

# 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

I am writing this report to you from my Tournament Directors Office at the Reabold Tennis Club in Perth. Once a year I revisit my role as one of the few people who can run a large tournament for tennis. I always say it will be my last one, but I keep coming back as I do love the game and after a lifetime of involvement with a husband who was a player/coach and a son the same, I do miss it around the time all the Grand Slams start across the world. Tennis, like all sports, has become so influenced by money and ranking points that the pressure on players, especially juniors, is immense. The court referees are now wearing cameras to record any exchanges that they have with players and parents. Another sport gone mad, however with all that said, we have 461 matches to get through in 4 days with very dodgy weather. The very young ones, 10 and under, are the best to watch as they are so keen, and parents have not yet become obsessed with making a champion.

## **Dandaragan Organic Beef Open Day**

Two weekends ago I visited the Cook's farming property - Noondel - for their annual Dandaragan Organic Beef Open Day. The weather was superb which only enhanced this wonderful setting with the historical Noondel Homestead and beautiful gardens in the background. Five generations of the Cook family have been farming at Noondel and Tekymbah properties for more than 100 years, but it was a little over 20

years ago that both properties converted to organic farming. Organic farming means there is no use of pesticides, artificial fertilisers, hormones, or antibiotics. Through the use of organic farming principles, which consist of rotational grazing methods, planting of perennial grasses, and low stress handling of stock, greater nutritional benefits can be gained such as good omega 3 fatty acids, less cholesterol, and more antioxidants. It also supports soil health and biodiversity. The day started with a tour of the farm where the farming methods were explained to a group of around 80 people from Perth and surrounding areas. As part of the farm tour, local Dandaragan Yued artist and entrepreneur, Madeline Anderson from the Beemurra Aboriginal Corporation, WA's first and only Aboriginal cattle backgrounding operation at Yallalie Downs, provided an informative talk about the Yued people's connection with country and some very interesting facts about various native plant species during a short bush walk on the farm. Following the farm tour, visitors then sat down to a wonderful long table lunch to sample the farm's star product in a variety of ways – carpaccio of fillet, slow cooked ribs, slow braised beef ragu, seared skirt steak, and goan beef curry - all deliciously prepared by world renowned Perth chef, Sophie Budd, and her team. Also included were sumptuous salads and dessert provided by Dandaragan local, Jane Roberts. It really was a fantastic day!



## **AFL Grand Final**

What an amazing opportunity our State had in hosting the 2021 AFL Grand Final. I think we sent a message to the rest of Australia that we can put on a big show. Even for non-footy fans, the entertainment and the hype that preceded the game uplifted everyone's spirits for a while. Hopefully the stadium will attract many other great events into the future.

## **Wildflowers**

September and October are very busy and vibrant times in our Shire. With the amazing display of wildflowers this year we have been fortunate to have many visitors to this region to enjoy the lovely drives and walks within our Shire.

## **Upcoming Community Events**

We have a few major events happening very soon and I am sure that they will be well patronised.

The Octoberfest hosted by the Jurien Bay Men's Shed is a very popular day and at the same time the Jurien Bay CRC are hosting a Community Dog Show and Sheep Dog Trials. All will be held at the Jurien Bay Sport and Recreation Centre and on the oval. We then have the Cervantes Art Prize which is such a wonderful event and gets more and more popular every year.



This is followed by the Nambung Music Muster. Even though we do not have travellers from the Eastern States that usually come to this event I am sure that it will be well patronised as the organisers do such amazing job of attracting top quality entertainment.

### **Jurien Bay Foreshore**

Works continue along the Jurien Bay Foreshore and Roberts Street as part of the Jurien Bay Foreshore Redevelopment project, and it is wonderful to see the new nature playground open just in time for the school holidays with lots of families enjoying this new space. An official opening event will be held on Friday 8 October 2021 at 4pm. Bernhard Kaiser and Markus Braig of Natural Play Environments have many years' experience building playgrounds of this nature and what they have delivered here is spectacular. A special mention also to our Jurien Bay Operations team who continue to work tirelessly in installing reticulation, lawn, and gardens to finalise landscaping components of the foreshore development. Currently, staff and local contractors are working on completing the family picnic area and the basketball court between the new playground and skatepark and I look forward to seeing the result.



