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PREMIER OFFICIALLY OPENS ILUKA RESOURCES' CATABY MINE



Shire President, Leslee Holmes, and CEO, Brent Bailey attended the official opening of Iluka Resources' Cataby mine which was opened by Premier Mark McGowan in the Shire of Dandaragan on Friday 21 June 2019.

The project, worth approximately \$270 million, created 600 jobs during its construction phase and will sustain around 600 ongoing jobs across three Iluka sites during the 13-year life of the mine. This includes 240 jobs at Cataby, 200 in Capel and 150 in Geraldton.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Cr Leslee Holmes
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By the time you read this report I will have returned from our recent family trip to celebrate my mother's 90th birthday. The big event has spanned two countries catching up with relatives I have not seen for many years. My extraordinary mum still lives an interesting and fulfilling life with lots of travel and is fortunate to have great health and fitness. The UK have many problems with aged care and health care; the worst part being dementia care. Private care companies are taking control of the patients' homes to cover the costs which can be up to £1200.00 a week! When the money runs out they are transferred to government run care which is pretty dreadful, or the family have to find the money. The new Prime Minister has promised to change this daylight robbery, however I think he will have more than enough on his hands to do much in the near future.

How fortunate we are in Australia with a much better standard of care and a government committed to changes in aged care. Your Council is committed to strong ongoing advocacy for our citizens and we take the care and comfort of our ageing community very seriously.

Life in the UK is so different from home and we chuckled when 36 degrees shut down the whole rail system leaving people all stranded trying to get home.

In two weeks of English summer we never had over 22 degrees and all grey skies. I have lived in WA for 50 years and have never regretted a day of it. Wide open spaces and blue skies make our lives so much more liveable. Some of our days have been spent travelling around pretty little villages that are so busy at this time of the year that you cannot find a patch of grass to sit on in the town centres. 20 large coaches block the streets with tourists who jump over fences to take pictures of gardens and quaint cottages.

Lots of places are not happy with the growth of tourism and the detrimental effect on the amenity of local people and the environment. As the school holidays loom the roads are grid locked and beaches teeming with families trying to enjoy a break. Most of the day is taken up trying to find a carpark.

We then joined more of the family in our home in Mallorca where my family have lived for over 35 years. I was able to spend time with my niece and her lovely little girl who had me in stitches about her concern of her little rabbits, Mr and Mrs Nibbles, who were left at home in England. She then borrowed her mum's phone and showed me photos sent from the rabbit hotel where they were also enjoying a holiday. Each day they received an update and photos of the furry couple. Not kidding!

Mallorca is such a popular location for tourists from all over the world and in the capital, Palma, they are trying to limit the amount of cruise ships coming into the port everyday as the ancient city and port just can't cope. I wish they would come our way.

Perth is constantly under fire for the price of everything but we are paying twice as much everywhere we are going here for most things. Fuel is so much more expensive and coffee is up to \$10 for a cappuccino in the posh places.

I'm missing Betty Van and the really great coffee Sharon serves. Back home your Shire staff have been working hard balancing the budget and commencing the foreshore master-planning process for Jurien Bay and Cervantes. There will be a number of opportunities for interested members of the public to contribute to this process as we look to develop the blueprint for the sustainable development of our foreshore recreation spaces.

Since adopting Envision 2029 the staff have been working on the development of the Corporate Business Plan which provides greater levels of detail about the core initiatives and projects which we will pursue over the short term. Elected members will continue to work through and prioritise the ideas presented to us to deliver the most community value with our limited resources.

As a Shire we are so well placed to take advantage of all the opportunities that are coming our way. Our staff are constantly reviewing options for attracting new businesses both large and small. The sprawling metropolitan region is bringing new customers closer to us and forcing industry to look further abroad for land, water and new opportunities for innovation. The extensions to the freeway and Muchea freight network upgrades will bring further opportunities to our region as we become closer again to export markets.



I hope all the really bad recent storms we had have stopped as we lost our little Cervantes cottage before we left. The roof was blown off and blown into the house behind creating substantial damage and mess everywhere. Our house had to be demolished and thank goodness no one was hurt. We come home to an empty block and are currently in an arm wrestle with the insurance company.

I have been asked to present at a conference on Astrotourism and its effect on tourism in our region which is a great opportunity to bring a different type of visitor to the Wheatbelt. This is a great product with growing local and international interest as more and more people come to appreciate the dark skies and beauty above.

With so many wonderful natural attractions and growing economic opportunities we are truly lucky to live where we do.



BEACH EMERGENCY NUMBERS (BEN)

If you are at one of our beaches and an emergency occurs you'll now be able to help guide emergency crews to your exact location after the Beach Emergency Numbers (BEN) system was introduced.

The system is named in honour of fatal shark bite victim Ben Gerring and is a coding system that is designed to improve emergency response times at beaches by installing signs with unique numbers at beach access points.

