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JURIEN BAY JETTY REFURBISHMENT

The old timber planks from the original Fremantle Fishermen's Co-op Jetty (which were salvaged when it was demolished in 2010) at the first section of the Jurien Bay Jetty are becoming increasingly dangerous & hazardous to patrons.

The jetty will be closed for approximately 10 days from 7.00am Wednesday 18 March until Friday 27 March for the removal of the old deck and the installation of the new Enduroplank and recycled plastic kick rail onto existing timber joists at the start of the Jurien Bay Jetty.

An interesting fact: For every 50 Kilograms of the product purchased, the Shire will have saved the Equivalent of 12,500 plastic bags that would have created 0.17 cubic meters of land fill.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Cr Leslee Holmes
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This has been a very busy time in our Shire with the weather staying very warm and it always seems to be hot when the children go back to school. It is lovely to see the very little ones so excited for their first day. We are so fortunate to have four great little schools in our towns with dedicated staff teaching our future generations.

The Shire of Dandaragan pays its respect to Shirley Gweneth Maureen Harris - 30 April 1929 to 22 January 2020. Shirley was a pioneer of our shire and was known as an active participant in developing her farm with her husband.

Shirley was in the unique position of being a Life Member to four Dandaragan organisations being the Dandaragan Football Club in 1975, the Dandaragan Community Recreation Club in 1988, the Dandaragan Repertory Club in 2000, and the Dandaragan Bowling Club in 2006. She was awarded the Shire of Dandaragan Citizen of the Year in 1983, and was nominated on numerous occasions for her untiring work. Shirley never held back from expressing her views on many issues with the Shire of Dandaragan a regular recipient of her flack.

I was delighted to join Jim Clarke OAM on Australia Day to celebrate the great honour of him being awarded an OAM on this year's Australia Day Honours List.

It was so nice to meet his family and enjoy the day with some great friends. Well done Jim and well deserved.



Cr Peter Scharf, Scott Clayton and I attended a recent seminar at the Smith's farm in Dandaragan on Regeneration of Landscape. We had a very informative day and joined 30 others who were very impressed with the seminar content.

Put simply, landscape rehydration is about holding rainfall in the landscape for longer, recreating a 'chain of ponds' and restoring wetlands that calm and filter water in the water courses. The end result of this is healthier catchments and increased farm production. The Dandaragan shire has funded a Landcare project with Tierra Australia to;

- set up a demonstration of landscape rehydration on the Smith's Farm.
- conduct a Catchment Function Analysis for the whole 130,000 ha of the Minyulo Brook catchment
- run a field day for local people
- produce a report and recommendations on a whole of catchment rehydration project.

Tierra Australia is developing a new business model where whole catchment rehabilitation projects are funded by big financial institutions who get a return on their investment through income from Carbon Credits and Natural Capital credits.

Tierra Australia is currently in the final stages of negotiating a major rehabilitation project in SE Asia. The key investor is also interested in similar projects in Australia.

Under this business model Tierra Australia would fund on-ground works for the whole catchment in return for Land Management Agreements giving them the Carbon and Natural Capital rights. Tierra Australia will present a business case study to the land holders in the Minyulo for a whole catchment rehydration project.

Tierra Australia is also working closely with Rod O'Bree's, Western Independent Foods (WIF) to develop a supply chain that will deliver premiums to farms for producing food in a way that benefits the environment. WIF is already marketing local meat to restaurants, hotels and independent supermarkets in Geraldton. WIF has recently purchased a butchers shop as a direct outlet for their branded meat. Tierra Australia has secured an agreement to export into SE Asia for foods branded as carbon neutral and 'regenerative'. WIF and Tierra Australia are looking for farmer partners to build the supply of premium food for this rapidly growing, ethical market.

While we were out and about we had a look at many of our roads in that part of the shire and I must say



they are something for our crew to be very proud of, so well done to all those involved through our Infrastructure team.

I attended the opening of the new 4 Wheel Drive Track with the Hon. Mr Stephen Dawson, MLC, Minister for Environment; Disability; Electoral Affairs. This was to celebrate the opening of the Wanagarren Track from Grey to Wedge. The amazing Alison Goundry from Tending the Tracks Alliance organised this special seminar bringing together the 4 Wheel Drive Clubs and Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) and invited guests, including the Minister. Attendees travelled to the start of the track where local Yued Elder, Charlie Shaw, and his grandson, Caleb, performed a Welcome to Country at the site and Minister Dawson cut the 'ribbon', a fabulous creation of native creepers. The Shire of Dandaragan are very supportive of this initiative to stop adhoc 4 wheel driving in our shire and to direct drivers to places where they can enjoy their adventures with minimum effect of the environment.