### **Dandaragan Pump Track**

Earlier this month construction of a new Pump Track in Dandaragan was completed. Common Ground Trails, who specialise in all facets of developing and establishing

mountain bike, trail pump tracks and landscape facilities, worked closely with Shire officers and the community in the design to cater for beginner and intermediate skill levels. The opening event saw a great turnout from the community, and it looks amazing.

### **Coastal Erosion**

With more wind and rain forecast for the rest of this week I am always mindful of the extent of coastal erosion we have experienced along our coastline so far this year. Cervantes has been significantly affected with Thirsty Point completely washed away and the dune across the front of Catalonia Park and the caravan park disappearing. In the past Shire officers have built up this dune and installed fencing to prevent further degradation by people accessing the beach however additional storms soon saw this washed away once again. Additional works to reinstate this dune will be undertaken once the rain has gone and the warmer months firmly upon us. The Shire will continue to look at ways to address this issue however with sea levels continuing to rise this will only increase coastal erosion and our response will be critical in managing how we adapt to its effects in the future. Acknowledging these coastal challenges, the Shire in partnership with the Department of Transport's Coastal Adaptation and Protection Grants program will be doing detailed planning and investigation of retreat and protection options for the Jurien Bay Central Foreshore and Cervantes Foreshore this financial year.

### **Local Government Elections**

With the Local Government Elections happening soon it is a good time to consider who of the candidates

will represent your community and work hard to make sure that the future of our Shire will be guaranteed now and in years to come. A good councillor must be able to work in a team to bring about change. As a council of nine individuals, it is a challenge to always agree but that is where democratic, robust discussions take place to reach the right conclusions. We are very fortunate to live in a safe and prosperous Shire and I can assure you that your council will be working very hard to search for further growth opportunities for the future.

## **JURIEN MARCHES FOR MARINA FIX**



Local residents took to the streets of Jurien Bay on Saturday, 11 September 2021 calling on the State Government to do something about the ongoing issues associated with the local boat harbour. While small in number the group certainly got their point across with their voices and striking banners. A local community action group continue to advocate the State Government for action on fixing this long-term environmental disaster with talks already taken place with key members within both the Upper and Lower Houses of the WA Parliament and correspondence being forwarded to both the Premier and Minister for Transport. Member for Moore, the Hon. Shane Love, MLA recently lodged a grievance on this matter in Parliament to which the Minister for Transport, the Hon. Rita Saffioti responded with information on action the State Government is currently taking and how they propose to move forward on this issue in the future, however no financial commitment to address the marina issues has been announced as yet.



## **OWNERS AND OR OCCUPIERS OF LAND - FIREBREAK NOTICE**

The Shire would like to remind landowner/occupiers with the Shire of Dandaragan that firebreaks must be installed by 1 November 2021 and maintained clear of inflammable material up to and including 30 April 2022 as per the requirements in relation to Section 33 of the Bush Fires Act 1954. Failure to comply may result with a penalty and prosecution. The information below summarises your fire mitigation responsibilities.

## **PLANTATIONS, FIREBREAK & FUEL HAZARD REDUCTION NOTICE**

Tree plantations of more than 3 hectares but less than 10 hectares.

Clear and maintain a 10m wide mineral earth firebreak with a vertical clearance of 4m high, clear of all inflammable material immediately surrounding the plantation (adjacent areas of the same property subject to provisions as for rural areas).

Plantations larger than 10 hectares

Plantations established after the 30 November 1984 that exceed 3 hectares in total area shall have a 10 metre wide firebreak completely surrounding the perimeter of planted trees. Each compartment of a plantation is limited to an area of less than 30 hectares in size. Each 30 hectare compartment shall have a 10 metre wide firebreak surrounding the planted trees. Furthermore, all plantations shall comply with requirements contained in the Department of Fire and Emergency Services guidelines or standards for Plantation Fire Protection.

## **URBAN/RESIDENTIAL LAND, FIREBREAK & FUEL HAZARD REDUCTION NOTICE.**

(All gazetted townsites)

Clear and maintain all inflammable materials on the property so it does not exceed 5 centimetres in height from 1st November 2021 to 30th April 2022.



## RURAL RESIDENTIAL LAND, FIRE BREAK & FUEL HAZARD REDUCTION NOTICE.

Rural development, properties up to 20 hectares (50 acres)

This category relates to all lots in all industrial estates and the subdivisions of Jurien Bay Heights, Alta Mare, Marine Fields, Koorringal Vale and Hill River Heights.

