

SHIRE MATTERS



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WELCOME TO OUR NEW STAFF MEMBER EMILY

Emily has joined the Shire for a twelve month contract whilst Trevena Osgood is on maternity leave, below is a little bit about her.

My name is Emily Dutton and I have just started with the Shire of Dandaragan as the Development Services Admin Officer, I moved over from Dalwallinu just after Christmas to live in Cervantes. My previous work experience has been predominantly in Local Government where I spent the last 7 years working for the Dalwallinu Shire as the Executive assistant and other various roles during my time there. I am currently building my first home in Cervantes with my partner. During my spare time I love going to the beach with my two dogs.

RECEIVE RATE NOTICES ELECTRONICALLY

eRates



To receive your rates notice electronically you must register by 31 July 2021 through our website www.dandaragan.wa.gov.au.

Please ensure you have your reference number handy. This can be found on the top right of a previous rate notice and is a 7 digit number starting with a 9.

Once you register, a verification email will be sent as a part of the registration process. It is essential that you activate your registration.

If you own more than one property, you will need to register separately for each property. Please note that interim rate notices, final notices and other correspondence will be issued by post.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Cr Leslee Holmes
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School Holidays Begin

Here we go again.....Perth and Peel lockdown and the light at the end of the tunnel seems a bit dim. School holidays are looking very grim for holiday makers and business alike, to say nothing of the weather we are having. I hope the State Government decide to help small business with this closure like they did at the last 3 day lockdown. This will not be enough to keep many business people afloat and I expect to see many just closing their doors. Tourism has been so heavily impacted, although not the accommodation providers who are enjoying the highest level of visitation they have ever had. The problem is the tours which are usually filled with Eastern States and overseas visitors every year. When West Aussies travel we do not go on tours as much for many reasons. Many of us have been fortunate enough to have already had some of the incredible experiences available in this great State and many simply cannot afford it. Travelling at the moment is very expensive and I know the conversations around the price are taking place all the time. Going North for the sun in our winter is only for a limited amount of time and operators have to make their money while the sun shines. During COVID the season has become extended to where travellers are going to places like Broome in the wet season when it is boiling hot, you cannot swim in the ocean, and the locals are headed down south.

Before this stormy, rainy period, we had some of the most glorious weather I have ever enjoyed in this part of the world and the caravan parks in the coastal towns were constantly full. More and more people are starting to holiday at home and really enjoying it. It is great to see families camping again like they would have in their childhood.

I feel for all those trying to enjoy the school holidays in this awful weather and hope that you get a chance to use our new skate park and 'wander out yonder' to our inland towns where the windflowers are emerging strongly. The Vern Westbrook walk in Badgingarra is so beautiful and a great visit. With 3 walks, catering to different levels of ability, there is something for everyone to see. Stay a little longer and take in the Badgingarra Art Trail also, which starts at the entrance to the Badgingarra Golf Club, it can be walked or driven, and ends at the Vern Westbrook Walk carpark. For a small donation, visitors can also enjoy a round of 18 holes at the new mini-golf course located off Meagher Drive, near the nature playground. Just be sure to bring your own putters and balls as, unfortunately, supply of these items can't always be guaranteed. Another 'must do' is to stop at the Badgingarra Roadhouse for one of their famous homemade pies as reviewed on Tripadvisor, or perhaps a meal at the Tavern. For such a small town, just off the Brand Highway, there sure is plenty to see and do! Venture even further inland to Dandaragan for a night at the transit Caravan Park where you can enjoy the peaceful surrounds with newly planted trees which when mature will provide much needed additional shade in the warmer months. Once the caravan is set up you can take a wander down the main street to view the new mural displayed on the

Dandaragan Community Recreation Centre. Recent upgrades to the entrance of the Dandaragan Cemetery with the installation of new wingwalls and garden beds are also worth a look, as well as heritage-listed, Aggie's Cottage. With so much to see and do around both our inland towns, you'll be glad you came.

Iluka Visit

Shire CEO, Brent Bailey, and I had the pleasure of a visit to Iluka's Cataby Mine last week hosted by their enthusiastic Community Liaison Advisor, Ms Bronwyn Fox. This visit gave us an opportunity to meet their new Operations Manager, Mr Jason Robertson, and hear of their plans to do more within the community. Ms Fox works tirelessly in keeping the surrounding neighbours informed and aligned with the work taking place and I am sure that they are all happy. The staff at the mine were knee deep in mud the day we visited which made getting around difficult. This company have a very real sense of taking care of the land they are using into the future, and I am sure they would be excellent to work for.

