

# SHIRE MATTERS



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Do you know someone who makes a difference in our community?  
*Nominate them today for a Citizen of the Year Award!*

## 2021 OUTSTANDING CITIZEN / OUTSTANDING YOUNG CITIZEN AWARDS

The Shire of Dandaragan is again inviting nominations from clubs, organisations and citizens within the Shire for the above mentioned awards. Nomination forms have been posted out to Community Groups and also may be obtained from the Shire Office in Jurien Bay or go to the Shire of Dandaragan Awards page at <https://www.dandaragan.wa.gov.au>. Nominations close 31 October 2021.

The awards ceremony will be at Badgingarra Community Centre on Tuesday 8 February 2022 commencing at 7.00pm.

The ceremony is open to all members of the Public and supper and refreshments will be provided.



# A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Cr Leslee Holmes  
Ph. 0408 419 468

## Local Government Elections

Firstly, I would like to thank everyone who voted in the recent Local Government elections earlier last month. I am so proud of our Shire having one of the best voter responses in the State which means that we are connected to our citizens, and they care about the future of the Shire.

We welcome Councillor Maddi McDonald, the youngest councillor that Shire of Dandaragan has ever had. Quite a lot of young people were elected in the metropolitan area, and I hope to see this trend continue. It is so important for all people to be represented on Council as we make decisions that affect everyone in the community. Dandaragan local, Rosemary Glasfurd, was also elected as a new Councillor and judging by the high number of votes I am sure she will have a great following and I look forward to having her on our team. Jason Clarke, Ann Eyre, and Rob Shanahun were all re-elected and their knowledge and expertise is highly valued by all.

I would also like to acknowledge Darren Slyn who has served as a Councillor from 2013 to 2021, including the role as Deputy Shire President from 2015 to 2017. During his time on Council, Darren displayed a strong commitment in helping to address challenging issues, in particular advocating for our local

youth and in which he was heavily involved in establishing the Jurien Bay Youth Group. I would like to thank Darren for all his efforts during his time on Council.

This next couple of years, despite the awful conditions in other parts of the world, will be very exciting and fruitful for our part of the world.

Agriculture has never been better and tourism, even though we have had no overseas visitors, has grown and we have now developed a new customer base that we hope will continue to return when we are all able to move freely again. The great problem is staff. I am sure that anyone who complained about backpackers will never do so again.

We all miss the friendly faces and happy dispositions of our tourists who stay and work. It is easier when you are on a working holiday in the sun to be happy about waiting on tables and working in bars etc.

## Jurien Bay Foreshore

Our major projects continue to move forward and we hope to have the tender for the construction of our new foreshore pavilion/café awarded soon. As for the skatepark, I have never seen a skatepark so popular and all users seem to be having a wonderful time. Congratulations to our great outside crew who race to get all these areas ready for the openings and especially all those now working on the newly grassed picnic area and half basketball court.

The Jurien Bay foreshore redevelopment has bought so much pride and ownership to those who have worked on it and I know how much the people of Jurien Bay value all the planning and work now coming to fruition.

## Cultural Day

At the beginning of the month Brent and I were welcomed to a Cultural Day at Wedge Island by the Kwelena Mambakort Wedge Island Aboriginal Corporation.

Local Yued Elder, Charlie Shaw, welcomed us at a Smoking Ceremony which everyone took part in, followed by a magnificent morning tea and traditional lunch. Congratulations to Margaret Drayton for the amazing spread which we all enjoyed enormously. Margaret had the great pleasure of seeing her daughter, Dorinda Cox, tell us all about her journey to becoming the first female Aboriginal Senator for the Greens WA. Dorinda also announced that there would be a new funding round for Aboriginal Rangers which was very well received. I was lucky enough to hear her maiden speech the other day and I know she will be such a great asset to her people and the Greens Party. I met some great ladies from One Arm Point and Broome and enjoyed the banter and discussions. I cannot wait to get back up to that part of the world and enjoy the hospitality and women's fishing expeditions I have been promised.