- Clear and maintain a 3m wide firebreak with a vertical clearance of 4m high, clear of any obstructions (no hanging tree limbs or objects) immediately inside or as close as practical inside all external boundaries of the land to allow for the unobstructed movement of Fire Appliances.

In rural residential land subject to erosion firebreaks can be slashed, however they MUST be maintained to a height less than 10cm.

- On heavily vegetated or grassed blocks a further 5m low fuel zone is required in addition to the 3m firebreak. Fuel is defined as any material such as grass, leaf litter, twigs, barks, logs, even live vegetation, that can be ignited and sustain a fire. Fuel loads must be less than 2 tonnes per hectare.
- Clear and maintain a 20m Building Protection Zone around all habitable buildings.

## RURAL LAND, FIREBREAK & FUEL HAZARD REDUCTION NOTICE.

All properties above 20 hectares

- Clear a firebreak consisting of mineral earth, to a width of no less than 3m, as close as practicable, inside the external boundaries of the property.
- Firebreaks must be maintained to provide a vertical clearance of a minimum 4m to allow adequate access for fire appliances.
- Clear and maintain a 5m mineral earth firebreak immediately surrounding all fuel and chemical storage areas.
- Clear and maintain a 2m mineral earth cleared area around all stationary pumps and motors.
- Areas cleared and piled for burning require a 20m mineral earth firebreak.
- Clear and maintain a 3m mineral earth fire break around all haystacks and hay sheds.
- Clear and maintain a 20m Building Protection Zone around all habitable buildings.

## Restricted Burning Time

The restricted burning period commenced on 19 September 2021. From this point onwards a permit to burn must be obtained from your local fire control officer if you intend to burn. Contact details for fire control officers are on the last page of the Shire's fire break and fuel hazard reduction notice that is attached to your rates notice or on the Shire website. Please note that permits to burn will have conditions attached and will generally not be issued for burning on Sundays or public holidays unless approved by the Chief Bushfire Control Officer. Prior to any burning you are required to notify your neighbours and the Shire of Dandaragan on 9652 0800. If the burn is to be carried out on any land that is adjoining or adjacent to land that is managed or controlled by the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions their office is to be notified by telephoning 9688 6000.

## 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 28 October 2021 at the Council Chamber, Jurien Bay commencing at 4.00pm. Members of the public are welcome and encouraged to attend.



## **ADMINISTRATION / LIBRARY & VISITORS CENTRE OPENING HOURS**

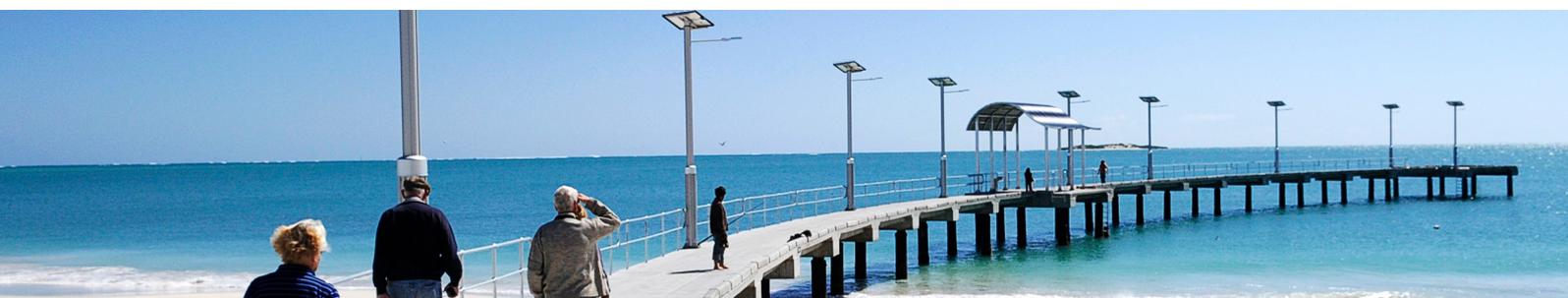
Current opening hours for the Shire of Dandaragan Administration Centre / Library & Visitors Centre are Monday - Friday from 9am - 4pm. If you would like to meet with a staff member outside of these opening hours, please call or email to make an appointment.



## **RE-TENDERING OF JURIEN BAY FORESHORE PAVILION CONTRACT**

The Shire of Dandaragan will re-tender the Jurien Bay Foreshore Pavilion building project after the original contract, awarded in May 2021, was terminated. Council declined a request from the builder for a substantial increase to the tendered price for the construction works and the contract has since been terminated with the builder. The new public tender will be advertised during October 2021.

