

SHIRE MATTERS

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DANDARAGAN CRC TO CONTINUE PARTNERSHIP WITH SHIRE FOR ANOTHER 5 YEARS

The service agreement between the Shire and Dandaragan Community Resource Centre will continue after Councillors agreed with a recommendation from Shire officers.

It was acknowledged that the CRC were providing a great service for the eastern part of the Shire and a unanimous decision was reached to extend the service agreement between the Shire and the CRC to provide Shire-services.

The CRC will continue to provide administration services on behalf of the Shire of Dandaragan including Library services. Rates and sundry debtors payment services; Dog licensing services; Tourist information services; Transit Park fee collection; Community standpipe water sale and supply services; and Banking services.

We look forward to our continued partnership with the CRC into the future.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Cr Leslee Holmes
Ph. 0408 419 468

Welcomed break

This month I decided to look outside of our amazing Shire and see what other places are doing and how they are faring. We are still getting so much rain and real wintry weather that is very destructive for some places and I am even hearing some farming communities saying they have had enough rain for now. It has never been more important for our farmers to have a great season as they are the backbone of this country and when they make money, it flows on to all our communities.

Peter and I decided that after 2.5 years we needed a break. We tried a month ago and both ended up with awful colds and bronchitis which killed the idea of a break in Perth. After hearing all the stories of queuing up at roadhouses in the north, waiting hours for petrol tankers to arrive so that you could fuel up to keep going, we were still not put off. I started on the phone looking for accommodation anywhere that was warm and not raining. The results were not good with some accommodation places not even answering their phone as they were so busy dealing with customers they already had. Luckily, after hours and hours of trying, I managed to get a cancellation in Exmouth at the beautiful Mantarays Resort. Only 5 nights but we will make it work. We took off and spent the first night in Carnarvon after witnessing for

ourselves the awful damage the poor souls in Northampton endured from Cyclone Seroja. Some residences still have tarps on their roofs still trying to save what they can. With the weather as it has been they must have suffered so much. I received a call last night from the Hon. Reece Whitby, Minister for Emergency Services, who told me in advance of the announcement made last Thursday of a significant financial package to help get these affected towns back on their feet again.

Thank goodness the government have made this move and we now hope they will be able to find the workers and accommodation to help these poor people to return to normality.

Carnarvon was supposed to be full but on the Saturday afternoon we arrived, nothing was open except the pubs. How can you make money from tourism if you close at lunch time on a Saturday? I have heard all the arguments about staffing but when we had our own business, we worked 7 days a week to meet the expectations of our visitors and to make some money to expand and grow. I like Carnarvon and find it an honest down to earth place with some hidden places to seek out. We had our usual great meal at the tavern and finally saw all the people that were hiding before as they came out for dinner. We walked across the bridge, through all the wildflowers, across to the One Mile jetty. There is a nice café along the way for a break in the 6km walk however, guess what?, it was closed. I think they were going to open later but not soon enough for breakfast as was made clear by the cars who were turning away unfortunately. When we got on the road to Exmouth we enjoyed the great scenery and wildflowers along the way before turning to the cape and our final destination.

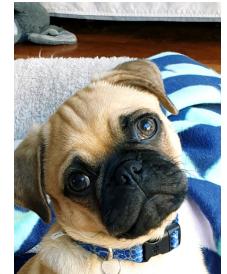
I know the road very well as I lived in Exmouth for a while many years ago when the Harold Holt Naval Communication Station was opening, and the town was bustling with Americans with plenty of money to spend. I survived a cyclone there while running The Potshot Hotel for the Swan Brewery. The hotel was one of the only cyclone proof buildings in the town at the time. We ended up with many locals camping in the hotel and providing food and shelter for them while the cyclone passed.

Exmouth has amazing beaches and the world-renowned Ningaloo Reef and Marine Park, where tourists from all over Australia and the world travel to see. The National Park is pristine and largely untouched which adds to its popularity. Exmouth has also attracted Andrew Forrest, and his private investment group, Tattarang, who recently purchased the existing Exmouth lighthouse caravan park. This will become a great eco-friendly resort with an offering that is currently not available in Exmouth. There are still some hurdles to cross with the developers wanting to close a road so that guests have direct access to the beach, and it will be interesting to see how this one plays out but, in the end, the resort will be a great thing for the town. The Shire of Exmouth Council will also require assistance from both State and Federal governments to upgrade the infrastructure in the town to meet the expectations of our valuable overseas and interstate visitors when they are free to travel once again.



