

# SHIRE MATTERS

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Do you know someone who makes a difference in our community?

Nominate them today for a Citizen of the Year Award!

## 2019 CITIZEN / YOUNG CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARDS

The Shire of Dandaragan is again inviting nominations from clubs, organisations and citizens within the Shire for the abovementioned awards. Nomination forms may be obtained from the Shire office in Jurien Bay or off the Shire of Dandaragan's website [www.dandaragan.wa.gov.au](http://www.dandaragan.wa.gov.au). Nominations close Friday 22 November 2019. The awards ceremony will be held at the Jurien Bay Sport & Community Centre on Tuesday 11 February 2020 commencing at 7.00pm. Supper and refreshments will be provided.



# A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Cr Leslee Holmes  
Ph. 0408 419 468

The weekend of 14 and 15 September saw the first Grow Dandaragan Event where primary producers kick started their year. Grow Dandaragan was truly a showcase of what our primary producers have done and will continue doing into the future. On Saturday Dandaragan Organic Beef hosted an open day where visitors were treated to a tour of the magnificent Noondel Farm that has been farmed by the Cook family since 1869. During the life of the farm it has undergone various modernisations and changes to farming practices. The latest iteration has seen the farm quite literally go back to the future. The Cook's decided in early 2000 to return to sustainable organic farming. To do this they had to remove all chemicals and artificial fertilisers from the farm. They then had to be certified organic by the national organisation which is about a three year process, with annual follow ups to ensure that the organic practices are upheld. The tour of the farm encompassed the approach to keeping the cattle fed by moving them from paddock to paddock on a thirty to eighty day rotation depending on feed in the paddock. Movement of the cattle is not a 'rush and chase' the cattle from one paddock to the other, it is rather an invitation through open gates for the cattle to follow the good feed. This approach keeps the cattle calm .

and results in a better quality of beef from the paddock to the plate. To demonstrate the benefits of organically grown beef to the 60 adults and 16 children that took the opportunity to visit the farm on the open day. Stuart Laws from Showcase Events WA was tasked with providing lunch to those present. The lunch was nothing short of spectacular with an 18 hour slow cooked Asado shoulder and a 6 hour Asado ribs. The beef was accompanied by an exotic selection of salads prepared by local Jane Roberts showcasing once again that the Dandaragan locals can produce not only top class beef but also a cosmopolitan menu that would be the envy of any top class restaurant anywhere in the world. And to wash all that great food down 14K Brewery provided fermented softies and oatmeal stout. There were a number of local gardens that were open for viewing which provided a great trail around the town particularly for the interstate tourists that had based themselves in the Pioneer Transit Caravan Park for the weekend. Sunday saw the first Grow Dandaragan Market held at Pioneer Park. There were stalls from local producers selling their produce and glass art from the JBay Glass Studio. From pet supplies and dog washing, demonstrations by the Bush Tucker Lady, floral arrangements from the Bettridge Wildflower Farm, Olive Oil from Badgingarra 400; the oil had just a hint of chili locally grown as well, the whole weekend was hailed as a huge success and participants are keen to do it all again next year. Congratulations to the Dandaragan CRC on organising a unique and great event. I was very honoured to be asked to open the Badgingarra Art Trail last Sunday morning. Badgingarra have created a unique bike/walk/art trail which commences at the golf club and ending up at Vern Westbrook Walk.

The amazing Coomberdale artist, Natalie Tonkin, has done an amazing job bringing this design to life. Her beautiful organic pieces are just magnificent and the community were involved in creating the little clay figures that are seen in the metal buildings and clustered together in a community picnic. This unique trail takes you past glorious wildflowers, nature and natural bush and it was an absolute joy to join around 50 people to explore the walk. This tiny community displays all the spirit that we have come to expect from them in anything they do. Congratulations to the committee comprising of Helen Rasmussen, Sara Kenny, Dahlia Richardson and Robyn Brockman for their tireless work. This is part of an idea from Shire residents, Dianne Knight and Anne Murray, in a bid to have an art trail in all four towns of the Shire eventually joining together. Councillors Kaye McGlew and Dahlia Richardson promoted this idea to the Shire Councillors and Shire staff were able to help with some of the logistics. Moving on it has been a great time for Jurien Bay who won a Silver Award in the Emerging Tourism Town Award category at the Tourism WA 2019 Awards evening held in Karratha last week. I would like to congratulate Shelby McLeary from Jurien Bay Skydive for the amazing video she created that would tantalise the judges with our beautiful part of the world.



