

SHIRE MATTERS



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DISABILITY ACCESS AND INCLUSION PLAN REVIEW – ONLINE, HARD COPY AND PHONE SURVEYS AVAILABLE



The Shire is reviewing the current Disability Access and Inclusion Plan

We are keen to hear from people with a personal, family or professional experience of disability. This may include impairment in mobility, hearing, vision, memory, mental health, communication or ability to learn. The new reviewed Plan will ensure we work towards a future that is accessible and inclusive for all.

You can collect a hard copy survey at Libraries around the Shire or at the Shire Administration Centre in Jurien Bay. An online version is available on the Shire's website under Community>Public Consultation. If you or a friend would prefer to do a survey via phone or in person and need assistance to do so, please contact the Shire of Dandaragan on 9652 0800 and a member of our community development team will be in contact.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Cr Leslee Holmes
Ph. 0408 419 468

INDIAN OCEAN DRIVE ROAD SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

In preparing this report I had hoped to bring you a President's Report filled with great joy and happiness following the recent Easter break and the beginning of school holidays but as you would all know by now there was a tragic accident on Indian Ocean Drive near Cervantes last Saturday. I have seen many Facebook posts suggesting that the Shire of Dandaragan should/could/would do something about the speed limit on this road. These, like many Facebook posts, are ill informed as decisions about State Highways/Routes sit within Main Roads WA jurisdiction.

Our Shire can only continue to lobby the State and Federal Government to help us in slowing down traffic in strategic places. The Cervantes Ratepayers & Progress Association, together with the Cervantes CWA, have been trying to get the speed limit lowered around Cervantes ever since Indian Ocean Drive was completed as clearly safety needs to be the priority over speed in our travels. Our hearts go out to all those involved in the accident, especially to the family of the man who lost his life under such tragic circumstances. You can also help with PEOPLE POWER. Contact by phone or mail your local member, Mr Shane Love MLA, and anyone else you know, and let them know this is not good enough and we would like to see change.

BURSTING AT THE SEAMS!

Easter has been a great challenge for both coastal towns and is probably the busiest that we have ever seen. Like everywhere else, small businesses are at capacity and some unable to cope with the crowds in a timely manner. I hope that visitors and locals alike will understand that all our businesses are understaffed at the moment and will remain so for some time. If it gives them any comfort at all, I was reading in the paper over the weekend that a high end resort near Perth has received the most awful reviews on Trip Advisor and also received criticism from the many travel writers who have gone there expecting a fabulous experience.

Again, they are new and have staff shortages and are using mainly untrained staff but the most telling part is that they are positioning themselves as a 5 Star Resort. This is quite impossible in this tourism climate. People paying in excess of \$800 per night are not prepared to wait for anything. The message here is when you are really busy make the customer offering easier and within the capabilities of your team. The old adage, "under promise and over deliver, rings true. Being kind, pleasant and helpful goes a long way.

Our markets in Jurien Bay recorded record attendance and with the great weather I am sure everyone would have done a good trade. Caravan Parks and overflow camping were at their peak and the parks seem to still be full for the school holidays. We hope that when visitors are able to wander further out yonder than WA that they will have had a pleasant enough experience to want to come back.

We can't wait for our skate park to open and our Pavilion/Café/Kiosk to be completed so we have more to offer to all our tourists and locals alike. Council has recently awarded the tender for the Pavilion to Coast Edge Developments who are currently building the Church in Jurien Bay. Lobster Hut Hospitality Group were also selected as the preferred operator for the new Kiosk which will service the Jurien Bay foreshore. Council is excited to continue the implementation of the Jurien Bay Foreshore masterplan which will result in a vibrant and engaging area for residents and visitors.

ONGOING TOURISM PROMOTION

I had a meeting with David O'Malley, CEO of Australia's Coral Coast, last week and we are keen to become more involved with the group as Cervantes is the first town on the Coral Coast Highway. We will all benefit from the large advertising budget that they have and their close association to government. They are planning to have a huge focus on wildflowers this year and that will be good for Badgingarra with all they have to offer. I also had a conversation with Stephen Scourfield, the West Australian newspaper's senior travel writer. Stephen is keen to come and cycle the Turquoise Way Path to the Hill River and hopefully write about it in his travel section.



This may give the government a clear message that we need to finish the path to Cervantes and enjoy all the business that this will bring to both towns. The Lobster Shack in Cervantes is keen to assist with paths from their end of the project to attract people to cycle to the Shack from Jurien Bay. As part of my work, I keep as close to anyone in tourism and government that I can in order to hold important conversations about all our aspirations. I have heard so many locals in both towns saying how happy they will be when everyone has gone and they will be quiet again. While I completely understand them I have to once again point out that we need the visitors to get more services and infrastructure to the towns so that we can all enjoy a higher standard of liveability.

