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DANDARAGAN COMMUNITY GARDEN PROJECT

The Dandaragan community had expressed concerns about the poor visual appeal of the garden bed located along Dandaragan Road next to the CRC and wondered if the shire would be able to do something to make it more aesthetic and appealing. A meeting was convened with the community group and it was suggested that this garden be turned into a community garden with the community involved in maintaining, choosing plants, features and placement of plants within this garden bed. The community members all agreed to this suggestion with open arms, the Shire then proceeded and purchased plants from Benara nurseries. Purchased plants included – two grass trees, three golden shower trees, fifteen kangaroo paws three poly gala's, ten purple fountain grass and ten cordylines's. They sourced two rocks from a local landholder to hold the bird bath which was made and donated by a local business in town. A big thanks to Don Russell and Vince Seymour who put in a big effort with the community to help pull all this together. Also a big thank-you to Paul Woolstencroft – Works Supervisor Dandaragan for his initiative in suggesting the Community Garden.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Cr Leslee Holmes
Ph. 0408 419 468

I was honoured to be asked to participate in the Cervantes Football Club Ice Bath Challenge to raise money for Motor Neurons Disease (MDN). You may all have seen Terry Daniher appealing to the public to raise money for this dreadful disease. He is an amazing Australian and has been a game changer for the cause. Together with the team - Dean Bertram, Jonene Clark, Kevin Minson, Sam Koncurat, Mark Dodds and Colin Gibbs, we braved the freezing cold and driving rain to go down the big slide into the ice bath to become even colder but all for a good cause. We raised over \$8,000 for MND. What a wonderful experience (even though it was freezing !) to be with such a great team of people; some touched personally by this terrible disease.



The 'Back to Cervantes' weekend was a huge success despite the awful weather with the faithful coming from all parts of Australia to celebrate the history of the football club and the town. The legends game was a great crowd favourite and well done to all those who competed.

Following June's Ordinary Council Meeting Council adopted the Shire's new Strategic Community Plan (SCP) - Envision 2029. As Council's key planning document, and following extensive consultation with our community, we are delighted to present this plan to the community and encourage you to take a look at the document to familiarise yourself with Council's strategic direction for the next 10 years. Copies of this document can be viewed at the Shire's public libraries or at the Shire's website at www.dandaragan.wa.gov.au

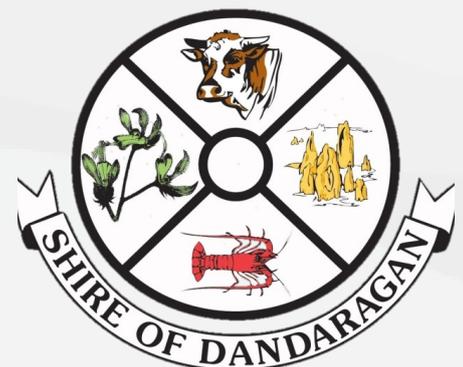
Recent wild weather has announced the arrival of winter with a vengeance. Some poor farmers had to dry seed but the rains have been very welcome and hopefully have got to all those who need it so badly. The coast has experienced higher than usual tides for this time of the year and we have some erosion problems. Lancelin is suffering more however and we wish them good luck in solving the problems around Grace Darling Park. The mistakes of the past with groynes and sea walls will be something we all have to deal with in the future. I met with Shane Love MLA last week while he was traveling up and down the coast of his electorate to assess the damage and speak to businesses to see where help is needed. I think we will need a State Government approach to this problem as important infrastructure is being threatened and it is well out of the abilities of local Shires to make plans for the future. We will closely monitor the problems in Cervantes and Jurien and will advise you of the outcomes.

My husband, Peter, and I went to a recent Bush Survival Day run by Councillor Darren Slyn's for the youth of Jurien Bay. Well done to all involved in getting a great group of young people along to learn from Caleb and Annie Shaw of the Yued community at Wedge Island.

The exercise was a great success with the children learning bush survival skills such as identifying bush tucker, how to make water, building a shelter, and how to stay calm when lost.

Recently I spent 3 days in Merredin with the Wheatbelt Development Commission which proved to be very interesting. We have a very diverse Board covering the very large Wheatbelt area.