At the end of the tour, we joined staff, neighbours and others at the local tavern for great pizzas and refreshments. It is very beneficial for us to understand the operations of businesses in our Shire who employ many locals.



Wheatbelt Development Commission

Last Friday, I attended the Wheatbelt Development Commission's (WDC) Business Networking event in Northam, attended by recipients of the Reds Grants. Also in attendance was The Honourable Ms Alannah MacTiernan, Minister for Regional Development; Agriculture and Food; Hydrogen Industry, The Honourable Mr Darren West, MLC, and incredible keynote speaker, Australian of the Year, Richard Goyder. Richard regaled us for the evening with enthralling stories of his years at Wesfarmers and his childhood at Tambellup. He is an extraordinary West Australian who is currently Chair of Qantas and the AFL. There were four businesses who formed a panel and answered questions about their businesses. One was the outstanding Agrifresh which is in the Shire of Dandaragan and one of the State's largest family-owned and operated orchards. We hope that there are more opportunities for business to get these grants which helps smaller companies get to the next level and, of course, reach the aim of the grants - to employ more people.

New Attraction in Cervantes

Last Thursday I attended the official opening the Cervantes Historical Society's 'Cervantes' Opening at Ronsard Park. This project depicts a modern replica of the stricken vessel wrecked off the Indian Ocean coastline, just 0.5 nautical miles WSW of Thirsty Point in 1844, and which the townsite is also named after. The site is also home to three flagpoles in place of where the ships masts would be. As Stage One of the project, there are still further additions to the site yet to come. Students from the local primary and the Cervantes CWA Choir recited a poem and sang a song as part of the revelries.

Jurien Bay Catholic Church

You'd be hard pressed not to have noticed the newly constructed Jurien Bay Church, along Bashford Street, which was officially opened on 29 May 2021. Under the patronage of Our Lady Star of the Sea, this church falls within the administration of the Catholic Parish of Moora, as part of the Perth Catholic Archdiocese. I was unable to attend this opening but by all accounts received it was a great occasion and I look forward to seeing the rest of this project completed with the provision of car parking on site.



Wet Weather Road Safety

On a final note, as wet weather remains in our forecast and with the increased school holiday traffic, please take care on our roads. After attending a workshop in May, hosted by the Western Australia Road Safety Commissioner, it highlighted the staggering number of road fatalities across our State so far this year. As of writing this report this total stands at 87 fatalities. This already exceeds half of WA's annual road fatalities recorded in 2020 with still 6 months of the year to go. So much money is spent on road safety across the nation and we still see these horrific numbers so please remember to take time to speak to loved ones and friends to ensure they think twice about their actions when driving. It just may save a life.



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.

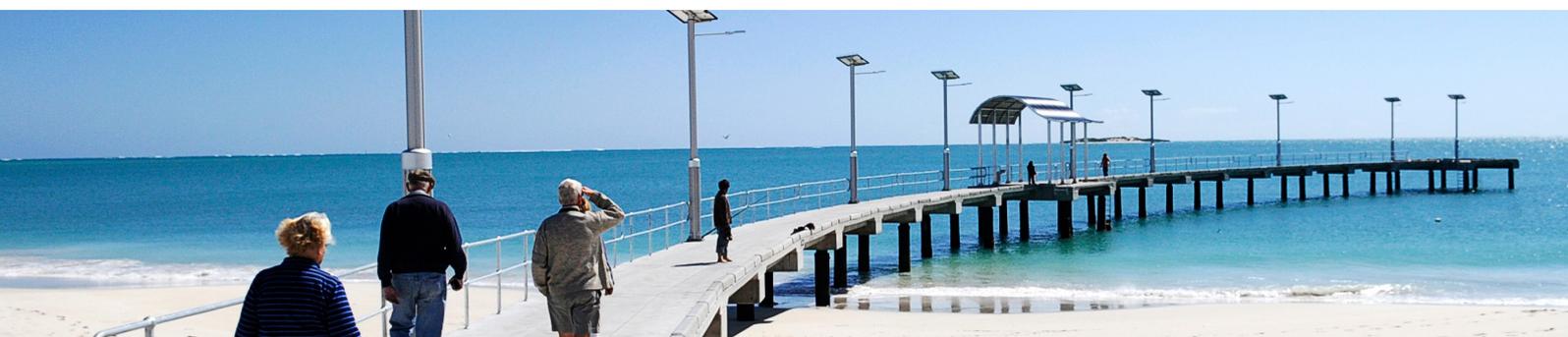
The Plan is the formulation of many short, medium and long-term actions. It will rely on ongoing engagement and support from local property owners, businesses and the community to succeed.

