

SHIRE MATTERS



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2022 OUTSTANDING CITIZEN AWARDS

2022 Outstanding Citizen and Young Citizen Awards

The Awards Ceremony will be held at the **Dandaragan Community Centre on Tuesday 7 February 2023, commencing at 7.00pm.**

Supper and refreshments will be provided. an invitation by request is extended to the public to attend

Outstanding Citizen nominees:

Name of Nominee Nominating Organisation(s) or Person

Kent McConnell	Dandaragan Community Centre / Zoe Coole
Jessica Sawyer	Dandaragan Community Recreation Club
Marilyn Gazeley	Cervantes Historical Society / Cervantes Progress / Cervantes CWA
Adam MacKay	Cervantes Bowling Club

RSVP Monday 30 January 2023 either by phoning Robyn Headland on 9652 0800 or email council@dandaragan.wa.gov.au

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Cr Leslee Holmes
Ph. 0408 419 468

Summer's On Its Way

As I sit here this morning about to embark on my last President's Report for the year, I am reminded that we are so very fortunate to live where we do. We have now embraced the first day of summer and must get ready for some predicted very hot weather which brings with it the ever-present threat of bushfires. Our team at the Shire of Dandaragan are ready to answer any questions you may have about keeping your property and families safe during this period. Please have a plan ready, even if you live in town, and if you have a block of land make sure that all the necessary fire breaks are up to date. Many years ago, my family lived in Gidgegannup and experienced a bush fire firsthand. It is the most terrifying experience, and I would never want to go through it again. We are all much more prepared now and no longer build houses with live trees in the middle of the lounge which was very much the style back then. We have some wonderful volunteer fire fighters in our Shire, and I wish them a very happy and safe Christmas and hope they don't get called on.

Cultural Awareness a Highlight

I was very lucky to be invited to a Cultural Day at Kwelena Mambakort Aboriginal Corporation (KMAC), at Wedge Island with our Yued friends recently. Shire staff attending and I had a great day, and as usual learned much about the old traditions of 60,000 years of culture in this country.

We are always so welcome and marvel in the fabulous bush tucker was on offer throughout the day by a handful of helpers. I enjoyed a chat with Charlie Shaw, and Uncle Neville who is a mine of information and has travelled extensively all over the world. Congratulations to Annie Shaw for the continuing Ranger Program which she puts her heart and soul into and is responsible for the success of such a diverse plan. We are so fortunate to have the rangers working on country in our Shire. The day started with reasonable weather but ended with us all getting wet and wind-blown although it certainly did not stop us all having a great time.

Be Kind

As we near the Christmas holidays, we are aware that the coastal towns are already filling up with bookings and the overflow accommodation will be at a peak. I think we all need to be patient with staff that are working in tourist establishments as they will be under extreme pressure to look after people at this very busy time. Many local businesses are understaffed and are often under skilled as is the case everywhere. It pains me to hear so many people are taking to social media to call out businesses with rude comments when they are doing their best to provide quality service. We must all remember that our local cafes, restaurants, bars, and shops experience such a spike in demand and would love to have more hands on deck to make things run smoother. By taking to social media to criticise them is just foolish as it puts off visitors to the town which in turn impacts jobs and the capacity for our communities to grow. If you have something to say that is constructive, why not speak to the person in charge.

Let's all get behind local businesses and give them the boost and support they need to get through this period. I had the most amazing experience yesterday whilst looking for specialist rooms that must be the most difficult address in Perth to find! I ended up going into a hairdresser with my referral in hand and asked the receptionist if she had any idea where the place was. This kind young lady googled the business, found the phone number, called them on my behalf for information as to where they were and then came out from behind the counter and walked me up the road to the location. I was absolutely amazed and very thankful to someone who is obviously a fantastic asset to the business she works in. This is of course not the norm, but I will certainly not forget such kindness.