The new Regional Economic Development Scheme (REDS) grants are out now. I encourage any groups who have upcoming projects to take a look at this funding for future projects with the potential for eligible applicants to apply for funding of up to \$250,000 for individual projects. Applications for the REDS Grants round are currently closed however you can register your interest in future funding opportunities by emailing royaltiesforregions@wheatbelt.wa.gov.au to be added to the mailing list. The recipients of the last round were from small business, as well as local government and not-for-profit groups. This will be ongoing now so if you missed this round get ready for the next one! All 9 Western Australia Development Commissions' have nearly \$700k to give out so be part of it. Merredin is a lovely thriving town with so much going on. We had an interesting bus tour with Shire of Merredin officers and got to see much more than most just driving through. We had breakfast at two different cafes and I must say they the food was as good as you get in the city.



Breakfast seems to have become the most important meal of the day for cafes and it is great to see how many small towns are able to produce such delicious meals.

This is an extremely busy time of the year for the Shire staff with the annual budget at the forefront of everyone's mind. We have recently had the Auditor General Office's auditors with us for two weeks and it was heartening to hear that we are doing a good job managing the Shire finances. We are very fortunate to have Scott Clayton, Executive Manager Corporate and Community Services, responsible for this area and with his contemporary knowledge of finance and procedures we are well placed for the future. There seems to be different Council's at risk of being removed by the Minister every other week these days and I am proud that we are known as a sound operation doing the right thing by our community. Well done to our staff for the excellent work that they do!.



JURIEN BAY & CERVANTES FORESHORE DEVELOPMENTS

Shire staff are currently engaging landscape architects to provide comprehensive Masterplans for the Jurien Bay and Cervantes Foreshores. The masterplans should provide design guidelines that address the public use of the foreshore assets, establish a proactive and where appropriate 'entrepreneurial' approach to the management of the Reserves taking into account the unique nature of each foreshore, provide building design guidelines that take into account the coastal location, prevailing winds and history of the town sites, provide for public art and culture and address the interconnectivity of recreational landuses, development and facilities that activate the foreshore.

Success in this project will see a comprehensive masterplan for the area which is developed with active input from the community.

The project should also provide a short term pathway to address existing failing infrastructure and identify the most advantageous location for the skate park so funding processes can commence.

WELCOME LIZ RUSHFORTH - COORDINATOR OF VISITOR & COMMUNITY SERVICES



Hi Everyone, my name is Liz Rushforth and I have recently commenced at the Shire of Dandaragan as the Coordinator of Visitor and Community Services. You can find me in the Turquoise Coast Visitors Centre if you would like to stop in for a chat.

I have lived in the Shire since 2007, coming from a 6 year stay in the Kimberley region of our amazing state. I love living here and all the natural assets this area has to offer. One of my previous roles was working at Parks and Wildlife assisting in the setup and running of the Pinnacles Desert Discovery Centre in Nambung National Park. I live on acreage with my husband and two children and look forward to the challenges of what this new position will bring.



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/>



WET WEATHER ASSISTS SWALE PLANTING

Operations crews haven't let wet weather dampen their enthusiasm for planting new trees in Beachridge swales as part of the Shire's swale maintenance program today. Planting during the winter months provides an opportunity for the new vegetation to establish itself prior to the warmer months.

Local residents have been quick to stop to provide positive feedback to staff on how these trees are already transforming the swales in their neighbourhood.

Planting will continue along Middleton Boulevard today, followed by Dryandra Boulevard over the remainder of the week, before progressing through to other swales in the area.

STRATEGIC COMMUNITY PLAN - ENVISION 2029 ADOPTED



Envision 2029
Shire Of Dandaragan

At its Ordinary Council Meeting held on 27 June 2019 Council adopted the Shire of Dandaragan Strategic Community Plan – Envision 2029.

Envision 2029 is the highest level document in the Shire's suite of integrated planning framework documents. It provides the Vision, Strategic themes and high level aspirations for the community which will guide the development of the Corporate Business Plan containing a higher level of detail in regards to projects and initiatives which will be implemented to address the strategic themes. This document is available on the website by following this link:

<https://www.dandaragan.wa.gov.au/community-consultation/envision-2029.aspx>

JURIEN BAY HOSTS AUSTRALIAN OF THE YEAR



On Friday night there was a black tie event at the Jurien Sport and Recreation Centre run by the Jurien Bay Chamber of Commerce.

The guest Speaker was Craig Challan SC OAM one of the principle divers in the recent Thai Cave Rescue.

Craig described the difficulty in getting the boys out and the reasons for the decision to anaesthetise the boys which was a very risky thing to do, because the boys would then be submerged for up to three hours while they were being swum out of the cave a journey of some 2.5km in complete darkness.

The dangers revolved around ensuring the boys breathed all the way out and that their full face masks didn't leak.

