



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK...



I am writing this on a very cold and very wet day in my office in Jurien Bay. Winter is most certainly here now and we have had a very mild start to it. I helped Sharon with the Betty Van Coffee at the Lions Market on Sunday last, and all the many visitors who came to the markets commented on what a lovely day and lovely weekend it had been. I was away in Europe from the middle of March until May last year and will never go at that time again. The weather there was awful and if this year here is anything to go by, it is certainly the best time of the year on the coast here.

The hinterland is enjoying the rain and some pictures from the Vern Westbrook Walk in Badgingarra remind us of what a beautiful part of the world it is. I encourage anyone who has not been for that walk to take a trip out to enjoy it.

Staying in the agricultural region I was told last week that the Iconic property, Yathroo in Dandaragan, was purchased by the Stoney family. What a wonderful property and to have it kept in Australian hands is a coup for Dandaragan. Just driving out that way last week made me realise what an amazingly beautiful area it is. I would like to congratulate Richard Cooper taking the top position as Chair of Advance Dandaragan. Good to see the younger generation stepping up and driving change and growth for their towns. Graeme Betteridge has done a sterling job for many years in that role and I am sure will continue to be around for good advice.

Cervantes is mourning the passing of Alan Ogden recently. Alan was Chair of the Cervantes Ratepayer and Progress Association for many years and a keen founding member of the Cervantes Men's Shed. He will be sadly missed in the town and we offer our condolences to Joy and family. This is a time for all the younger members in our communities to step up and join some of these important groups to help steer your towns the way you want them to be. So many meetings I go to have the same faces desperately wanting to attract new blood and new ideas. We need everyone on board to help us develop a sense of place.

The foreshore upgrade in Jurien Bay is well underway now with residents of Grigson Street discovering wonderful views that were hidden before. This upgrade will provide more public open space and community areas and improved access to the Cook Street Public Toilets and Change Rooms.

I was able to attend the staff with their families and community members planting swales in Beachridge last week. Well done to Garrick Yandle for this great idea. The younger people who helped will be able to watch their planting grow in the coming months which is a great experience for them. The swales have been a vexing problem for the Shire as they have grown quicker than anyone would have envisaged when they were planted. However, with cooperation from residents and staff, all with great input, I am sure we will have the problem under control and some sound planning for the future so that residents can enjoy the natural beauty and planning of the estate.

Finally, I must mention the very generous funding from the State Government through the Royalties for Regions program and the Department of Transport; \$1.18M and Ardross Development's contribution of \$500,000, with a further \$100,000 being secured via Lotterywest for the Turquoise Way (walking/cycle path) from Jurien Bay to Cervantes. Stage 1 will see Jurien Bay to Hill River completed in the next year. I have been asked by many people why we chose to spend ratepayer's money on the bike path and have had to inform them that this is not our money to spend on any other projects. We are often funded or apply for grants to help us to bring these important projects to fruition. This path, when finally connecting the two towns, will bring great opportunities to both towns and indeed the whole Shire. We have to have economic development which creates jobs and in turn gives us money to spend on things that the community needs.

Jurien Bay has been identified by both sides of government as a very important tourism town. We need to take every opportunity that we can to grow the town and the region. I am acutely aware that not everyone in the town is happy with the progress of tourism and as President I will also listen to them and their fears, and hopefully help to steer Council towards decisions that are mindful of everyone.

The CEO, Tony Nottle, and myself attended a conference on the Future of Local Government in Victoria recently. It was the best conference I have ever attended and it made us realise that it will never be 'Business as Usual' again. The tsunami of change is upon us and it is up to us to be reshaping the way we operate. We need to be working together to build a sustainable future for the Shire of Dandaragan and its unique communities.

As ever, I welcome the opportunity to meet with you. I am in my office most days and just a phone call away should you wish to talk about your part of the world or to bring me in some great ideas that we can work on together to shape our future.



Don't forget that "WORD OF MOUTH" is the most effective way to encourage other people to make a report. Please talk to your family, friends and colleagues how reporting litterers makes you feel 'like you are giving back to the community' or that you know 'litterers are being made responsible for their actions'. If you have received this message from a family member, friend or colleague please consider [registering to be a Litter Reporter](#) and help to *Keep Australia Beautiful*.

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.



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Disability Access and Inclusion Plan (DAIP) amendment

The Shire of Dandaragan is calling for consultation from members of the community to amend the Shire of Dandaragan Disability Access and Inclusion Plan (DAIP).

The DAIP will now include Outcome 7 "People with disabilities have the same opportunities as other people to obtain and maintain employment with the Shire of Dandaragan".