The pavilion is an important part of the Jurien Bay Foreshore redevelopment and the Shire looks forward to engaging a new builder to deliver the project.



**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ORDINARY POSTAL ELECTION  
ELECTION NOTICE  
Shire of Dandaragan  
(Local Government Act 195, s4.64)**

The Shire of Dandaragan is holding an election by postal vote on Saturday, 16 October 2021 to fill vacancies in the offices of Councillors as listed below:

**Candidates**

CLARKE, Jason  
SLYNS, Darren  
EYRE, Ann  
MCDONALD, Maddi  
GLASFURD, Rosemary  
SHANHUN, Rob

**Election Packages** will be sent to all electors on the local government electoral roll where there is an election in their electorate.

**Replacement Packages** can be obtained from the Shire of Dandaragan, 69 Bashford Street Jurien Bay during business hours prior to election day and from 8.00am to 6.00pm on election day if the package is not received or should any papers be missing.

**Post your vote early.** Completed postal voting packages must reach the Returning Officer by 6.00pm on election day, Saturday, 16 October 2021.

**You may hand deliver your package** to an electoral officer at the Shire of Dandaragan, 69 Bashford Street Jurien Bay during business hours before election day or at the polling place in the district between 8.00am and 6.00pm on election day.

**Chief Polling Place:**

Shire of Dandaragan, 69 Bashford Street, JURIEN BAY

**The count of votes** will commence at 6.00pm at the Shire of Dandaragan Council Chambers, 69 Bashford Street, JURIEN BAY.

**ROBERT KENNEDY  
ELECTORAL COMMISSIONER  
13 63 06**



**WESTERN AUSTRALIAN  
Electoral Commission**



**NOTICE TO ALL PET OWNERS**

Pet owners are reminded that dog & cat licences expire on 31 October in each year.

Renewal notices have been sent out for all registrations expiring on 31 October 2021

## JURIEN BAY NATURE PLAYGROUND NOW OPEN



Exciting news...the Jurien Bay Nature Playground on the foreshore is now open and ready for fun.

Constructed by Nature Playground specialist, Bernhard Kaiser, with a craypot climbing fort, ropes area, river bed, all-ability swing and more, we can't wait for you all to have a go.

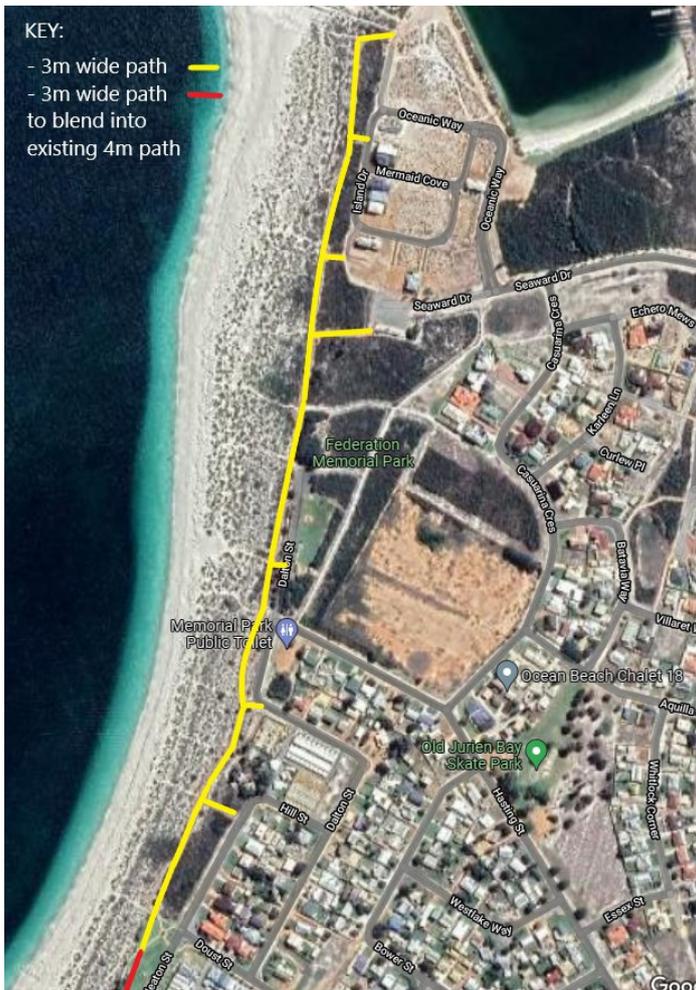
An official opening event will be held Friday 8 October at 4.00pm, but it's now ready for use.