At an international level these are very troubling times with the threat of the Coronavirus all over the world. The knock on effect for businesses in the shire with the lobster fishing industry is on its knees with markets drying up has impacted our very popular Lobster Shack which is currently losing up to 500 customers a day with no incoming flights from China. We hope that this will soon be under control and business will resume as usual. If not I dread to think of the problems it will cause in all industries.

On a smaller scale and to show how this is far reaching, Betty Van customers who love their tiny coffees can no longer have them as the cups are made in China. If only Australia could get back into manufacturing again.

On a happier note I am excited to be hosting a Shire of Dandaragan inaugural International Women's Day event on Sunday, 8 March 2020 commencing at 10.00am at the Shire's Education and Conference Centre in Jurien Bay, and would like to see as many of our ladies as possible join me.

Our Shire has over five hundred businesses many of which are owned or operated by women. This event will provide an opportunity for women across our Shire to come together to celebrate the achievements of Women in Business and to network with their peers.

Guest speaker at the event will be Member for Kingsley, Ms Jessica Stojkovski, MLA, who will speak from firsthand experience the added complexities of being in a powerful, predominantly male focused environment and juggling the day to day needs of her family. For additional information on this event please contact the Shire office on (08) 9652 0800.

Earlier this week the Shire of Dandaragan hosted its 2019 Young Citizen and Citizen of the Year Award Ceremony at the Jurien Bay Sport and Recreation Centre where a record number of nominees of very high calibre were received and the winners announced. Congratulations to all nominees; you are all winners and to be nominated is an honour indeed.

Congratulations to Tamarin Noble, a deserving recipient of the Young Citizen of the Year for the second year. Tamarin is an incredibly enthusiastic individual with limitless initiative and, as a result, her contributions are diverse, demonstrating great leadership in all areas.

Congratulations also to Gloria White for being awarded Citizen of the Year award. Gloria, a well-deserved recipient is such a hard worker for her community and we are very proud for Cervantes to once again have a winner for the second year in a row.

While on the subject of extending congratulations I would like to welcome a new branch of Wheatbelt Veterinary Services to our Shire. This service is a great business addition to our Shire and I congratulate Hannah Tunstill and her team on the opening of their new veterinary surgery in Jurien Bay.



SHIRE OF DANDARAGAN ESTABLISHES HAZARD REDUCTION PLANNING AND WORKING GROUP

The first meeting of the Shire of Dandaragan Hazard Reduction Planning and Working Group was held at the Jurien Bay Education and Conference Centre on Tuesday 4 of February 2020.

The objective of the Shire led working group is to establish a three year hazard reduction plan for the Shire of Dandaragan which will be focused on reducing fire related risk across the Shire. The working group is taking a multi-agency approach with membership comprising Shire, Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions and Department of Fire and Emergency Services Representatives working jointly to produce the hazard reduction plan. The working group is being chaired by the Shires Chief Bushfire Control Officer.

In effect the plan, once developed and finalised will provide a three year program of fire mitigation activities across the Shire. The working group and agencies will seek to combine resources and skills wherever possible to ensure that the mitigation program is both effective and is focused on those areas that are considered high risk.

The desired outcome is to reduce the overall bushfire risk to the community residing in the Shire of Dandaragan.

The Shire's Chief Executive Officer Mr. Brent Bailey commented "the value in bringing all of the agency's that have responsibility for mitigation activities across the Shire together to collaborate on developing one joint mitigation plan cannot be overestimated"

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST AUSTRALIAN CITIZEN ~ ARCHANA KHOKHAR

Congratulations to Archana who became an Australian Citizen at a Ceremony held at the Dandaragan Community Recreation Club on Thursday 23 January 2020 in front of Councillors, staff and her family.





CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE 2019 CITIZEN / YOUNG CITIZEN OF THE YEAR NOMINEES

Citizen of Year: Glen Auzins, Sylvia Glatz, Robyn Brockman, Gloria White, Claire Scharf, Sue Marsden and Opal Wilkins
Young Citizen of Year: Neave Mayhew, Luke Johnson, Jared Gardiner, Tamarin Noble and Imogen Thompson-Cleak
It was great to have so many nominees this year. Nominees are pictured here with Mr Shane Love MLA and Cr Peter Scharf (Deputy President)

The Shire of Dandaragan would like to thank Jurien Bay Football Club for the amazing spread presented at the Citizen of the Year Awards Night held Tuesday 11 February 2020, it was enjoyed by all.

