

SHIRE MATTERS



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ASPHALT WORKS UNDERWAY AT CERVANTES COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTRE

Ever wondered how asphalt is laid?

Shire staff got an up close look as asphalt works began at the Cervantes Community Recreation Centre earlier this month - yet another stage of the Centre's carpark upgrade.

These project works have been staged over the past 5 months and delivered by Shire staff and local contractors where possible.

This project is almost complete with some additional concrete pavement works to be undertaken at the Centre's entrance, following the completion of asphaltting.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Cr Leslee Holmes
Ph. 0408 419 468

Goodbye 2020.....

I hope you have all had a great holiday season and managed to enjoy it with as many family and friends as is possible in these troubling times. I have only the three of us in WA, with family in Victoria, Tasmania, UK and Spain, so our Xmas consisted of much zooming and Whatsap. Even though it's not the same it is good to know that our mob were all safe and enjoying Christmas in whatever way they could. I have heard so many sad stories of people not being able to be with their aging loved ones and many who were not able to see their children. I don't think we will ever take each other for granted again after this.

My recently bereaved sister spent the day alone talking to others in her apartment block from their balconies. Their food was delivered by the only restaurant open in the whole town and fortunately they all had a decent stock of wine on hand. The pandemic has hit Mallorca again recently with everyone in masks and very small gatherings. I fear for the families who depend entirely on visitors for a living and pray that it will all come to an end soon.

My darling mum, Maisie, who looks at the world entirely differently from most people I know, was also

on her own but her take on it all was priceless. When I called her and expressed concern that she would be alone on Xmas day she laughed and said that the lockdown was a blessing, musing that so many people, including herself, get together with family members they cannot bear so she felt quite happy! She recently had a delivery from Marks & Spencer of potted crab meat and, together with a nice bottle of Aussie Chardonnay, enjoyed the day immensely. No doubt, and with the usual message from the Queen (who incidentally mum feels quite sorry for with all the royal goings on), at 92 it is amazing. She has even had her COVID-19 vaccine shot and was picked up and taken to the doctors which made for a decent morning out. Living on her own is pure joy with no one telling her what to do.

We spent the big day in Perth where our air-conditioning broke down and could not be fixed until last week. In all that heat it was extremely uncomfortable and when the company finally came to fix it they found the whole system had completely failed which had to be ripped out and all new split systems installed in each room. What a happy Xmas that was. The cost will make up for presents for the next 10 years!

...And hello 2021!

While a relatively quiet start to 2021 locally, once again the USA has taken centre stage with the recent display of insurrection and uncertainty in the lead up to President-elect Joe Biden's inauguration.

Closer to home we have all been chastened by the dreadful start to 2021 with bushfires raging around our part of the world.

Our amazing volunteers (who are unpaid mind you), drop their ordinary day to day lives to fight fires and help keep their communities safe. These volunteers are to be commended for their efforts in supporting DFES. It is too much to hope that we have seen the last of them this summer but we can hope and pray that those yet to come are minimal at least. I feel as if this heat is normal for February and on a happier note it is so nice to see all the farmers on the coast with their families enjoying a well-deserved break. We hope they have all had a great year and pray that 2021 will also be rewarding. The same goes to all visitors to our Shire at this time of year.

Farewell Cr Richardson

It is with great sadness that we farewell Dahlia Richardson from her role as councillor at the end of this month. Dahlia is one of the most effective councillors I have worked with. She is a fierce contributor for Badgingarra and cares deeply for the whole of the Shire. We wish her and Peter all the very best in their lovely new home and future endeavours, and hope that she gets a bit of a break from working that she deserves. I know she will pop up again somewhere in local government as she still has so much to offer.



Dahlia will attend her last Shire of Dandaragan Ordinary Council Meeting on Thursday, 28 January 2021.

