed by 1 November 2022 and maintained clear of inflammable material up to and including 30 April 2023 as per the requirements in relation to Section 33 of the Bush Fires Act 1954. Failure to comply may result with a penalty and prosecution. The information below summarises your fire mitigation responsibilities.

PLANTATIONS, FIREBREAK & FUEL HAZARD REDUCTION NOTICE

Tree plantations of more than 3 hectares but less than 10 hectares.

Clear and maintain a 10m wide mineral earth firebreak with a vertical clearance of 4m high, clear of all inflammable material immediately surrounding the plantation (adjacent areas of the same property subject to provisions as for rural areas).

Plantations larger than 10 hectares

Plantations established after the 30 November 1984 that exceed 3 hectares in total area shall have a 10 metre wide firebreak completely surrounding the perimeter of planted trees. Each compartment of a plantation is limited to an area of less than 30 hectares in size. Each 30 hectare compartment shall have a 10 metre wide firebreak surrounding the planted trees. Furthermore, all plantations shall comply with requirements contained in the Department of Fire and Emergency Services guidelines or standards for Plantation Fire Protection.

URBAN/RESIDENTIAL LAND, FIREBREAK & FUEL HAZARD REDUCTION NOTICE.

(All gazetted townsites)

Clear and maintain all inflammable materials on the property so it does not exceed 5 centimetres in height from 1st November 2022 to 30th April 2023



RURAL RESIDENTIAL LAND, FIRE BREAK & FUEL HAZARD REDUCTION NOTICE.

Rural development, properties up to 20 hectares (50 acres)

This category relates to all lots in all industrial estates and the subdivisions of Jurien Bay Heights, Alta Mare, Marine Fields, Koorungal Vale and Hill River Heights.

- Clear and maintain a 3m wide firebreak with a vertical clearance of 4m high, clear of any obstructions (no hanging tree limbs or objects) immediately inside or as close as practical inside all external boundaries of the land to allow for the unobstructed movement of Fire Appliances.

In rural residential land subject to erosion firebreaks can be slashed, however they MUST be maintained to a height less than 10cm.

- On heavily vegetated or grassed blocks a further 5m low fuel zone is required in addition to the 3m firebreak. Fuel is defined as any material such as grass, leaf litter, twigs, barks, logs, even live vegetation, that can be ignited and sustain a fire. Fuel loads must be less than 2 tonnes per hectare.
- Clear and maintain a 20m Building Protection Zone around all habitable buildings.

RURAL LAND, FIREBREAK & FUEL HAZARD REDUCTION NOTICE.

All properties above 20 hectares

- Clear a firebreak consisting of mineral earth, to a width of no less than 3m, as close as practicable, inside the external boundaries of the property.
- Firebreaks must be maintained to provide a vertical clearance of a minimum 4m to allow adequate access for fire appliances.
- Clear and maintain a 5m mineral earth firebreak immediately surrounding all fuel and chemical storage areas.
- Clear and maintain a 2m mineral earth cleared area around all stationary pumps and motors. Areas cleared and piled for burning require a 20m mineral earth firebreak.
- Clear and maintain a 3m mineral earth fire break around all haystacks and hay sheds.
- Clear and maintain a 20m Building Protection Zone around all habitable buildings.

Restricted Burning Time

The restricted burning period commenced on 19 September 2022. From this point onwards a permit to burn must be obtained from your local fire control officer if you intend to burn. Contact details for fire control officers are on the last page of the Shire's fire break and fuel hazard reduction notice that is attached to your rates notice or on the Shire website. Please note that permits to burn will have conditions attached and will generally not be issued for burning on Sundays or public holidays unless approved by the Chief Bushfire Control Officer. Prior to any burning you are required to notify your neighbours and the Shire of Dandaragan on 9652 0800. If the burn is to be carried out on any land that is adjoining or adjacent to land that is managed or controlled by the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions their office is to be notified by telephoning 9688 6000.

Prohibited Burning Time

The prohibited burning period will come into effect on 1 November 2022 and run until 28 February 2023. During the prohibited burning period no burning is permitted and permits to burn will not be issued.