Community Commitment Shines Through

In my own little town of Cervantes, I would like to mention a lady who largely goes unnoticed for her great work in saving the Cervantes Community Club. Barbara Hayes took on the role of President when the Club was in deep trouble and with her people skills and work ethic has managed to turn the ship and work towards getting it back on its feet again. Barb, a well-known educator, and inspirational thinker who has devoted so much of her time keeping the Club going. Probably the only good side of COVID for us is that she has been stuck here at home or she would have been off to her beloved Greece with Bob by her side. That is very much still a dream, and we all hope Barb keeps up the good work for Cervantes.



Musical Muster Continues to Thrive

Special thanks must go to Gloria and Brian White for the great job they have done this year with the Nambung Country Music Festival. As usual their generosity has seen \$32,000 donated to many important charities. The festival is now known all over Australia and brings hundreds of tourists to our region.

Queen’s Jubilee Tree Planting

A couple of weeks ago the Shire hosted special guest, Federal Member for Durack, the Hon. Melissa Price MP who assisted by Deputy Shire President, Cr Peter Scharf, unveiled the official plaque honouring her late Majesty’s Platinum Jubilee in Jurien Bay. A small group of community members and Shire staff attended this event to recognise Queen Elizabeth II’s significant contribution to public service during her 70-year reign and the newly planted avenue of trees along Roberts Street will continue to grow and provide a legacy for future generations to enjoy. Congratulations to the Shire’s Jurien Bay Operations teams and local contractors for all their hard work in creating this much improved streetscape.



Local Business Successful in REDS Grant

Congratulations to Josh and Catherine Barnes, of Barnes Hydraulics, who were recently awarded funding through the Regional Economic Development Grants Scheme.

The State funding assistance will help this local Badgingarra family business to grow, in turn helping local enterprises to keep their equipment running. I encourage all local businesses looking to expand to review this grant program, it can really help you to reach that next level and in turn provide more employment opportunities for our community.

Planning Ahead

Peter and I have sold our Cervantes home to a lovely family who have been connected to the town for many years and our beautiful house is in good hands and much loved. We wish them all the very best when they can move from the farm full time and enjoy their lovely new home. I started off my Cervantes journey at the Caravan Park at 35 Aragon Street. I have not gone far as I am now renting a lovely garden studio at 36 Aragon Street and will be do so for another 12 months while I am still Shire President and then retiring (at last) to North Fremantle. We have had a wonderful 20 years in Cervantes and will always have a fondness for the place.

And so that ends another year but before I go, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all my Councillors and Shire staff for their superb efforts this year and wish you all a very happy and safe Christmas and a great New Year.



Merry Christmas and happy New year!

SHIRE'S NEWEST AUSTRALIAN CITIZENS

Antonia Bissett and Christopher Bullock became the Shire's newest Australian Citizens at a Ceremony held in Cervantes on 24 November 2022. The ceremony was officiated by Shire President Cr Leslee Holmes in the presence of Councillors and Staff.

They are pictured here with Cr Holmes





ALTA MARE / JURIEN BAY HEIGHTS RECYCLING CALENDAR



Shire of Dandaragan
Recycling Calendar 2022/2023



WEEKLY RECYCLING RETURNS FOR XMAS/NEW YEAR PERIOD

July 2022

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Weekly recyclable waste collection will once again commence over the Christmas and New Year period across various locations within the Shire of Dandaragan.

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These weekly collections will include both Cervantes and Jurien Bay townsites, and the rural estates of Alta Mare and Jurien Bay Heights.

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May 2023

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June 2023

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Weekly recyclable waste collection will commence for these areas from Tuesday, 20 December 2022, (Wednesday, 21 December 2022 for Alta Mare and Jurien Bay Heights), through until Tuesday, 31 January (Wednesday, 1 February 2023 for Alta Mare and Jurien Bay Heights).