Turquoise Way Path Proposed Realignment

It is great to see all our staff coming back to work after the break and good to know that the wheels did not grind to a halt while the office was closed. Staff have hit the ground running with the ongoing construction of the Jurien Bay Skate Park and investigating various options available for the realignment of the Turquoise Way Path (TWP) at Shingle Avenue. Part of this pathway was recently washed away due to coastal inundation, amplified by increased 4x4 activity in this area. Any realignment around this area will require public consultation for proposed changes to the beach access and car parking areas and I believe there will be much conversation on the best way forward. This is an ongoing problem now for us living and working on the coast and working together with our communities and experts will ensure we achieve the best outcomes.

New DBCA Regional Manager

We welcome the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attraction's (DBCA's) new Regional Manager, Mr Chris Stewart, who has commenced in the role following Ms Allison Donovan's recent departure. We've had a number of meetings with Chris through the fire last week and he appears to be a very capable and invested in retaining the strong relationship built between our organisations. This relationship is very important to the Shire at all levels and we'll be doing our best to continue this great partnership.

Jurien Bay Foreshore Redevelopment

A Request for Proposal (RFP) is currently being advertised for the lease of the proposed Café space and we hope that we get some worthy submissions on what proposes to be a great business opportunity. RFP's for leasing these premises close on Monday, 15 February 2021 at 4pm. Before we can lease the Café, first we must build it. A Request for Tender (RFT) for the Construction of the Pavilion/Café/Ablutions is currently being advertised also. Please visit the Shire's website or Facebook page to access information on how to obtain a Tender package. Submissions for this RFT close on Tuesday, 16 February 2021 at 4pm.

Skate Park

Construction of Jurien Bay's amazing skate park is now well underway once again after the Xmas break. There were a couple of Convic employees caught up in border closures which are being replaced with WA based employees from other projects. This is such an exciting project for Jurien Bay residents and tourists and it is important we build up a wide range of things for youth to do if we want to become a destination and not just a stop for coffee and cake on the way to somewhere else.

Dandaragan Streetscape Enhancement Project

New trees have been planted at Dandaragan's Pioneer Park as part of this project with the remainder of the wooden fencing yet to be finalised in the coming weeks. Final designs for the Dandaragan Streetscape art sculpture have been approved, with construction and installation of the sculpture to be finalised by the end of May, while design drawings for a new mural along the southern wall of the Dandaragan Community Recreation Centre are currently in progress. The sculpture design looks amazing and the completion of this project overall will provide eye-catching community space which is sure to draw the attention of residents and visitors alike.

Cervantes Recreation Centre Carpark Upgrade

Through the engagement of Shire staff and local contractors (where possible), the upgrade to the Cervantes Recreation Centre carpark is almost complete. New asphalt, lighting, kerbing, trees and mulched gardens, and improved drainage have all been completed over the past 5 months with only some minor concrete works yet to be finalised. It is great to see this new and improved look

at the Centre on entry into Cervantes.

Bike Network Solar Lighting

Cervantes residents may have noticed the lovely new solar lights recently installed along parts of the Shire's new bike path network at the Community Recreation Centre, along Talavera Street, and across the front of the Cervantes RAC Holiday Park. These lights not only look great but provide the opportunity for path users to traverse these pathways at night.

Family Matters

I have been helping my son to get his new business project going which has been both rewarding and frustrating at the same time. Peter and I have been relegated to cleaning, delivering and gardening. We are not allowed on the Showroom floor as Peter is not hip enough and I am too much of a hard seller. It is a difficult time for any business to start but we wish him well and are very proud of him.

Meanwhile, keep safe and alert, and I wish you all well into the New Year.



ADMINISTRATION CENTRE WILL BE CLOSED

The Shire of Dandaragan Administration Centre will be closed from 12noon on Tuesday 9 February 2021 reopening on Wednesday at 9.00am



THE NORTH HEAD RADAR STATION HISTORY LAUNCH

The Shire of Dandaragan launched the North Head Radar Station History documentary and booklet in Jurien Bay recently to a full 'COVID-capacity' crowd.

The launch, held on Thursday 21 January 2021 at the Turquoise Coast Visitor Centre, was the culmination of an ongoing and collaborative venture for the Shire since 2014.

