

# SHIRE MATTERS



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### ROBERTS STREET SEWER AND WATER UPGRADES COMMENCE

As part of the Jurien Bay Foreshore Redevelopment project, civil works to upgrade current water and sewer services have commenced along Roberts Street, Jurien Bay on 5 May 2021.

Local contractors undertaking these works have suitable traffic management in place and traffic access along Roberts Street will be managed accordingly.

These works will also include some road reconstruction and sealing works between Heaton and Sandpiper Streets and are expected to take up to 8 weeks. Landscaping reinstatement works will progress shortly after the civil works component of the job is complete.

On some occasions, Roberts Street will be closed to all traffic between Sandpiper and Heaton Streets as kerbing and sealing works are completed and appropriate traffic detours will be put in place during this stage of the project.

Access to the Jurien Bay Summerstar Tourist Park main entrance will also be closed for up to 3 weeks during this time with temporary access to the park being made available to visitors via White Street.

Any queries relating to these works can be forwarded to the Shire's Infrastructure team by calling (08) 9652 0800.

# A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Cr Leslee Holmes  
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## ONGOING COVID MANAGEMENT

This has been a very strange last few weeks for us all with so many more layers of uncertainty around the world and very few answers as to how we are going to live with this awful pandemic going on into the future. We feel for all the Australians stuck overseas trying to get home. It must be a nightmare, but it needs to be addressed. While we have the facility at Howard Springs now ready this will provide some ability to correct this tragedy. I know many of us are worried about having the vaccinations (including my family), but I think it is the only way we are ever going to be able to move around freely in the future. My mum, at 92, has had both of hers and she has had no problems at all thankfully

## WET WEATHER RELIEF

The wonderful rains we have been having seem to have bought certainty and confidence to the agricultural areas for the coming season and we hope that it continues so that the good news continues for farmers. It is so crucial to our economy that our farmers have some solid returns that they can invest in their future which is closely linked to all of ours. Our April Council meeting was recently held in Badgingarra which gave anyone who had not had the opportunity a chance to visit the new Mini Golf facility.

I am told that it is going very well and I am sure that locals and visitors to the town will benefit greatly from all the hard work. As Council, we especially love to hold our meetings in the agricultural communities as we are so well looked after. We all relish the wonderful home cooked food that they treat us to and always wait to see what they have planned to improve their towns. This incredible small community always come and speak to us at the meeting and it was great to engage everyone in such meaningful discussions about their future and how they want their special place in the world to be looked after.

## JURIEN BAY CBD URBAN DESIGN PLAN PROPOSAL

There has been a lot of speculation around the Jurien Bay CBD Urban Design Plan lately and while we welcome all community comments and suggestions, we would ask that you wait for the correct information before jumping to conclusions about what will or will not happen. We are working for the future of Jurien Bay and in this task, there are plans that need to be considered for 20-30 years ahead. Over the long term there will be exceptional growth and change in Jurien Bay as the town realises its potential as a regional centre and private sector redevelopment presents new opportunities. The population will grow, new buildings will be built, existing buildings will reach renewal age and demographics may change which will bring new customer needs and opportunities to the town centre. Effective planning now will set us up to maximise the opportunities for sound economic growth and shaping a town centre that is vibrant and a pleasant place to spend time in. The initiatives within the CBD Urban Design Plan will take shape across

many years as these changes take place and no doubt there will be the need to periodically review the Plan and trial various solutions to accommodate growth and public amenity improvements before permanent implementation decisions are made. I encourage all interested to consider the consultation document in full and cast your mind to the future to consider how our town centre can best meet the needs of our local and visiting population over the long term. Support, critique and input from a wide variety of viewpoints will deliver the best results for the community.

## OFFICIAL SKATEPARK OPENING

At last, we have our opening of the Jurien Bay Skate Park. This will be held on Saturday, 22 May 2021 at 11.00am We hope that as many of you as possible will be able to attend this important day. The facility, constructed by Convic and landscaped by our own Jurien Bay Shire Operations team, looks amazing and we know it will bring many young people to the town as well as the locals that have been waiting for many years for this to happen. Skate parks are very different to what they used to be, and it is now common to see whole families sitting around watching their children and other skaters having an enjoyable day out testing their skills.



Throughout this whole process Shire staff have navigated many hurdles to get this project to completion and we must all be glad for their persistence however I would like to take this opportunity to make special acknowledgement of Michelle Perkins, the Shire's Manager Customer and Community Services, for her tireless endeavours in getting this project to the opening stage. Michelle, through thick and thin, has believed in the importance of the skate park and family-based redevelopment of the foreshore for the youth of Jurien Bay and the wider community. I would also like to thank my fellow Councillors for seeing the true value of this project and what it will bring to the families of the region. I hope to see you all there.

### **YANDIN WIND FARM OFFICIAL OPENING**

I have been asked to speak at the opening of the Yandin Wind Farm next week and that will also be a milestone project for the Shire. We are able to market ourselves as the most important renewable energy region in WA. We are a "Clean and Green" Shire, setting an example in our State, and we welcome more and more of these marquee projects.