## DBCA Projects

The next day was one of the best that I have enjoyed as President of the Shire, Shire CEO, Brent, and I joined Department Biodiversity, Conservation & Attractions Jurien Bay District Manager, Chris Stewart, and staff on a great journey through service tracks restricted to DBCA



operations in Mount Lesueur National Park as we made our way to the new Yonga Trail overnight camp facility. I have never seen so many wildflowers in this untouched paradise and even though the weather was not that kind we managed to navigate our way there behind the DBCA team without issue.

To camp there, you have to hike and carry your tent/bedding with you for about 12kms each way in a loop but wow! - is it worth it, and I know this will really appeal to the serious hikers.

Congratulations to the local DBCA staff and planning team who make this all possible. We are so very fortunate to have these important places to add to our tourism offering. Once again, local Yued Elder, Charlie Shaw did the Welcome to Country, and we were all involved in the Smoking Ceremony in this very special place. We were also shown the place chosen for the mountain bike track that is proposed for the future. This will be able to be reached by vehicle and I can see it being really popular for both tourist and people who live in Jurien Bay and Cervantes. The day just got better as we headed to Kangaroo Point, where DBCA are looking at the possibility of some eco camping areas near the beach. This is something the public are very keen on and we need more of. The last part of the day was spent at the Pinnacles where DBCA are planning a new lookout which we hope will rival the Kalbarri Skywalk, where patrons will be able to watch sunset and sunrise with uninterrupted views back to Mount Lesueur and the ocean.

We welcome this great initiative as it will bring so many return visits from people who have already been there before but will come again for this experience.

### **Nature Playground Opening**

Jurien Bay's beautiful new nature playground was officially opened on Friday, 8 October and I know it is the envy of all. I think all our towns will want one of these as it is so much more interesting than the plastic ones that have been popular in the past.

Recently, I spent two days with the Wheatbelt Development Commission in Toodyay where we were hosted by the local shire.

We visited a beautiful old building being restored to be used as accommodation which was once the old shearers quarters on a big property. The Shire is hoping that others will follow suit instead of just leaving buildings to rot away to ruins. We had a very full itinerary for the day visiting other important local businesses in the shire and even got very lost looking for the Camel Farm! I am almost at the end of my second term with the Commission and while I have enjoyed it very much it does mean so much travel and I am going to be happy to spend more time at home.

### **Cervantes Art Exhibition**

We have just had the most wonderful Cervantes Art Exhibition ever over the past week. Opening night was a cocktail party in the pavilion with the announcements of the winners of the prizes. The prize money has been increased, and so too the quality and breadth of the exhibits. It was so heartening to see so many local winners.

The overall major award for \$3,500, sponsored by Image Resources, was awarded to Jordee Simmons for her piece "Don't judge a book by its cover".

The Shire of Dandaragan Purchase Prize was won by Tiges Morton for an amazing work which will now be added to our collection and shown in the Shire's Administration office.

Congratulations to Anne Murray and her tireless team for putting on this event.

The Shire of Dandaragan understands the value of art in the community and are very proud to sponsor events of this quality.

Thanks to all the ladies who produced such wonderful food for the Opening and all week. Special thanks to Patsy Briotti who spends so much time producing such lovely food and for keeping everyone in the kitchen motivated. Tony Monk also did a great job in the bar and is always ready to jump in and volunteer for our little town. The workshops were very well attended and enjoyed by the participants which really adds another level to the event. Well done again to Kaye McGlew who does such a good job as MC every year and the incredible Andrea Gray for her ability to come up with something spectacular and new every time - the flowers created by her and her team of helpers over many months were amazing.

### **Nambung Country Music Muster**

Once again, hundreds of caravans descended on Nambung Station for this year's sold-out Nambung Country Music Muster and the organisers claimed a huge success. Brian and Gloria White, with their team of helpers, put on such a great event. Even with closed borders the show was the usual great performance we have come to expect, and we are so fortunate to have these events in a small town like Cervantes.

### **Dandanhausen**

Last weekend the Wolba Wolba Heritage Site Committee hosted its inaugural Dandanhausen (aka Oktoberfest) event at Aggie's Cottage. More than 120 tickets were sold with the event well attended to experience a range of delicious food and beverage to fit with the Oktoberfest theme. Local, Wes Porter, kicked off the musical

entertainment on piano followed by Margaret River duo, Aucousto who played throughout the night.

