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REQUEST FOR TENDER – 02/2020 CERVANTES COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTRE STAGE 2 REFURBISHMENT

The Shire of Dandaragan invites tenders for the Stage 2 refurbishment of the Cervantes Community Recreation Centre. A tender package relating to the details of this tender, which consists of the refurbishment of a multi-use room, change rooms, and toilet is available by contacting es@dandaragan.wa.gov.au

Specific details relating to the tender can be obtained by contacting the Shire of Dandaragan's Manager Building Services on 9652 0800 or by emailing council@dandaragan.wa.gov.au

Tenders close at 4pm on Friday, 27 March 2020.

Tenders may be lodged electronically via email to tenders@dandaragan.wa.gov.au or by post or hand-delivered to the Tender Box and clearly addressed as follows: STRICTLY PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL- RFT 02/2020, Shire of Dandaragan, 69 Bashford Street, PO Box 676, Jurien Bay WA 6516

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

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Cr Leslee Holmes
Ph. 0408 419 468

It is very hard to think of much else other than this dreadful coronavirus that seems to be taking over the world at the moment. As this is a rapidly changing situation my best advice is to make sure you stay up to date by regularly checking the WA Department of Health's website for any new information that comes available. If you do not have access to the internet you can contact the Department of Health on (08) 9222 4222 between 8am to 5pm.

I hope everyone in our shire will be safe and we will get through this event with minimal impact to our people and our economy. We are very sad for people all over the world that have lost loved ones and have been affected by this awful virus and pray that it ends soon.

I would like to take this opportunity to formally say goodbye to Jim and Margaret Clarke who, for health and family reasons, have recently moved to Bunbury. There are no words to express our thanks to Jim for his dedication to Jurien Bay and all of the things that he supported with such energy. He is a great supporter of mine and of the shire as a whole. We need more people like Jim and he will be sadly missed. I would like to congratulate Shane Love, MLA on his recent appointment to Deputy Leader of the National Party. Whatever side of politics you are on no one could deny the incredible work that Shane has done for us over many years.

Well done Shane and we hope you keep on advocating for us into the future.



I was fortunate to host the Shire's first International Women's Day event at the Civic Centre on 8 March 2020. It was a wonderful to see so many ladies of all ages and walks of life come together for such a great celebration. Our guest speaker, Jessica Stojkovski, MLA, was excellent and won many hearts with her story of balancing work and family life with a new baby while being appointed as a new Member of Parliament. Ms Stojkovski is a fine young woman who values the important position she has and is very hardworking and diligent. It was a pleasure to have her share our important day. The food was just fabulous and it was great to have the Betty Van provide its usual wonderful coffee. We all loved the juice tent too. Thanks to Alison from Cervantes Coast Yoga for the lovely prayer to start the day. This is the start of many events that I will be hosting in a bid to get business women together to network and share our stories. Keep your eyes open for the next event. It was also very special to have Yued Elder, Charlie Shaw, deliver a special Welcome to Country for us and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those involved in making this event the success that it was.



Earlier this month we had a visit from US Consulate General, Mr David Gainer. We really enjoyed hearing about his most interesting life and the

various jobs that has taken him and his family all over the world. He has only been in Perth for 3 months and was very complimentary about WA. He is currently doing a lot of trips out and about the state to spread the word about the very special relationship our two countries have and the importance of retaining that into the future.

Deputy Shire President, Cr Scharf, and Shire staff travelled to the recent Tronox Open Day to celebrate 30 years of northern operations at their Cooljarloo Mine Site in Cataby, where they toured the facility and viewed various displays and demonstrations. This is a great achievement for Tronox and we continue to look forward to working with them for many more years to come.

To continue the busy week we were delighted to be invited to the official opening of a purpose built hydrotherapy pool as part of the upgraded Central Midlands health precinct in Moora. A funding grant of \$900,000 through the Federal Government's Building Better Regions Fund continues to grow investment in our federal Durack region. It is always great to catch-up with the hardworking Melissa Price who is a tireless supporter of our region. Well done to the Shire of Moora for the great day – the facility is the envy of all.



he Cervantes Chamber of Commerce recently hosted event management consultants, The Event Team, to talk about the possibility of more events in our region.