- Zone 1: Jurien bay Townsite
Properties on ocean side of Bashford St
- Zone 2: Jurien Bay Townsite, South and East of Bashford Street
Cervantes, Badgingarra
Dandaragan, Hill River, Marine Fields
- Zone 3: Altamare, Jurien Bay Heights
- Christmas Day - There will be no changes to collection over the Christmas Period.



- WHAT CAN GO INTO YOUR RECYCLE BIN**
- **Glass** - All glass and ceramics, whole and broken
 - **Plastic** - All plastic containers and plastic wraps (empty with lids off)
 - **Paper** - All paper, junk mail and glossy magazines
 - **Cardboard** - All cardboard products
 - **Aluminium & Steel** - All metals, steel & aluminium including aerosol cans
 - **Liquid Paperboard** - Milk, juice and laundry detergent cartons.

Following these dates normal fortnightly service will resume.

Fortnightly recyclable waste collection will remain as normal for Badgingarra, Dandaragan, and Marine Fields residents.

Council Meeting

The next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 15 December 2022 at the Council Chambers, 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 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.

COMM **U** NITY
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SHIRE OF DANDARAGAN

SHIRE OF DANDARAGAN COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAMS - NOW OPEN

The Shire's Community Grants are NOW OPEN - closing 6 January 2023.

Don't miss out on this great opportunity to apply for funding towards events and activities.

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

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.

Go to www.dandaragan.wa.gov.au/news/shire-community-grants-round-now-open/10803 for more information, guidelines and application forms.



COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATION REVIEW

The Shire of Dandaragan invites the community to consider the Review of Councillor Representation Discussion Paper 2022 which looks at the current Councillor representation numbers and possible options for change.

The changes are required in response to proposed local government reforms announced by the State Government earlier this year.

The single biggest change the Shire will be required to make in response to the reforms will be reducing the number of Councillors from nine, to between five and seven Councillors. Legislation to give effect to the changes is expected to be introduced into Parliament in early 2023.

The Discussion Paper outlines 11 options which have been developed to encourage discussion and input from the community. It should be noted that the options presented do not represent all possible options, and through this Discussion Paper the Shire is seeking input from the community on the options set out within, or suggestions for an alternative.

Discussion Paper

<https://www.dandaragan.wa.gov.au/consultations/general>

Public Submissions

Members of the community are invited to make a written submission about any aspect of the representation review and lodge it at:

Shire of Dandaragan
69 Bashford Street
Jurien Bay, WA 6516
Email: council@dandaragan.wa.gov.au

All submissions must be received by 4pm on 16 January 2023.

Thank you for your interest and involvement in this review. Council welcomes your comments on any matters that may assist it to make informed and responsible decisions for the benefit of the people of the Shire of Dandaragan.



FESTIVE SEASON OFFICE CLOSURE

Please be advised that the Shire of Dandaragan Administration Centre will be closed from 2.00pm Friday 23 December 2022 and re-opening at 9.00am Tuesday 3 January 2023. Councillors and staff from the Shire of Dandaragan wish you all a very merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year.

YOU ARE INVITED

to our

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Please keep an eye on Shire Website and Facebook for the publication date of The Annual General Meeting of Electors which is to be held on 25 January 2023 at 5.00pm in the Council Chambers.

Prohibited Burning Time

NOTICE TO ALL OWNERS AND OR OCCUPIERS OF LAND WITHIN THE SHIRE OF DANDARAGAN - PROHIBITED BURNING PERIOD

Please be advised, from the 1 November 2022 until the 28 February 2023 inclusive, the Shire of Dandaragan will be in the prohibited burning period. Permits to burn will not be issued, no campfires are allowed unless they are in compliance with the Shire's Camping & Cooking Fires Policy, which can be found on the Shire's Website www.dandaragan.wa.gov.au. Fire prevention saves lives, reduces damage to property, livestock, crops and protects the environment. Reducing fire hazards is the responsibility of each and every one of us. It is not difficult, but to be effective, everyone has to help. Following simple guidelines as outlined above and in Fire Break & Fuel Hazard Reduction Notice 2022 / 2023 brochure www.dandaragan.wa.gov.au/services/emergency-management/bushfire.aspx may help protect your family, property and the community from the devastation of fire.

