

# SHIRE MATTERS



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# Restricted Burning Time

## 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 3 October 2020 and up to and including 31 October 2020, 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 Emergency Management Coordinator 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.

# A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Cr Leslee Holmes  
Ph. 0408 419 468

## **Cervantes Locals, Frank and Dee Whitton, on 'Posties' duty in Port Hedland.**

What some people will do for their friends. Our dear friends, that walk their dog in our group every day on the oval, announced a couple of weeks ago that they would be heading to Port Hedland for a month to take over the running of the local post office for a friend in desperate need of a break. If you think this would be a simple process of them standing behind the counter each day serving people, this is not the case. They have to start very early in the morning due to the extreme heat and deliver everything on motorbikes. As you can imagine, when you don't know the layout of the town, this is a very long job and both Frank and Dee have fallen off the bikes at some stage. Dee has now decided to deliver in her ute to avoid further incident while Frank is continuing to brave the motorbike. What great friends!

## **Not enough people to fill jobs.**

I am sure that you are all as confused as I am when you read about the high rates of unemployment one day and then read about 8000 jobs vacant in agriculture, and goodness knows how many in hospitality and tourism. How can these figures be correct?

I cannot imagine how frustrating it must be for both farmers and tourism operators who now have a chance of making some money after a very slow period, hearing about the numbers of people sitting around on 'Job Keeper' disengaged from work. It is a very short sighted attitude as when the money dries up, and it will, their reticence to work will well be remembered I am sure. Where has "We are all in this together" gone? This would be a great opportunity to showcase our State and reports from all the holiday havens is that you struggle to get a coffee, a meal at the pub, or into your expensive room due to lack of staff. I know if I was young I would be up in the warmer weather like a shot. Criticism is often aimed at backpackers but it would seem we now need them to stay for another year just to keep us going. "Work and Wander Out Yonder" is the catchcry, I hope the opportunity to embrace the first part is taken up soon.

## **Dandaragan Organic Beef Open Day**

Earlier this month 50+ visitors attended the Dandaragan Organic Beef 2020 Open Day. Visitors got to see for themselves how this organic cattle farm operates and learn about how this type of farming not only produces nutritious food but also protects the environment.

Visitors were treated to a short history tour which included a walk to the regenerated Minyulo Brook, followed by a long table lunch with Chef Stuart Laws cooking the farm's organic grass fed beef in tantalising fashion and providing a true paddock to plate experience to all who attended.

This is a great way for agri-business in the region to showcase all their hard work and I look forward this event continuing in the coming years.

## **Grow Dandaragan**

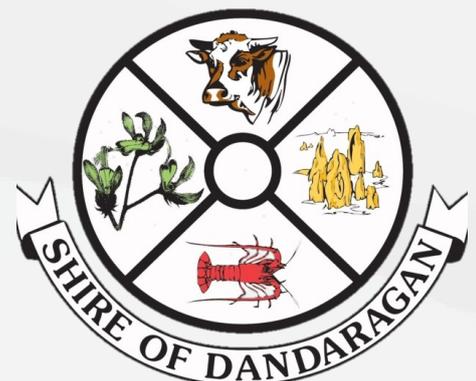
Once again the Dandaragan Community hosted the 'Grow the Dandaragan Way' Weekend Festival from 12-13 September. Once again this was a terrific example of what this small community can do. With record attendance this year the weather was thankfully kind. Events included Wildflower Tours, Exhibits, Workshops, Star Gazing, Animal Night Stalking, Dog High-jump, Art and Craft, Local Produce, Live Music, Talks, and much more.

## **RDA Wheatbelt visit**

CEO, Brent, and I were pleased to give a presentation of what is happening in our Shire to the Rural Development (RDA) WA Wheatbelt Board and staff earlier this month in Jurien Bay. It was very satisfying to hear how important they considered the work we are doing in putting our Shire at the forefront of development in WA.

## **Northern Growth Alliance.**

The Shire of Dandaragan is part of the Northern Growth Alliance (NGA) with Chittering and Gingin Shires. We are working closely on projects that highlight our region and aim to promote new economic Development opportunities. The NGA is targeting more growth in horticultural and intensive agriculture capability.



The region we're a part of (North of Perth) is the powerhouse of horticultural production within WA, producing around \$110m in Gross Value (ABS 2017). The nearest comparison by value is the Harvey Region providing around \$67m. The NGA in partnership with the Development Commission plays a role in marketing, water policy advocacy, logistics planning and aligning energy opportunities to promote our region to future investors in this space.

