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FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS

Western Australia's container deposit scheme, Containers for Change, will start on Tuesday, 2 June 2020. Containers for Change allows consumers to take empty beverage containers covered by the scheme to a refund point to receive a refund of 10 cents.

The aim of the scheme is to

- reduce litter and disposal of waste to landfill
- increase recovery and recycling of empty containers
- provide opportunities for employment and social enterprise participation.

How to register your interest in the container deposit scheme

A register of interest has been developed for organisations who want to participate in the collection network for the container deposit scheme. For more information visit https://dwer.wa.gov.au/container-deposit-scheme

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Cr Leslee Holmes
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Back home at last and very happy to be enjoying this wonderful weather. England was very enjoyable as I spent time with family, however, I could never live there. We missed the blue skies and the wide open spaces. I can't live my life inside too much as I love to be outdoor and where better to do that than in Australia.

I literally, hit the ground running, with a Wheatbelt Development Commission meeting in Northam followed by hosting the Honourable Alannah MacTeirnan, Minister for Regional Development; Agriculture and Food to Jurien Bay and Cervantes on Friday 16 August. The Jurien Bay Chamber of Commerce extended the invitation to the Minister to discuss finalising the Turquoise Way Path from Hill River through to Cervantes. I am pleased to say that even a bit of drizzle did not put us off going for a walk down the path and enjoying the amazing views. The Minister was very impressed and completely understands the importance of completing the path between Jurien Bay and Cervantes and is supportive of the opportunities that this will bring to the economy of both towns. We also visited the Jurien Bay CRC where Sue Campbell and staff gave her a tour of the great facilities and explained all the great things they do for their community. Liz and the staff at the Visitor Centre were also able to show the Minister what we do to assist tourists and visitors to the region. It is a great opportunity to showcase our town. We then went to Cervantes for a tour of the RAC Cervantes Holiday Park and the Lobster Shack. The Minister was very impressed with both places and can see the opportunities that will come from the extension of the path.

I was away for the Tronox and Community Grants round and I must congratulate our Staff and Councillors who were involved in the process. Well done to all those groups who benefited from these very important opportunities. It is always very rewarding to be able to help groups to be able to host events and improve facilities. We are very grateful for the ongoing support of Tronox.

Our August Council Meeting was a very special one as we had year 5 and 6 students attend from Badgingarra, Cervantes and Dandaragan. The students had a good look around the offices and joined us for the Council Meeting asking some really great questions that our staff and myself were able to answer. They were also able to witness a citizenship ceremony and then joined us for a very nice lunch. We always enjoy hosting our young people. The Cervantes students provided Council with a report on their lighting study focusing on the impacts artificial light has on our dark night skies. Astrotourism is emerging as a growing part of our local tourism market and we need to consider the impacts of artificial light leakage in our urban design.

I was invited to J Bay Glass Art and Studio opening by Catherine Norgett

on Friday night which was a great pleasure to share with a good crowd of art fans. The great space that was the old bakery was made to look amazing on the night. invitees enjoyed a delightful cocktail party and were able to look at all the amazing displays. Well done to Andrea from the Dandaragan CRC for her hard work supporting artists in our region. After that I crossed the road and went to see the very talented Kiera Wuillemin at her studio Sea Spray Art to enjoy her art works which are both beautiful and very moving. I love the ocean and was so impressed with this gallery and the enthusiasm of our young local artist and promoter of the region.

During the week I did a radio interview with the ABC regarding the sea wrack in the Jurien Bay Marina. I am sure that you have all been keeping up with this one as it is very important to our boaties and visitors alike as well as the families who like to swim there. Hopefully the Department of Transport who are responsible for this harbour will find an answer and get it cleaned in time for summer and keep it clean for the future.

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. 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.

The ceremony is open to all members of the public and supper and refreshments are provided.

DRUMMUSTER COLLECTIONS

drumMUSTER is specially designed for the disposal of eligible, cleaned agvet chemical containers. Farmers can drop off their rinsed containers at the Badgingarra and Dandaragan waste facilities.

- Badgingarra is open on Wednesdays from 8am – midday and Fridays from 1pm – 5pm
- Dandaragan opening times are as follows: Wednesdays 1pm – 5pm; and Fridays & Saturdays 8am – midday.

SHIRE OF DANDARAGAN 2019 / 20 RATES NOTICES

The Shire of Dandaragan rates notices have now all been sent out. Payment is due by 5.00pm on Friday 13 September 2019. Any rates paid following this date will not receive the discount and further charges will apply. If you have not received your rates notice please contact the Shire as soon as possible on 9652 0800.