The North Head Radar Station history documentary, which was produced with funding from Lotterywest, is a one of a kind short film that was developed by the Shire of Dandaragan in collaboration with Heritage Detection Australia and Multimedia Makers, to support the continued conservation of the Radar Station site and to promote the pristine coastline and historical values that North Head has to offer.

Launched alongside the documentary, was a short booklet written by Archaeologist Bob Sheppard for the Shire of Dandaragan, detailing the military activity of Coast Watch Post 16 and Radar Station 48.

The level of support, knowledge and active contributions made by many different parties, but particularly the Grigson family, ensured the project was a great success. Two of the most prominent Radar Station features are the generator rooms, commonly known as Igloos. The Igloos have come to be well know landmarks and visitation to this particular site has increased significantly. The increase in visitation to the area, highlights the priority to conserve the remnants of the North Head Radar Station site.

The documentary and booklet release create the perfect synthesis to explore and learn the fascinating World War 2 history of North Head and the broader Jurien Bay region.

The documentary will be screening at the Turquoise Coast Visitor Centre until 1 February, and copies of the booklet are available there for \$12.



HOW YOU RATED US IN THE MARKYT COMMUNITY SCORECARD

Thank you to everyone who responded to our request for feedback about how we are doing as a local government and with the services we provide.

Catalyse, who undertook this research for the Shire, have provided us with an analysis report that has given us a great snapshot of our the community perceives us as a Shire.

There was some great feedback for us to work with, and although there is still work to do in improving some service areas, we are now aware of where you would like us to focus on improving, and where we need to continue with the existing level of service.

We are pleased to share with you some snapshots of the outcome report:

1. The Shire of Dandaragan's overall performance has been rated 70 points out of 100 by the public.
 - This is up 3 points from 2018, and is now 5 points above industry average, placing the Shire in 4th place among regional councils.
2. The Shire's performance has improved across many areas, with the strongest improvements in:
 - Council's leadership
 - Local roads
 - Tourism and marketing
3. The top 5 priorities to address in the future are:
 - Health and community services (more specialist services, a permanent female GP and aged care facility/hospice)
 - Coastal area management (to address water quality in the marina and beach erosion)
 - Economic development and tourism
 - Responsible growth and development
 - Youth services and facilities.

The positives to take from this feedback are that the feedback aligns with what you told us during our Envision 2029 consultation and many projects are underway in addition to some positive changes to our services. Examples include current construction of the Jurien Bay Youth Precinct and Skatepark; a female GP being employed at Jurien Bay Medical Centre; installation of the Badgingarra cricket nets underway; Dandaragan BMX track design underway; partnership with, and grants provided to, Jurien Bay Regional Herbarium Group for coastal multi-weed eradication to improve local biodiversity and stability of dunal systems in Cervantes and Jurien Bay; continued advocacy of improvements and upgrades to the Jurien Bay Marina to improve water quality; and the Shire of Dandaragan Local Planning Strategy approaching finalisation once approval is received from the State Government in early 2021.

To read the full report, which breaks down the rankings and details of feedback on each service area, go to the Shire of Dandaragan Latest News at www.dandaragan.wa.gov.au.



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**FREE
event**

Wills & Deceased Estates Seminars

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 15 Feb 10.30am – 12pm	Jurien Bay Conference and Education Centre
	Mon 15 Feb 5.30pm – 7pm	Geraldton Yacht Club
GERALDTON	or	
	Tue 16 Feb 10am – 11.30am	Geraldton Yacht Club
DONGARA	Tue 16 Feb 5.30pm – 7pm	Irwin Recreation Centre

COVID-19 update: Events will be organised in accordance with Government health guidelines and are subject to change.

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
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www.publictrustee.wa.gov.au

- Wills ■ Deceased Estate Administration
- WA Will Bank ■ Enduring Power of Attorney
- Trust Management ■ Elder Abuse Prevention
- Private Administrator Support



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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.



SAFETY MEASURES TO JURIEN BAY JETTY



Photo Credit: Jurien Signs

We know how beloved the Jurien Bay jetty is for kids to jump off. However, due to natural accretion and the change in water depth, for the safety of the public, the water access ladder partway along the Jurien Bay jetty has been removed. The presence of the water access ladder at this location gives the impression that water depth is suitably deep enough to jump into from the jetty. Unfortunately, the current water levels mean this is not the case.