### **Jurien Bay Country Golf Club Water Project Stage 1 Opening**

Earlier this month I was delighted to attend the official opening of the Jurien Bay Country Golf Club Water Project Stage 1. This was a great event showcasing the work that an amazing team of volunteers have done to get this most important project started.

Minister for Sport, Seniors and Volunteering, the Hon. Mr Mick Murray, MLA, officially opened the project in front of a well-attended event and commented on how rewarding it was to support projects like this that are well planned with the appropriate levels of financial, and 'in-kind' support from club members and local government.

The Shire was so impressed with the dedication of the volunteers and professionalism of the project team that it decided to 'piggy-back' onto the project in order to secure a sustainable water source for the Jurien Bay Oval and other public open space locations across Jurien Bay.

Stage 2 and 3 of the project are currently seeking grant funding through the State Government's Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund (CSRFF) application process and have already received Shire funding, up to one third of the project cost, as part of the application. I would like to take this opportunity to commend all the volunteers, and the golf club Committee, on their foresight and excellent planning, and execution of this successful project.

### **Regional Innovation Summit 2020**

I was invited to attend a Regional Innovation Summit hosted in Geraldton last week which brought together heads of Regional Development Commission's from all over the State with business people and some local government leaders. This was an initiative of Regional Development Minister, the Hon. Ms Alannah MacTiernan, MLC, and it was a great honour to be invited to 'thrash' out a way forward for our State in innovation and business development. The summit was seeking ideas on how to build an eco-sphere in our regions that encourages creativity and entrepreneurship, and then provide the scaffolding to turn inspirations into viable business. Creating new products and services will help build the diversity, dynamism and opportunities necessary to strengthen our regions. We were treated to some very dynamic young speakers and I am hopeful that some of the great ideas will come to fruition with the help of the State Government's continual support in this area.

### **Interschool Sports**

This year's Interschool Sports Day was held in Cervantes last Friday. What a great day with very lovely weather. It was great to see so many talented athletes from our region and my congratulations to all the competitors and winners. With so much work going in to make these sports days the success they are, many thanks must also be extended to the teachers and parents who make these events possible.

### **Mike Sheppard 'Rest in Reef Ball' Memorial Service**

Last Saturday over 100 people attended the 'Rest in Reef Ball' memorial service for Mike Sheppard at Jurien Bay. A simple service was held at the beach to submerge the reef ball in which Mike's ashes were cast. There are over 100 reef balls forming the artificial reef, adjacent to the Old Jetty site. Mike was personally involved in casting up to 90% of the reef balls. It is symbolic that Mike has now become a permanent part of the project that he was so passionate about.

Following the service, refreshments were served at the Jurien Sport and Recreation Centre where community members remembered Mike and all his achievements since arriving in Jurien Bay. The memorial was organised, in conjunction with Mike's family, by a number of the organisations that Mike had been a member of which included the Jurien Bay Community Men's Shed, Jurien Bay Progress Association, Senior Badminton, Jurien Sport and Recreation Centre, Jurien Bay CRC, and with the assistance of the Jurien Bay Volunteer Marine Rescue, who placed the reef ball on the ocean floor.

## **RFT 05/2020 THREE YEAR CLEANING CONTRACT JURIEN**

The Shire of Dandaragan invites tender submissions for a three year cleaning contract at Jurien Bay.

Tender packages are available by contacting Denaye Kerr at [es@dandaragan.wa.gov.au](mailto:es@dandaragan.wa.gov.au).

Queries relating to the tender can be directed to Mr Felix Neuweiler, Principal Environmental Health Officer/Building Surveyor on (08) 9652 0800

Tender submissions will close at 4.00pm (WST) on Wednesday, 7 October 2020.

Tenders submissions can be lodged electronically to [tenders@dandaragan.wa.gov.au](mailto:tenders@dandaragan.wa.gov.au) or hand delivered to the Tender Box at the Shire of Dandaragan Administration Centre, 69 Bashford Street, Jurien Bay. Alternatively tenders can be posted and addressed as follows: RFT 05-2020 Tender Box, Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Dandaragan, PO Box 676, JURIEN BAY WA 6516

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

## **STUDENTS FROM JURIEN BAY DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL ATTEND COUNCIL MEETING**

Students from Jurien Bay District High School's year 5 & 6 class were invited to visit the Shire's Administration Building and attend the Ordinary Council Meeting (OCM) on 27 August 2020.

The visit began at the amphitheatre, where Shire staff and students met and split into groups to tour the Shire's office, visitors centre and library. On the tour students asked staff many questions about what it's like to work for the Shire and what their job roles are.