YOUNG CITIZEN OF THE YEAR WINNER - TAMARIN NOBLE

Tamarin was nominated by Jurien Bay District High School, Jurien Bay Emergency Services Cadet Corps and Turquoise Coast Badminton Club

So far this year Tamarin has completed in excess of 110 hours of community service. This has come from working in the:

- Football club canteen
- helping with St John Ambulance
- Jurien Bay Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service
- Jurien Volunteer Marine Rescue and many other opportunities.
- Tamarin is one of three cadet section leaders within Jurien Bay Emergency Cadet Corps where she is responsible for a group of other cadets and additionally acts as a community education coordinator where she actively plans and organises opportunities for the cadets to provide emergency service education to the community.
- Tamarin is the President of the Turquoise Coast Badminton Club where she has actively worked towards expanding and building it. She also actively assists in coaching other junior players as well as actively participating herself. She was able to secure several donations to the club and organised for the design and production of club shirts (as provided by Mr Shane Love MLA).
- She has assisted greatly with the junior's hockey (coaching) and as a junior club person with the Jurien Bay Football Club.
- She was a member of the Jurien Bay District High School County Week team and assisted in a variety of fundraising activities.

Tamarin is an incredibly enthusiastic individual with limitless initiative and as a result her contributions are diverse, she demonstrates great leadership in all areas.





CITIZEN OF YEAR WINNER - GLORIA WHITE

Gloria was nominated by Cervantes Community Recreation Centre

Gloria is an active member of the Cervantes community and has given her time to contribute to community service in a very positive manner for many years.

She was a key driver in the recent renovations of the Cervantes Community Recreation Centre (CCRC) including consultation, funding and fit-out details. Together with other members of the planning group she was instrumental in gaining a large grant from WA Government Arts Facility Funding to complete the recent extension.

- Gloria and her husband Brian are responsible for the popular annual Nambung Country Music Muster, an event that brings a very large number of people into the area. As a result of the 2019 Nambung Muster, Gloria and Brian were pleased to be able to donate over \$15,000 to local organisations and state charities.
- Gloria is a committed member of the local CWA branch and helps during fund-raising events to raise funds that are distributed either locally or through CWA Headquarters to help those in need.
- Within the community Gloria also supports
- Pinnacle Express as a member of the collating group
- Cervantes Ratepayers and Progress Association
- Cervantes Community Recreation Centre (CCRC), Gloria held the position of President of this organisation for the previous 10 years. Prior to that she held executive committee positions and was an active committee member, working tirelessly towards the upkeep and improvement of the centre.
- Vice President of the Cervantes Historical Society
- Co-Director and Organiser of the Nambung Country Music Muster,
- Artistic Director and pianist for the CWA Choir

Gloria is the epitome of citizenship in the Shire of Dandaragan in the way she focuses on community contribution and participation rather than personal achievement. Her commitment of time to various community organisations and fundraising demonstrates a community spirit that is hard to match.

SHIRE OF DANDARAGAN - DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY - PUBLIC AUCTION