We are now in election mode and you will be receiving advertising flyers from the people who have put themselves forward. I urge you to get your vote in so that you can be heard and show people that in the country we care about who is representing us. Ballot papers were posted out last Friday so you can expect to see them in your mail within the coming week.

I have been recently getting calls regarding the amount of shops closing in our main streets and centres. I have spent many hours checking with my colleagues on the Wheatbelt Development Commission to see what is happening elsewhere in our region. From what I can gather, and from what I see in Perth and overseas, this is a global occurrence.

We are using many different ways now to purchase things and the old shops are slowly going and will hopefully be replaced with a more vibrant offering in the future. We will see more collectives popping up as high rents, wages and power bills are stopping small business from being viable. What we have to remember is that to have local business you have to support it. We have some great little cafes that serve good food and if the prices are reasonable people will frequent them. Service is the most important thing to remember when you are trying to attract customers. Being pleasant and helpful goes a long way. In my travels I have found that if you go to the light industrial areas and they are busy and thriving then the town is going well.

Ian Stiles and I recently did an interview with ABC about the fish kill in Marina and we are hopefully getting somewhere with the Department of Transport to fix this problem. We are working hard with advocacy to the government to sort this out once and for all as it has been going on for far too long.

In closing summer is now on its way but we must be mindful that with warmer weather comes snakes. I urge everyone to look out and take care, especially when letting dogs off the lead where they can run into the bush as last year I had two good friends lose their precious pets that way. We have been extremely lucky with such beautiful weather of late and with so much going on make sure you take time to get out and enjoy also.

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT ORDINARY POSTAL ELECTION - ELECTION NOTICE

The Shire of Dandaragan is holding an election by postal vote on Saturday, 19 October 2019 to fill vacancies in the offices of Councillors as listed below:

District - 5 Councillors

GIBSON, Wayne

RICHARDSON, Dahlia

HOLMES, Leslee

GLASFURD, Kim

SCHARF, Peter

RYBARCZYK, Rudy

**Election Packages** will be sent to all electors on the local government electoral roll where there is an election in their electorate.

**Replacement Packages** can be obtained from the Shire of Dandaragan prior to election day and from 8.00am to 6.00pm on election day if the package is not received or should any papers be missing.

**Post your vote early.** Completed postal voting packages must reach the Returning Officer by 6.00pm on election day, Saturday, 19 October 2019.

**You may hand deliver your package** to an electoral officer at the Shire of Dandaragan during business hours before election day or at the polling place in the district between 8.00am and 6.00pm on election day.

**Chief Polling Place:**

Shire of Dandaragan, Bashford Street, JURIEN BAY

**The count of votes** will commence at 6.00pm at the Chief Polling Place.

Peter LYONS

RETURNING OFFICER

0419 946 595



WESTERN AUSTRALIAN  
Electoral Commission



## STREET TREES AND STREETSCAPES POLICY ADOPTED BY COUNCIL

Recently, Shire of Dandaragan Councillors adopted a new Street Trees and Streetscapes Policy (7.4) which recognises the significance of streetscapes and naturally occurring and planted trees as integral to the identity of the Shire and that having an urban forest being shown to contribute to the health and wellbeing of the community.

This policy aligns with the Envision 2029 Environment aspiration outcome for the Shire to undertake environmental practices, projects and initiatives that enhance the environment and our liveability within it. Our role involves promoting programs to increase the quality and prevalence of appropriate trees and vegetation in town site public open space and road verges.

Supporting this policy is a new process for members of the public to organise a verge / swale makeover in your neighbourhood. In addition to your own efforts to make your street attractive, you can request assistance from the Shire of Dandaragan to:

- remove weed or overgrown grass;
- breakup topsoil and do minor earthworks;
- deliver mulch; and,
- plant.

To view, the Street Trees and Streetscapes Policy (7.4) and Streetscape Application form go to Latest News on the Shire's website. Documents are also available by going to the Town Planning page under Services or at the Shire Administration Centre.

Please note, you need at least three (3) other households in your street or nearby streets in your neighbourhood to lodge a Streetscape Application."

## BRYANT / SAKETKARN FAMILY BECOME AUSTRALIAN CITIZENS

Congratulations to Patcharaporn and Pachrapon who became Australian Citizens at a Ceremony in the presence of family, Councillors and staff on Thursday 26 September, 2019 at the Dandaragan Community Recreation Club

Cr Leslee Holmes conducted the Ceremony and presented them with their Citizenship Certificates and a gift.