Craig described the decision making process that was undertaken before embarking on such a perilous course of action and how each of the other alternatives were discarded as being too risky. Or taking too long as in months rather than days to rescue these young boys. Once the plan was hatched then it was executed reasonably swiftly as we all saw by the international TV coverage at the time.

Craig also tells of the youngest boy just ten years old who weighed in at a massive 29kgs but smiled continuously throughout the ordeal and kept everybody's spirits high, his name was Titan.

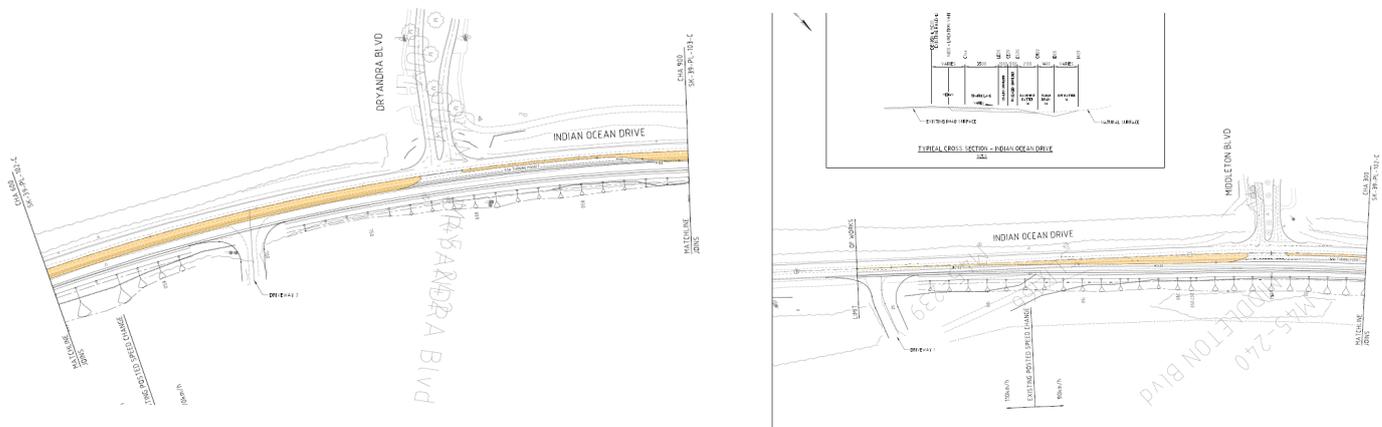
Jurien Bay was very privileged to have such an incredible speaker come to the town to tell us of his amazing achievements in the Thai cave rescue. Something that had never been done previously anywhere in the world. Hopefully will never have to be attempted again.

"Craig has been awarded the Star of Courage (SC) and Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) by the Governor-General of Australia for his role in the rescue. On 7 September 2018 Craig was appointed a Companion of the Order of the Direkgunabhorn by the King of Thailand. He is the joint-winner of the 2019 Australian of the Year award with fellow diver Richard Harris, and 2019 Western Australian of the Year".



MIDDLETON / DRYANDRA BOULEVARD INTERSECTION UPGRADES

Main Roads WA have advised the Middleton & Dryandra intersection upgrades have been listed in their register for future upgrades and preliminary survey and designs have been completed. The potential funding opportunity for these works are from their Network Safety and Improvement Program (NSIP) or State Black Spot Program but no funds have been allocated to these projects as yet. The Shire is continuing to advocate for the projects to be funded to improve safety in these areas.



SHIRE OF DANDARAGAN REQUEST FOR TENDER No 01/2019 - WASTE MANAGEMENT ATTENDANT FOR THE DANDARAGAN AND BADGINAGARRA LANDFILL / WASTE TRANSFER SITES

The Shire of Dandaragan invites tenders for the Waste Management Attendant for the Dandaragan and Badgingarra Landfill / Waste Transfer sites for a period of 3 years.

A tender package is available <http://www.dandaragan.wa.gov.au/Tenders/>

Specific details relating to the tender can be obtained by contacting the Shire of Dandaragan's Executive Secretary on 9652 0800 or es@dandaragan.wa.gov.au

Tenders close at 2pm on Monday, 29 July 2019.

Tenders may be lodged electronically via email to tenders@dandaragan.wa.gov.au or by post or hand delivered to the Tender Box, and addressed as follows: **STRICTLY PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL**, Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Dandaragan 69 Bashford Street, PO Box 676, JURIEN BAY WA 6516.

Canvassing of any Shire of Dandaragan Councillors or officers will disqualify your tender from the process.