This event was well attended with lots of great ideas and support. The Team then went on to present at Jurien Bay, which was also well attended and we hope to see the final recommendations come to fruition as this is a great way forward for our Shire to attract lots more people.

In the coming week I have been invited to attend the launch of this year's Hawaiian Ride for Youth. Youth Focus will launch their Central peloton for this ride from Jurien Bay to Perth to try and reach their goal of raising \$1.8million to help support vulnerable youth in WA.

On 4 April 2020, WA Opera are once again presenting Opera in the Pinnacles. Into its fourth year I urge you get tickets as soon as possible as they are limited. This is a great event that the Shire of Dandaragan sponsor and brings people from all over WA who are opera lovers or those who just enjoy an evening out under the stars.

With stars still in mind, the Astro Tourism Business Information evening that had to be postponed due to bad weather is now rescheduled to be held on Tuesday, 31 March 2020 from 6.00pm to 9.00pm. If you're a local business looking to expand your services or add value to your customers then come along to an evening of information and learning about the benefits of adding an Astro-tourism experience to your tourism or hospitality offering. Full details of this event can be found on the Shire's website and facebook pages or you can contact the Shire office direct on (08) 9652 0800 for more information.

In closing I wish everyone to stay safe and remain calm in this time of uncertainty.



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT REGIONAL 2050 CYCLING STRATEGIES

The Department of Transport (DoT) is partnering with the Shires of Dandaragan, Gingin, Chittering, Toodyay, Northam, York and Beverley to develop a regional strategy for the Avon and Central Coast sub-regions in relation to cycling networks and infrastructure.

The Avon Central Coast 2050 Strategy will set out a long-term vision to create a safe cycling network which connects towns, key attractions and destinations, and the final strategy will be used to apply for future funding applications. Community and stakeholder feedback will be gathered on preliminary networks and themes between March – April 2020. Input will be invited on a range of opportunities across the region, from improving the bike friendliness of main streets, to making better use of disused rail corridors and developing cycling routes along coastal and river foreshores, in, around and between towns.

The DoT have developed an online portal www.mysaytransport.wa.gov.au/avon-centralcoast-cycling-strategy to engage with community members on this strategy which will be live for 6 weeks from 4.00pm, Friday, 13 March 2020.

This online portal will have a collaborative network map, a short survey, and a forum for any additional comments, as well as host all the information on the project – such as information sheets on the themes and opportunities, project timelines, and information about the network hierarchy

Locally, DoT, along with Shire of Dandaragan Councillors and staff, will also be hosting a face to face community engagement session at the following location to be advised.

In addition, information, maps and surveys will be available at libraries in Jurien Bay and Cervantes; at community centres in Dandaragan and Badgingarra, as well as available for viewing at the Shire Administration Centre on Bashford Street, Jurien Bay from Friday, 20 March 2020.

The Shire of Dandaragan encourages all community members to take the opportunity to get involved in having their say on this project.

Any additional information relating to this project can be directed to Dana Romic, 9273 3888, Dana.Romic@cardno.com.au or Andrew McClurg, 6551 6033, Andrew.McClurg@transport.wa.gov.au



CANOVER VOLUNTEER BUSHFIRE BRIGADE IS SEEKING NEW VOLUNTEERS

The Canover Volunteer Bushfire Brigade is seeking new volunteers to come and join the team.

The Canover Volunteer Bushfire Brigade is a local government brigade that is managed by the Shire of Dandaragan. It is located on Canover Road in Alta Mare and was established to service the rural subdivisions of Alta Mare and Jurien Heights which sit outside of the Town Limits.

The Brigade is supplied with a 2.4 4x4 Rural Fire Appliance that is designed for fighting bushfires and protecting property in rural areas. The Brigade has two buildings, one to house the Fire Appliance and another containing a meeting and training room along with kitchen facilities.

The primary function of the Brigade is to respond to fires in the locality of Alta Mare, Jurien heights and surrounding area's. However brigade members are regularly called on to assist the other volunteer brigades in the shire to help extinguish larger fires that occur in other parts of the Shire. The Shires other Volunteer Bushfire Brigades are based in Badgingarra, Dandaragan and Hill River. The Canover Brigade is also heavily involved in helping private landowners in conducting mitigation burns on their properties across Jurien Heights and Alta Mare during autumn and spring burning periods. They also regularly support some of the mitigation burns that are conducted by our local Parks and Wildlife teams in our parks and reserves.