Although I was unable to attend this event, I did hear lots of fun was had with various games held throughout the evening with arm wrestling, a stein relay, yodelling, and best costume fashion parade. Well done to all involved in making this happen and I hope I get to attend next year's event which I believe is already in the planning stages.

In closing, I must mention the 80th birthday of Thelma Thompson held at the Lobster Shack on Saturday night. Thelma was surrounded by family and friends, and everyone enjoyed this very special occasion in celebrating this milestone. Happy birthday and best wishes.

## MEET YOUR NEWEST COUNCIL MEMBERS

At a Special Council Meeting held on Monday 18 October 2021 our newest councillors, Cr. Maddi McDonald and Cr. Rose Glasfurd, joined re-elected councillors, Cr. Ann Eyre, Cr. Jason Clarke, and Cr. Rob Shanhun, for the swearing in ceremony conducted by Cr. Peter Sharf in Jurien Bay.

Afterwards, Cr. Leslee Holmes and Cr. Peter Scharf were re-elected to Shire President and Deputy President respectively.

Former Councillor Darren Slyn was not successful in being re-elected. Darren has been a Shire councillor since 2013, where he served as Deputy President from 2015-2017. He has played an active and important role in many projects over this time, particularly in advocating for young people in the Shire. His commitment to developing the Jurien Bay Youth Group has resulted in fantastic outcomes for the youth group over those years and Council and staff appreciate his dedication and commitment to his work on Council.

We welcome our new and returning councillors and encourage the community to get to know your newest representatives.



L-R: Cr M McDonald, Cr A Eyre, Cr R Shanhun, Cr J Clark, Cr R Glasfurd



Deputy President Cr P Scharf, & Shire President Cr L Holmes

## HAVE YOUR SAY ON THE FUTURE OF JURIEN HALL

The Jurien Hall is recognised in the Shire of Dandaragan's Heritage Inventory as a place of value to the community.

The Hall has been used as a community building and meeting place for many generations since its construction in 1971. Over recent years, the building's use has declined as community activities have gravitated towards other more modern and suitable venues, the Jurien Bay Youth Group went into recess, and the condition of the building became evident.

Council is now seeking community input on what the future holds for the Jurien Hall. A more detailed assessment has now begun, and we would like to know the community's views on the future of this building. No decisions have been made by Council. The online survey, on our website as well as other community engagement activities - including a workshop - will inform the decision-making process for the future of the Jurien Hall.



Photo Credit: Jurien Bay Community Bulletin Board

The closing date for this survey is 4pm Friday 26 November 2021. Surveys will also be mailed out to all Jurien Bay post boxes, and available at the Shire Administration Centre in Jurien Bay, Turquoise Coast Visitor Centre, Badgingarra Community Centre, Cervantes Library and Dandaragan Library from 28 October.

Please note that due to unavoidable delays in the mail-out of the original survey, the closing date for comments has been extended to 4pm 26 November, not the earlier date mentioned on the survey's in post boxes. We look forward to receiving your views.



## STAY AHEAD OF CROP FIRES

### GUIDELINES FOR SAFE HARVESTING PRACTICES

Fires are more likely to occur on farms during harvest given the movement of machinery and vehicles through cropped paddocks.

Many of these fires could be prevented by taking some simple fire safety steps, conducting regular maintenance checks, and keeping headers clean during harvest.

Modern harvesters have many potential ignition sources including bearings, hot exhausts, turbochargers, electrical circuits, and belts which require regular monitoring and servicing. Dry straw, dust, chaff, oil and leaking distillate are the perfect fuels. Keeping headers free of these fuels is important to prevent fires.

THE Shire of Dandaragan also requires a firefighting vehicle to be on site during harvesting activities. **(Please Note: Trailer configured appliances are not recommended.)**

### REGULATIONS : FIRE SUPPRESSION EQUIPMENT

Farmers and harvesting contractors are required to comply with the Bush Fire Regulations of 1954 and in particular the key points below relating to harvest activities:

- Section 38 – A person shall not operate any harvesting machine or header in any crop during the prohibited burning times or restricted burning times unless a fire extinguisher is carried on the machine.
- Section 38A (4) – A person shall, when required by a local government, provide a plough or other specified machine, appliance or fire fighting equipment in or in the vicinity of any land or paddock where harvesting operations are being conducted.
- 'Fire Extinguisher' means a device which comprises:
  - i. a container filled with at least 7.5 litres of water and
  - ii. a pump capable of discharging that water and which is in sound and efficient condition

To comply with Bush Fire Regulations the Shire of Dandaragan asks that you have the following firefighting equipment always serviced and readily available during harvest:

- A mobile farm fire fighting unit comprising of a tank with a minimum capacity of 400 litres, a powered pump, reel, hose, and nozzle. Keep this unit parked on bare ground in or near the harvesting area for quick access.