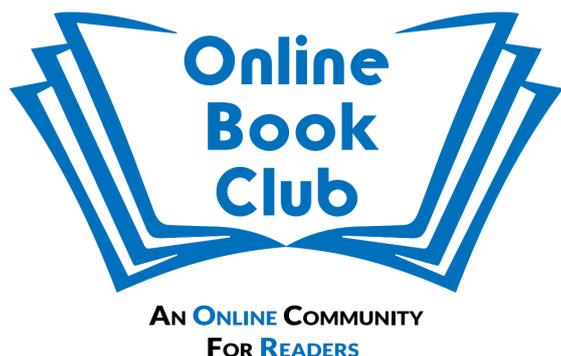
### **JURIEN BAY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

I also have the pleasure of addressing the Jurien Bay Chamber of Commerce the same day and bringing them up to date on our future planning and infrastructure projects. We have a lot to boast about with a new pavilion about to start construction, which includes showers and toilets and a beautiful café with water views. This is the first time that Jurien Bay will have a facility with such great views and wind protection. This area at the jetty is probably one of the most important pieces of land in WA with its proximity to the beach and closeness to the town. It will be great to see this location activated even more through this development.

### **OPERA IN THE PINNACLES**

Once again, the WA Opera hosted event, Opera in The Pinnacles, proved to be an evening to remember. We acknowledge and thank the Yued people and the Shaw family for their help and support for the use of this important Aboriginal site. With 1,000 people and such a lovely night, it treated us all to some wonderful moments. Getting this to happen is a logistical nightmare and we are in awe of how the team managed it all in these difficult times. As the voices soared into the night sky we all realised we had witnessed something very special. The downside to all of this is that WA Opera are not sure they will have the funding to keep going next year. The Shire contribute a generous amount however a new major event sponsor is needed. I will be meeting with them in the near future to discuss possibilities. This is very important for our region as last time it was held over 67% of the audience had not been to Cervantes or Jurien Bay before. I would also like to mention the amazing job that the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions' Jurien Bay team do to get this show on the road. Thank you to all involved.

### **PUBLIC LIBRARIES OF WA ONLINE BOOK CLUB**



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A place for Western Australian Public Libraries patrons to read and discuss recent and popular books, from the comfort of their own home and with no hold periods.

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## KARDA COSMIC CAMPOUT

Saturday 8 May saw a group of sixty stargazers descend on the new DBCA Karda campground on Banovich Road. Guides from Astrotourism WA led the group on an extra-terrestrial journey through the night skies above this extraordinary campground.

The tour began just before darkness fell with a background talk on our galaxy and explanations of the units of measurement used when looking at such vast distances in outer space.

The group learned what the closest planet to the sun is and where us earthly beings are placed in our galaxy. As the group were escorted through the galaxy the guides provided an entertaining dialogue on the constellations and their relevance in the Greco Roman astrology. We heard of battles between Orion and Scorpio and the reasons why they are at opposite ends of the galaxy. The Southern Cross was explained too and the correct method for finding where true South really is.

Just before we moved onto the telescopes one lucky patron won a 5" Dopsonian telescope donated by Astrotourism WA and the Shire of Dandaragan through the ongoing partnership agreement. The Milky Way really turned it on with a magnificent display of stars and planets all shielded within an apparent mist that highlights the galaxy. All that with just the naked eye.

Then we went to the telescopes to get up close and by all accounts everyone had a really personal experience. As they discovered the individual stars and planets that the fabulous guides from Astrotourism WA pointed out and explained details about every one of them.

The night finished off with an overpass of the space station which most of us were seeing for the first time. The Space Station passes over us and is visible almost every night. You just need to look up at the right time.

There is a website to track when it will be passing over us at [https://spotthestation.nasa.gov/sightings/view.cfm?country=Australia&region=Western\\_Australia&city=Perth#.YJtJiKgzaUk](https://spotthestation.nasa.gov/sightings/view.cfm?country=Australia&region=Western_Australia&city=Perth#.YJtJiKgzaUk)





## SHIRE OF DANDARAGAN COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAMS - 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](mailto:mccs@dandaragan.wa.gov.au).

Go to [www.dandaragan.wa.gov.au](http://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.



## SMARTER THAN SMOKING SPRAY THE GREY YOUTH FESTIVAL 2021

On Wednesday 7 April 2021 the Smarter than Smoking Spray the Grey Youth Festival was held at Fauntleroy Park in Jurien Bay, attracting local young people and holiday makers into the Shire. Sand sculpture lessons and the ever popular DBCA Marine Debris workshop ensured that all participants had the opportunity to take home new creative skills. The crew at Sand Sculpture WA gave beginner lessons to young people and their families offering handy hints and tips to perfect techniques.

At the Shire's marquee locals had the opportunity to complete a survey contributing to the review of the Shire's Disability Access and Inclusion Plan, and visitors were encouraged to vote for Jurien Bay in the Small Tourism Town Awards.

