

# SHIRE MATTERS

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# A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



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## Last Report

This is my last report as President of the current Council. The September Council meeting will be the last meeting of the current group of Councillors. When the Council meets in October, it will be the first meeting with four new or returning Councillors to be sworn in following the 18 October elections.

We will definitely have at least two new Councillors replacing our two retiring Councillors Maddi McDonald and Jason Clarke. Both have served the Shire well over their respective terms. Two of our existing Councillors are seeking re-election and depending on how people vote, they may or may not return.

Regardless, I look forward to working over the next two years with the new Councillors as well as those not up for election this year.

As Councillors, we are required to attend Council meetings, briefing sessions, and any other meetings pertaining to the good governance of our local government. It is a very rewarding role particularly reflecting on the achievements of Council over the past few years.

We have managed to secure funding to have the Jurien Bay Marina Breakwater to be completed next year. We have successfully lobbied to have the Apex site cleared and sold on the open market. All our towns have had significant capital infrastructure upgrades.

The recreation precinct Master plans have been undertaken in all but one town, Badgingarra. This Masterplan will progress over the next few months.

The Cervantes Recreation Precinct Masterplan is already starting to take shape with tenders being called for the construction of the additional change rooms and new front entry to the Community Recreation Centre.

Dandaragan Recreation Precinct Masterplan has been out for final public consultation before the Council formally adopt it.

The Jurien Bay Recreation Precinct Masterplan is up for consideration at the September Council meeting prior to it going out for final public consultation.

## Council elections

This time round, we have a record number of candidates for the four vacant positions.

This is great for our Shire as it indicates that people are genuinely engaged in the democratic process.

I encourage everyone that has a vote in this election to exercise that vote thoughtfully so that we have the best possible council looking after our Shire.

Voting is by postal ballot and everyone should now have their voting papers through Australia Post.

Please visit the Shire of Dandaragan website for a full list of candidates, their candidate statement, and their position on the ballot paper.

Please feel free to contact them to ask them their views on Council and determine if you think they are worthy of your vote.

# Council Meeting

The next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held on Thursday, 27 November 2025, at the Jurien Bay Council Chambers, commencing at 4:00pm. Members of the public are welcome and encouraged to attend.

The next Shire of Dandaragan Local Government Election will be held on Saturday, 18 October 2025.

The 2025 Local Government Ordinary Election has attracted strong interest, with 10 candidates nominating for election to Council. There are four Councillor vacancies to be filled.

Candidate profiles, which provide information about each nominee's background, experience and priorities, are available for the community to view.

These profiles are intended to help electors make an informed decision when casting their vote.

The Shire of Dandaragan encourages everyone that is eligible to make their vote count by participating in the election of their preferred local representative.

Please visit the Shire website to view candidate profiles.



## LOCAL GOVERNMENT ORDINARY ELECTION 2025 – DANDARAGAN

**ROLL CLOSE: 5:00 PM Friday, 22 August 2025**

**CLOSE OF NOMINATIONS: 4:00 PM Thursday, 4 September 2025**

**DATE OF ELECTION: Saturday 18 October 2025**

**RETURNING OFFICER: Jazzie Alexander**

**Mobile: 0491 812 380**

**Email: [LGro\\_Dandaragan@elections.wa.gov.au](mailto:LGro_Dandaragan@elections.wa.gov.au)**

### DANDARAGAN

Vacancies	(4) Councillors
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Expiry of term	20 October 2029
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Total electors	2,919
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### Candidates

HEARLE, Brooke

LETHLEAN, Graham

SCOTT, Mal

GLASFURD, Rose

JOHNSON, Susan

FREW, Courtney

PROBERT, Suzie

KRAKOWIAK, Stephanie

KRIEG, Rick

BROWN, David

To view candidate profiles please visit our website – [www.dandaragan.wa.gov.au](http://www.dandaragan.wa.gov.au)

# The Smoke Column

## FIRE SEASON IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER

With fire season not that far away, it is time to put your thinking caps on and find out how you're going to protect your home, family, and livelihood from the threat of bushfire through the coming months.

Now is a good time to get ahead of the rush and book your fire break contractors ready for 1 November 2025. Some contractors have a wait time of six weeks to get through their list of clients' fire breaks so it's best you make the call soon. It is also a great time to clean the gutters, knock down the weeds surrounding your house and sheds, and create a bushfire plan; that's right, we'll be nagging about this one for a while!

During times of intense stress and panic, our ability to think on the fly goes out the window. It is important that you make a plan, so you are prepared when a bush fire is heading in your direction.

