

SHIRE MATTERS

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JURIEN BAY LIBRARY SERVICES

Do you visit or use the library in Jurien Bay? Currently the library is open on weekdays and we would like to know if this suits you or would you prefer to use the library on the weekends as well. Please leave a comment about the library service in Jurien Bay so that we know we are providing a service that works for the people who would like to use it.

Please feel free to email mccs@dandaragan.wa.gov.au or drop your comment in the box at Jurien Bay Library



CLOSURE OF SHIRE OFFICE

Please be advised that the Shire of Dandaragan Administration Centre will be closed from 5.00pm Tuesday 24 December 2019 and re-opening at 8.00am Thursday 2 January 2020. The Councillors and staff from the Shire of Dandaragan wish you all a very merry Christmas and a safe and happy NewYear.



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Cr Leslee Holmes
Ph. 0408 419 468

I would like to begin this report by reminding us all of the terrible tragedy of the bushfires in the Eastern States. I cannot imagine what those poor souls are going through and our hearts go out to all those affected. In our Shire, and the rest of WA, we have some wonderful volunteer firefighters, as well as the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions working on controlled burns so that when fires start the effect is not so devastating. Our volunteers are so very important to our safety and we are very fortunate to have to amazing brigades who take care of us and our Shire. I read that in Queensland a volunteer crew were disbanded against their wishes and then had to stand by and watch homes burn around them. Thank goodness those kinds of crazy decisions don't happen here. It also brings to mind the deliberately lit fires. I cannot understand why anyone would do such a terrible thing, but they continue to do so. We need so much more education going forward on the consequences of their stupidity. This needs to start in school and I would like to see it on the curriculum as soon as possible so that a greater understanding can be reached.

Summer seems to have taken hold in the Shire of Dandaragan and with it all the November winds and flies that seem to arrive at this time every year.

The coast is hosting lots of wind and kite surfers so the economy is still ticking over. There have been some great beach opportunities as well and it is pleasing to see how many tourists are using Sandy Cape and not wanting to leave. We have spent a lot of money on upgrades there and they have been extremely well received.

We have more in the pipeline which should see a complete upgrade on the old toilets which will make things a lot more pleasant. Thanks to our great caretakers for the job they do maintaining this wonderful campground.

I was fortunate to have Megan Creagh from 'Buy Local' visit us last week.

Megan is working on behalf of the State Government to assist with the 'Buy Local' campaign and also helping contractors cut through the red tape of applying for government contracts.

As we are committed to engaging locals as much as we can, we had Councillor Rob Shanahun, on behalf of the Jurien Bay Men's Shed, and Vice-President Peter Scharf, on behalf of the Catholic Church, recently commit to making sure that their up and coming projects stay in the Shire wherever possible. I have been made aware that some of our local businesses are experiencing hardship due to Woolworths delivering to Jurien Bay. While I completely understand that customers have to make what are the best choices for them, it also must be said that Woolworths do not sponsor the Football Club, the Fireworks at the Indian Ocean Festival, and many other events. We need to offer as much support to our local businesses as we can to keep the doors open. This brings me to welcome two new businesses to Jurien Bay - BWS and Subway. I know many of you are quite excited by this and also acknowledge that others believe it could be the beginning of many major shops wanting to come which will spoil the town.

This topic segways nicely into our recent Economic Development Strategy workshop hosted by the Shire on Wednesday evening just gone. With a great attendance rate of local business and residents, outcomes from this info session will guide the formulation of our economic development priorities for the years ahead. In late November we will also be hosting drop-in community information sessions for review of the draft Foreshore Development Plans for both Cervantes and Jurien Bay. These sessions are being held in Cervantes on Monday, 25 November at the Cervantes Country Club commencing at 3.00pm and in Jurien Bay on Tuesday, 26 November at the Jurien Bay Library commencing 8.00am so please feel free to attend either of these sessions as we welcome your ideas and comments. We want to include everyone in what we do for the best outcomes for all.

Last week our Manager of Economic Development, Tony O'Gorman, and I attended the Senior Citizens meeting where Tony explained the Envision process to them and its importance to our collective futures. We are always well received there and enjoy the lively banter and really good questions.

Once again the Indian Ocean Festival lived up to expectations and, even though it was a trying day weather wise, a huge crowd enjoyed the festivities. There is a planned major review of the event and management, location, content,



financial sustainability before the end of the calendar year where sponsors and stakeholders will be asked to participate.

Another great day over the same weekend was the Aggie's Cottage Pop-Up Shop markets. Every year the offering seems to get better and better and I would like to congratulate the organisers for the incredible effort they put into this event. I was asked once again to open the Nambung Country Music Festival which is also expanding each year. Great to meet new people and reacquaint with regulars. The volunteers make this a great event and I am always amazed at the enthusiasm shown by Brian and Gloria White for putting this on. All the proceeds of this go to worthy charities so what a wonderful way to celebrate music. We are fast filling up the event calendar in the Shire and there are plenty more in the planning pipeline. Following last month's local government elections, I was deeply honoured to be chosen once again to be your Shire President and to represent you as I have in the past. Each year the position becomes more and more demanding but also brings with it exciting challenges and that is why I love doing it. I have a great dedicated group of elected members to work with and we will continue to work closely with the staff to make sure that all levels of government and business know we are here and ready to take advantage of opportunities.

