



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK...



Winter is coming quickly to our Shire now and we are starting to experience some very cold mornings. On the up side it is glorious to see all the green everywhere. Driving around the Shire in the last couple of weeks I am reminded of how lucky we are to live in such a safe and visually beautiful place. With this autumn weather all the grass is green and gardens flourishing. It is nice to be without the constant winds of summer even if the mornings and evenings are a little chilly.

We had our last Council Meeting in Badgingarra and it is so beautiful out there at this time of the year. We are always made so welcome and it is good to see members of the community coming to take part in our meeting. It is so easy to send emails but never as good as having a face to face meeting with our Shire residents. We are spoilt with such great country style cooking and I know my councillors are very grateful for the effort that the community puts into our meetings.

I have been very busy with meetings recently, and last week the CEO Tony Nottle and I travelled to Perth for a meeting at UWA to begin the process of an independent review of the Ward system in the Shire. The community consultation process told us that Dandaragan, Cervantes and Badgingarra were concerned about having representation on Council in the future. We had agreed some time ago to begin the process and are happy that UWA will be doing this important research for us.

We are anxiously awaiting the outcomes of our Strategic Community Plan community consultation process from Carmel Ross Consulting, followed by the rigorous business of council reviewing the results and turning it into a document which will feed into the Corporate Business Plan and ultimately the Shire Budget. We will be advertising the draft plan where we will encourage you to comment and provide feedback.

Last Friday we attended a Thankyou party at The Lobster Shack for all those people and organisations that helped with the awful fire that threatened one of our most successful tourism assets. David Thompson gave an emotional address thanking everyone and announced a generous donation to all the Fire Brigades who were involved. They all received \$2,000.00 for their groups. This will be very well received and well earned. David also thanked The Shire Councillors and staff for their help in getting everything up and running again so quickly. With coaches of tourists coming every day it was essential not to have too much down time. The new restaurant looks amazing and everyone was very impressed.

Last night my husband, Peter, and I were invited to dinner with Justices of the Peace. I was asked to give an address on my time living and working in the Kimberley which was well received. It was great to meet such a good group of people and I was happy to present a lovely photo of The Pinnacles from the Shire to go to be presented at a seminar in Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia.

Lots of important things are starting to take shape around our Shire and it is good to see that the RAC are about to start work on the Pinnacles Holiday Park in Cervantes. These works will be completed in stages with the park remaining open throughout the whole process.

We have had some great comments about our free camping areas and hopefully this will take away the stigma that has been attached to us, although unfairly, regarding this subject. The armada of caravans going north for the winter is in full flood and it is great to see many of them staying overnight in Jurien Bay and Cervantes on the way North. I also noticed that there were several vans in the Park at Badgingarra which does not surprise me as the town is looking very inviting. Hopefully with our new Turquoise Coast Tourism Centre in full swing now, we will have some initiatives to keep visitors in and moving around our Shire.



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The Premier of WA, Mr. Colin Barnett, who is now Tourism Minister, has shown a lot of interest in the coastal towns and hopefully interest will turn to financial support so that we can fully realise and capitalise on our tourism assets. We hope to develop a "whole of Shire" tourism plan so that we can encourage visitors to enjoy the inland towns. This will be easy when the wildflower season starts and our inland towns come into their own.

I hope everyone is ready for winter and don't forget to look after your pets especially the older ones who need keeping warmer in these coming cold months.

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.



nbn comes to the Shire of Dandaragan

The national broadband network (**nbn**) has begun a three year roll out program across Australia to provide fast internet access to all homes and businesses including those in the Shire of Dandaragan.

There will be three **nbn** technologies provided to residents in the Shire of Dandaragan - fixed line, fixed wireless and the **nbn** dedicated satellite, Sky Muster.



Residents in Jurien Bay will receive fixed line and fixed wireless, while residents in Cervantes will receive fixed line and the remainder of the Shire including Dandaragan and Badgingarra will be serviced by the **nbn** Sky Muster service.

Construction work will begin to service more than 2,600 premises in Cervantes and Jurien in May with services forecast to become available progressively from quarter one in 2017.

The **nbn**'s Sky Muster satellite service was launched in late April and eligible residents can now place an order by contacting their preferred retail service provider.

