

SHIRE MATTERS

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



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Jurien Bay Takes out Gold

Jurien Bay Has taken out Gold at the Tourism Council WA 2026, Perth Airport Tourism awards. I had the great pleasure of accepting the top award for the Small-Town Award at the Tourism WA Conference and awards dinner in Carnarvon on 26th May. Jurien Bay will now go onto the National Awards representing WA in the Small-Town Category. This is the first time that Jurien Bay entered the awards and we were very surprised to overcome the host town of Carnarvon. What this means for the town is that we can now leverage the award in our marketing campaigns to bring more tourists to the town. Local businesses not only in Jurien Bay but across the Shire can have access to resources to promote their business and the region to their patrons. Our entry was put together by inhouse staff Rhiarn Sutton (Manager Customer and Community Services) and Makayla Hendry (Community Development Officer) with the aid of a professional videographer - Makayla also featured in our video presentation. Kalbarri took out gold in the Tiny Town Category for the third year in a row and now enters the WA Tourism Awards hall of fame. Congratulations to Kalbarri on their commitment and resilience particularly following Cyclone

Seroja. Kununara had the honour of being crowned top Tourism Town across WA



Tronox and Shire of Dandaragan Grants determined

The annual Tronox and Shire of Dandaragan Grants for 2026 have now been finalised. Representatives from all four towns across the Shire met on Tuesday, 2 June to assess the various applications and determine which would be recommended to Council at its meeting on 25 June. The panel responsible for recommending applications to Council is made up of two delegates from each town's residents' group. They are joined by a representative from the Tronox Management Group, along with the Shire President, who chairs the meeting. Administrative support and background information are provided by the Shire's Community Development team. The delegates were impressed by the overall standard of applications received, but noted a few common mistakes that applicants continue to make; including

- Submitting late applications.

Incomplete applications, such as missing financials, missing group meeting minutes where it was decided to make an

- application or insufficient or poor-quality quotes to support their application.
- Insufficient funds to complete the project.

These have been common mistakes over the years that can easily be avoided by following the checklists at the end of each application. Given the volume of submissions each year it is common for the group determining the applications to reject applications that haven't met the criteria as set out in the guidelines. The best way to ensure that your application won't be cut at the first hurdle is to make sure you have met the requirements in the form and to speak to the Community Development Team early to ensure that you are interpreting the forms correctly. The team is there to help applicants put forward the strongest possible submission, so the assessing panel can consider each application on its merits rather than dismissing it due to avoidable mistakes. Assessments for the Economic Development, Environmental and Community Grants will also be completed and recommendations presented to the June 25 Council meeting. The June Council meeting will be held at 11:00am at the Jurien Bay Council Chamber in front of students from years five and six from our Shire's primary schools. Having the students there provides them with an opportunity to see how Council works. Having the grant assessment recommendations presented at that meeting provides a point of interest for the students because there will generally be recipients from each town.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Free mammograms for women in Jurien Bay

BreastScreen WA's FREE mobile screening mammogram service will visit Jurien Bay from 9 July to 3 August 2026, located at Fauntleroy Park (Cook Street corner). Women aged 40 years and over with no breast cancer symptoms are eligible for a free screening mammogram.

Breast cancer affects 1 in 7 Australian women during their lifetime and is the most common life-threatening cancer for women. Regular screening every two years helps detect cancer early, often before it can be felt, improving treatment outcomes and survival rates. More than 75 per cent of breast cancers occur in women over 50, making regular screening especially important for this age group. A screening mammogram takes only 20 minutes and can detect up to 90 per cent of breast cancers. Women who notice any persistent breast changes should contact their doctor. To book a free appointment, visit BreastScreen WA online. If the Jurien Bay dates are unsuitable, appointments can be made at other mobile or permanent clinic locations.

www.breastscreen.health.wa.gov.au

or call 13 20 50.

Early detection is your best protection.

Dandaragan Repertory Group Celebrate Fifty Years

The Dandaragan Repertory group celebrated its fiftieth year with their most recent performance on 8th and 9th May 2026. This is a fantastic achievement for any community group but especially since the Dandaragan Repertory group are one of just a handful of repertory groups still operating across regional WA. This year's performance was set around the murder mystery game Cluedo with all the usual suspects that you would expect to see in a classic Cluedo murder mystery. Congratulations on another extraordinary and very entertaining performance and I hope to get to next year's show. It was great to see key performances again from our talented locals:

Peter Popperwell - Mr Boddy	Guy Smith - Professor Plum
Jane Roberts - Miss Scarlet	Murray Mc Glew - Mr Green
Sharon Gregoor - Mrs Peacock	Liis Melesk - Mrs White
Bron Fox - Colonal Mustard	Owen Gregoor - Wadsworth
Adele Gray - French Maid, and the singing telegram	Alex Rosley - Frustrated Chief of Police
Jenene Rosley - Cook	Belinda Abele - Tourist, Police Officer
Andrea Hurst - Director	

Cr Tony O'Gorman
Shire President

Council Meeting

The next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held on Thursday, 25 June 2026, at the Jurien Bay Council Chambers, commencing at 4:00pm. Members of the public are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Summary of Jurien Bay Community Catch-up Topics

Passamani Park Trees (Pinetree Circuit) Residents have raised concerns about Sheoak trees causing debris issues affecting gutters, rainwater tanks, and pools. Officers acknowledge the impact but note that tree removal based on nuisance alone is not supported under the Street Tree and Streetscape Policy. Further investigation and targeted management (e.g. pruning) will be considered before any removal decisions. A landscaping redesign of Passamani Park may also be explored.

