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Prohibited Burning Time

NOTICE TO ALL OWNERS AND OR OCCUPIERS OF LAND WITHIN THE SHIRE OF DANDARAGAN – PROHIBITED BURNING PERIOD

Please be advised, from the 1 November 2020 until the 28 February 2021 inclusive the Shire of Dandaragan will be in the prohibited burning period. Permits to burn will not be issued, no campfires are allowed unless in compliance with the Shire's Camping & Cooking Fires Policy, which can be found on the Shire's website:

Fire prevention saves lives, reduces damage to property, livestock, crops and protects the environment. Reducing fire hazards is the responsibility of each and every one of us. It is not difficult, but to be effective, everyone has to help. Following simple guidelines as outlined above and in Fire Break & Fuel Hazard Reduction Notice 2020 / 2021 brochure may help protect your family, property and the community from the devastation of fire.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Cr Leslee Holmes
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As I take time to write this month's report I can't help but look back on the past 10 months of living with this horrible pandemic, especially as a second wave of the virus sweeps Europe as they move into winter.

This month, both my beautiful sisters who live in Mallorca completed the 'COVID birthday round' for our family with all of us hoping we might get together for next year's special days. Like many of you I am finding it very hard not to be able to comfort my youngest sister who has a husband in hospital for the last weeks of his life. She has no one else near her and is unable to travel. We have taught her the delights of Zoom but it is even sadder to see the toll it is taking on her health. My other sister celebrated her 70th birthday in Mallorca and at least I was able to send her some flowers which were very well received. She was able to have a good game of tennis and lunch with her girlfriends which I am sure was much enjoyed after all the lockdowns.

Last week I had the great pleasure of a girlfriend visiting Cervantes and Jurien Bay for the first time. Polly is a Qantas flight attendant who has been fortunate to keep her job as she is on the North West run for the mines and the holiday run to Broome and Exmouth.

It is very interesting to hear some of her comments on the state of the tourism industry in those places and the affect it is having on the long term future of tourism in this State. She has told me countless times that the service in some of the towns is lacking and even though they are seriously short staffed, a smile costs nothing. I am deeply concerned that when people are able to travel again they will not come back. Jurien Bay and Cervantes have enjoyed very good numbers still (even after school holidays), and social media posts show that we must be doing something right which is pleasing to see. I am sure that everyone who has hosted a friend in the Shire will have had the pleasure of getting out and rediscovering our beautiful place in the world once again. We headed out to Sandy Cape one morning where there were many visitors enjoying the lovely bay and dunes. What a very special place this is!

Central Westcoast Senior Citizens

Recently I attended the Jurien Bay Central Westcoast Senior Citizens group meeting - my first visit since the beginning of COVID. Congratulations to their new President, Mrs Evelyn Hames, who I am sure will do a great job and bring new eyes to the group.

It was heartening to see such good numbers attending this meeting and the group were very complimentary of Shire staff for the recent construction of the bus shelter, something they have been waiting so long for.

2020 Nambung Country Music Festival

Last week, Nambung Station once again hosted its annual Nambung Country Music Muster which has quickly become one of WA's best annual Country Music events. Unfortunately I was unable to open the event this year as I had Council duties which also included two Citizenship ceremonies.

We are very fortunate to have this event proceed this year given the pandemic, however following the State Government's announcement in June to remove restrictions on gathering limits it is full steam ahead in bringing so many music lovers together at this well attended event.

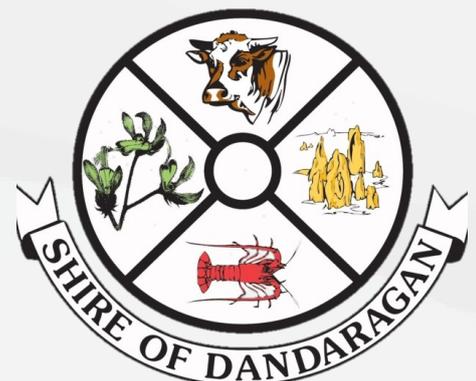
Oktoberfest 2020 / Community Dog show and Sheep Dog Trials

Earlier this month it was my absolute pleasure to be asked to judge the first Community Dog Show which was run by the Jurien Bay CRC. My fellow judge and local vet, Hannah Tunstill, really enjoyed the experience and we hope it will continue to be held each year.