## NOTICE TO ALL PET OWNERS

Pet owners are reminded that dog & cat licences expire on 31 October in each year. Renewal notices will be out shortly for all registrations expiring on 31 October 2019.

Please remember that as of 1 November 2015 all animals are required to be microchipped.



## DEPARTMENT OF BIODIVERSITY, CONSERVATION AND ATTRACTIONS FUEL REDUCTION BURN TO LOWER SUMMER RISK

With the fires burning in NSW and QLD destroying property and resources, it is timely that DBCA and the Shire of Dandaragan have undertaken fuel reduction burns to mitigate against fire risk in the coming summer months.

Friday, September 13 was the chosen date and DBCA crews from Kalbarri, Jurien Bay, Geraldton, Shark Bay and Swan Coastal joined with volunteers from Canover, Cervantes, Hill River and Warradarge. Starting at 9:30 in the morning, fires were set on land along the eastern border of the Alta Mare settlement from Jurien East Road though to Canover Road.

Overall, just under 500 Ha of land were burnt, providing a buffer to the housing estate from fires approaching from the east. Weather and time permitting, further burns are planned for the Jurien Heights and Industrial area subdivisions.

Fire Operations Officer, Jessica Henriques said that the conditions were perfect for the day's work. "Wind conditions were ideal and helped us achieve 100% of our prescribed burn."

Prescribed burns like this do more than reduce the fuel load. They are vital to the regrowth of flora in these areas as the buildup of leaf litter prevents growth of smaller plants such as the orchids and lower shrubs.

Although many of the Banksia trees are burnt, the thinning of the growth allows new growth of seedlings as replacements. The Australian bush has burnt for thousands of years and has evolved to recover from fire to replace and replenish plant populations. Prescribed burning is done under cooler conditions than hot summer bushfires and produces a fire that is less intense and provides for quicker recovery of the natural environment.

The exercise is also valuable training for both DBCA crews and volunteers who support them.

The Shire of Dandaragan thanks DBCA for the positive way it engages with the Shire and involves our volunteer fire services in the planning and execution of these mitigation burns.

Chief Executive Officer for the Shire of Dandaragan Mr Brent Bailey comments "there is a genuine process of engagement and involvement during both the planning and execution phases of these mitigation burns for which DBCA should be commended"

With a severe fire risk being forecast for this summer, residents are encouraged to actively plan for the possibility of fire around their homes. Please comply with requirements for fire breaks and fuel reduction around your home. For any advice or information on being Bush Fire Prepared, please contact Shane Elliss, the Shire's Emergency Services Coordinator on 9652 0800 or talk with members of your local fire brigade.



Canover Crew with DBCA fire crews



The risk that this dwelling would have been exposed to during a hot summer fire coming in from the east has now been mitigated.



Crews waiting for the start of the burn



## SHIRE OF DANDARAGAN LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE CONDUCTS EMERGENCY RESPONSE EXERCISES

After months of planning on Saturday 14 September the Shire of Dandaragan through its Local Emergency Management Committee carried out a day of emergency response exercises.

There were a range of exercise objectives including:

- To practice and develop increased capabilities in the members of the Local Emergency Management Committee to plan and execute an exercise in accordance with the Shire of Dandaragan's local emergency management arrangements.
- Establish interagency relationships with stakeholders from volunteer and government agencies.
- Expose the emergency services cadets from the state leadership camp being held in Jurien Bay to an exercise environment.

Test the response capability and skills of:

- WA Police
- Shire of Dandaragan Canover Volunteer Bushfire Brigade
- Jurien Bay and Cervantes Volunteer Fire and Rescue Services
- St John Ambulance Jurien Bay
- St John Ambulance Cervantes
- St John Ambulance Dandaragan
- Jurien Bay Volunteer Marine Rescue

One of the drivers of holding the exercise over this weekend was that the Emergency Services State Cadet Leadership Camp was being held in Jurien Bay and we saw this an ideal chance to be able to support these great young people and hopefully inspire them to continue with volunteering and in pursuing their dreams to become Emergency Services Professionals. The cadets were simply impressive in their approach and behaviour all weekend and it was a pleasure to interact with them and watch their passion and enthusiasm during the exercises.