Let's have a think about the following questions:

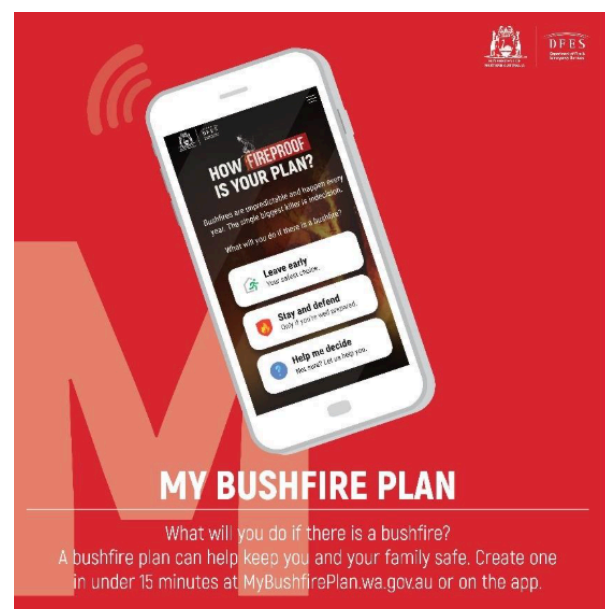
- Do you live in a rural area, within eyeshot of bushland, or have vegetation on or near your property?
- Do you have belongings, photos and documents that are sentimental to you?
- Do you have dependents, pets, or livestock?
- Are you unsure of whether you will stay and defend, or evacuate and find refuge?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, it is important that you have a bush fire plan in place before summer.

Check out [www.mybushfireplan.wa.gov.au](http://www.mybushfireplan.wa.gov.au) on your PC or download the app via the App Store on your phone or tablet. This helpful guide, tailored to your family's needs, will help you reduce the stress and panic when a fire is coming towards you.

It is best if you sit down with your household and have a chat and make the plan together. It is important that everyone understands the plan, knows their role, and provides input to ensure everything that is important to you and them remains safe this fire season.

For more information contact the Shire on 9652 0800 or email [fire@dandaragan.wa.gov.au](mailto:fire@dandaragan.wa.gov.au)





## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT & MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT UPDATE

The Department of Transport and Major Infrastructure (DTMI) is actively monitoring the build-up of seagrass wrack at Jurien Bay Boat Harbour, both within the entrance channel and the harbour itself.

As announced in the 2024–25 State Budget, the northern breakwater will be extended by 170 metres to improve harbour conditions. Dredging works are scheduled for late 2025 to remove accumulated seagrass, deepen the navigation channels, improve water quality, and restore natural tidal flushing, making the harbour safer and more accessible for users.

These works follow detailed scientific investigations, which confirmed that reconfiguring the harbour entrance is the most effective long-term solution to address annual seagrass accumulation that has contributed to poor water quality, fish kills, and beach closures. Modelling shows that the new harbour design will divert up to 80% of seagrass wrack away from the harbour, reducing the potential for decomposition and oxygen loss in the water.

The reconfiguration project is now in the design stage, with a request for construction tenders to follow. It is expected to not only reduce the frequency of costly maintenance dredging but also create opportunities for private investment and leasehold development within the harbour.

In line with more sustainable practices, DTMI has secured environmental approvals to return dredged material offshore into a natural seabed depression, rather than placing it onshore as was done before 2020. This approach will be used in all future maintenance dredging campaigns.



# Cervantes Community Recreation Centre Playground Additions

**Cervantes Community Recreation Centre  
9 October 2025, 10am-12pm**

The Shire of Dandaragan is inviting community members to share their feedback on the Cervantes Recreation Playground proposal for new additions.

Join us at the playground, where Shire officers will be available to chat, answer questions, and hear your ideas.

Previous concept plans for the additions will be on display,  
and we would appreciate your input on plan as well as what features, equipment, or improvements you would like to see included.

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# Teddy Bear Picnic

## Celebrate Children's Week!

We are hosting a Teddy Bear Picnic in Jurien Bay and Dandaragan to celebrate Children's Week.

### Jurien Bay

Tuesday, 21 October 2025  
10am-12pm at Fauntleroy  
Park, Jurien Bay WA 6516

### Dandaragan

Wednesday, 22 October 2025  
10am-2pm at Pioneer Park,  
Dandaragan WA 6507

- 🐻 Jurien Bay Petting Farm
- 🐻 Children's Interactive Entertainment by Keeley
- 🐻 Bouncy Castle
- 🐻 Face Painting
- 🐻 Book Reading by local author Kasey Whitelaw
- 🐻 Plus more Activities



Pack a picnic, bring your favourite teddy, and join us for a morning of fun!



# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT NEWS

## ONLINE WORKSHOPS - CLUB DEVELOPMENT

We are offering a series of free online workshops open to local clubs and community members, covering a range of valuable topics, including:

- Legal and Financial Responsibilities
- Purpose and Strategic Planning
- Fundraising for Community Groups
- Grant Writing



To learn more about each workshop, including dates and times, visit the Shire's website or Facebook page, or alternatively, contact the Community Development Team. Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity to build your skills and strengthen your club!

If you have any questions, please contact the Community Development team at [council@dandaragan.wa.gov.au](mailto:council@dandaragan.wa.gov.au) or call (08) 9652 0800.

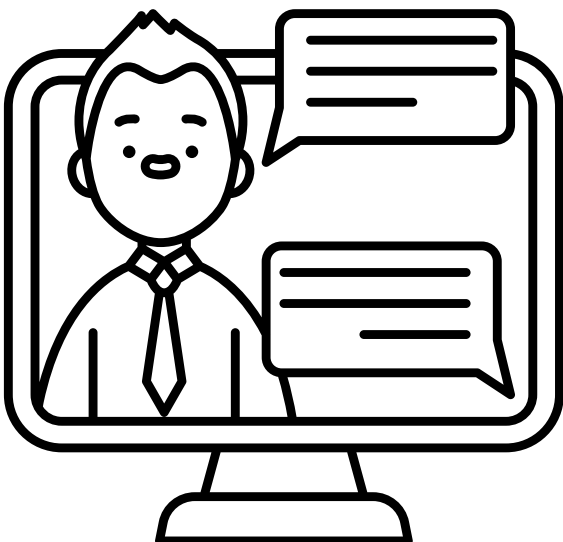
## 1:1 MENTORING SESSION - CLUB DEVELOPMENT

In addition to the workshops, your club has the opportunity to book a one-on-one session with the facilitator for tailored support and guidance based on your club's specific needs.

To request a session, contact the Community Development Team at [council@dandaragan.wa.gov.au](mailto:council@dandaragan.wa.gov.au) or call (08) 9652 0800.

Please note that availability is limited and not all times may be accommodated.

Thank you to the Department of Creative Industries, Tourism and Sport for supporting these sessions.





# DEVELOPMENT SERVICES NEWS

## LOCAL HERITAGE SURVEY 2025

In response to the requirements of the Heritage Act 2018, the Shire of Dandaragan has engaged a heritage consultant, Laura Gray, to undertake a review of the 1996 and 2004 updates of the Municipal Inventory of Heritage Places. As part of this work we are considering built places and sites of cultural significance.

The Local Heritage Survey will include the re-assessed places from 1996 and 2004, and any other places that members of the community consider of heritage value. State Planning Policy 3.5 and the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage's Guidelines for the assessment of local heritage places (2022) provide a base line so that all heritage places throughout Western Australia are assessed at the same level.

Places assessed as having a higher level of significance will form a "Heritage List" within the Local Heritage Survey. Owner consultation regarding "Heritage List" places will be an important part of the process.

Your assistance in identifying any places you think should be recorded as part of the Shire's heritage, would be much appreciated. Your contribution to the process is an opportunity to inform and be informed, involved and play a role in heritage recognition and conservation within the Shire of Dandaragan.

Nomination Forms are available online, at the Shire office and all the libraries.

Please complete the Nomination Form and return it to the Shire of Dandaragan by **4.00pm Friday 10 October 2025**.

## SHIRE OF DANDARAGAN INDUSTRIAL LAND NEEDS SURVEY

The Shire of Dandaragan has commenced the Industrial Land Needs Review to assess the impact of emerging industries on demand for industrial land across the Shire. The findings will inform future land use planning, support funding applications, and help attract investment.

The Shire of Dandaragan is inviting input from industry and business stakeholders, landowners, farming enterprises, and interested community members to help us better understand current and future industrial land needs across the Shire.

As part of this engagement, we will be conducting an Industrial Land Needs Survey, which will be available from Monday, 29 September to Monday, 20 October 2025 on the Shire of Dandaragan website under 'Have Your Say'.

The survey will also be distributed to industry and business stakeholders via email.

Please contact Janine Eriksson via [janinee@dandaragan.wa.gov.au](mailto:janinee@dandaragan.wa.gov.au) or on 9652 0822 if you require assistance in accessing and completing the survey.