The OCM commenced at 11am, with public question time starting shortly after. Students took this opportunity to ask questions about when the Shire was established, how many developments the Shire had completed in this time and where will the Skatepark be built. The students were also lucky enough to witness a beautiful citizenship ceremony during the meeting.

At 12pm the meeting adjourned for lunch. Students enjoyed a delicious lunch spread with staff, teachers, volunteers and Councillors at the amphitheatre before heading back to school for the afternoon.

The Shire of Dandaragan staff and Councillors would like to thank all the wonderful Year 5 & 6 students, staff and volunteers of Jurien Bay District High School for bringing such joy and vibrancy to our office.





## ADMINISTRATION / LIBRARY & VISITORS CENTRE OPENING HOURS

Current opening hours to the walk-in public for the Shire of Dandaragan Administration Centre / Library & Visitors Centre are Monday - Friday from 9am - 4pm. If you would like to meet with a staff member outside of these opening hours, please call or email to make an appointment.

## SHIRE SEPTIC TANK PUMP OUT SERVICES ON HOLD

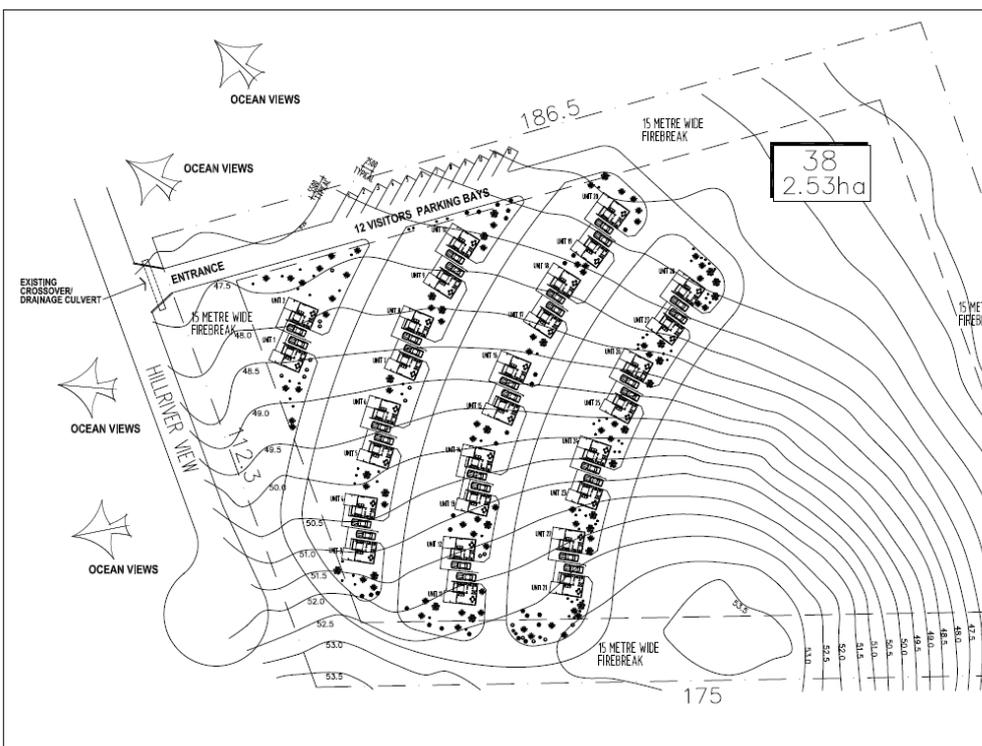


The Shire of Dandaragan advises that its Septic Tank Pump Out Truck is currently unavailable to service the community for the next 4-6 weeks. Residents who require a septic tank pump out can contact the following organisation or business to make arrangements:

- Shire of Moora - 9651 0000
- Greenhead Plumbing and Gas - 0429 966 700

The Shire would like to thank you for your patience and will provide notification of when this service becomes available again.

## PROPOSED SHORT STAY CHALETs FOR JURIEEN BAY



It is advised that the Shire of Dandaragan is in receipt of a development application for 28x short stay chalets upon Lot 38 Hill River View, Jurien Bay.

Details of the proposal are available for inspection at the Shire of Dandaragan Administration Centre at 69 Bashford Street, Jurien Bay.

Comments on the proposal may be submitted to the Shire of Dandaragan before the close of business on Wednesday 14 October 2020 and can be made in writing to the Shire of Dandaragan, PO Box 676, Jurien Bay, WA, 6516 or by email to [council@dandaragan.wa.gov.au](mailto:council@dandaragan.wa.gov.au).



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

Nominate them today for a Citizen of the Year Award!