Location	Technology	Expected construction start	Services available from
Jurien Bay	Fibre to the node	May 2016	Q1 2017
	Fixed wireless	July 2016	Q4 2016
Cervantes	Fibre to the node	May 2016	Q1 2017
Dandaragan	Sky Muster	Completed and live	Now (contact your retail service provider)
Badgingarra	Sky Muster	Completed and live	Now (contact your retail service provider)
Remainder of the Shire	Sky Muster	Completed and live	Now (contact your retail service provider)

Connecting to the **nbn**TM network is not automatic so people should contact their phone or internet provider to make the switch.

Check your address for **nbn** availability or register online to receive notification when work in your area is set to begin at nbnco.com.au.

For more information or questions, contact **nbn** on 1800 687 626, info@nbnco.com.au.

SHIRE OF DANDARAGAN COUNCIL MEETINGS IN THE MONTHS AHEAD

DATE	VENUE	TIME
26 May 2016	Jurien Bay	5.00pm
23 June 2016	Cervantes	5.00pm
28 July 2016	Jurien Bay	4.00pm



Shire of Dandaragan focus on seniors with adoption of Age Friendly Community Plan

The Shire of Dandaragan is well on track to becoming an Age Friendly Community with the adoption of their Age Friendly Community Plan at last week's Council Meeting.

Councillors voted unanimously to utilise views and information gathered from over six months of consultation with seniors to create a plan for an Age Friendly Community.

Focus groups, community meetings, surveys and interviews were held with Seniors from Badgingarra, Cervantes, Dandaragan, and Jurien Bay to discuss the areas needing improvement, as well as what is currently working for older people in their communities. More than 140 residents participated in the consultation which gave Council a thorough insight into the needs and opinions of older people on issues such as footpaths and outdoor spaces, communication with the Shire, transport, housing, and events for seniors.



The Age Friendly Community Plan has now been adopted as an informing strategy and will become one of the documents that assist Shire staff in planning and budgeting for projects and infrastructure over the years to come.

"The Shire is already working collaboratively with its partners to address the needs of our current and future older residents...and the plan's implementation will involve a number of departments within the Shire, as well as collaboration amongst key Government and community partners" said Shire of Dandaragan Chief Executive Officer, Tony Nottle. With the older population in the Shire projected to increase by over 90% in the next ten years, this has never been more important.

Shire President Leslee Holmes said "we will continually strive to enhance the opportunities to promote active ageing in our Shire...and to address barriers to services, structures and policies that seniors may encounter in our communities".

A major theme that came from the consultation with older people in our communities is how many people felt a sense of satisfaction and social inclusion living in the Shire of Dandaragan.

Members of the public are encouraged to read the Age Friendly Community Plan which is available on the front counter at the Shire of Dandaragan's Administration Centre in Jurien Bay, or online at www.dandaragan.wa.gov.au.

CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY

Congratulations to Andrea and Colin Scott who became Australian Citizens on Thursday 14 April 2016 at a Citizenship Ceremony held in the Council Chambers in the presence of Councillors and guests.





Leeuwin Ocean Adventure Scholarship



The Shire of Dandaragan offers one fully funded Leeuwin Ocean Adventure Scholarship each financial year.

Applications opened **1 April 2016** and close 4pm Tuesday **31 May 2016**.

The purpose of the Leeuwin Ocean Adventure Scholarship is to provide young people from the Shire with the opportunity to experience personal and leadership development through hands on experience gained on a 7 day sailing voyage.

The Leeuwin Voyages are endorsed by the Curriculum Council of WA. Young people in Years' 10, 11 and 12 can earn 5 WACE points towards their graduation.

Under the Leeuwin Scholarship, the Shire of Dandaragan will fund the entire cost of the voyage (\$1,980) for one young person who meet the following criteria.

Eligibility

- Must be aged 15 – 18 years old.
- Must be a resident of the Shire of Dandaragan
- Must have written support from a teacher, mentor, employer or community group member. Support letter should include information on the young person and how this will benefit their academic performance, personal development and/or other factors.
- Must submit a complete application form.
- Must make a commitment to attend if selected.
- May be required to present to Council following their Leeuwin Adventure and report on what they have gained from their experience.

What happens next

Applications received undergo a selection process. All young people are notified, whether accepted or not. The Shire of Dandaragan may publish an article on the successful applicant.

If unsuccessful, the Shire of Dandaragan will assist applicants where possible to obtain funding through other available sources.

Applications can be hand delivered or emailed to council@dandaragan.wa.gov.au

Contact Michelle Perkins, Community Development Officer for further information.