An access ladder located on the platform at the end of the jetty is available for use, however jumping is not encouraged at any point along the jetty. Safety signage has been erected.



Photo Credit: MCG Architects

RFP 06 / 2020 - JURIEN BAY FORESHORE KIOSK / CAFÉ LEASE

The Shire of Dandaragan invites Proposals for the Lease of the Jurien Bay Foreshore Kiosk / Café which will be constructed within the new Jurien Bay Foreshore Pavilion. The premises will be provided as an empty shop front ready for fit out and furnishing by the successful Respondent.

Proposal packages are available by contacting Denaye Kerr at es@dandaragan.wa.gov.au.

Queries relating to the Request for Proposals process can be directed to Brent Bailey, Chief Executive Officer on (08) 9652 0800.

Proposal submissions will close at 4.00pm (WST) on Monday, 15th February 2021.

Proposal submissions can be lodged electronically to tenders@dandaragan.wa.gov.au or hand delivered to the Tender Box at the Shire of Dandaragan Administration Centre, 69 Bashford Street, Jurien Bay.

Alternatively Proposal submissions can be posted and addressed as follows:

RFP 06-2020 Tender Box
Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Dandaragan
PO Box 676
JURIEN BAY WA 6516

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

RFT 01/2021 – JURIEN BAY FORESHORE PAVILION CAFÉ ABLUTIONS CONSTRUCTION

The Shire of Dandaragan invites Tenders for the Construction of the Jurien Bay Foreshore combined Pavilion/Café/Ablutions.

Tender packages are available by contacting our Executive Secretary at es@dandaragan.wa.gov.au.

Queries relating to the Request for Tender can be directed to David Chidlow, Executive Manager Development Services on (08) 9652 0800.

Tenders will close at 4.00pm (WST) on Tuesday, 16th February 2021.

Proposal submissions can be lodged electronically to tenders@dandaragan.wa.gov.au or hand delivered to the Tender Box at the Shire of Dandaragan Administration Centre, 69 Bashford Street, Jurien Bay.

Alternatively Proposal submissions can be posted and addressed as follows: PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL- RFT 01-2021, Tender Box, Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Dandaragan, PO Box 676, JURIEN BAY WA 6516.

Posted tenders must be received at the Shire Administration Centre prior to the closing date and time above. Late Tenders will not be accepted.

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



TURQUOISE WAY PATH

Jurien Bay is fortunate to feature the 14 kilometre sealed Turquoise Way Path that can be safely used by families. The path is suitable for walking, running / jogging, cycling, prams, non-motorised scooters and users of all ages.

The pathway stretches along the coast from the Jurien Bay Marina to the mouth of the Hill River. The path passes the Jurien Bay Jetty and playground, Dobbyn Park & Fauntleroy Park forshore and offers spectacular view of the coast.

The use of motorised vehicles on the pathway is strictly prohibited for public safety. The pathway is monitored by the Shire and offenders will be fined.

So to avoid an infringement of \$300, park your car and enjoy the tranquil coastal environment with family and friends.



2019 Nominees with Shane Love MLA & Cr Peter Scharf - Deputy President

AWARDS CEREMONY FOR 2020 OUTSTANDING CITIZEN & YOUNG CITIZEN AWARD

The Awards Ceremony will be held at the Cervantes Community Recreation Centre on Tuesday 9 February 2021 commencing at 7.00pm. RSVP Monday 1 February 2021 either by phoning Robyn Headland on 9652 0800 or email council@dandaragan.wa.gov.au.



WASTE COLLECTION CERVANTES AND JURIEN BAY

Recycling waste collection in Jurien Bay and Cervantes will revert back to normal fortnightly collection from next Tuesday 2 February 2021 this being **Zone 2** - Jurien Bay Townsite - Properties on the south east side of Bashford Street, Cervantes, Badgingarra, Dandaragan, Alta Mare, Jurien Bay Heights, Hill River and Marine Fields.