More information can be found on the Shire website: http://www.dandaragan.wa.gov.au/rates.aspx

You can now receive your notices by email if you register with the Shire. Please call us ensuring that you have your reference number handy. This can be found on the top right of a previous rate notice. 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/

LEEUWIN
Ocean Adventure Foundation

LEEUWIN SCHOLARSHIP

Each year the Shire of Dandaragan offers a fully funded scholarship for a voyage on board the STS Leeuwin II, for all young people aged between 15 and 18. Congratulations to this year's recipient, 15-year-old Jurien Bay resident Neave Mayhew. Neave is hoping to gain experience to assist her in future career aspirations within aviation. We are currently in discussion with Neave about the date of her voyage and look forward to hearing of her experience upon its completion.

AUSTRALIAN CITIZENSHIP

Congratulations to Ananya Gazeley of Cervantes who became an Australian Citizen at a ceremony held on Thursday 22 August 2019. Cr Leslee Holmes presented Ananya with her certificate in front of Councillors, Staff and students from Cervantes, Badgingarra and Dandaragan.

Council Meeting

DANDARAGAN COUNCIL MEETING - THURSDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2019

The 26 September 2019 Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held at the Dandaragan Community Recreation Club commencing at 4.00pm. Should there be any items you feel require Council's attention please contact Robyn Headland at the Jurien Bay Administration Centre via email **council@dandaragan.wa.gov.au** or phone 9652 0800 by Monday 16 September 2019 .
We look forward to hearing from you.

NOTICE TO ALL OWNERS AND OR OCCUPIERS OF LAND WITHIN THE SHIRE OF DANDARAGAN - RESTRICTED BURNING PERIOD

Please be advised, the Shire of Dandaragan will be entering into the Restricted Burning Period as of 19 September 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.

NEW FIRE TRUCK DONATED TO HILL RIVER BUSHFIRE BRIGADE

The Hill River Bushfire Brigade has been proudly commissioning and training on the recently delivered and highly specialised Tatra 6 x 6 fire appliance that has been donated to the brigade by APA Group.
This fire appliance will be a valuable asset to the Shire's firefighting infrastructure, and the Shire of Dandaragan and Hill River Bushfire Brigade thank APA group for this community-focused donation.

Pictured are Shire of Dandaragan, Hill River Bushfire Brigade and APA Group representatives.

Photo credit - APA Group

JURIEN BAY COUNTRY GOLF CLUB GOES GREEN

The Jurien Bay Country Golf Club with help from the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Activities and the Shire of Dandaragan will go green this year.

Greener fairways will be the result of the current water project, which will bring quality water 2.5 kilometres from east of Jurien Bay to the course. The existing bores on the golf course are becoming increasingly saline which is impacting the playability of the existing irrigated fairways and tee boxes.

The water project was included in the Club's strategic plan which was developed in 2016. Watering the fairways was considered to be the top priority project and the Golf Club has been working hard to bring this project to life.

Greening the fairways is not the only green part of the project all pumps on the bore field will be solar powered and water will be delivered via a gravity fed 150 mm pipeline to a tank farm at the Golf Club. From there water will be reticulated through existing infrastructure which will be added to in future stages to cover the entire course. Greening the fairways will enable golfers to play the course through the summer months in addition to the regular winter competitions.

Visitors to Jurien Bay during the busy holiday periods will now have more activities in which to participate when visiting the region.

A grant of $35,000 was received through the Community Sport and Recreation Facilities Fund provided by the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Activities.

A further $50,000 was received as the Shire of Dandaragan's contribution under the Shire's Sport and Recreation Capital Works Fund. The remaining funds will be contributed in cash and kind by the Jurien Bay Country Golf Club for a total project cost of $178,000.

The project is complex and demands a high level of planning to ensure that sufficient quality and quantity of water can be delivered to the golf course. The stages of the project to date have included; undertaking a hydrogeological survey of the area, identifying a suitable area to sink a test bore to prove the water flow, applying for a water licence through the Department of Water and finally seeking a lease from Ardross Estates who are the land owner where the bore field will be located. All this was undertaken before applying for grants to undertake the biggest single project the Club has undertaken since being established in 1976.

Shire of Dandaragan CEO, Brent Bailey, said working with the Golf Club has demonstrated the capacity within the community to resolve complex problems and the Shire is now partnering further with the Club to increase the water security for the remainder of the town's irrigated public open space.

An engineering design commissioned by the Shire confirmed that an upgrade of the 150mm pipe to 200mm pipe would deliver sufficient water to a second tank farm to be located at the Jurien Sport and Recreation Centre. Water will eventually be delivered from the tank farm through existing infrastructure to other areas of public open space in Jurien Bay, reducing the reliance on shallow localised bores which are susceptible to rising salinity.

This $200k project will be managed by the Jurien Bay Country Golf Club with input from Shire staff and represents another great example of local community partnerships. The project will reduce energy costs and the town irrigation system's carbon footprint with the pumps being powered by solar and being gravity fed to the tank farms. As the Shire's public open space irrigation transition occurs over coming years the reliance on diesel powered pumps and generators will also decrease.