

SHIRE MATTERS



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SHIRE ADMINISTRATION CENTRE CLOSED TO WALK-IN CUSTOMERS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Following the Prime Minister's directive, most Shire of Dandaragan staff members are now working from home due to the COVID-19 restrictions.

We have made the decision to close the Shire's Administration Centre in Jurien Bay to the public from 8am Wednesday 1 April – unless by appointment – until the risk to staff and the public is significantly reduced.

All staff are fulfilling their normal duties, albeit in a different way, and our commitment to you is that we have our Customer Service Charter at the top of mind as we experience this unprecedented situation.

All enquiries can be phoned or emailed on 9652 0800 or council@dandaragan.wa.gov.au. Alternatively, our new website may answer many of your questions and we will update our pages with appropriate information regularly. Also 'like' our Facebook page for daily updates.

We look forward to seeing you in person once this situation is resolved, and hope you are able to take this time to spend with loved ones or just enjoy 'you' time.

Check out our COVID-19 Information page from the link on our Home page for links to support relevant to the current situation.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Cr Leslee Holmes
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Following on from my report last month we continue to find ourselves gripped in a world of uncertainty. Never before have we seen such an unprecedented event as this. What is happening across the world is absolutely tragic and we can only hope that there will be an end to it soon, although we know it could be many months before that will happen. It is so important that we all adhere to the directions handed down by our Federal and State Governments so that we are all well informed in what we need to do.

Over the past weeks we have seen the Federal Government roll out two COVID-19 Stimulus Packages worth billions of dollars in order to provide some stability to the lives of Australians during this time. These packages will assist in providing financial support for businesses, temporary relief for financially distressed businesses and income support for individuals to name a few. These measures have been put in place to help Australia's economic recovery at the end of this pandemic, whenever that may be.

Throughout this time the Shire of Dandaragan staff are working tirelessly to ensure the continued smooth operation of its core business and my fellow Councillors and I can't thank them enough for their efforts.

Closures of our local libraries, recreation centres, Visitors Centres, Sandy Cape, parks, playgrounds and skate parks are all in place as stipulated by the federal government, and overflow camping areas, normally open over Easter and the school holidays, will also be closed.

I have been working very closely with Shire staff to meet with local business owners, police, and members from local associations to provide support and direction in what can only be called trying times. It is extremely important that we continue to address the issues of maintaining enough supplies for our community members to access and I have completed a number of interviews and podcasts on Perth radio stressing the importance of people to stay away, particularly in the lead up to Easter and school holidays. With the newly implemented intrastate travel restrictions by our State Government recently coming into effect, this should certainly help our cause and many other regional communities.

This issue has been of particular concern for our community and I trust that people will do the right thing and remain at their homes while we too must to do the same and stay at our homes as well. I cannot stress enough how important this is. These actions will continue to support maintaining capacity within our local emergency services and supermarket supply chains.

During this time a little kindness can go a long way which is why the Shire, in partnership with both the Dandaragan and Jurien Bay Community Resource Centres, have recently rolled out the COVID Neighbourhood Heart Initiative to provide assistance to members of the community facing challenges and increasing social isolation due to COVID-19.

This wonderful initiative aims to support those in our community at high risk and anyone in our community looking to volunteer can register their details by following the links on the Shire's website or Facebook page.

If you are unable to access the internet, hard copies were circulated via a mail box drop last week. Last week, the Shire offices closed as staff smoothly transitioned to working from home to help reduce the risk of exposure, however our officers continue to deliver core business to the public during this time.

The Shire's Development Services department have set up a process for the electronic lodgement of building, development, and health applications to ensure they are processed quickly and efficiently, and details about how to lodge applications electronically can be found on the Shire's website and Facebook page. Applications can still be posted but may be delayed in processing so I ask that you please be patient as there may be some delays in work being processed due to these changed circumstances.

If you have access to the internet it is important to know that all latest news relating to the Shire can be found on our website, including a COVID-19 Information page for you to access local information on any updates about COVID-19, with links to reliable sources.



This information is also available in languages other than English. The Shire's Facebook page can also be accessed for the latest information and I urge you all to use these tools to search the wealth of information provided about the services the Shire delivers.

On a more positive note Council, at its March 2020 meeting, adopted the Cervantes and Jurien Bay Foreshore Masterplans following an extensive community consultation process. While there is still a lot of work to be done before these plans come to fruition, I am thrilled by the recent announcement of funding approval from Lotterywest to the tune of \$1.1million for the construction of the youth precinct area, which forms part of the Jurien Bay Foreshore Master Plan. The future construction of this youth precinct will assist in helping to maintain jobs in our community on the other side of the coronavirus outbreak, as well as maintaining local economic activity at a time when we will need it most. Further information about this project can also be found within other pages of this Shire Matters edition.

In closing I wish you and your families to all remain safe. Listen and act on the instructions issued by our Federal and State politicians – our actions today will help save lives and make it better for all in the long run.



COUNCIL ADOPTS FORESHORE MASTERPLANS FOR JURIEN BAY & CERVANTES

We are pleased to advise that after an extensive community consultation period, Council adopted the Jurien Bay and Cervantes foreshore masterplans at March Council Meeting. The masterplans are available on our website and a brief overview is provided below.