A total of 29 signs have been installed in the Shire of Dandaragan, there being 13 signs on beaches within the townsite of Jurien Bay, 7 in Cervantes and 9 signs along coastline from Sandy Cape to Wedge Island . All of the signs were installed by the end of June and form part of a network that runs between Geraldton and Esperance.

The Shire worked with the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions and Department of Transport to ensure that signage covered all of the popular beaches with emergency vehicle access across the Shire. We thank the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development and the State Government for their support in rolling out the project.

The location of Statewide BEN Signs can be viewed online by ticking the BEN Sign option from the drop-down legend on the Sharksmart Mapping Program, which is available from the following link: <https://www.sharksmart.com.au/shark-activity/>

RECEIVE RATE NOTICES ELECTRONICALLY



Along with being able to pay your rates online, the Shire of Dandaragan now offers ratepayers the option to receive rate notices and instalment notices by email via eRates.

To receive your notices by email, you must register. Please ensure you have your reference number handy. This can be found on the top left of your rate notice. Once you register, a verification email will be sent as a part of the registration process, it's essential that you activate your registration. If you own more than one property, you will need to register separately for each property. Please note that interim rate notices, final notices and other correspondence will be issued by post. Things to be aware of before applying:

There can only be one email address for each notice.

If there is more than one owner of the property and both owners apply to receive an electronic notice, the e-Rates system will by default send the notice to the most recently registered email address.

The registration process will automatically close fourteen (14) days prior to the issue date of any rate notice.

For more information or to register, go to <https://erateswa.com/dandaragan/>

YACtivate!

YACtivate! – THE YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL'S CONFERENCE

The Shire of Dandaragan's Community Development team will be attending YACtivate! – the Youth Advisory Council's conference on Saturday 31 August until Sunday 1 September 2019.

We would like to invite enthusiastic young people between the ages of 12 – 20 who are interested in being a part of our Youth Advisory Council (YAC), to join us in progressing the Shire of Dandaragan YAC, by attending YACtivate! 2019 with us.

This year's YACtivate! conference is located on the beautiful coast of the South West where we'll spend two days immersed in learning, sharing and networking with like-minded, inspiring and community-driven young people. YACtivate! is an opportunity to meet other Youth Advisory Council members from around Western Australia, hear and share stories and participate in engaging and practical workshops to build your own skills to better address youth issues within our community.

Saturday, 12pm, 31 August—Sunday, 12pm, 1 September 2019

Venue: Camp Geographe Campsite,
162 Caves Rd, Siesta Park WA 6280

RSVP to Crisi McPhee on 9652 0800 or email your interest to council@dandaragan.wa.gov.au

EMERGENCY RESPONSE EXERCISE HAPPENING ON SEPTEMBER 14 IN AND AROUND JURIEEN BAY.

The Shire's Local Emergency Management Committee and a number of different agencies will be running an Emergency Exercise in and around the Jurien Bay Marina district and also at a location in Jurien Heights over the weekend of the 14 September 2019.

The exercises will involve both a component of Marine Rescue, response to a significant vehicle accident and also a bushfire scenario.

A number of our emergency response volunteers and other agencies including WA Police will be involved. Locations where the exercises are running will be well sign posted as "Emergency Training in Progress" So if you do come across a number of emergency response personnel over that weekend looking particularly busy in and around those area's it is likely to be this exercise.

The exercise is part of the Shires ongoing work through its Local Emergency Management Committee to ensure we continue to evolve and improve our emergency management skills and response capability.

DU PREEZ FAMILY BECOME AUSTRALIAN CITIZENS

Congratulations to the Jacques, Michelle, Joshua and Chloe who became Australian Citizens at a Ceremony in front of Councillors on Thursday July 25 2019.

Cr Peter Scharf conducted the Ceremony and presented them with their Citizenship Certificates.





WEBINAR FOR PROSPECTIVE ELECTED MEMBERS IN UPCOMING LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

Did you know the Shire of Dandaragan local government elections will be held in October 2019 with five positions becoming vacant this year?

Ever thought about nominating to become a Councillor, but you aren't sure if the role is for you?

Then be sure to register for this free webinar to have all your questions answered. This Webinar focuses on the following key areas:

- Parliament's role in creating legislation for Local Government;
- how to read the Local Government Act 1995 and Regulations;
- who does what at a Local Government;
- a Councillor's personal responsibilities; and
- consequences of improper conduct.

WALGA'S Communications webinar will be presented by James McGovern, Manager, Governance. Joining James for the Q&A session will be Lyn Fogg, WALGA's Governance Advisor and Tony Brown, Executive Director, Governance and Organisational Services.

You will have the opportunity to ask questions during the Q&A Session at the end of the presentation. This webinar will be recorded and made available to the public within a few days of the event.

Date: Thursday, 15 August

Time: 5– 6pm (including presentation and Q&A session)

Be quick to register as places will fill fast. To register, go to the link below:

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/regist.../1398457144312875277t>



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