



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK...



I cannot believe how quickly the months are flashing by and soon we will all be talking about Xmas. I have only been President for the past six months but it has seemed to go past so quickly and I seem busier each week.

Since we last went to print we have finished our end of the Community Consultation as part Council's Strategic Community Plan review process and it was great to meet so many people in all our towns and hear what you had to tell us. Even though some towns had a few less people than the last time we went out we have been buoyed by the amount of Survey Monkey entries we have received. Maybe this is the way of the future to communicate with us. At the moment our workshop facilitator, Carmel Ross, is going through all the

information gathered and will bring it Council at the end of April so that Council can consider what the most important items were for the Strategic Community Plan. Even though we would like to do everything you asked for we are only able to consider what we can deliver. However, there were many things that I can advocate for on your behalf and I will be constantly doing this to bring about much needed change.

The pilot Community Bus has just done its second run earlier this week and I am told that this is starting to take off. We have shortened the time of the trip and if you consult our website you will see it is much more user friendly. Working with another Shire on this and getting a workable model has been a logistical nightmare. The Shire's Community Development Officer, Michelle Perkins, has had a real challenge on her hands to get this up and running but has certainly delivered us a good model. I urge you to look at taking a trip as it is only \$25 which is great value for money. If it is not well utilised then we will not have the argument to keep it going in the future.



On 10 - 11 March the Councillors, senior staff and I went to Dongara for our monthly forum. We had some "BRAINSTORMING" sessions which have produced some very good ideas for the future. We had a chance to meet with the CEO and Shire President of Dongara, together with a couple of key staff, and talked about the similarities and differences between our Shires. There is always a lot to be learnt from moving out of your comfort zone and having an open mind. Thanks to those brave councillors who accompanied me on the 6.30am walk. How beautiful it was walking along the cliff tops to the very high lookout and seeing all the birdlife on the wetland walk.

During mid-March, myself and the Shire's Economic Development Coordinator, Alison Slyn, attended a meeting of the Tourism Industry Reference Group at the Department of Parks and Wildlife (DPaW) offices in Perth. It was a good opportunity for us to talk about our shire and to let everyone know about our new Turquoise Coast Visitor Centre. DPaW are about partnering with Shires and business to create great opportunities within National Parks and we look forward to working in partnership with them in the future.

Easter was a very busy time for everyone on the coast with some businesses reporting record numbers of customers. As the date changes each year it is always different. I went around to as many of the local businesses as I could and talked to people about their experience. Some were down on last year but seemed to know why and mostly the answer was out of their control. The very wet day would not have helped some but visitors braved it and stayed which overall made for a profitable time. Congratulations to the organisers of the concerts in Jurien Bay and Cervantes and even though the rain changed venues and planning, the feedback on the quality of performers has been great. We have to be prepared to support these events or they will stop coming.

We have had some welcome attention from the Premier of Western Australia, who has been talking about this coast and its beauty and opportunities. I had the chance of a chat in Perth a couple of weeks ago at a function and was amazed that he remembered meeting me on his visit to Jurien when we presented the idea of the bike path from Jurien Bay to Cervantes. His comments of this area being a unique part of the world and that he would give us support in our project are extremely encouraging.



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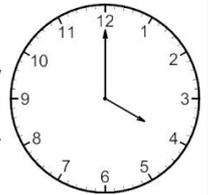
Some Councillors attended the Wheatbelt Conference in Narrogin last week where they had an opportunity to network with other councils, politicians and business people. I am sure those who made the trip enjoyed the experience and got plenty out of it. These opportunities are most important not only for professional development but also idea sharing and sometimes inspiration. I had the opportunity to stay with a friend that I have not seen for 25 years who works at a high level in Aged Care. I was able to see all the facilities and share the challenges that we all have in that space. So many dedicated people work in Aged Care and I am convinced that it is much more than just a job.

On a final note I hope that you are all benefiting from the wonderful rains we have had recently even though we have all had to escape the thunder and lightning. As we move into the cooler months and with winter fast approaching we are sure to see plenty more.

Cr Leslee Holmes, President

CHANGE OF COUNCIL MEETING START TIME

Council would like to make the public aware that the new start time for Council Meetings in 2016 / 2017 will be at 4.00pm and that Public Forums will commence immediately following the closure of the meeting generally around 5.00pm.



Shire of Dandaragan

NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

Please be advised that the Ordinary Meeting of Council for 2016 / 2017 will be held on the following dates, times and venues:

DAY	DATE	TIME	MEETING VENUE
Thurs	28 July 2016	4.00pm	Jurien Bay
Thurs	25 August 2016	11.00am	Jurien Bay (School Visit)
Thurs	22 September 2016	4.00pm	Badgingarra
Thurs	27 October 2016	4.00pm	Jurien Bay
Thurs	24 November 2016	4.00pm	Cervantes
Thurs	15 December 2016	4.00pm	Jurien Bay
Wed	25 January 2017	4.00pm	Cervantes (AGM of Electors 6pm)
Thurs	23 February 2017	4.00pm	Jurien Bay
Thurs	23 March 2017	4.00pm	Jurien Bay
Thurs	27 April 2017	4.00pm	Dandaragan
Thurs	25 May 2017	4.00pm	Jurien Bay
Thurs	22 June 2017	4.00pm	Jurien Bay

Public Forums commence immediately following the closure of the Council Meeting which is generally about 5.00pm.