JURIEN BAY LOCAL BUSINESS CELEBRATES 25 YEARS!

I was delighted to be invited to the celebration of Jurien Bay's Physiotherapy 25 Years of operation. Kelly and her team do a wonderful job and we are so fortunate to have a business of this kind in Jurien Bay. Well done to all involved and to the Golf Club for the most amazing finger food I have had in ages.

19TH CENTURY THE MAID OF LINCOLN LIFEBOAT DISCOVERY

There has been quite a lot of press around the removal of the very old lifeboat from the Grigson's farm last week. Bob Sheppard, a leading archaeologist who has been working with us on the North Head Project, was in charge of removing the boat from a shed where it has been deteriorating for some time. When I spoke to Bob last week he assured me that the valuable boat would be restored with help from experts and returned to Jurien Bay to go on display. The Grigson Family have insisted that this boat will remain forever a gift to the people of Jurien Bay. The Shire of Dandaragan will work closely with Bob to see this project to its fruition.

BADGINGARRA MINI GOLF OPENING

Finally on a very happy note I was delighted to be asked to open the Badgingarra Mini Golf Course on Easter Monday. As usual, Badgy put on a great afternoon tea and sausage sizzle after the opening for over 100 people that came to give the course a try out. To say this small community bats above its average is nowhere near enough praise for what they continually keep coming up with. The course is amazing and would compete with many of the premium establishments throughout the country. Well done to the local Badgingarra Community Association (BCA) and all involved with this project. I know that this will get plenty of use and that tourists will come from all over to picnic under the trees and enjoy this great facility.



SHIRE OF DANDARAGAN'S NEWEST AUSTRALIAN CITIZEN

Pictured above is Rae Motter who became an Australian Citizens at a ceremony conducted by Shire President Leslee Holmes on Thursday 25 March 2021 in the presence of Councillors, family. Congratulations Rae. She is pictured here with her husband and son.

SHIRE OF DANDARAGAN COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM - NOW OPEN

The Shire's Community Grants / Environmental Grants / Tronox Management and Shire of Dandaragan Sporting and Recreation Facilities Grants are NOW OPEN – closing 31 May 2021.

Don't miss out on this great opportunity to apply for funding towards events, equipment, sporting / recreation and environmental projects.

Details of the grant programs are:

- The Community Grants Program aims to provide funds to community-based organisations for events and activities in support of the development of social, economic, recreational, art and cultural benefits. The maximum annual grant payable under this program will be \$2,000.
- The Environmental Grants Program supports projects that benefit the environment and community through environmental improvement, sustainability education and the promotion and enabling of sustainable living as a way of life. Applicants are encouraged to consider how their proposed project may address issues such as climate change, water wise community spaces, biodiversity, recycling and waste avoidance. The maximum annual grant payable under this program will be \$10,000.
- Tronox Management and Shire of Dandaragan Sport and Recreation Facilities Fund aims to assist local sporting and recreation organisations to purchase items of durable equipment and for providing minor capital improvements. To be eligible for the maximum grant of 50% of the project cost should not exceed \$40,000 and up to \$20,000 is available.

If you would like to discuss your project idea or require further information on funding opportunities, please contact Michelle Perkins, Manager Customer and Community Services at the Shire of Dandaragan Administration Office on (08) 9652 0800 or email mccs@dandaragan.wa.gov.au.

Go to www.dandaragan.wa.gov.au for more information, guidelines and application forms..



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.

Council Meeting

BADGINGARRA COUNCIL MEETING - THURSDAY 22 APRIL 2021

The 22 April 2021 Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held at the Badgingarra Community Centre commencing at 4.00pm.

TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF JURIEN BAY TOWN HALL



At the March Ordinary Council Meeting, a decision was made to temporarily close the Jurien Bay Hall to public use until the Municipal Heritage Review project informs Council's asset management decision on its' future. A Municipal Heritage Review involves consulting with the community on the heritage value of the building and longer term sustainability and utilisation.

The building has been largely out of use since the Youth Group's recess and Council made the difficult decision to temporarily close the building to ensure members of the public aren't placed at risk, particularly from some areas of unstable asbestos which are evident inside the building.