Telecommunications Recent mobile service disruptions in Jurien Bay have been resolved by Telstra. An intermittent fault was identified and fixed, with enhanced monitoring now in place to prevent recurrence.

Outdoor Gym Equipment A request for outdoor gym equipment near the skatepark has been received. While not currently in the adopted Foreshore Masterplan, this can be added as a possible future action for Council prioritisation. While it was discussed, there didn't appear to be significant support for such a project at this time given other redevelopment priorities.

Illegal Camping Patrols Enquiries were made about whether any plans have been considered to better control illegal overnight camping at beach car parks and community parks, including whether additional Rangers could be employed to work evening and early morning hours to patrol, issue fines, and strengthen enforcement. Rangers continue to patrol known camping hotspots within operational capacity, with early and late shifts undertaken where possible. Fines have been issued and logged with the State's fines enforcement register.

Shopping Centre Carpark It was requested that the directional arrows and parking bay lines in the shopping centre carpark be freshened up. The shopping centre carpark is the owner's responsibility, and the Shire is liaising with the owner regarding a broader refresh, including line marking and signage.

Marina Update Clarification was sought on the expected start of the Marina Groyne works and whether the Shire has commenced stockpiling rocks. Unexpected geotechnical conditions required additional design work. Detailed design is now approximately 85% complete and expected to be finalised by June. Rock stockpiling will occur as part of the construction contract.

Bashford Street Pedestrian Crossing An enquiry was raised about whether Jurien Bay will receive a pedestrian crossing over Bashford Street. A preliminary design for a pedestrian crossing upgrade on Indian Ocean Drive (south of Whitfield Street) has been developed. Main Roads WA has committed to another Road Safety Audit. Two Traffic Wardens have been appointed, Laura and Fariba.

Jetty Extension Detailed design funding will be considered in the 26/27 budget deliberations. The jetty extension concept is included in the revised Foreshore Masterplan.

A query was made about the RSL rates contributions: The Jurien Bay RSL pays no Shire rates on their new facility as a not-for-profit community entity. Maintenance of the new RSL building is the responsibility of the RSL as lessee. RSL do pay residential rates on the property which is rented out as a short stay rental.

Fenced Dog Area A fenced dog area was requested near the Bashford Street rest stop. An investigation is required to confirm whether it is compatible with the high vehicle volumes at this location and its other uses. The site is being enhanced with hard-sealed surfaces and ablutions under a Main Roads license agreement and detailed design could confirm whether other visitor amenities could enhance the site.

Speed Concerns – Grigson/White Street Speed limits (50km/h) are Main Roads WA's responsibility. Traffic calming measures may be explored as part of future foreshore commercial development.

Kids Wearing Helmets A suggestion was presented for Shire advocacy with WA Police regarding helmet use for children on electric bikes and scooters.

Infrastruce News

Cervantes North Entry Sign

The Cervantes North entry sign has recently undergone refurbishment, replacing the original which had faded due to sun exposure.

Before



After

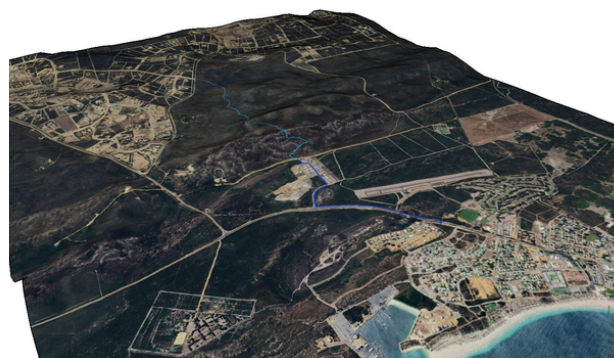


Rural Estates Path

Work on the Rural Estates Path continues to move forward, with the design and concept now close to finalisation. The proposed route has been surveyed and is shaping up to be an appealing and practical trail for the community.

The project is currently awaiting the required land approvals before progressing further. At the same time, opportunities for external funding are being actively explored to support construction and delivery.

Further updates will be shared as the project progresses.



Dandaragan Road

Kerbing works within the Dandaragan Precinct have been completed, enhancing and complementing the recent road upgrades throughout the town.



Infrastruce News

We are pleased to announce that the Bashford–Coalseam cycle path has now received its final seal and is officially open for community use.

This long-anticipated project delivers an important connection between the Bashford and Coalseam industrial areas, providing a safer and more convenient route for cyclists and pedestrians travelling between town and these key employment precincts.