Members of the public are most welcome to attend both the Council Meetings and the Public Forums.

BY ORDER OF THE COUNCIL - Tony Nottle, Chief Executive Officer



CONGRATULATIONS HAYDEN MACKAIL



Hayden commenced with the Shire of Dandaragan on a work place program through Jurien Bay District High School. Hayden was signed up as a school based trainee with Directions studying Cert II in Horticulture. Hayden completed his school based traineeship on 2 October 2013 and was offered a traineeship with the Shire of Dandaragan and on the 9 March 2016 completed Cert III in Horticulture. Hayden is a dedicated and enthusiastic worker and has now been offered permanent employment with the Parks and Gardens crew. Congratulations Hayden this is a great achievement and thanks to Troy Wright and the staff for helping Hayden with all his on the job training you have done a brilliant job.

SHIRE OF DANDARAGAN EMPLOYEE UPDATE NEW EMPLOYEES

March saw two new employees Noel Strickland & William (Ian) Cherry commence as Plant Operators with the construction crew in Dandaragan. If you see either around town please say hello and welcome them to our community.

Noel and his wife Robyn own their house in Jurien. Noel works out of Dandaragan during the week and travels back to Jurien on the weekends. Noel previously worked at Cataby mine and his hobbies are fishing, boating and gardening and he dislikes - the cold weather.



Ian is his preferred name. Ian and his wife Lorraine lived in Dalwallinu for eight years and own their own house there. Lorraine now works in Dandaragan as a cleaner cleaning the CRC, Pioneer Park and the Dandaragan Depot. Previous work - various shires throughout WA. Hobbies - fishing, camping and 4WD driving and dislikes - rude people.

EMPLOYEES REACHING MILESTONES

Congratulations to Scott Clayton for 20 years service with the Shire of Dandaragan. Scott commenced as a trainee on 12 January 1996 and is now the Executive Manager Corporate and Community Services.

Congratulations also go to Willie Sturges and Brian Chambers for their 30 years of long service. Willie commenced employment with the Shire of Dandaragan on 6 January 1986 and Brian on 10 April 1986.

All three staff are well respected members of our team and we congratulate them on their long service with the Shire of Dandaragan. Please pass on your congratulations if you see them out and about.



Scott Clayton



Willie Sturges



Brian Chambers



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SHIRE OF DANDARAGAN COUNCIL MEETINGS IN THE MONTHS AHEAD

DATE	VENUE	TIME
28 April 2016	Badgingarra	5.00 pm
26 May 2016	Jurien Bay	5.00 pm
23 June 2016	Cervantes	5.00pm

Expression of Interest

Dispose of 1 x Kobelco Loader LK500 Front End Loader

The Shire of Dandaragan is seeking expressions of interest to purchase an existing Kobelco LK500 1985 front end loader. It is in a running condition with tyres at 50% all round and the bucket is in good condition. It has 9649hrs showing and has been in the Shire fleet since 2002. This piece of plant will be sold purely on price and shall be picked up from the Cervantes Waste Transfer Station

If interested please contact either Garrick Yandle or Angus Padfield at the Shire of Dandaragan on 9652 0800 to arrange a viewing or to discuss the vehicle further.



SHIRE OF DANDARAGAN COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM NOW OPEN

The Community Grants Program fund recurring and annual community grants in order to assist with:

- programs, activities and initiatives delivered by community groups;
- support community development initiatives;
- increase the range of events, activities and services in the Shire of Dandaragan;
- encourage the development of excellence and leadership in recreational, sporting, economic, tourism and cultural pursuits; and
- encourage the promotion of the Shire of Dandaragan's positive attributes.

Applications for the Shire grants opened on 1 April and will close 4.00pm 30 June.

Funding opportunities include:

TRONOX & SHIRE OF DANDARAGAN RECREATION AND FACILITIES FUND

The Tronox and Shire of Dandaragan Recreation and Facilities Fund provides a total of \$30,000.00 to local clubs and community groups within the Shire for sporting and recreation equipment and small scale infrastructure projects each year.

SHIRE OF DANDARAGAN COMMUNITY GRANTS

The purpose of the Shire of Dandaragan Community Grants Program is to provide funds of up to \$1,500 to community based organisations in support of the development of social, economic, recreational, art and cultural benefits.

For further information on the Shire of Dandaragan Community Grants Program or to obtain funding guidelines and application forms, visit the Shire of Dandaragan website or call the Shire Administration office on 9652 0800.