There were some lovely dogs and their owners all enjoying the day.



The Sheep Dog Trials also attracted big numbers of spectators to witness the dogs go through their paces. I love the country feel of these exhibitions and I am sure everyone involved enjoyed the experience.





Jurien Bay Chamber of Commerce Function

Last week I attended the Jurien Bay Chamber of Commerce function and had the great pleasure of meeting and listening to Kitty Prodonovich, CEO of the Regional Chambers of Commerce & Industry (RCCI).

Kitty is an extremely interesting and focused speaker. Kitty charted her beginnings in small business while living in Kalgoorlie and has progressed to now having the ears of Ministers within our current government. The Jurien Bay Chamber put a lot of effort into the night and it was great to see some many attending. Well done to local café Meraki for hosting the event, Bendigo Bank and RSM for sponsoring the great food.

Jurien Bay Foreshore Development

Since awarding the Jurien Bay Skate Park tender to Convic in July a lot of behind the scenes work has been taking place leading up to the commencement of construction. The Foreshore Development Working Group have been working closely with Shire officers and the contractor to progress the final design of the skate park which will be posted shortly on the website. The Shire's operations crew have commenced preparing the area within Dobbryn Park this week, in preparation for site works to begin mid-November. I am very excited to see this project completed by April next year.

Jurien Bay to host Wheatbelt Development Commission (WDC)

Jurien Bay will be hosting the WDC Board next month and it is always a pleasure to show them what is happening in our region. WDC Board members and staff travel throughout the Wheatbelt to all the different towns to get a good feel for what happens in the regions.

Congratulations to the winners and finalists in the WA Regional Achievement and Community Awards from the Wheatbelt region. Agrifresh, located within the Shire of Dandaragan, east of Badgingarra, featured in the awards.

Sometimes we only seem to celebrate or be impressed by large business and personal achievements but we must celebrate the small wins which go a long way in helping people stay motivated on their journey. To be successful we need to surround ourselves by motivated, ambitious people and not negative energy. In my journey, through life and business, I have found that even friends and family are sometimes ready to knock your aspirations. Don't listen - just keep striving!

The Shire of Dandaragan is very proud of the achievements of all our businesses and we hope they continue to grow, even under such trying circumstances. Remember where ever you can - BUY LOCAL.

Capital Works Projects for Badgingarra and Dandaragan

Shire staff are being kept busy delivering numerous capital works projects across the whole Shire following the adoption of its 2020-2021 annual budget in July.

Among these projects is the improvement to the Badgingarra Truck Bay which also includes the relocation of the CBH Sample Hut.

Local contractors have already progressed construction works and these improvements should be finalised by the end of October. To see this project complete will bring considerable joy to the Badgingarra community; many of whom have been advocating for this over many years.

Heading further south, Expressions of Interest have recently been sought for a Dandaragan Art Mural and a Public Art Sculpture within the townsite. While this process is still ongoing, the creation of these two pieces of art will form part of the Dandaragan community's vision of its Streetscape and Art Enhancement Project.

Dandaragan's Pioneer Park is due for a new wooden fence to match the existing fencing already installed and quotes are currently being sourced for these works, with the project expected to be completed before the end of this year. Furthermore, the Dandaragan community can also look forward to the construction of a BMX/Pump Track within Pioneer Park. The Shire is currently working with a renowned bike track and trail developer on a unique design before construction works commence.

In closing, I must mention the wonder I feel at how fast this year has flown and before we know it our focus will shift to Christmas frivolities. In the current climate it will be interesting to see how this will look and wherever we may find ourselves during this time. I can only hope that everyone continues to stay safe in the lead up and beyond.