Please visit our website at www.dandaragan.wa.gov.au to make comments by 5.00pm on Friday, 8 July 2016

Tony Nottle
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



MEET FELIX NEUWEILER

Shire of Dandaragan's

PRINCIPAL ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH OFFICER

My name is Felix Neuweiler; I was borne in Zurich, Switzerland and came to Australia in 1982 working as a chef. I'm married to Erica and we have two sons who no longer live at home. The older one works in Geraldton whilst the younger one lives in Perth.

In 1996 I felt that it was time for a career change and I was accepted by Curtin University as a mature age student where I studied Environmental Health. My first appointment was in Newman where I worked for the Shire of East Pilbara for 6 years. We then moved to Dongara where I worked for the Shire of Irwin for 11 years until recently.

We love Jurien Bay as it is a friendly coastal town, just a bit closer to Perth and still offering a great rural lifestyle.

SWIMMING POOL INSPECTIONS

The Building Regulations 2012 (the Regulations) requires safety barriers to be provided around private swimming or spa pools, including portable pools for the protection of young children who may enter that area with or without the knowledge or consent of the owner or occupier of a property.

Young children are naturally fascinated by water and are top heavy so when they lean over to look into water or reach for an object they can easily topple over and drown in just a few centimetres of water. Young children are unable to understand the concept of danger and may have difficulty in understanding that water could cause them harm. Childhood drowning is a silent event as children generally do not cry out for help.

The Regulations oblige the Shire of Dandaragan to undertake regular swimming pool inspections. If your pool isn't registered yet please contact the Shire office on 9652 0800 or email council@dandaragan.wa.gov.au. It is planned to carry out pool inspection over the next 3 months. Pool owners will be contacted prior to the inspections.

More information can be obtained from <https://www.commerce.wa.gov.au/building-commission/swimming-and-spa-pools> or contact Felix Neuweiler on 9652 0800.



Shire of Dandaragan

Public Notice – Local Law Review

In pursuance of the powers conferred upon it by the Local Government Act 1995 the Council of the Shire of Dandaragan hereby gives public notice of having resolved on 26 May 2016 that it proposes to undertake a periodic review of the following Local Laws;

Local Government Act 1995

- Local Government Property Local Law (Gazetted 9 May 2001);
- Activities On Thoroughfares and Trading in Thoroughfares and Public Places Local Law (Gazetted 9 May 2001);
- Standing Orders Local Law 2001 (Gazetted 9 May 2001);
- Extractive Industries Local Law (Gazetted 9 May 2001);
- Local Laws Relating to Fencing (Gazetted 9 May 2001);
- Local Law Relating to Beekeeping (Gazetted 9 May 2001);
- Sand Drift Prevention and Abatement Local Law 2009 (Gazetted 18 December 2009);
- Parking and Parking Facilities Local Law 2010 (Gazetted 21 December 2010);

Bush Fires Act 1954

- Bush Fire Brigades Local Law (Gazetted 9 May 2001);

Dog Act 1976

- Dogs Local Law (Gazetted 9 May 2001);

Cemeteries Act 1986

- Local Laws Relating to the Badgingarra, Dandaragan and Jurien Bay Public Cemeteries (9 May 2001); and,

Health Act 1911

- Health Local Laws 2005 (Gazetted 13 September 2005 & subsequently amended 19 September 2006 & 22 May 2007).).

Agriculture and Related Resources Protection Act 1976

- 13. Local Law Relating to Pest Plants (Gazetted 9 May 2001);

Copies of the Local Laws may be inspected or obtained on line at www.dandaragan.wa.gov.au, at the Shire Administration Centre, 69 Bashford Street, Jurien Bay WA 6516, (**Opening Hours:** 8.00am to 5.00pm Monday to Friday - PH:(08) 96520800) or at the Jurien Bay, Dandaragan, Cervantes and Badgingarra Libraries (please contact the Jurien Bay Administration Centre for Library open times) Copies of the local laws can also be obtained upon request by calling PH:(08) 96520800.

Public submissions relating to the above may be made in writing to the Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Dandaragan PO Box 676, Jurien Bay WA 6516, via email to council@dandaragan.wa.gov.au or via facsimile to (08) 96521310 and be received no later than 4pm Friday 29 July 2016.

Mr T Nottle
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

SHIRE OF DANDARAGAN COUNCIL MEETINGS IN THE MONTHS AHEAD

DATE	VENUE	TIME
23 June 2016	Cervantes	5.00pm
28 July 2016	Jurien Bay	4.00pm
25 August 2016	Jurien Bay	4.00pm