CUSTOMER SERVICE OFFICERS (CASUAL POOL)

The Shire of Dandaragan is looking to add to their pool of Casual Customer Service Officers in the idyllic coastal town of Jurien Bay.

The pool may also be used to fill permanent and fixed term, full time and part time opportunities that may arise. Please note, being appointed to the pool does not guarantee you placement to a ongoing position.

The position of Customer Service Officer is to provide an efficient and friendly first point-of-contact, customer service role across the Shire's reception, library and visitor centre services. This position requires flexible availability, and hours of work may include weekends and public holidays.



To become a part of our vibrant customer service team you will have:

- Demonstrated experience relevant to the role.
- Demonstrated commitment to deliver quality customer service.
- Sound communication, interpersonal and time management skills.
- Knowledge of the local area and surrounding towns and attractions.

For more information on the position an Information Package is available via our website at www.dandaragan.wa.gov.au/employment, by contacting Sharon McArdle on 9652 0800 or via email to cghr@dandaragan.wa.gov.au

Applications will be accepted on an ongoing basis. We look forward to receiving your application, so don't delay in applying.

The Shire of Dandaragan is an equal opportunity employer.

Brent Bailey
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

BEACH EMERGENCY SIGN (BEN) SIGN COULD SAVE YOUR LIFE

Do you know what these signs are for? If ever you find yourself in a medical emergency, they might just be the thin sliver of printed metal that saves your day or even your life.

As the weather warms up and summer inches closer, knowing the Beach Emergency Number (BEN) can save a life next time you're enjoying our beautiful coast. Signs are specific to individual coastal access points and can be used as an identifier for emergency services to find you quickly and precisely if they ever need to.

If you see one of these BEN signs at the entry point of your favourite 4X4 playground, it might be wise to take a photo of it on your phone to refer to in case an emergency arises. If you need to pinpoint your location for life threatening rescue or medical services, this information will be invaluable to the triple zero operator to guide emergency services to your location.



JURIEN HALL SITE TO BE REDEVELOPED FOR NEW RSL BUILDING

At a Special Council Meeting held on Monday 14 November 2022, a unanimous decision was made by Council to authorise the demolition of the Jurien Hall to allow for the redevelopment of the site, which will be the new home for the local Returned & Services League of Australia Sub-Branch (RSL). The decision was made after a range of consultation activities undertaken with the community on this project. The Shire has sourced information from interviews and a survey, a community workshop, an open day at the Jurien Hall, an advertised draft position statement and through the utilisation of a heritage expert to guide the review process.

Council also authorised the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate the lease for the Jurien Town Hall site to the RSL. The new RSL building will be funded by sources already obtained by the RSL with a contribution of \$60,000 from the Shire towards demolition of the building and site preparation expenses. Council also expects that subject to it being safe to do so, salvaged timber materials will be featured in the new building as a way of carrying forward some of the history of the hall into the redeveloped site.

The Jurien Town Hall was constructed in 1971 and has catered for community events and activities over the past five decades which has embedded fond memories and nostalgia for many local residents, however the functional use, structural integrity (including that of the asbestos material) and aesthetic state of the facility has declined considerably over the years. In March 2021, the Shire Council endorsed a recommendation to close the facility due to safety reasons, while a heritage review was undertaken which informed a decision on the building's future.

Prior to the demolition of the hall, a digital video and photographic capture of the site and a request for community members to supply copies of past photos of events at the Jurien Town Hall for retention will be undertaken to mark the historical role and nostalgic place that the hall has had for the local community.