Brent Bailey
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



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 www.dandaragan.wa.gov.au

STAY STORMSAFE

STORM SEASON

Dangerous storms are the most common natural hazard in Australia and on average, cause more more damage and destruction than cyclones, earthquakes, floods and bushfires.

DID YOU KNOW?

Each year from May to October, storms including tornados, lightning, hail, flash flooding and gale force winds cause major destruction to the southern half of the State from Kalbarri to Israelite Bay.

As storms are unpredictable, felt locally and can happen at any time, their devastating impact is often underestimated

WHAT IS A STORM?

Storms develop when warm, humid air near the ground is pushed rapidly upward into an unstable atmosphere.

WHY PREPARE FOR STORMS?

Damaging winds, flash floods, lightning, hail and tornados can cause damage to homes, cars and the environment.

They can even cause injury or loss of life.

Most storm damage to homes occurs from:

- Loose and broken roof materials
- Fallen trees and branches
- Flooding from blocked gutters and downpipes

People can stay safe and reduce damage to their homes by being prepared. A small amount of maintenance work now may save you from significant repair costs after a storm.

HOW TO PREPARE

Preparing your family and home for a storm is your responsibility and during the storm season you should make it a priority to get your home ready inside and out. There are a few simple steps that could help you minimize any damage:

- Check your roof and gutters for damage and loose material
- Clear gutters and downpipes of leaves and blockages



- Trim branches near your home and hire a qualified contractor to clear trees from powerlines.
- Clear rubbish away from your yard, balcony or patio and put away loose objects
- Prepare an emergency kit with portable radio, torch, spare batteries, first aid kit and family emergency plan
- Ensure everyone in your family understands storms and the risks
- Prepare an emergency plan including a relocation plan in case your home becomes flooded. Consider what you will do with your pets and how to turn off your gas, electricity and water supplies.
- Display a list of emergency phone numbers
- Check that you have adequate home and contents insurance

WEATHER WARNINGS

You can keep up to date with the latest weather warnings and advice:

- Through news bulletins on radio, TV or online
- On the DFES website www.dfes.wa.gov.au
- On the bureau of Meteorology's website www.bom.gov.au or by calling their Land Weather Warnings and Flood Warnings Advice Line on 1300 659 210

WHEN A STORM IS FORECAST

- Secure or remove loose material and rubbish from around your home or work because strong winds during storms can turn loose items into potentially deadly missiles
- Weigh down loose objects using plastic bags filled with sand
- Ensure your emergency kit is up to date
- Ensure your pets and animals are in a safe area
- Move your vehicles under cover
- If you are away from your home you should contact family or friends to ensure your home is secure
- Construction site workers should put away any loose building materials and secure their sheds
- Boat owners should make sure their boats are securely moored
- Campers should find alternative shelter

DURING A STORM

- Close your curtains and blinds and stay inside away from windows
- If caught outside find safe shelter away from trees, powerlines, metal objects, storm water drains, rivers and streams
- If boating or surfing leave the water
- If there is lightning, unplug electrical appliances and do not use landline telephones
- If there is flooding you can create your own sandbags by using plastic bags or pillow cases filled with sand
- If driving in heavy rain take extra care on the roads:
 - Slow down, turn your lights on and keep a safe distance from other drivers
 - If you cannot see, pull over and park with our hazard lights on until the rain clears

Do not drive into water of unknown depth and current

AFTER A STORM

- Assess your home and property for damage
- Check on friends and neighbours to see if they need help
- Keep children away from flooded drains, rivers, streams and waterways
- Keep away from fallen powerlines as they are dangerous and should always be treated as live
- Be careful of fallen trees and damaged buildings
- If driving slow down, keep a safe distance from other drivers and take care in areas that have been flooded
- If roads are flooded do not drive into water of unknown depth and current
- Avoid gravel roads as surfaces will be slippery or muddy, and vehicles could become bogged

IF YOU NEED HELP

For life-threatening emergencies call **000**

If your home has been badly damaged and you need help, call the SES on 132500

CLEANING UP

- Start cleaning up around your home – stack loose material such as tree branches and debris away from water meters.
- Contact the Shire if you need advice on the removal of materials such as asbestos fencing.

EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS

Police, Fire, Ambulance (for life threatening emergencies)

000

State Emergency Service (SES) assistance 132 500

Western Power 131 351

Water Corporation 131 375

FINDING MORE INFORMATION

DFES website www.dfes.wa.gov.au

BoM Storm Warning Advice Line 1300 659 210

Weather and Storm Forecasts www.bom.gov.au

Road Conditions (Main Roads WA) 138 138



Siesta II one of about five cray-boats that broke their moorings in a storm in 1968