

SHIRE MATTERS



Monthly Newsletter for the Shire of Dandaragan



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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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Finally it looks like winter is on its way. Hopefully the rain has reached the agricultural areas that need it most however we are still enjoying some mild parts of each day, and last night we were able to sit out on the deck and have dinner. Saturday night in Cervantes was a great night of celebration with Cervantes Football Club hosting their Back to Cervantes weekend. One of the highlights of the weekend was the game between the Legends and Northern Warriors

featuring some former stars of the club having a great time. The weekend ended with a fantastic fireworks display and disco in the marquee at Cervantes oval. Recently, Councillors were fortunate to have a presentation from Margaret Drayton, Yued Regional Development Coordinator - Aboriginal Land and Sea Council. Margaret is a great presenter and we were all fascinated to learn more about the history of the region. The Wudjuk and Yued



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CONT...

people of the Noongar language group of Aboriginals are the original custodians of this area. Margaret talked about her family and upbringing at New Norcia which we all appreciated. Annie Shaw from KMAC then took over and explained their hopes for the future of Wedge and Grey incorporating their history and intention to develop more cultural tourism opportunities in this region introducing tourists to their culture

and heritage. Annie also explained the roles of the new indigenous rangers that were being trained in the area. We have had some great news regarding a grant from Lotterywest to capture more oral histories and produce a short documentary about the North Head Radar Station site. This site holds important heritage value and the Shire of Dandaragan is aware of how complex caring for this site will be.

Recently, we installed signage north of Sandy Cape to warn people about a number of holes that have opened up within the limestone subsurface structures during recent storm and coastal erosion events. We urge people to be very cautious in the area as it is impossible to determine the structural integrity of these limestone systems.

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NAME A PARK

Would you like to name one of our parks in Jurien Bay?

The park known as Pacman Park on Beachridge Drive, as well as the park between Middleton Blvd and Mosman Parade are officially nameless and we would like to give them a great new name, but we need your help.

Our staff have been working with year 7 and 8 students at Jurien Bay District High School to research some local history and come up with some ideas, and you have the opportunity too. Go to the Shire website for a short list of what we can and cannot call a local reserve, submit your idea and Council will choose one to send to Landgate for approval.

Email ideas to council@dandaragan.wa.gov.au, or by dropping names into the suggestion box at Shire Administration Centre reception or mailed to PO Box 676, Jurien Bay WA 6516.

Submissions will be accepted until 5pm Friday 29 June 2018



NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETINGS 2018/19

DAY	DATE	TIME	MEETING VENUE
Thurs	26 July 2018	4.00pm	Jurien Bay
Thurs	23 August 2018	11.00am	Jurien Bay
Thurs	27 September 2018	4.00pm	School Visit
Thurs	25 October 2019	4.00pm	Dandaragan
Thurs	22 November 2018	4.00pm	Jurien Bay
Thurs	20 December 2018	4.00pm	Cervantes
Thurs	24 January 2019	4.00pm	Jurien Bay
Thurs	28 February 2019	6.00pm	Badgingarra
Thurs	28 March 2019	4.00pm	AGM of Electors
Thurs	28 March 2019	4.00pm	Jurien Bay
Wed	24 April 2019	4.00pm	Jurien Bay
Thurs	23 May 2019	4.00pm	Badgingarra
Thurs	27 June 2019	4.00pm	Jurien Bay

Public Forums commence immediately following the closure of the Council Meeting which is generally about 5pm. Members of the public are most welcome to attend both Council Meetings and Public Forums.



CAUTION REQUIRED AT SANDY CAPE

Please be advised that due to coastal erosion of limestone ledges at Sandy Cape, a number of small sink holes have appeared at the northern end of the Sandy Cape campgrounds. Road closure signs are in place to prevent vehicle access, but please ensure extreme caution is used when using walking trails north of the northern campsites and supervise children.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CONT...

This brings me to recent weather conditions that have led to severe coastal erosion, both in our shire and neighbouring areas. You may be aware of the situation at Wedge where the ocean has already claimed one shack with others in a similar dire situation. This is not going to get any better and all along the coast, houses, parks and businesses are threatened. We are taking this very seriously and will continue to be guided by our Coastal Hazard Risk Management Adaptation

Plan to respond to this dynamic environment. On a lighter note, I attended a morning tea in Cervantes last week with many interested parties to hear from the Honourable Michelle Roberts, Minister for Police; Road Safety, Mr Darren West MLC and Mr Laurie Graham MLC. It was a very enjoyable morning with Minister Roberts being very generous with her time responding to all the questions and concerns raised by community members in attendance.

Another busy month is ahead leading up to our June Council Meeting scheduled to be held on Thursday, 28 June 2018 in Jurien Bay. These meetings are open to all members of the public and we welcome everyone, so please feel free to come along if you are interested.



Shared Paths through Regional Bike Network Funding

Have you noticed new footpaths going in on Bashford Street in Jurien Bay? Council is in the process of completing its shared path capital works program for 2017/18. These projects are 50:50 funded by the Shire and Department of Transport through their Regional Bike Network funding. These projects have been delivered by local contractors Direct Contracting, Indian Ocean Concrete and the Jurien Bay Men's Shed. They include 2.5m shared paths along Bashford Street, which also form part of the wider Bashford Street Redevelopment Project and align with needs identified by seniors in our Age

Friendly Community Plan. These will provide residents and visitors unrestricted shared paths on both sides of Bashford Street through the Central Business District, safer amenities for pedestrians, cyclists, gophers, wheelchairs and school children. Further funding has been received for 2018/19 for continued footpath upgrades between Roberts and Murray Streets.



Reporting Faulty Street Lights

If you happen to see a street light not working in your neighbourhood, report it by going to the link below <https://www.westernpower.com.au/power-outages/report-a-faulty-streetlight/>