So head down, take some pics of you and the family enjoying the playground to show us what you think. Drop your best pic in the comments or message them to us over the next couple of weeks. We'll choose the five best photos and you can get a free sausage sizzle at the official opening event in October.



NOTE - With the road construction activity still underway in the vicinity, please use caution as you travel to the playground and avoid the Roberts Street construction zone. The best access will be via the northern side of the playground or along the Turquoise Way path from the South. Parking is available on Heaton Street near the skatepark or Grigson Street carpark (near Cook St toilets). A temporary ablutions block is available nearby and the closest disabled toilet is Cook Street.





## TURQUOISE WAY PATH RENEWAL WORKS TO START - JURIEN BAY MARINA TO DOBBYN PARK

Following adoption of its Capital Works Program as part of the annual budget process, the Shire has engaged a local contractor to complete renewal works on the Turquoise Way Path, from the Jurien Bay Marina to the northern end of Dobbyn Park. (see below)

These works will see the existing red asphalt path to be replaced with a 3m wide concrete dual use path suitable for both pedestrians and cyclists.

Construction works are due to commence on Tuesday, 12 October 2021 and expected to take up to 5 weeks to complete.

During this time sections of this pathway will be inaccessible to the public however detours will be put in place to account for this so path users can still enjoy their walk, run or cycle.

## TEMPORARY EXTENDED BEACH ACCESS - CERVANTES

Following significant weather conditions throughout the winter months, many of you may have noticed the impact this has had at Thirsty Point, the boat launching area, and beach dune across the front of Catalonia Park and the RAC Caravan Park in Cervantes. Local residents have advised the Shire that the new soft sand along the boat launching beach makes it difficult to launch or retrieve boats without the risk of getting bogged.

As a result, the Shire has temporarily extended beach access for vehicles up to the beach access pathway that leads down from Catalonia Park by relocating several of the large cement bollards to this location.

The Shire will continue to liaise with the local boating community in regards to this matter, in particular the ongoing monitoring of coastal erosion and encroachment issues currently being experienced in these areas.





## **HAVE YOUR SAY ON DRAFT SPORT AND RECREATION PLAN FOR THE SHIRE OF DANDARAGAN**

In working towards the development of the Draft Sport and Recreation Plan, the Shire of Dandaragan aims to ensure that current sporting and recreational facilities are of an acceptable standard and to guarantee a minimum level of service for each town.

In December 2020, the Shire began undertaking a review of the existing facilities and the benchmarking of those facilities against national standards.

The Sport and Recreation Plan will guide the Shire's future resource, investment, and advocacy commitments to provide appropriate facilities and services to its community within the four towns of Badgingarra, Dandaragan, Cervantes and Jurien Bay. The plan therefore considers a broad range of facilities and considers the Shire's capital assets for meeting current and future recreation needs of the Shire's community.

The draft Plan is now available for public viewing and we invite your comments and thoughts on the documents - does the draft plan reflect the direction you would like us to take on sporting and recreational facilities?

The Draft Sport and Recreation Plan is available for public comment until 8am Monday 1 November 2021. Comments may be made at the Shire website and emailed to [council@dandaragan.wa.gov.au](mailto:council@dandaragan.wa.gov.au); or via post to the CEO at Shire of Dandaragan, PO Box 676, Jurien Bay WA 6516. Hard copies will be available at all libraries around the Shire and at the Shire Administration Centre in Jurien Bay. Boxes will also be available at these locations to leave comments.

## **REQUEST FOR COMMENT - PROPOSED ST JOHN AMBULANCE CENTRE TRANQUILO PARK, CERVANTES**



The Shire of Dandaragan is in receipt of a request from St John Ambulance to portion off a section of the reserve which also hosts Tranquilo park for the purposes of a new ambulance sub-centre. (see marked square on satellite image)

This Shire invites any comments that you may wish to make on the proposal which must be lodged by 4.00pm Wednesday 27th October 2021.

If you have any queries in relation to this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the Planning Officer on (08) 9652 0800 or [rorym@dandaragan.wa.gov.au](mailto:rorym@dandaragan.wa.gov.au).