SHIRE OF DANDARAGAN'S NEWEST AUSTRALIAN CITIZENS

Congratulations to Karim Buhagiar whose ceremony was conducted by Shire President Leslee Holmes on 27 August 2020 in the Council Chambers in front of Councillors, staff and Yr 5 / 6 students from Jurien Bay District High School who were visiting Council on the day. Karim joined Councillors and students for lunch at the ampitheatre.

Sue Betteridge became a citizen at a ceremony conducted by the Shire President Leslee Holmes at the Dandaragan Community Recreation Club, Dandaragan after the Council Meeting held on 24 September 2020 with family and friends present.

Jade Ottway & William Batista da Silva became citizens at a ceremony also conducted by the Shire President Leslee Holmes on the 22 October 2020 with Councillors, staff, family and friends present.

The Councillors and staff would like to congratulate all of our newest Australian Citizens.





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.



2020 OUTSTANDING CITIZEN / OUTSTANDING YOUNG CITIZEN AWARDS

The Shire of Dandaragan is again inviting nominations from clubs, organisation 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.



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The Shire of Dandaragan is participating in the MARKYT® Community Scorecard – a state wide program to evaluate and benchmark our performance as a local government authority.

The scorecard invites the community to evaluate a range of local services, facilities and programs and is being managed by CATALYSE®, an independent research consultancy based in Western Australia. The baseline Markyt Community Scorecard was done in 2018 as part of the Envision 2029 consultation, and our aim is to ask you again how we've done since then. Have we improved since then? Has nothing changed? What do we still need to work on?

An online scorecard will be live on the Shire of Dandaragan website until 14 November 2020. Hard copy scorecards will be printed and delivered to all ratepayer and residential post boxes using Australia Post unaddressed mail services. Scorecard invitations will be emailed to all customer contacts in the Shire of Dandaragan community email list, and the Shire will post supporting promotions with the link on its website, notice boards and social media pages.

We want to hear from as many people as possible. All residents, ratepayers, businesses and visitors are invited to take part.

Note: If you received an earlier printed version on 12 October 2020, CATALYSE® apologises sincerely for an error made by printers. Would you kindly disregard the earlier printed version and complete the new version with this note on page one. If you completed your scorecard online, no further action is required. The online version is correct.”



NOTICE TO ALL PET OWNERS

Pet owners are reminded that dog & cat licences expire on 31 October in each year.

Renewal notices have been sent out for all registrations expiring on 31 October 2020.



MANGA AND COMICS NOW AVAILABLE WITH LIBRARY MEMBERSHIP

Did you know you can access over 400 new and classic manga, graphic novels and comic books on your phone, tablet or computer through your library membership.

Your Shire of Dandaragan library membership opens up a world of comic book action, adventure, fantasy, mystery, romance and more—thousands of manga volumes for every fan.

Go to the Shire of Dandaragan Library pages on our website and let the comic geek in you go crazy. If you need help, please contact Jurien Bay Library on 9652 0800.”

ROADWORKS ON INDIAN OCEAN DRIVE BETWEEN JURIEN AND CERVANTES

Lendlease, contractors to Main Roads WA, will be undertaking road works on Indian Ocean Drive, between Jurien Bay and Cervantes, from 19 October 2020 until 3 December 2020.

During this time the road will remain open however there may be delays to travel times. Members of the public are encouraged to contact Main Roads WA on 131313 to keep up to date with the project.

Displayed Variable Message Signage (VMS) will also be on-site communicating these details to the general public. Leadlease thank members of the community for their patience during these works



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.



JURIEN BAY FORESHORE SITE WORKS BEGIN IN PREPARATION FOR YOUTH PRECINCT

The Shire would like to advise that site works within Dobbyn Park are due to commence Tuesday 20 October, in preparation for the start of construction of the Jurien Bay foreshore youth precinct / skate park.

Some areas will be temporarily fenced off, including a section of the Turquoise Way Path, north of the jetty car park area through to the old jetty/reef balls site. The Dobbyn Park toilet block will remain open for use.

