



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK...



So much has happened since I last put pen to paper for my report to you. We are still blessed with such lovely weather although I am sure that the farmers need some rain.

WA Opera graced us with a wonderful free concert at the Pinnacles towards the end of April. What a magical night it was and it made us realise what a wonderful venue this is and how fortunate we are to have it in our Shire. Thanks must go to Department of Parks and Wildlife staff and the incredible band of Cervantes volunteers, organised by Dianne Knight at short notice, who as usual did a great job. The weather was kind and we all experienced something completely magical with voices soaring up into the stars in such a unique setting. I will be meeting with the WA Opera in the next couple of weeks to discuss this becoming an annual event and perhaps expanding the opportunity for the soloists to meet the community.

The recent Spray the Grey Youth Festival held in Dobbyn Park was a huge success and warmly received by locals and visitors alike. I think the time of the year was really perfect and thanks must go to the Shire's Community Development Officer, Michelle Perkins, and Club Development Officer, Tony O'Gorman, who worked tirelessly on this initiative, not to mention all the volunteers who assisted throughout the day. The Shire has great hopes of continuing to grow this event and planning is already underway for next year's event.



The Easter holiday was probably the biggest - tourism wise - that the Shire has experienced. All the caravan parks, accommodation, hotels and overflows were absolutely full. Local businesses reported record profits and we hope that patrons had a great time and will come back again at other times of the year. Our little towns do very well when we swell beyond our limits at these times.

All the Anzac Day services were well attended and it is very good to see many young people attending and learning about their past. The Jurien Bay Emergency Services Cadets Corp numbers continue to grow and it was great to see the way the Cadets conducted themselves in assisting in the delivery of the Jurien Bay memorial service. As always the freshly made up wreaths were beautiful and I would like to extend a big thank you to the wonderful women from the local Jurien Bay CWA Branch for their efforts.



At the last Council meeting held in Dandaragan I had the great honour of presenting Dandaragan resident, Mr Rick Allen, with "The National Medal" awarded for having over fifty years of service as a volunteer fire fighter.

The Governor-General awards "The National Medal" for long and diligent service by members of recognised government and voluntary organisations that risk their lives or safety to protect or assist the community in times of emergency or natural disaster.

Congratulations to Rick, and to the woman beside the man, Mrs Judy Allen who is always willing to be a backup for Rick when any emergency assistance is required in and around Dandaragan.

I have just returned from 10 days in Thailand where we had a complete break on a remote beach in Khoa Lak. The coastal communities were wiped out in the Tsunami which occurred back in December 2004 however they have now rebuilt hotels and limited infrastructure to attract visitors back. It is the most beautiful place with wonderful food and service that should help them to get back to their best. We need to learn from these humble people the meaning of real service. So many smiles and genuine caring service.

YOUTH FESTIVAL A HIT FOR JURIEN BAY

Young people of the Shire of Dandaragan had some serious fun at April's Drug Aware Spray the Grey Youth Festival in Jurien Bay.

Held at Dobbyn Park, the event saw hundreds of young people and families come together to enjoy the rides, workshops and entertainment.

Shire of Dandaragan Community Development, Officer Michelle Perkins, said the event was the result of hard work, willing volunteers, and financial support from the Shire, Healthway, Lotterywest, and local organisations, such as Lions Club of Jurien Bay and Jurien Bay CRC.

"The idea is to engage young people, connect them with other youth from around the Shire, and provide both locals and visitors an opportunity to have a great time during the school holidays," Ms Perkins said. "We even had a free bus so that young people from other towns in the Shire could get picked up and dropped back home at the end of the day".



"We also had around 20 community organisations and individuals on board volunteering their time as well as offering activities and ways to contribute to the day - something like this wouldn't be possible without their contribution."



Shires take steps to plan for coastal erosion

The Shires of Dandaragan and Gingin will release coastal erosion hazard maps and host community workshops in May, as part of an ongoing project to plan for the immediate and long term risks associated with coastal erosion.

The project is being undertaken in accordance with *State Planning Policy 2.6: Coastal Planning Policy*, which outlines specific planning guidance for coastal managers across Western Australia. An important part of the process will be seeking community input on how the Shires might best manage foreseeable changes to coastlines within their boundaries.

Community Engagement Session Dates

Shire of Dandaragan: Saturday May 27, from 11am to 2pm, Jurien Bay Administration Centre

Shire of Gingin: Sunday May 28, from 10am to 1pm, Lancelin Angling and Aquatic Club

Note: The sessions will use a display format so that community members can arrive and leave at any time. There are no presentations or set agendas.