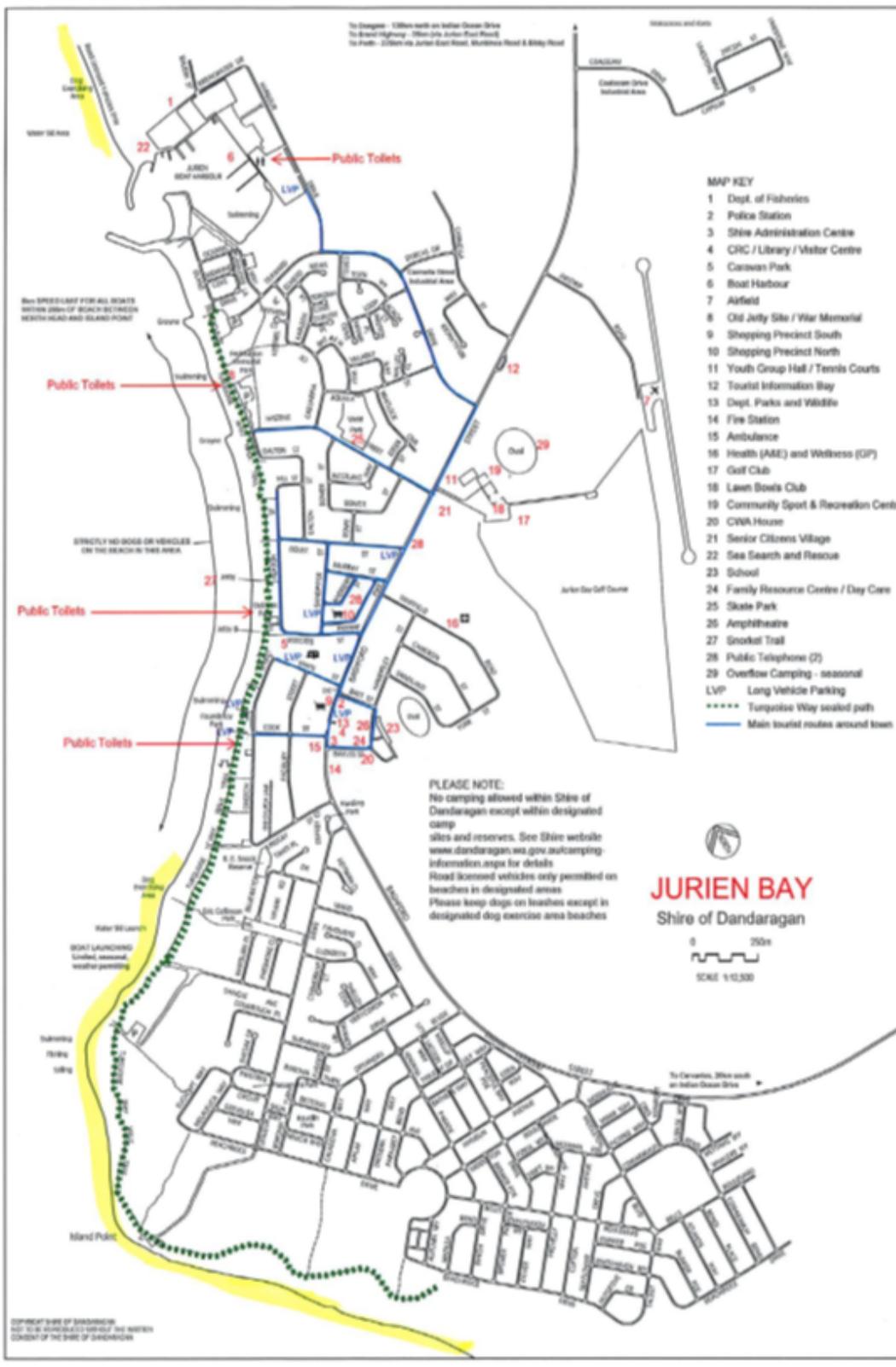
The Shire of Dandaragan will be holding an auction on Saturday 22 February starting at 10.00am at the Jurien Bay Shire Depot on Carmella St to dispose of various items of small plant and equipment surplus to the Shire's operation needs.

Items listed for disposal can be found on the Shire's website <https://www.dandaragan.wa.gov.au>. All items listed will be available for inspection on Saturday 22 February from 8.30am prior to the auction.

Any queries in relation to this public auction can be forwarded to the Shire office on (08) 9652 0800



OFF LEAD DOG EXERCISING AREAS - JURIEN BAY



The highlighted sections on this map show where dogs can be exercised off leash - these areas are north of the Marina and south of Lindsay Street

Dogs are to be kept on a leash at all times on the Turquoise Way Path and all foreshore parks





OUR COMMUNITY HELPS WITH POLE TOP FIRES

On Thursday 30 January the Shire experienced two power pole fires on Agaton Road which is near the Shires eastern boundary with the Shire of Moora.

Pole top fires contributed to a number of power outages that day across our Shire and also across large parts of the metropolitan area. In rural areas like ours, the biggest danger from pole top fires is the high likelihood that they become the source of major bushfires caused by embers being blown off the burning pole.

The fires on these poles cannot be safely extinguished until Western Power has fully isolated the power to the impacted power lines that feed the burning power pole. On days like Thursday that often means the pole can continue to burn for a number of hours from the top down until it can be isolated by Western Power and then safely extinguished. It is vitally important that the pole fire is watched closely to ensure that any burning embers that come from the pole and start either bush or stubble fires are able to be extinguished before they become serious fire events.

On Thursday a number of local farmers and landowners monitored the pole fires with their own fire appliances for a few hours until Western Power arrived on scene. Many thanks to those people for their assistance in ensuring that these pole fires did not turn into major fire events.

If you come across pole top fires in your travels please keep well clear of them and ring 000 to report.



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