Following an extensive community consultation process in developing foreshore redevelopment plans for both Jurien Bay and Cervantes, endorsed by Council in March 2020, and the award of tender for the design and construction of a skate park, this is a pivotal moment for our community as we work towards completing the first stage of constructing a new state of the art skate park in Jurien Bay.

The Shire envisages minimal disturbance during this process and while residents and visitors to Dobbyn Park can expect some disruptions we would like to take this opportunity to thank the community in advance for your patience as this project progresses through to the construction stage. Any concerns relating to these demolition works can be forwarded to the Coordinator Infrastructure Services on (08) 9652 0800.



OWNERS AND OR OCCUPIERS OF LAND - FIREBREAK NOTICE

The Shire would like to remind landowner/occupiers with the Shire of Dandaragan that fire breaks must be installed by 1 November 2020 and maintained clear of inflammable material up to and including 30 April 2021 as per the requirements in relation to Section 33 of the Bush Fires Act 1954. Failure to comply may result with a penalty and prosecution. The information below summarises your fire mitigation responsibilities.

PLANTATIONS, FIREBREAK & FUEL HAZARD REDUCTION NOTICE

Tree plantations of more than 3 hectares but less than 10 hectares

Clear and maintain a 10 metre wide mineral earth firebreak with a vertical clearance of 4 metre high, clear of all inflammable material immediately surrounding the plantation (adjacent areas of the same property subject to provisions as for rural areas).

Plantations larger than 10 hectares

Plantations established after 30 November 1984 that exceed 3 hectares in total area shall have a 10 metre wide firebreak completely surrounding the perimeter of planted trees. Each compartment of a plantation is limited to an area of less than 30 hectares in size. Each 30 hectare compartment shall have a 10 metre wide firebreak surrounding the planted trees. Furthermore all plantations shall comply with requirements contained in the Department of Fire and Emergency Services guidelines or standards for Plantation Fire Protection.



URBAN / RESIDENTIAL LAND, FIREBREAK & FUEL HAZARD REDUCTION NOTICE

(all gazetted town sites)

Clear and maintain all inflammable materials on the property so it does not exceed 5 centimetres in height from 1st November 20 to 30th April 2020.

RURAL RESIDENTIAL LAND, FIREBREAK & FUEL HAZARD REDUCTION NOTICE

(Rural development, properties up to 20 hectares)

This category relates to all lots in all industrial estates and the subdivisions of Jurien Bay Heights, Alta Mare, Marine Fields, Koorungal Vale and Hill River Heights.

- Clear and maintain a 3 metre wide firebreak with a vertical clearance of 4 metres high, clear of any obstructions (no hanging tree limbs or objects) inside, or as close as practicable, all external boundaries of the land to allow for the unobstructed movement of Fire Appliances.

In rural residential land subject to erosion, firebreaks can be slashed, however they must be maintained to a height less than 10cm

- On heavily vegetated or grassed blocks a further 5 metre low fuel zone is required in addition to the 3 metre firebreak. Fuel is defined as any material such as grass, leaf litter, twigs, bark, logs, even live vegetation, that can be ignited and sustain a fire. Fuel loads must be less than 2 tonnes per hectare.
- Clear and maintain a 20 metre Building Protection Zone around all habitable buildings.

RURAL LAND, FIREBREAK & FUEL HAZARD REDUCTION NOTICE

(All properties above 20 hectares)

- Clear a firebreak consisting of mineral earth, to a width of no less than 3 metres, as close as practicable, inside the external boundaries of the property.
- Firebreaks must be maintained to provide a vertical clearance of a minimum 4 metres so as to allow adequate access for fire appliances.
- Clear and maintain a 5 metre mineral earth firebreak immediately surrounding all fuel and chemical storage areas.
- Clear and maintain a 2 metre mineral earth cleared area around all stationary pumps and motors.
- Areas cleared and piled for burning require a 20 metre mineral earth firebreak.
- Clear and maintain a 3 metre mineral earth firebreak around all hay stacks and hay sheds.
- Clear and maintain a 20 metre Building Protection Zone around all habitable buildings.