### OTHER EQUIPMENT AND PROCEDURES

- It is recommended that all headers, vehicles, and homesteads should be equipped with two -way radio communications channelled for district contact.
- Carry mobile phones if service is available.
- At the homestead have a list of emergency contact numbers.
- Ring 000 in the event of a fire starting.



## **PRIOR TO HARVEST**

Conduct a thorough check and service of the header.

- Pay particular attention to chain and belt adjustments, shaft monitoring switches and warning systems
- Run the machine at speed for at least 20 minutes, then keep it idling and watch, listen and smell for signs of an electrical or mechanical problem
- Use a laser thermometer to check the temperature of shaft and bearings. High temperatures may be caused by excessive wear, so check and replace worn bearings.
- All stationary engines/motors on augers, field bins and firefighting equipment should be serviced and run before moving into paddocks. Pay particular attention to the working of exhaust systems.
- Ensure that all portable fire extinguishers are serviced and in working order.

## **AT THE START OF EACH DAY**

- Relocate all firefighting equipment to the area being harvested and check it is ready for use
- Clean any build up of dust and straw in and around the engine with compressed air, especially after harvesting lupins
- Never leave a header unattended in an unclean state after harvesting lupins
- Complete daily greasing and service requirements
- Check around manifolds, turbo chargers, radiator, and electrical components to ensure no combustibles are building up.
- Check and clean brake linkages and park brake drums
- Adjust tension of all belts and chains
- At least twice per day walk around the machine and watch, listen and smell to check everything is in working order
- Refuel on bare areas or on fire breaks and wash off any spilt fuel or oil which may gather dust and ignite

## **AT THE END OF EACH DAY**

- Check that there is no dust or material collected on the header, auger, and field bin motors before leaving the header unattended
- Isolate power where possible
- Park the header on a clear or harvested area if possible

## **PRECAUTIONS**

- Extreme caution should be taken when moving and parking vehicles. Always try to drive on tracks and park on a clear area, as crop fires can start from hot exhaust systems.

The Shire of Dandaragan hopes that you have a safe and successful harvest period.

## **Prohibited Burning Time**

The prohibited burning period will come into effect on 1 November 2021 and run until 28 February 2022. During the prohibited burning period no burning is permitted and permits to burn will not be issued.

# **Council** *Meeting*

The next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 25 November 2021 at the Cervantes Pinnacles Motel commencing at 4.00pm. Members of the public are welcome and encouraged to attend.



## 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.

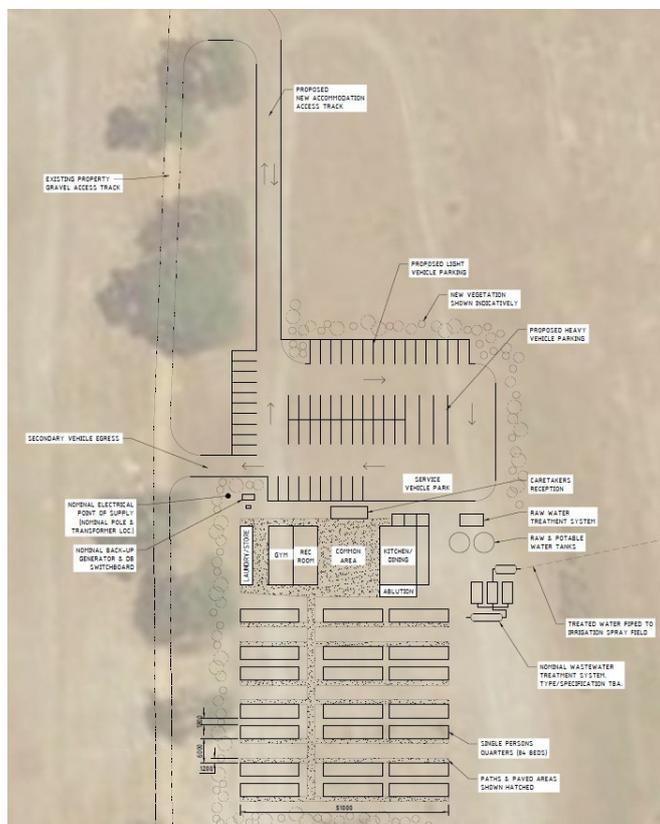
### PROPOSED 84-BED WORKERS ACCOMMODATION CAMP - NAMBUNG