## 2020 OUTSTANDING CITIZEN / OUTSTANDING YOUNG CITIZEN AWARDS

The Shire of Dandaragan is again inviting nominations from clubs, organisations and citizens within the Shire for the above mentioned awards. Nomination forms may be obtained from the Shire office in Jurien Bay or go to the Shire of Dandaragan Awards page at: <https://www.dandaragan.wa.gov.au/services/community/awards.aspx>. Nominations close 31 October 2020.

The awards ceremony will be at the Cervantes Community Centre on Tuesday 9 February 2021 commencing at 7.00pm. The ceremony is open to all members of the Public and supper and refreshments will be provided.

## VIBRANT COMMUNITIES ARTS AND CULTURE PLAN

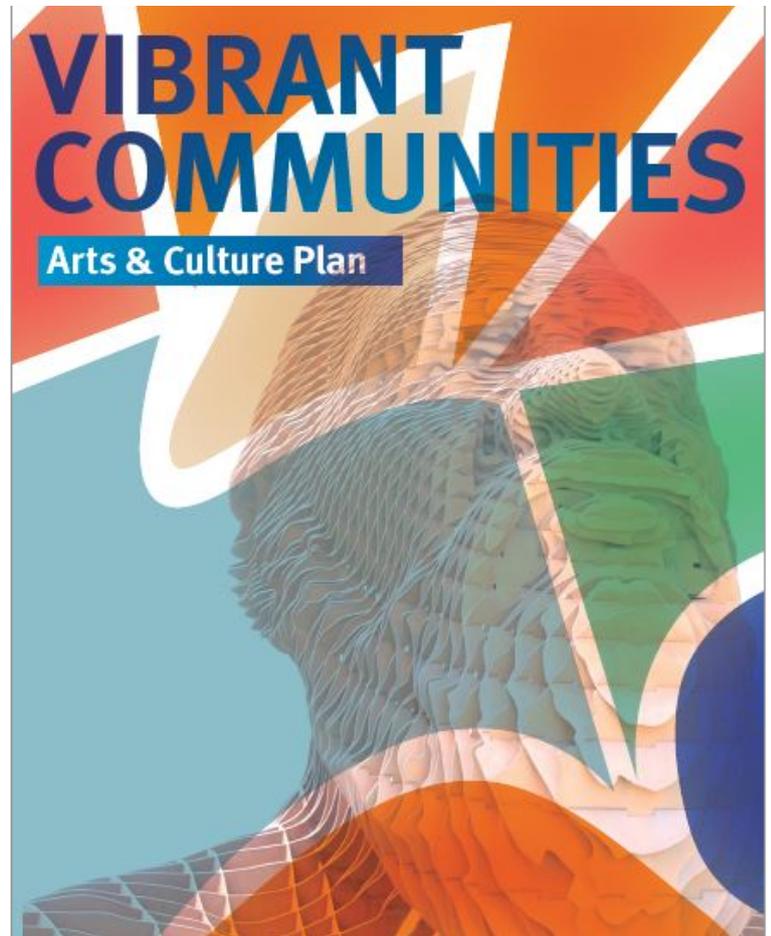
It's official! The Vibrant Communities Arts and Culture Plan was endorsed by Council at the 27 August 2020 Ordinary Council Meeting.

The Vibrant Communities Arts and Culture Plan aims to provide a clear integrated approach towards arts and cultural events, activities and public art, reflecting the values and individuality of our towns, proactively attracting the type of arts and cultural activities that allow the Shire to develop its own cultural statements. The Vibrant Communities Arts and Culture Plan was informed by the community through a range of consultation opportunities, community workshops, in-person discussions, and surveys and was developed in consultation with the arts, culture and heritage sectors, and in collaboration with a group of cultural leaders within the Shire's community.

The Shire of Dandaragan would like to thank everyone who participated in the community consultation opportunities. Community consultation played a pivotal role in the project and ensured that the Vibrant Communities Arts and Culture Plan is grounded in local input.

You can view the Vibrant Communities Arts and Culture Plan at the Shire's administration building in Jurien Bay or alternatively, contact the Community Development Team on 9652 0800.

The Vibrant Communities will also be available to view on the Shire's website over the coming weeks.



## EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST OPEN FOR DANDARAGAN ART MURAL



The Shire of Dandaragan is calling for expressions of interest from experienced and emerging public artists who are residents of Western Australia, to design and create a public mural as part of the Dandaragan Streetscape and Art Enhancement Project.