The morning exercise started with a marine rescue scenario on a vessel anchored at Boulanger Island with a crew member who was suffering from life threatening symptoms. An emergency radio call to the volunteers at Marine Rescue saw rescue boat Crikey rapidly launched and on the way with a volunteer crew incorporating some of our local police on board. On arrival the patient was drifting in and out of consciousness and CPR was being applied to keep the patient alive.

The crew of crikey showed their expertise by completing an on water boat to boat patient transfer before bringing the patient in to the boat harbour where the St Johns Ambulance crews took over in treating and stabilising the patient before transport. Part way through the exercise it was revealed that the patient was suffering from a blue ring octopus bite, a highly realistic scenario in our local waters. A very experienced paramedic was here for the day of the exercise and our local St Johns Volunteer Crews were the recipients of mentoring and coaching from him throughout the day.

After the morning exercise everyone involved headed up to the Canover Bushfire Brigade shed for a fantastic lunch which was put on by the Shire and prepared by some of the wonderful partners and wives of the Canover crew. The Cadets helped cook the lunch and had the opportunity to mix and network with some of our highly experienced volunteers across the multiple agencies that were present.

While everyone else was enjoying lunch and dissecting the mornings exercise a small group of the cadets were being given moulage or made up to look like the patients for the next scenario. We were very fortunate to have secured the services of two highly talented ladies who did an absolutely fantastic job of making our 6 cadet patients look like they had really been in a car accident. It added to the reality of the next scenario for all of the responders so a big thank you to those two ladies who came up on very short notice.



The next scenario was a two car collision involving 6 people, with 4 of them suffering very serious injuries and two of the patients entrapped across two separate vehicles. Again it was fascinating to watch our Fire and Rescue volunteers set to work freeing the patients from the vehicles while working side by side with our St Johns Ambulance officers and local police. All agencies displayed their considerable skills in carrying out this extremely difficult rescue. The use of tools and equipment to stabilise the vehicles involved, the techniques displayed in safely removing roofs and doors from cars with severely injured patients inside showed us how much time and effort is put in by our volunteers to hone their skills. Part way through this extraction a grass fire started by the edge of the road, which is quite common at our traffic accidents throughout the summer period. The Canover Bushfire Brigade crew responded quickly and soon had the fire under control while the patients were being treated and stabilised by the St Johns Ambulance crews.

The day came to completion later that evening at the Jurien Bay Bowling Club where a debrief of the exercises was conducted, led by three evaluators who had been watching and observing all day. There were many actions that were noted as being executed to the highest level and many valuable learnings for everyone involved.

The Shire of Dandaragan would like to thank all of those people who either participated in the day of exercises or worked behind the scenes to make the day the success that it was. Without a doubt one of the biggest benefits of the day was simply in bringing together Cadets, Ambulance officers, Fire and Rescue Services, Bushfire Brigades, Local Government, Marine Rescue and Police for a day of training and interaction.

Sadly the following day many of those involved in the exercise were called upon to bring their skill and expertise to a tragic incident on Indian Ocean Drive that resulted in the worst possible outcome.



## YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

Youth Advisory Council – Jurien Bay Youth Group Activation Meeting – 3:30 - 4:30PM, Tuesday, 15 October 2019

Calling all Young people aged between 12 – 18 years and interested in making positive changes to the Jurien Bay Youth Group.

The Youth Advisory Council will be holding a meeting for the activation of the Jurien Bay Youth Group at the Jurien Bay Hall on Tuesday 15 October 2019 from 3:30 – 4:30PM.

Come along and have your say or just listen in. Mingle with other local young people and enjoy some pizza.

If you would like to be a part of the Jurien Bay Youth Group Activation Please register your interest with the Jurien Bay District High School front office or alternatively call Cristi McPhee on 9652 0800.



## TRONOX MANAGEMENT / SHIRE OF DANDARAGAN SRFF GRANT

- Advance Dandaragan - Swipe Card Access System - \$515.33
- Advance Dandaragan – Treadmill - \$1,249.50
- Badgingarra Community Association - Glass Dishwasher - \$2,199.45
- Badgingarra Community Association - Chairs - \$2,869.50
- Cervantes Community Recreation Centre - Security System - \$4,179.00
- Cervantes Historical Society - Television and Stand - \$510.00
- Dandaragan Bowling Club - Shade Cloth Frame - \$213.41
- Dandaragan Bowling Club - Loading Ramp - \$350.75
- Jurien Bay Community Resource Centre - Podcast Equipment - \$712.48
- Jurien Bay Community Resource Centre - Video Gaming Equipment - \$732.00
- Jurien Bay Motor Cycle Club - Handheld Radios - \$824.00
- Jurien Sport and Recreation Centre - Photo Voltaic Panels - \$4,447.50
- Lions Club of Jurien Bay - Water Tank \$351.33
- Lions Club of Jurien Bay - Off-Grid Solar Power System - \$14,698.75
- Wolba Wolba Heritage Site Management Committee - Pizza Oven - \$1,331.00