Not everyone who joins a volunteer fire brigade has to be on the frontline fighting fires. There are a number of roles and activities that suit a wide range of different people and skills. There are roles for people who might just want to be involved in helping maintain some of the equipment from time to time or helping to maintain the two fire sheds. We need people who are prepared to make and transport meals to feed the front line fire fighters when they are spending long periods of time fighting a fire. There are roles for people who might be happy filling out incident report forms after the Brigade has attended incidents. There are roles for fundraisers, BBQ cooks and many other activities. It doesn't matter if you are in full time work or retired, we can use whatever time you can spare us.

The Canover Brigade is keen to establish a Fire Ready Group for the Alta Mare and Jurien Heights area which is a little like a neighborhood watch group but is all about preparing our community and our properties for the day when that catastrophic fire comes through. We will need people who like meeting people and engaging with the community in the cause of protecting life and property. We can teach you what you need to know about preparing the community and fire readiness but we need your interest, skills and time to be the driver in rolling the program out.

There is a strong social component to joining the Canover Brigade. If you have been living in the area for a while but have been finding it difficult to meet people this is great way to get involved in an organisation that is made up of locals. The Brigade meets for training activities once a month and there are social activities on a regular basis. If you would like to be involved we would love to hear from you. Everyone is welcome including families.

If you see the shed open just drop in for a chat or otherwise if you would like to talk about joining the team give Cameron Rosenthal a call on 0427 002 532 or Shane Elliss on 0428 114 221

Hope to see you there.



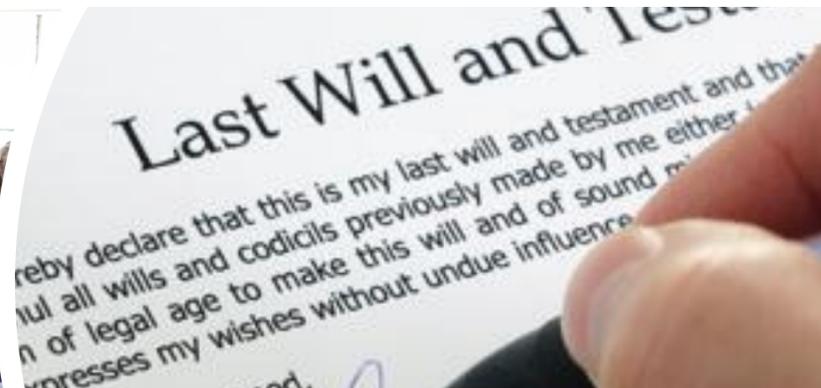
THE FIRST OF THE THREE PROJECTS FUNDED BY THE SHIRE OF DANDARAGAN'S ENVIRONMENTAL GRANT PROGRAM IS UNDERWAY IN DANDARAGAN.

At the December 2019 Ordinary Council Meeting, three projects - Smith Landscape Rehydration Demonstration Site, Dandaragan Foreshore Pyp Grass Eradication Project, and Roberts Farm Soil Amelioration Practices Demonstration Site - were approved as recipients of the first Environmental Grants round.

The Smith Landscape Rehydration Demonstration Site project is now underway with Dandaragan farmers, Wade, Christine and Kingsley Smith, conducting research and demonstration into an innovative landscape rehydration approach to agriculture and biodiversity.

The approach is based on holding rainfall longer and higher in the landscape, spreading water from creeks back on to the slopes and restoring chains of ponds. The aim of restoring the natural functions of a catchment will be to increase agricultural production, improve the quality of run-off water and enhance biodiversity of the landscape.

We look forward to see the outcomes of this important and innovative approach to land rehydration and will update throughout the project term.



WILLS & DECEASED ESTATES SEMINAR

Join the Public Trustee for a free community information session to learn more about the importance of making and storing your Will and planning for the future administration of your financial affairs and estate.

- What *really* happens if you die without a valid Will?
- Who can challenge your Will?
- What do executors & administrators do?
- Benefits & risks of Enduring Powers of Attorney, Guardianship & Advance Health Directives

JURIEN BAY Mon 6 April 10.30am - 12pm Jurien Bay Conference and Education Centre

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