The mural will be situated on an external wall of the Dandaragan Community Centre with the aim to build impact and interest within the Dandaragan Pioneer Park and new BMX / pump track. The mural will contain local motifs identified by the community, and invite visitors to interact with the mural.

The project aims to beautify and enhance the sense of place in the Dandaragan townsite, by installing vibrant and contemporary public art forms. The artwork will interpret and express the local area's natural and physical characteristics, and social and cultural values in a way that supports local stories and invites visitors to stop and engage with the streetscape.

The deadline for submitting an expression of interest is 5pm Monday 19 October 2020.

For further information or to submit an expression of interest, go to the Shire of Dandaragan Arts and Culture page at <https://www.dandaragan.wa.gov.au/services/community/arts-and-culture.aspx>.

This art project is funded by the Shire of Dandaragan and the Australian Government's Drought Communities Programme.

## EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST OPEN FOR PUBLIC SCULPTURE IN DANDARAGAN TOWNSITE

The Shire of Dandaragan is calling for expressions of interest from experienced and emerging professional sculptors / public artists who are residents of Western Australia, for the commissioning of a STEM-themed sculptural work.

The artist would be required to create a public art sculpture as part of the Dandaragan Streetscape and Art Enhancement Project. The sculpture will have a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) theme and will be installed on the road reserve adjacent to the Dandaragan Primary School (corner of Camm Road).

The project aims to beautify and enhance the sense of place in the Dandaragan townsite, by installing vibrant and contemporary public art forms. The artwork will interpret and express the local area's natural, physical and industrial characteristics, and social and cultural values in away that supports local stories and invites visitors to stop and engage with the streetscape, and build impact and interest around the townsite.

The deadline for submitting an expression of interest is 5pm Monday 12 October 2020.

For further information or to submit an expression of interest, go to the Shire of Dandaragan Arts and Culture page at <https://www.dandaragan.wa.gov.au/services/community/arts-and-culture.aspx>.

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### **SHIRE OF DANDARAGAN COMMUNITY GRANTS 2020**

We thank all grant applicants for taking the time to complete an application and encourage you to apply again in future. Congratulations to the following Community Groups on the success of their grant applications.

- Advance Dandaragan – Quiet Achievers Sundowner
- Cervantes Cultural Committee – Native Wildflower Art Workshops
- Cervantes Historical Society – Cervantes COVID-19 Recovery Breakfast
- Coastal Kids Care – Community Christmas Party
- Dandaragan Community Resource Centre – Carols by the Lake and Grow the Dandaragan Way
- Jurien Bay Community Resource Centre – Jurien Bay Dog Show
- Jurien Bay Football Club – Jurien Bay Community Christmas Tree
- Jurien Bay Regional Herbarium Group – Native Plant Giveaway Day
- Jurien Sport and Recreation Centre – The Flaming Galah's presented by Monty Cotton
- Nambung Country Music Muster – Nambung Music Muster 2020

### **TRONOX MANAGEMENT / SHIRE OF DANDARAGAN SPORTING & RECREATION FACILITIES FUND (SRFF) GRANTS**

- Badgingarra Community Association – Mini Golf Course
- Cervantes Bowling Club – Bowling Green Roller with Carry Trolley
- Cervantes Historical Society – Concrete Pad, 'Barque' Cervantes
- Cervantes Tennis Club – Replacement Shelter and Storeroom
- Dandaragan Football Club – Netball Shed Shelter
- Dandaragan Primary School P & C – Senior Playground Extension, Multi-level fort
- Jurien Bay Bowling Club – Outdoor Tables and Chairs
- Jurien Bay Kart Club – Electric Griddle
- Jurien Sport and Recreation Centre – Purchase and Installation of a Heat Pump
- Wolba Wolba Heritage Site Management Committee – Projector and Speakers



### **STATE GOVERNMENT REGIONAL LAND BOOSTER INCENTIVES**

DevelopmentWA is the State Government's central development agency, operating across Western Australia with a diverse portfolio of industrial, commercial and residential projects. They operate under the Western Australian Land Authority, Metropolitan Redevelopment Authority and Hope Valley-Wattleup Redevelopment legislation, and formed through the merging of LandCorp and the Metropolitan Redevelopment Authority.

To stimulate the economy as we transition out of the COVID-19 period, DevelopmentWA are offering incentives on residential and industrial land purchases, plus, with up to \$69,000 in Government grants and concessions for home buyers and with record low interest rates, it's a great time to buy regionally. To find out if you qualify for the Government grants visit DevelopmentWA, or go to the HomeBuilder, Building Bonus and First Home Owners Grant websites. The HomeBuilder and Building Bonus grants end 31 December 2020.