TOTAL TRONOX GRANTS AWARDED - \$35,184.00

## SHIRE OF DANDARAGAN COMMUNITY GRANTS

- Badgingarra Community Association - Inspirational Dinner - \$1,500
- Cervantes Cultural Committee - Art Therapy: Artistic Wisdom for Youth and Above - \$1,600
- Coastal Kids Care - CKC Christmas Carnival - \$1,500
- Dandaragan Community Resource Centre - Grow in Dandaragan - \$2,000
- Dandaragan Community Resource Centre - Carols by the Lake - \$1,000
- Dandaragan Playgroup - Child / Infant First Aid Course - \$1,130
- ICAN Inspirational Community Arts Network - Community Art Workshops - \$2,000
- Jurien Bay Community Resource Centre - Pre-Christmas and Australia Day Movie Screenings - \$800
- Jurien Bay Football Club - Jurien Bay Community Christmas Tree Event - \$1,000
- Jurien Bay Playgroup - Little Mess Makers - \$1,000
- Jurien Bay Progress Association - Jurien Bay Garden Competition - \$1,140
- Jurien Bay Progress Association - Kids Fun Day - \$1,275
- Jurien Bay Regional Herbarium Group - National Tree Day 2020 - \$700
- Jurien Bay Regional Herbarium Group - Native Plant Give-Away Day - \$1,200
- Jurien Sports & Recreation Centre - Country Arts WA 'Shows on the Go' - \$2,000
- Nambung Country Music Muster - Nambung Country Music Muster - \$1,100
- RSL Jurien Bay Sub-Branch - Midwest Regional RSL Concert - \$2,000
- Wolba Wolba Heritage Site Management Committee - Aggies Cottage Pop Up Shop - \$2,000
- Indian Ocean Festival Committee - Indian Ocean Festival - \$2,000

TOTAL COMMUNITY GRANTS AWARDED - \$26,945.00



## EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR THE CLEANING OF SHIRE FACILITIES IN CERVANTES

The Shire of Dandaragan is seeking quotations from suitably qualified companies, organisations and individual operators for the cleaning of Shire facilities located within the town site of Cervantes. The contract may be awarded to a respondent who best demonstrates the ability to provide quality products and services at a competitive price.

The successful respondent will be required to:

- Use equipment to a safe standard with appropriate PPE
- Maintain equipment and supplies as per Shire requirements
- Undertake work in a safe manner with regard to both themselves and others
- Have good work ethics.

For a copy of the 'Request for Quotation' form and any other enquiries about this contract can be directed to Felix Neuweiler, ph. 9652 0800

Offers are to include a completed 'Request for Quotation' form and a current resume with the names of two professional referees. Applications close 4.00pm Monday 14 October 2019

## RESTRICTED BURNING PERIOD



Please be advised, the Shire of Dandaragan suspended its Restricted Burning Period to commence on 1 October 2019 and up to and including 31 October 2019, permits to burn are required.

A permit to burn must be obtained from your local Fire Control Officer during the restricted burning period. Permits are subject to a number of conditions but will not be issued for burning on Sundays or public holidays, unless approved by the Chief Bush Fire Control Officer.

If you cannot make contact with your closest possible Fire Control Officer to arrange a permit, please call the Community Emergency Services Co-ordinator on 9652 0800 or 0428 114 221.

Please take all necessary precautions when burning, ensure you read and understand the conditions of the permit before commencing. The Shire of Dandaragan must be notified of all permit burning before commencing. Ensure you notify all your neighbours including the Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions if your property adjoins their land.

If the fire danger forecast for the day issued by the Bureau of Meteorology is forecast for very high or above, all permits are cancelled and the burn cannot be implemented.

## OWNERS AND OR OCCUPIERS OF LAND - FIREBREAK NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to landowner/occupiers within the Shire of Dandaragan that fire breaks must be installed by 1 November 2019 and maintained clear of inflammable material up to and including 30 April 2020 as per the requirements in relation to Section 33 of the Bush Fires Act 1954. Failure to comply may result with a penalty and prosecution.

