

# SHIRE MATTERS



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### SHIRE OF DANDARAGAN COMMUNITY GRANTS 2021 / 2022 ROUND NOW CLOSED

This included the Community Grant, Tronox Management and Shire of Dandaragan Sport Recreation Facility Fund and Environmental Grant.

Officers will be in touch with all applicants this month.



# A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Cr Leslee Holmes  
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Unfortunately, as I write this morning it is from my bed. As always it seems to be the way with me, the minute I slow down I become vulnerable to any nasty germs floating around and there have been many. We had planned a couple of weeks off and managed to get two glorious days at Rottnest before I succumbed to the inevitable and took to my bed. It's not all bad as I have read three books that I have been dying to read for a long time and actually managed to read the Weekend Australian Newspaper in full. I don't know if reading the paper actually was a good or bad thing because there is literally no good news out there in the big world. This always brings me back to how fortunate we are to live where we do, protected from all the horrors that our fellow human beings are subjected to. Yet in all this, some of us moan and complain about every little thing that crosses their daily lives. We all have to learn to be grateful and consider that our precious lives are being protected by local, state and federal governments who are trying their best to look after us. That is unless they are engaged in politics and self-preservation.

This leads me to bring you up to date with the Local Government Elections being held in October. This is your opportunity to come out from behind your keyboards and become a leader and champion the causes most vital to protecting your way of life in our beautiful Shire.

Being a Councillor is a very rewarding experience and there is a lot to be gained personally in being able to listen and support the people who voted for you. Often, we have to make very difficult decisions that are not always popular, but nevertheless need careful consideration. Your Council are tasked with thinking for the future and planning for sustainability for your children and grandchildren. We are careering towards the future at a greater rate than anyone could ever imagine, and it is up to us to make decisions and strategically plan for what may be coming in the future.

It's called 'Future Proofing' and that is why we have our highly experienced staff who are responsible for bringing us all of the relevant information to help us achieve our goals. When you vote in October you also need to think carefully about the person you give your vote to and make sure that you are electing someone who will have the ability to add to the team and bring new energy and life experiences to the table. I often read the local Perth papers and so many of the councils are continuously arguing and fighting which does not help with good governance and sound outcomes for the community. Remember, this is your future. So, after all that I have said, if you feel that you would like to consider representing your community and the whole of the communities in the Shire, please give me a call and come and have a coffee and a chat and I will give you all the information I can about this unique opportunity.

The past long weekend has shown us that the Jurien Bay Skate Park is ideally situated for both young locals and visitors that come to the town. The 'soft opening' on Friday helped to give us an idea of what the actual opening day would be like and to see

if anything needed ironing out before the big day. I have heard complaints that some people were not invited but this was an opportunistic decision which became available due to the skate park being ready earlier than scheduled on Friday afternoon and there was no time to get out to anyone other than the locals. The opening was a huge success, and it was a pleasure to be able to host key stakeholders which included the Hon. Shane Love MLA, Deputy Leader of the Opposition, the Hon. Sandra Carr, MLC, Agricultural Region, and Ms Susan Hunt, CEO of Lotterywest.

One of the things that surprised me the most was the respectful way the skaters treat each other. From a talented 6-year-old little girl to a 30-year-old pro skater, they all took their places around the big bowl and waited their turn. This is not often seen in sport and brings along with it many lessons that can be taken in to other areas of their young lives. I don't think there has been one day that it has not been used extensively and we can't wait for all the rest of the foreshore development to be completed.

We are so pleased to hear that our agricultural regions both in our Shire and further out, that this is going to be a bumper year. This is going to be beneficial to all of us. There are so many smaller communities that are struggling to get numbers into their schools and keep the foundations of their towns alive.



This will be the challenge for the future and is being felt in all Wheatbelt towns at the moment. There was a feeling that due to the unrest in world people would flock to smaller rural communities for safety and all the benefits a smaller community has to offer. However, it seems it is more the coastal towns that are finding this and not always where we would like them to be. Unfortunately, the lack of rural housing is really giving us huge problems especially as we have some very large projects coming up and need workers accommodation. It is not just us but, in my role, and Deputy Chair of the Wheatbelt Development Commission, it has come up as the most important issue for us to lobby government with. The Shire of Dandaragan do not want 'fly in - fly out' or work camps if we can avoid it. We want people to come to live and work in our towns but as hard as we try we cannot get the housing we need to be able to attract them. Jurien Bay has exceeded expectations in new houses and the sales of existing homes is very high at the moment. We hope that this sort of attention flows on to all of our towns.

Winter is definitely upon us now but how wonderful has the weather been. We are blessed with such a great climate and hopefully it will continue through and we can all enjoy a bit of sneaky sun as we rug up and start lighting our fires.