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 Friday 30 July at 5pm.





DANDARAGAN CEMETERY UPGRADE

You may have noticed some changes at the Dandaragan Cemetery with the recent completion of gates and fencing to beautify a much-loved local cemetery.

After it was identified that wing walls and brick plinths were decaying and posed a safety hazard, the Shire met with interested people from the community to create a plan to remove the safety hazard and create a better feature entry.

A plan was created to construct new gates and locally designed corten wing walls. The wing walls were laser-cut with local flora designs. The final stage was completed this month with the addition of stone garden beds which will hopefully bloom with local wildflowers soon

Thank you to all who contributed ideas and ensured that the project was locally-driven, including the team from Coastline Technical Services, Barnes Hydraulic Services, artist Angela Kruger, the team from Flame N Roopaw, long-time cemetery volunteer Kay Glennon, the committee of Advance Dandaragan, and Kay McGlew and Andrea Gray from the Dandaragan Community Resource Centre.

It was a real labour of love for a lot of people and we love how it looks.



Council *Meeting*

The next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 22 July 2021 in the Council Chambers, 69 Bashford Street, Jurien Bay commencing at 4.00pm. All welcome



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.



FINISHING TOUCHES TO JURIEN SKATEPARK INSTALLED

Have you been down to the Jurien Bay Skatepark recently? Some more finishing touches to the skatepark went in this week with the installation of the balustrade around the big bowl and the seating inserts. Where possible we utilised local contractors for these elements including Lord Fishing and Fabrication and J & R Carters Fine Furniture. We also wanted to let users know about the built-in charging plug/port under the south-western shade shelter - because we know that those quick skatepark visits are turning into hours at the foreshore.

We think the new elements look amazing, and special thanks to Archie from Cairns, and Isaiah and Eli from Sydney who were keen to have a skate on installation day. They are travelling around the country with their parents from Wheelie Stand and told us it is in their top three skateparks between Cairns and WA. □

So if you haven't yet, head down to the skatepark with your skateboard, scooter or bmx and have a go.



SHIRE'S NEWEST AUSTRALIAN CITIZENS

Marco & Poliana Carvalho along with their sons Davi & Felipe became the Shire's newest Australian Citizens at a Ceremony conducted by Cr Leslee Holmes on 27 May 2021. They were joined by Councillors, friends and staff. They are pictured here with Shire President Leslee Holmes.

L-R: Marco, Leslee, Poliana, Davi and Felipe.



Pre Mural

MEGA MURAL ADDS CREATIVITY TO DANDARAGAN WAY EXPERIENCE

We think a road trip is in order to check out the Dandaragan townsite's new mega mural at the Pioneer Park precinct.

The 28m mural was completed recently and takes pride of place on the Dandaragan Community Centre's (DCC) southern external wall.

Perth artist Luke O'Donohoe worked with the Shire, Advance Dandaragan and the DCC to design a 28 metre 'uniquely Dandaragan' artwork.

The Shire wanted to add some vibrancy and colour to the Dandaragan townsite and included the project in the Australian Government's Drought Communities Programme funding application.

We love how the mural adds vibrancy to a previously non-descript wall in the precinct and we can't wait to keep developing it with the upcoming pump track construction. Why not take a road trip out to the beautiful Dandaragan along the Dandaragan Way, breathe the fresh air and see what country WA has to offer.

To see more of Luke's work, go to <https://www.lukeodonohoe.com/my-gallery>.

Thanks to the Dandaragan locals who made Luke feel at home and even provided accommodation for him. What a special community.

Luke O'Donohoe #dandaraganway #wheatbeltwa #artmural #countrymurals Regional Arts WA #droughtcommunities



Post Mural



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.



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<https://www.dandaragan.wa.gov.au/services/community/libraries/online-library-services>



SCRIBBLERS FESTIVAL WINNER

The Shire Of Dandaragan Libraries have been super excited to be part of this years Scribblers festival...

The lucky scribblers festival super sleuth to recover the silver feather at Jurien Bay Library was Kylie Hawkins from Cervantes.

Kylie found the feather tucked into Free as a bird The Story Of Malala by Lina Maslo at the Jurien Bay Library..... Kylie Hawkins was very excited to receive her Signed book prize "The Werewolves who Weren't" by T.C.Shelley recently from the Scribblers Festival team.
#scribblersfestival # goldenfeatherhunt
#shireofdandaraganlibraries # Jurienbaylibrary