There have been many criticisms of service and help in the shops, hotels and cafés up North, particularly in the hotspots, due to the difficulties in finding staff and training them. As my family will attest, I am pretty fussy when it comes to service but on this occasion have found it to be really good. This is probably due to the fact that most of the workers are from overseas who have stayed here after all the travel has ended. I had forgotten how much I missed the energetic backpackers who will chat and smile and do their very best to make you have a good time. The bakery in town always has a queue to buy their enticing goods but they have 6 people behind the counter, and it moves along quickly. Nor have I heard anyone complaining about how busy they are, as they are realistic enough to know it will not last forever. People will dash back to Bali, Thailand and Europe when it is safe to do so, but if you look after them they will remember and they will also add your town to their holidays.

One more day in paradise to go although I must say I am ready to come home now. A week in the warm seems like a month and I miss my little pug. Our son is also ready for us to come home as he says we have ruined his dog who is so spoilt he can't keep up with it! I am still working each day, answering emails and taking calls, but outside on the deck in the wonderful warmth.



COVID Lockdown

Our thoughts continue to be with NSW as they extend their lockdown for another 4 weeks and hope they get this COVID outbreak under control very soon. With case numbers increasing things are looking pretty dire for them so we truly have to appreciate the efforts of our State Government and front-line workers for their efforts in helping to keep us safe. I am sure when everyone has managed to get their vaccinations life will return to something like normal, however it will never be as it was. Maybe that's not such a bad thing as we have all had time to reflect on the quality of our lives here in Australia and how very fortunate we are.

Annual Budget

As we move forward in this new financial year Council will shortly be adopting its 2021 / 2022 annual budget which will see some new and exciting projects progressing across the Shire. Federal and State Government funding has once again been secured in order for a number new projects to progress and we look forward to once again being able to deliver a wide range of opportunities for improvements across our Shire.

REPORT ANY ISSUE, ANYTIME, ANYWHERE WITH SNAP, SEND, SOLVE APP



Spotted an issue in your community like graffiti, illegal parking, dumped rubbish, trip hazards or potholes? Time to get Snapping!

Snap Send Solve is a free app that simplifies the reporting of community issues across Australia to local councils and other authorities.

Snap Send Solve makes reporting quick and easy which means when you see an issue while you're out, you can let the responsible authority know.

The app also allows you to provide an image of the issue and its geolocation, all with only a few taps. To find out more download the Snap Send Solve app through Google Play or the Apple App Store today.



JURIEN BAY CBD

DRAFT URBAN DESIGN PLAN

21 MAY 2021

JURIEN BAY CBD DRAFT URBAN DESIGN PLAN

The Shire of Dandaragan invites your feedback on the Draft Urban Design Plan (the Plan) for the Jurien Bay Central Business District. The Shire has engaged Place Laboratory to plan a vibrant, liveable centre that achieves high utilisation and functionality, addresses community and business needs, and attracts visitors and future investment. The Plan sets out a framework for redevelopment and revitalisation of the commercial centre of Jurien Bay over the long term.

Creating long term change and revitalising the Jurien Bay CBD is not about one idea but many small changes. There are many opportunities identified within the Draft Plan. A number of these opportunities are public sector driven and others will rely on private sector investment decision making influenced by such things as market forces, buildings reaching end of life and population growth.

The Plan is the formulation of many short, medium and long-term actions. It will rely on ongoing engagement and support from local property owners, businesses and the community to succeed.

The Shire and local businesses have been discussing the Plan over the last weeks and now it is your turn.

The Shire now invites comments and feedback on the Draft Plan to create a new short to long-term vision for Jurien Bay CBD that celebrates the town. A copy of the Draft Plan can be downloaded from the Shire's website – www.dandaragan.wa.gov.au/consultations/ or hardcopies are available from the Shire Administration Centre at 69 Bashford Street, Jurien Bay.

If you have any queries in relation to this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the Shire Office on (08) 9652 0800 or rorym@dandaragan.wa.gov.au.

The closing date for submissions and comments is Tuesday 31 August at 5pm.



Council Meeting

The next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 26 August 2021 in the Council Chambers, 69 Bashford Street, Jurien Bay commencing at 11.00am. Members of the public are welcome and encouraged to attend.

SHIRE'S NEWEST AUSTRALIAN CITIZENS

Mr Van Vien Nguyen, Mrs Thi Hoang Oanh Pham, Mrs Sheryl Bradley, and Mrs Supansa Innes, became Australian Citizens at a Ceremony conducted by Cr Leslee Holmes on 22 July 2021. They were joined by Councillors, family, friends and staff. They are pictured here with Shire President Cr. Leslee Holmes.