Recently, I had the honour of speaking at the funeral of a dear friend in Albany. It was not the sad occasion that many funerals are as my friend had a full and wonderful life and it was so good to catch up with people I had not seen for over 20 years. It is a beautiful town and they are also reaping the benefits of people leaving the city in their droves and looking for a peaceful, safe way of life. It was, and still is far too cold for me and I like being warm and often wake up dreaming of Exmouth and Broome. My overseas family are all enjoying freedom for the first in a long time. My sister Julie, who has lived in Mallorca for the last 20 years, has sold our family home and is considering moving back to the UK. The problem for them is Brexit and all the rules have changed. Expats are all trying to quit their holiday homes due to high taxes and the fact that you can only use them for 3 months of the year. I don't know how that could possibly benefit the local communities as the expats spend, spend, spend when they are there. Still who knows the inner working of the Spanish brain? We shall miss our fabulous regular family get togethers at our beautiful home but like everything there is a time to move on. There are others who have homes in France and Italy who will suffer the same fate as due to the awful economies they are experiencing squatters in their houses when they know the owners can't travel. You may think how lucky are people to have a holiday home in these exotic places but most of them cost less than an home in Cervantes or Jurien Bay. It is challenging to go and live in another culture especially when the locals don't exactly welcome you with open arms. We know many people who have purchased from photographs only to find out they have bought an uninhabitable ruin that will cost a fortune to renovate.

I hope you all had a great long weekend and enjoyed that fantastic weather and, as always, please feel free to contact me if you wish to discuss anything on your mind.

## PUBLIC LIBRARIES OF WA ONLINE BOOK CLUB

Now available with your Shire of Dandaragan Libraries card:



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## JURIEN BAY SKATE PARK OPENING

Jurien Bay's new skatepark was officially opened on Saturday 22 May, with bus loads and cars venturing from across the region, bursting at the seams with people ready to hit the highly anticipated district-level skatepark. The opening began with a Smoking Ceremony and Acknowledgement of Country given by Ranger Kane Shaw from Kwelena Mambakort Aboriginal Corporation, and a Welcome to Country from local Yued Elder Charlie Shaw. Lotterywest CEO Susan Hunt, cut the ribbon with help from Sandra Carr MLC, Shire of Dandaragan President Leslee Holmes, and Lincoln Deane, a young member of the Jurien Bay Foreshore Working Group.

The atmosphere was abuzz with spectators and participants enjoying the new facility and activities on offer. Jurien Bay Skydive showed their support by skydiving over the skatepark trailing a colourful display of ribbons in celebration of the opening. Activities were coordinated by Australian Skateboarding Committee Initiative, with Soggy Bones demonstrating their awesome skills and running Jurien's first ever skateboarding competition, sponsored by Tiges Surf Shop. Infinity Skate WA from Geraldton held skate clinics for young people to learn tricks and tips to improve skateboarding skills and build confidence on the skatepark's unique features.

Thank you to everyone involved in the massive collaborative effort that made Jurien Bay's Skatepark possible, including the unwavering feedback from local youth sharing their desire for a new skatepark, guidance from the Jurien Bay Foreshore Working Group, the collective effort of staff across all departments at the Shire of Dandaragan, the team at Convic-one of the top rated skatepark design and building companies in the world, -and Lotterywest for their generous support in funding stage one of Jurien Bay's Foreshore Youth Precinct.





## SIX-MONTH TRIAL OF ADDITIONAL OFF-LEASH DOG EXERCISE AREAS

At the Shire of Dandaragan Ordinary Council Meeting held on Thursday 27 May 2021, Council resolved to trial the following areas as off-leash dog exercise areas for a period of six months:

- Weld Park (northwards of the basketball court to Aquilla St)
- Passamani Park (Pinetree Circuit)
- Dibbler Park (Beachridge Drive)
- Djidi Djal Park (Middleton Avenue)
- Jurien Bay beach south from Cook Street
- Jurien Bay beach north from Memorial Park
- Cervantes beach south from Talavera Road

Dog owners will be permitted to exercise their dog off leash within these areas however, they are still fully responsible for the (effective) control and behaviour of their dog. Signage will be in place in the coming weeks. These locations were presented to Council as preferred options after consultation with the community during February / March this year.



The next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 24 June 2021 in the Council Chambers, 69 Bashford Street, Jurien Bay commencing at 4.00pm. All welcome

# Council Meeting



## **NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETING DATES 2021 / 2022**

Please be advised that the Ordinary Meeting of Council for 2021 / 2022 will be held on the following dates, times and venues.

<b>DAY</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>MEETING VENUE</b>
Thurs	22 July 2021	4.00pm	Jurien Bay
Thurs	26 August 2021	11.00am	Jurien Bay School Visit
Thurs	23 September 2021	4.00pm	Dandaragan
Thurs	21 October 2021	4.00pm	Jurien Bay
Thurs	25 November 2021	4.00pm	Cervantes
Thurs	16 December 2021	4.00pm	Jurien Bay
Thurs	27 January 2022	4.00pm	Jurien Bay
Thurs	24 February 2022	4.00pm	Jurien Bay
Thurs	24 March 2022	4.00pm	Jurien Bay
Thurs	28 April 2022	4.00pm	Badgingarra
Thurs	26 May 2022	4.00pm	Jurien Bay
Thurs	23 June 2022	4.00pm	Jurien Bay



## **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.



# 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/](http://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](mailto:rorym@dandaragan.wa.gov.au).

The closing date for submissions and comments is Friday 30 July at 5pm.



### 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.

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