The new shared path improves accessibility and enhances safety by offering an alternative to vehicle travel along busy roads.

Future stages of the project will see the path extended to connect surrounding rural estates with town services and the CBD, further strengthening links across our growing community.

Residents and visitors are encouraged to take advantage of this new infrastructure and enjoy the improved connectivity it provides.



Outbuildings (Sheds) – What’s Allowed & Where? in residential and rural residential areas

Outbuilding Maximum Area & Heights – RESIDENTIAL ZONE	
Deemed to Comply	
Enclosed Area	7.1.1. 80m2. 7.1.2 The enclosed area can be increased to 90m2 if: (a) no freestanding garden shed is present (or proposed to be erected). 7.1.3 An enclosed area up to 100 m2 is permitted where: (a) no freestanding garden shed is present (or proposed to be erected) and (b) There is no garage or carport on the property.
Open Space	Must not reduce the required Open Space area under the R-Codes.
Wall height	3.6m
Total/ridge height	4.5m
Boundary setbacks	As per 'Table 2a' of the Residential Design Codes Volume 1 (as amended).

Deemed-to-comply – RURAL RESIDENTIAL ZONE			
	Alte Mare	Jurien Bay Heights	Marine Fields / Hill River
Aggregate total area	300m²	300m²	120m²
Wall height	4.2m	4.2m	3.6m
Total/ridge height	5.5m	5.5m	4.5m
Minimum Boundary Setbacks	Alte Mare	Jurien Bay Heights	Marine Fields / Hill River
Front	20m	30m	20m
Rear	30m	50m	50m
Side	10m	15m	10m
Additional Note	Outbuildings must be located within an approved building envelope and in compliance with boundary setbacks.		

More information is available on the Shire of Dandaragan website

Clearing of Native Vegetation

If you are looking to clear native vegetation on a rural residential block, please be aware of the need to obtain relevant approvals. You cannot clear native vegetation unless:

- a permit has been obtained from the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation under Part V of the Environmental Protection Act (1986); or
- the clearing is of an exempt form in accordance with (see link below)
- the clearing is further to the provisions of other legislation (see link below)

i.e. subdivision approval, construction of a fire break, or implementation of an approved bushfire management plan.

https://www.der.wa.gov.au/images/documents/yourenvironment/nativevegetation/Fact_sheets/Native_Vegetation_Conservation_Fact_Sheet_9.pdf

Draft Disability Access and Inclusion Plan

The Shire of Dandaragan is seeking your feedback to finalise our Disability Access and Inclusion Plan (DAIP) 2026-2030.

At the 28 May 2026 Ordinary Council Meeting, a decision was made to endorse the draft Disability Access and Inclusion Plan (DAIP) 2026-2030 for public comment prior to adoption.

The draft DAIP was prepared after previous consultation with people with disability, their families and carers, services providers, Shire staff and the broader community through a survey to provide feedback on ways to improve services for people with disability.

The Shire is seeking feedback from the community on whether this draft DAIP will better provide for people with disability living in and visiting our community. We encourage both individual and community group submissions to gain a broad perspective of the draft document.

Your valuable feedback may be used to refine the draft DAIP to ensure that the document aligns with our aim of improving inclusiveness and accessibility for people with disability.

The draft DAIP is available to download from the Shire website. Alternatively, hard copies will be available to collect from the Shire Administration Centre in Jurien Bay, or libraries and CRCs around the Shire.

Submissions must be made via email to council@dandaragan.wa.gov.au, by post to PO Box 676, Jurien Bay 6516, or hand delivered to the Shire Administration Centre.

Ranger News

Responsible Dog ownership in the Shire of Dandaragan

The Shire of Dandaragan is committed to supporting responsible pet ownership and ensuring a safe and enjoyable environment for all residents, visitors and pets within our community.

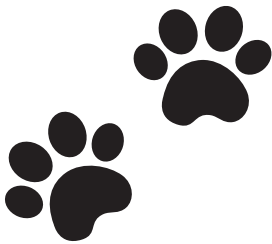
Residents are advised that no more than two dogs over the age of three months are permitted to be kept on a residential property within the Shire of Dandaragan. Property owners wishing to keep more than the prescribed number of dogs are required to apply for exemption pursuant to Section 26(3) of the Dog Act 1976.

Applications can be found on the Shire of Dandaragan website.

With an increase in dogs wandering at large, residents are reminded that all dogs must be securely contained to their owner’s property at all times and kept on a leash in public places, excluding designated off-lead exercise areas.

All dogs are required to be registered with the Shire. Keeping your dog’s registration current assists Rangers to quickly identify and return lost dogs home.

Thankyou for supporting responsible dog ownership across the Shire.



Expression of Interest

Skill Up Program



Please complete the expression of interest survey below

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/FKC8x5DQ0m>



KEY FEATURES

These courses will be delivered online and face to face.

White Card

Fast Track to Hospitality

Food safety and supervision

Working at Heights and in confined spaces

Responsible Service of Alcohol

Barista Course



For further information please contact the Community Development Team (08) 9652 0800