A recent inspection report also lists numerous maintenance and renewal works required for individual building components, and anticipates that major compliance issues will become apparent if and when the asbestos sheeting is removed from the building. This is due to the building being constructed in 1971 and the comprehensive changes to building standards since then. Compliance concerns include the need for disability amenities and access, and plumbing and electrical wiring overhauls. The Hall's stud framing may also need refurbishment or replacement once revealed in cladding replacement works.

Consultation on the Municipal Heritage Review will take place over coming months where we will ask the community their views on the future of the Jurien Bay Hall, as well as other heritage assets in the Shire of Dandaragan.

ULTIMATE STARGAZING EXPERIENCE

KARDA COSMIC *camp out*

Camp out under the stars at Karda Campground for an unforgettable experience. Journey through the Southern Night Sky with experienced Astronomy Guides and learn about the stunning objects in our local sky. Join in a green laser light tour of the constellations, hearing stories that have been told for millennia. Come and see the night sky like you've never seen it before!

Saturday, 8th May 2021

5.30pm – 6:15pm | Intro to Astronomy
6:15 pm – 6:25pm | Laser Guided Tour
6:35pm – 6:45pm | Laser Guided Tour (Repeat)
6.45pm – 8.00pm | Stargazing through Telescopes

Karda Campground, Banovich Road, Warradarge

BYO chairs, rugs, picnics, drinks, torches, warm clothes, fly net, insect repellent, tent or caravan. Karda Campground is accessible by 2wd. Campfires will be allowed in firepits, with fire wood provided.

Bookings: Please purchase tickets from the Visit Turquoise Coast Website www.visitturquoise.coast.com.au

\$20/adult for event only, \$60 for 2 adults + overnight camping. Additional nights of camping can be booked by visiting the DBCA online booking website (<https://parks.dpaw.wa.gov.au/site/karda-campground>). Campsites are limited. In case they are fully booked, alternative accommodation can be found in Jurien Bay and Badgingarra. You don't have to be staying at the Karda Campground to enjoy the stargazing night.

Please note: This event will go ahead rain, hail or shine. In the case of rain, fun astro-activities the whole family will enjoy will be held at the campground, undercover. Updates will be provided by email in the week leading up to the event.

This event is made possible by the Shire of Dandaragan and is part of the Astrotourism WA project that's promoting Cervantes, Jurien Bay, Dandaragan and Badgingarra as Astrotourism destinations



TEA, CHAT & ACTIVITIES

Every Tuesday 1.30 to 3.30pm

Cervantes Library

EVERYONE WELCOME



To reserve your spot contact the Cervantes Library
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THE GREAT SHIRE OF DANDARAGAN PUMPKIN COMPETITION



L-R: Neale Pepper, Cameron Rosenthal, Shane Elliss, Kelli Anda, and local business sponsor, Kevin Young from Jurien Garden Soils & Nursery.

Over the past 6 months Shire of Dandaragan staff, family members, friends and some random local community members wishing to get involved, participated in The Great Shire of Dandaragan Pumpkin Competition of 2020/2021.

Participants purchased one or more Dill's Atlantic Giant pumpkin seeds to see who would come out on top by growing the largest/heaviest pumpkin. Some pumpkins of this type have been known to grow up to hundreds of kilos, with the world record weight set at 782kg in 2009!

As pumpkin's reached their growing capacity, participants weighed their pumpkins and took a photo before submitting for judging.

At a social gathering, hosted by the Jurien Bay Bulldogs Football Club last Friday night, the winners with the following results were as follows:

First Prize \$100.00 - Neal and Kristy Pepper 3.9kg
Second Prize \$50.00 - Shane and Leanne Elliss 3.8kg
Third Prize \$25.00 - Tony O'Gorman 3.6kg

In addition to these prizes, novelty prizes were also awarded thanks to local business sponsors, Jurien Garden Soils & Nursery, Mitre-10 Jurien Bay, and Thrifty-Link Hardware, which were awarded as follows: \$50 Jurien Garden Soils & Nursery Gift Voucher for "Smallest (Epic Fail) Pumpkin" – Kelli Anda – 979grams

\$50 Mitre 10 Jurien Bay Gift Voucher for "Pumpkin that most looked like its Grower" – Cameron Rosenthal – 2.3kg; and a

Dorcy USB Rechargeable Bluetooth Speaker/Lantern valued at over \$50 from Thrifty-Link Hardware for the "Oddest Shaped Pumpkin" – Ruth and Naomi Clayton – 3.1kg

Competition organiser, Brad Pepper, sincerely thanked these sponsors for getting on board for a bit of fun and for providing these novelty prizes.

Brad also extended his thanks to the Jurien Bay Football Club for hosting the weigh-in at their Club Rooms on the night.