L-R: Cr Holmes, Van Vien, Thi Hoang, Sheryl and Supansa



ADMINISTRATION / LIBRARY & VISITORS CENTRE OPENING HOURS

Current opening hours 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.



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BETTER BEGINNINGS RHYMETIME AT JURIEN BAY LIBRARY



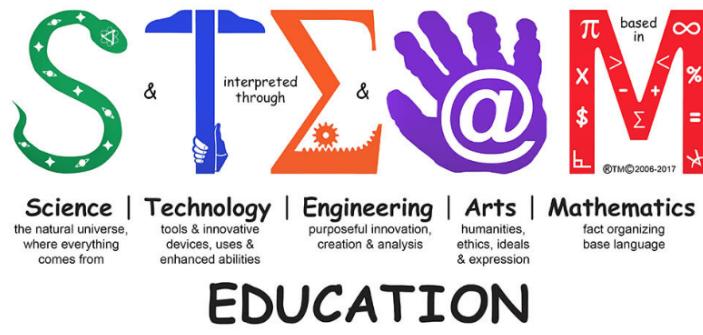
Enjoy Rhymetime from 9.30am at the Jurien Bay Library.

Each year across Australia, the Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA) brings children and books together celebrating Book Week. This year the Jurien Bay Library is celebrating the Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds Book Week theme at our Better Beginnings

Rhymetime by inviting everyone to bring in our favourite book and dress up as your favourite character.

Can't wait to see what you all wear.

To reserve your spot contact the Jurien Bay Library on 9652 0810 or email jblibrary@dandaragan.wa.gov.au



STEAM AT JURIEN BAY LIBRARY

Enjoy STEAM at Jurien Bay Library from 9.30am to learn about science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics.

This session we will be embracing the Children's Book Council of Australia's Book Week theme Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds by building a world out of cardboard.

To reserve your spot contact the Jurien Bay Library on 9652 0810 or email jblibrary@dandaragan.wa.gov.au.

How will you science this National Science Week?



national science week
14–22 AUGUST 2021
scienceweek.net.au

#scienceweek

NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK IN THE LIBRARY

Plans are underway for an exciting activity in the Dandaragan and Jurien Bay Libraries to celebrate National Science Week. Keep an eye out for more information to come.

SCIENCE WEEK - FOOD: DIFFERENT BY DESIGN

Learn how to make delicious and nutritious ice-cream and shortbread using local wildfoods. All ages and abilities are welcome! Children under 10 will need to be accompanied by an adult. Limited spaces available. RSVP to cdo@dandaragan.wa.gov.au or call 9652 0800.

FOOD: DIFFERENT BY DESIGN

SCIENCE WEEK



FREE 'In the Wylde' cooking classes with Jane Sullivan.

**FRIDAY 20 AUGUST, 3PM - 5PM
JURIEN BAY CONFERENCE & EDUCATION CENTRE**

From the bush to the table! Learn how to make shortbread and ice-cream using local wildfoods.

LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE
RSVP to cdo@dandaragan.wa.gov.au
or call 9652 0800

Please note: we are unable to cater for food allergies and special dietary requirements.

SHIRE OF DANDARAGAN

SHIRE OF DANDARAGAN LIBRARIES
CERVANTES JURIEN BAY BADGINDARRA DANDARAGAN

SCIENCE WEEK COMMUNITY LEGO BUILD

THEME - FOOD: DIFFERENT BY DESIGN
9am - 4pm
Monday 16 August - Friday 20 August
Jurien Bay Public Library



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.



ROBERTS STREET, JURIEN BAY CONSTRUCTION WORKS

The Shire advises that ongoing construction works recommenced along Roberts Street on 3 August 2021

Pedestrian access will still be available to the jetty and existing playground area, and traffic management, including detours, will be in place during this time.



ARTS / ARTIST REGISTER

Are you a local artist with a home gallery or someone who is actively holding art workshops? Do you attend art classes privately and would welcome new people? Do you teach music or other creative interests?

We would like to get a better sense of what's happening around the Shire in this space. If you would like to be added to our register of artists or art businesses, either tag your business in the comments, or feel free to email mccs@dandaragan.wa.gov.au with details.

COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

The Shire would like to advise the community that the Community Noticeboard, located at the front of the Shire Administration building along Bashford Street, is currently out of service due to some maintenance issues that make it unsafe to manage.

The Shire will advise if and when the noticeboard will become available for use again, and will continue to investigate alternatives for its replacement in the future.