We all enjoyed Melbourne Cup Day where I was fortunate to be at the Lobster Shack for their first time event. Peter House and his team put on a great day and people from all over attended in their best outfits. Even though there has been so much made of the cruelty to ex-racehorses it has highlighted the need to make sure all horses are never made to suffer at any stage of their lives. Our Premier Mark McGowan has acted swiftly to make sure that in WA we are doing the right thing. In closing this will be my last report for the year so as always I would like to take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you a very happy and safe Christmas with family and friends, and I very much look forward to seeing what 2020 has in store for us come the New Year.

HARVESTING AND FIRES

Fires are most likely to occur on farms during harvest given the intense movement of machinery and vehicles through paddocks.

In last years harvesting season the Shire of Dandaragan had 6 crop fires started by header operations during an 11 day period in November. This year to date there have already been three crop fires caused by harvesting operations. Many of these fires could have been prevented by taking some simple fire safety steps, such as conducting regular maintenance of your machinery by checking for overheating or burning smells and ensuring headers are kept clean of vegetation build up.

Modern Harvesters have many potential ignition sources which require regular servicing and close monitoring such as:

- Bearings
- Hot Exhausts
- Turbo Chargers
- Electrical circuits
- Belts

Dry straw, dust, chaff, oil and leaking distillate are the perfect fuels, keeping headers free of these fuels is important to preventing fires.

There are a number of conditions that harvesting operators need to comply with. They are as follows:

- No harvesting operations are permitted on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Years Day.
- An approved firefighting appliance is required to be present in any paddock being harvested whilst crop harvesting, straw raking and bailing operations are being carried out during restricted and prohibited periods. The fire fighting unit must be in a state of readiness and have a minimum of 400 litres of water on board.
- During any period of restricted or prohibited burning, a person shall not operate any agricultural or earth moving vehicles unless it is carrying an approved fire extinguisher, as described under Section 3 of the Bush Fires Regulations 1954.
- Section 3 of the Bush Fires Regulations 1954. Fire Extinguisher - a device which comprises
 - a. a container filled with at least 7.5 litres of water; and
 - b. a pump capable of discharging that water, and which is in a sound an efficient condition.

Please comply with the requirements and be fire aware during your harvest. We hope you have a safe & productive harvest





INTENSIVE CATTLE FEEDLOT DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION IN YATHROO OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

The Shire of Dandaragan is in receipt of a development application for the subject farming title consisting of Lots 102, 103, 3556 and 3559 in the locality of Yathroo. The application proposes the development of an intensive cattle feeding facility with the capacity to accommodate up to 40,000 head of cattle on a 100-day grain finishing program. Please go to the Shire of Dandaragan website www.dandaragan.wa.gov.au or drop in to the Shire's Jurien Bay Administration Centre to view the development application document package.

Comments are invited to be submitted to the Shire of Dandaragan in writing or email to council@dandaragan.wa.gov.au by 4.00pm Wednesday 11th December 2019.

This development application will be determined by the Mid-West Wheatbelt Joint Development Assessment Panel in due course.

If you require any clarification on this matter please contact Shire Planning staff on 9652 0800.

YOU ARE INVITED

to our

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ELECTORS

The Shire of Dandaragan Annual Meeting of Electors will be held at the Dandaragan Community Recreation Club, Dandaragan on Thursday 23 January 2020 at 6pm.

Copies of the Annual Report will be available prior to the meeting on the Shire's website www.dandaragan.wa.gov.au and at the Council Administration Building, 69 Bashford Street, Jurien Bay from 20 December 2019.

Electors are invited to raise items of general business to be discussed. To allow matters to be properly researched and answered, items to be raised can be lodged in writing to the CEO by Friday, 16 January 2020.

Items on Agenda

1. Annual Report 2018/2019
2. General Business

Brent Bailey

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



2019 CITIZEN / YOUNG CITIZEN OF YEAR NOMINEES

The Awards Ceremony will be held at the Jurien Bay Sport & Recreation Centre on Tuesday 11 February 2020 commencing at 7.00pm.

Supper and refreshments will be provided.- an invitation by request is extended to the public to attend

Citizen of the Year nominees:

Name of Nominee

Nominating Organisation(s) or Person

Opal Wilkins	Cervantes Ladies Lunch Group
Glen Auzins	Jurien Bay Community Resource Centre Inc.
Sue Marston	Jurien Bay Country Women's Association
Claire Scharf	Jurien Bay Country Women's Association
Gloria White	Cervantes Community Recreation Centre
Robyn Brockman	Badgingarra Community Association / Badgingarra Country Women's Association
Sylvia Glatz	Cervantes Bowling Club & Cervantes Country Club

Young Citizen of the Year nominees:

Name of Nominee

Nominating Organisation(s) or Person

Neave Mayhew	Jurien Bay Emergency Service Cadet Corps & Jurien Bay District High School / Jurien Bay Community Resource Centre
Jared Gardiner	Cervantes Branch Country Women's Association of WA
Luke Johnson	Turquoise Coast Badminton Club / Jurien Bay District High School / Jurien Bay Emergency Service Cadet Corps
Imojen Thompson-Cleak	Jurien Bay Emergency Service Cadet Corps, Jurien Bay District High School, Jurien Bay
Tamarin Noble	Jurien Bay Emergency Service Cadet Corps, Jurien Bay District High School & Turquoise Coast Badminton Club

RSVP Monday 3 February 2020 either by phoning Robyn Headland on 9652 0800 or email council@dandaragan.wa.gov