With plenty of free rides and amusements available, the day was an absolute blast. The line-up of entertainment with musicians David McSweeney, Warwick Trent and Barni Norton, as well as the Acro Crew from Taylors Dance Company, and young musicians Chelsea White, Orlando Beltrametti and Mekyja Jenkins, captivated the audience with their incredible talent.

The Spray the Grey Youth Festival was once again made possible by funding from Lotterywest, Healthway 'Smarter than Smoking', the Department of Communities 'Youth Week', and the Shire of Dandaragan. Local support towards the youth festival was provided through services and equipment supplied free of charge or at a discounted rate. Shout out to our local supporters! Jurien Bay Sport and Recreation Centre, Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions, Jurien Bay District High School P&C, Coastal Stockfeeds, and Jurien Bay Progress Association.

Thank you all for your support and participation!



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## LEEWIN SCHOLARSHIP NOW OPEN



Through the Shire's Leeuwin Scholarship Program the Shire of Dandaragan funds passage on the Leeuwin Ocean Adventure for one successful applicant per year. Local youth between the ages of 15 and 18 years of age are eligible to apply.

The program offers a unique opportunity for young people to learn about responsibility, working within a team along with personal development and leadership skills. The Leeuwin operates under the principle of "challenge by choice" - the level of the challenge is up to each individual. More than 30 years of operation clearly demonstrates that the more each participant is willing to challenge themselves, the more they take away from the experience.

The Leeuwin Ocean Adventure Foundation is a not-for-profit organisation based in Fremantle, funded through sale of voyages, grants, corporate sponsorships and donations from organisations and the general public. The foundation has welcomed more than 40,000 young people on board STS Leeuwin II, a 1850s barquentine style, three-masted sail training ship since it was built in Western Australia in 1986. Leeuwin Voyages are also endorsed by the Curriculum Council of WA. Young people in Years 10, 11 and 12 can earn 5 WACE points towards their graduation.

To find out more information or to apply contact the Shire's Community Development Officer on 9652 0800 or email [cdo@dandaragan.wa.gov.au](mailto:cdo@dandaragan.wa.gov.au) or alternatively go to the Shire website - [www.dandaragan.wa.gov.au](http://www.dandaragan.wa.gov.au) to download an application from the Youth Development section.





## **DANDARAGAN MEGA MURAL**

Dandaragan townsite will have an injection of colour with the addition of a 28m art mural due to be completed in the coming week.

Artist Luke O'Donohoe will be in Dandaragan this weekend to paint a 28m mural on an external wall of the Dandaragan Community Centre. The artwork is a Shire of Dandaragan project, funded through a Federal Government's Building our Future grant, and designed in consultation with the Dandaragan Community Centre and Advance Dandaragan.

The project is in response to the local community's desire for Shire support for more community art to create vibrancy and a new contemporary feel to the townsite. The aim is to create a community where visitors want to stop, spend time and get to know this great little community.

The mural is just one part of the Dandaragan Beautification project which also includes a new art sculpture to be built along the main street. The mega mural will add to the Pioneer Park precinct which is being upgraded with a brand new pump track and colourful new trees.

So if you are headed to Saturday football this weekend, say hi to Luke and check out his work on our newest mural.



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# **Council** *Meeting*

The next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 27 May 2021 in the Council Chambers, 69 Bashford Street, Jurien Bay commencing at 4.00pm. All welcome



## JURIEN BAY CBD URBAN DESIGN PLAN TO GO OUT FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION

At the April Council Meeting a decision was made to endorse the Jurien Bay CBD 'Green Heart' Options One and Two as key concepts to guide public submissions as part of the Jurien Bay CBD Urban Design Plan consultation process. The purpose of the plan is to explore options and put these options to the community for discussion.

The Jurien Bay CBD Urban Design Plan is a project to develop a guiding conceptual document for the long term evolution of our town centre as our population grows and community needs evolve.

Shire staff and consultants are now finalising the public consultation package to provide the business and broader community with full details on the project. No decisions have been made with regards to any road closures or redevelopment commitments and the plan does not dictate any sorts of compulsory land acquisition.

There are options discussed in the plan for this area - one of which is restricting traffic along Roberts Street. Another option is not to restrict vehicle access on Roberts Street. There will be explanatory background that is part of the plan that will be released in the community consultation package explaining all options.

The Shire will be speaking directly with local businesses in the precinct and is looking forward to hearing the views of these concepts. We welcome active participation from all members of the public.

The consultation package will be promoted online for your review, contributions and critique, emailed to those on our Email News List, or available at the Shire office in Jurien Bay and libraries around the Shire over the coming weeks.



# JURIEN BAY

OFFICIAL SKATEPARK OPENING

Dobbyn park foreshore

MAY 22

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**11AM**

OFFICIAL OPENING

**11:30AM**

SOGGY BONES SKATE DEMO

**12:30PM**

SKATE COMP WITH TIGES SURF SHOP

12 & Under, 16 & Under, Opens

**2PM**

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