Notice is hereby given that the Shire of Dandaragan has received a development application for 2269 Wongonderrah Road, Nambung, to develop land for the purpose of a workers accommodation camp to support the mineral sands Atlas Project which is currently seeking environmental approval from the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA).

Details of the development proposal are available for viewing at the Jurien Bay Administration Centre during normal office hours or can be downloaded from the Shire of Dandaragan Current Consultation page: <https://www.dandaragan.wa.gov.au/consultations/>. In addition, more information is available at the Shire website on the environmental assessment of the Atlas Project.

Submissions may be made on the proposal up to 4pm Friday 3 December 2021. Comments on the proposal may be submitted to the local government in writing or via email (to [council@dandaragan.wa.gov.au](mailto:council@dandaragan.wa.gov.au)) on or before that day.

Should you require any further information or clarification on this matter, please contact the Planning Officer on 9652 0800 or [rorym@dandaragan.wa.gov.au](mailto:rorym@dandaragan.wa.gov.au).



If you missed the opportunity to Visit the Cervantes Festival of Art this year pop in to the Jurien Bay Library and see some of the amazing wildflowers currently on display. Created using Italian Crepe paper and some amazing local talent at the festival's workshops they are truly a sight not to be missed.

# KEEP A HEALTHY MIND

Join Injury Matters and the Shire of Dandaragan for a free community event.

- Learn how keeping an active mind can help you to stay alert and respond to hazards.
- Learn how you can prevent falls.
- Participate in fun games including a quiz.
- Prizes to be won!

Date: Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Time: 3.00pm – 4.30pm

Venue: Cervantes Library

Address: 10 Aragon Street, Cervantes,  
WA 6511

Cost: Free!

Catering provided



Limited spaces are available.

To RSVP contact Cristi McPhee via email [cdo@dandaragan.wa.gov.au](mailto:cdo@dandaragan.wa.gov.au)  
or call 9652 0800.

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## SCHEME AMENDMENT NO.38 TO THE SHIRE OF DANDARAGAN LOCAL PLANNING SCHEME NO.7

Notice is hereby given that the Shire of Dandaragan has prepared the abovementioned planning scheme amendment for the purpose of making it permissible for a caravan park to be considered for development approval upon land managed by the Department of Transport within the Jurien Bay Boat Harbour. This planning scheme amendment was initiated following the Expression of Interest the Department of Transport received from the Lobster Hut Hospitality Group Pty Ltd to lease a 4.5ha site within the Jurien Bay Boat Harbour to develop a resort/caravan park.

Documents setting out and explaining the scheme amendment are available for viewing at the Jurien Bay Administration Centre during normal office hours or can be downloaded from the Shire's Website - <https://www.dandaragan.wa.gov.au/consultations/>.

Submissions on the planning scheme amendment may be lodged in writing or emailed ([council@dandaragan.wa.gov.au](mailto:council@dandaragan.wa.gov.au)) to the CEO and should include the amendment number, the property affected and details of the submission. The closure time and date of the submission period is 4pm Monday 15 November 2021.

Location below Scheme Amendment No.38.



L-R: Viktoriia Clarke, Cr Holmes and Wanna Purcell

## SHIRE'S NEWEST AUSTRALIAN CITIZENS

Congratulations to Mrs Viktoriia Clarke and Mrs Wanna Purcell who became Australian Citizens at a Ceremony conducted by Cr Leslee Holmes on 28 October 2021. They were joined by Councillors, family and friends. They are pictured here with Shire President Leslee Holmes