The hazard maps and accompanying information are available at the Shires' websites:

Shire of Dandaragan: www.dandaragan.wa.gov.au

Shire of Gingin: www.gingin.wa.gov.au

For more information contact Ashley Robb at arobb@gingin.wa.gov.au



2017/18 LEEUWIN OCEAN ADVENTURE SCHOLARSHIP IS NOW OPEN

The Shire of Dandaragan Leeuwin Ocean Adventure Scholarship is now open. Under the Scholarship, the Shire of Dandaragan will fund the entire cost of the voyage (\$2,250) for one person who meets the following criteria:

- Must be aged 15-18 years old
- Must be a resident of the Shire of Dandaragan (or if boarding outside the Shire, have parents residing in the Shire)
- Must have written support from a teacher, mentor, employer or community group. 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.

To obtain an application form, visit www.dandaragan.wa.gov.au/youth or contact the Shire of Dandaragan administration office. Applications close 30 June 2017.



JURIEN EAST ROAD - RECONSTRUCTION COMPLETE



Reconstruction of Jurien East Road commenced in January 2017. This entailed widening of the road from a seal width of 6m or less in places out to 8m. The first stage of this project entailed commencing at the Brand Highway and working back for 7km. It is proposed to progressively continue widening of this road in various stages heading in a westerly direction, with proposed intersection improvements at Black Arrow Road as well as the Munbinea and Cockleshell Gully Road intersections.

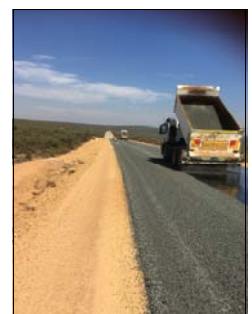


Works entailed ripping, reconditioning and widening of the existing pavement to 10m width. Importation of gravel to build the road pavement up to required levels. Extensions to existing culverts and improvements of roadside drainage. Water binding and compaction of pavement ready for seal. Primer seal of 10mm aggregate this year, to be followed by a final coat seal of 14mm aggregate next year with new line marking.

Work was undertaken by the Shire works construction crew, utilising local contractors where required, purchasing gravel and water from local farmers, as well as hiring specialist equipment for specific tasks such as water binding. Funding was possible through the Regional Road Group project grants via Main Roads WA.



It is envisaged that widening this road will reduce safety issues associated with a narrow seal, along a steep and windy road that carries an increase number of heavy vehicles. Renewal works should also reduce ongoing maintenance costs due to reduced shoulder and seal degradation.





SHIRE MATTERS

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SHIRE OF DANDARAGAN COUNCIL MEETINGS IN THE MONTHS AHEAD

DATE	VENUE	TIME
25 May 2017	Jurien Bay	4.00pm
22 June 2017	Jurien Bay	4.00pm
27 July 2017	Jurien Bay	4.00pm



SHIRE OF DANDARAGAN COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM NOW OPEN

The Shire of Dandaragan Community Grants Program funds 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 within the Shire;
- 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 are now open and will close 4pm 30 June 2017.

Funding opportunities include:

- *Shire of Dandaragan Community Grant*
- *Tronox Management & Shire of Dandaragan Recreational and Facilities Fund*

For further information, visit the Shire of Dandaragan website or speak with the Community Development Officer on 9652 0800.



Meet Kylie Roy - New Part time Receptionist



Hello, my name is Kylie Roy and I moved to Jurien Bay in December 2016 with my husband and 2 children from sunny Karratha. We lived in Karratha for 6 years and we are looking forward to the cooler Jurien Bay climate.

Before having children, my career background was administration. I thrive on being organised and enjoy helping others to be organised too. I enjoy being helpful in the workplace and like to keep myself busy.

I enjoy boating, heading to the beach, reading a good fictional tale and playing at the park with the kids.

Turquoise Coast Visitors Centre

Want your old photos accompanied with their memories.

We would love to share our history with our visitors and locals.

Come in today to speak to the girls in the visitors centre or email

visitor@dandaragan.wa.gov.au

Open Monday—Friday 9am-5pm



NOTICE TO ALL PET OWNERS

Pet owners are reminded that dog & cat licences expire on 31 October in each year. Renewal notices will be sent out in September for all registrations expiring on 31 October 2017. *Please remember that as of 1 November 2015 all animals were required to be micro-chipped.*