In Jurien Bay, the masterplan sets out how Dobbyn Park will evolve and become a vibrant place for families with a new playground, skate / scooter / BMX facility and picnic and barbecue area. This area will transition South through a new foreshore pedestrian plaza showcasing our pristine ocean view and town jetty, also providing opportunity for a future small licensed hospitality venue. The plaza area will provide new ablution amenities and ample shade coverage via a new pavilion structure. Fauntleroy Park will remain as broader open space ready to cater for events and lazy quiet days by the beach.

In Cervantes, the masterplan includes a foreshore hub, event spaces and supporting infrastructure, improvements to pathways, traffic calming measures, landscaping and amenity, an outdoor exercise area, and plans to link to the proposed extension of the Turquoise Way path from Jurien Bay. A fishing platform is also proposed to revitalise the old groyne structure and improve amenity in the area.

At this very uncertain time, the Shire of Dandaragan will continue to work towards planning and creating social and economic development opportunities for residents and businesses in our Shire which encapsulate local culture, art and creativity in the built form.

It is important to note that the role of a masterplan is as a conceptual representation of how the foreshore could evolve and function, and will take many years to come to full fruition. They will be used as a tool to attract further funding and develop detailed design plans with the help of community representatives as part of working groups established in each stage

SHIRE OF DANDARAGAN COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM

The Tronox Management and Shire of Dandaragan Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund, and the Shire of Dandaragan Community and Environmental Grants will open this week.

Please go to the Shire website or contact the Manager Customer and Community Service at mccs@dandaragan.wa.gov.au for more information. Applications for funding must be received by the Shire by 5pm 31 May 2020



ARE YOU ISOLATING AND NEED ASSISTANCE?

As the spread of COVID-19 continues, so does the understandable concern within our community. While social distancing creates a new set of challenges, there are things we can do to ensure we look out for each other.

The Shire of Dandaragan is committed to ensuring we minimise the social impact of this disease as much as possible heading into the future, and has launched the COVID Neighbourhood Heart Initiative as a way to connect and help each other.

The COVID Neighbourhood Heart Initiative is a matching process that connects local residents who are looking to help, with those currently in isolation or experiencing hardships during the COVID-19 pandemic. Those most at high risk of being impacted by the threats of COVID-19 include seniors, people with a disability, people with serious health concerns, those from culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) backgrounds and Indigenous people.

Whether you are someone wanting to help, or someone who needs help, the Shire of Dandaragan is aiming to connect you. Community helpers may be able to offer to collect shopping for someone, pick up the mail, walk the dog or simply check in with a friendly phone call.

To sign up as a volunteer or request assistance, please go to the Shire of Dandaragan's website www.dandaragan.wa.gov.au and go to the Services menu.

Alternatively you can request assistance by contacting the Shire of Dandaragan and speak with someone from our Community Development team for assistance.



LOTTERYWEST GRANT TO FUND JURIE BAY YOUTH PRECINCT

A foreshore youth precinct is set to go ahead in Jurien Bay after the Shire received funding from Lotterywest to develop a youth precinct, including skate park, pump track, and other recreational facilities for young people and their families.

The funding from Lotterywest will commence development of the Jurien Bay foreshore and Dobbyn Park infrastructure renewal. The \$1.127 million grant from Lotterywest towards the youth precinct will complement Council funds and deliver a district-level skate park, jetty deck replacement, new playground, barbeques, picnic shelters and new ablutions.

This development will support local jobs, local business and be an investment for the future economic recovery for Jurien Bay.

The Shire is proud to partner with Lotterywest on this project which aligns with the Lotterywest purpose to enhance the quality of life and wellbeing for all West Australians through funding and support.

A working group will be established to work through more detailed designs for the foreshore masterplan and youth precinct



SHIRE OF DANDARAGAN ON FACEBOOK

The Shire of Dandaragan is using Social Media as a platform to connect with the public and promote our regional assets to potential investors and visitors.

Like us on Facebook for local events, promotion or information. Interact with other community members and Councillors. Stay informed with Shire specific information and environmental warnings. Share your photos and experiences within our Shire.





SHIRE OF DANDARAGAN TO RECEIVE \$1 MILLION THROUGH DROUGHT COMMUNITIES FUNDING

The Shire of Dandaragan will receive \$1 million in drought-related funding to support the economies of Badgingarra, Dandaragan, Cervantes and Jurien Bay.

The funding has been made available to local governments in drought-affected areas under the Australian government's Drought Communities Programme.

The Shire's funding will be investing in local projects to boost the regional economy. The objective of this programme was to deliver community infrastructure and economic stimulus in drought-affected regions.

Businesses in these areas rely heavily on our regional industry, whether it be the local hardware, service stations or cafes and bakeries selling lunches.

The Shire will be working closely with the four towns around the Shire to undertake projects in each area identified as marquee projects in Envision 2029 Strategic Community Plan. These projects may include the Badgingarra Truck Stop and Sample Station; Dandaragan townsite streetscape beautification and BMX track; and Cervantes foreshore reserve upgrades.

We will provide more details of these particular projects in the coming weeks

SHIRE OF DANDARAGAN LEEUWIN SCHOLARSHIP



The Shire of Dandaragan Leeuwin Scholarship will be open this week

If you, or someone you know, is aged between 15-18 and would like to apply, go to www.dandaragan.wa.gov.au or email the Community Development Officer at cdo@dandaragan.wa.gov.au

Applications close 5pm 31 May 2020