For more information, including information about the new building and its interaction with the surrounding reserve, go to the Shire website Past Consultation page. <https://www.dandaragan.wa.gov.au/consultations/past.aspx>

Photo Credit: G Sisson



LEEWIN SCHOLARSHIP

Each year the Shire of Dandaragan offers a fully funded scholarship for a voyage on board the STS Leeuwin II, for all young people aged between 15 and 18. Congratulations to this year's recipient, 16-year-old Cervantes resident Jayden Wyatt. Jayden is excited for the opportunity to develop his skills and meet new people. Jayden is booked to go on the 8 day youth explore voyage in April 2023. We look forward to hearing of his experience upon his return.



OFFICIAL UNVEILING OF QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE PLANTING OF TREES COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE

On 18 November the Shire of Dandaragan officially unveiled its new commemorative plaque along the newly developed Roberts Street avenue of *Corymbia maculata* (Spotted Gum) trees, planted in honour of Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

Braving unpredictable weather conditions, special guest, Federal Member for Durack, the Honourable Melissa Price MP, and Deputy Shire President, Cr Peter Scharf, both did the honours of unveiling the plaque after welcoming the small group of attendees to this special event. Cr Scharf acknowledged

the Yued people in his Welcome to Country and highlighted that no matter where anyone sits in the Republican vs Monarchist debate, Queen Elizabeth II's 70 year reign is a joyous achievement for all to recognise. Cr Scharf also thanked the Shire Operations staffs efforts in the delivery of the improved streetscape.

Ms Price acknowledged the former Morrison Government in recognising the need to celebrate the late Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022 through the delivery of such projects across the whole of Australia to celebrate Her Majesty's significant contribution to public service. Ms Price also praised the Shire's project as exactly what was envisaged within the funding program and guidelines.

Thank you to all those Councillors, Shire staff, and local community members who attended this event and we look forward to seeing these trees continue to grow to create a worthy green canopy in years to come for future generations to enjoy.

This project received funding from the Australian Government's Planting Trees for the Queen's Jubilee Program.

Australian Department of the Environment and Energy Melissa Price MP

DISPLAYING RURAL ROAD NUMBERS FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES

We recently received feedback from local emergency services about the challenges they face in responding to emergency call-outs in (semi) rural areas when they either are not given, or cannot see a displayed Rural Road Number (RRN). A Rural Road Number is different to a Lot number, and RRNs allow the emergency responder to know how far the driveway is from the closest main intersection. A lot number does not allow responders to find the property quickly. For the family involved, this can be the difference between getting to someone in time, or not. We would like to remind people living in areas such as Jurien Bay Heights, Alta Mare, Marine Fields and rural areas around the Shire to apply for, and display, their RRN. Applications can be made through the Shire Administration Centre in Jurien Bay and the \$150 fee covers the cost of your signage and ensures your RRN is registered in both Lands and Emergency Services online systems.

For those people who will be applying for a building permit in these areas, a Rural Road Number application will be included in the documentation and will be a compulsory component of being issued a building permit.





Do you want to live more sustainably & learn how to become more eco-friendly for you & your family ?
In partnership with State Library WA & Ecoburbia, you are invited to this free 9 - part environmental workshop series at the Jurien Bay Library
67 Bashford Street, Jurien Bay.



A Journey of Sustainability & Resilience

10am - 12pm Wednesday 30 November 2022

- Hear how Fremantle's Sustainability Gurus have changed the way they use water, power, solar and passive design to improve the environment.



Art of Frugal Hedonism

10am - 12pm Saturday 10 December 2022

- Learn how you can save money, save the world and inoculate yourself against the ills of modern life.



Create Your Own Veggie Bed

10am - 12pm Wednesday 11 January 2023

- Learn how to build a simple raised veggie bed using recycled materials



Water Water Everywhere

10am - 12pm Saturday 4 February 2023

- Learn how to save water in your home with rainwater, greywater systems, drip irrigation and so many more water-saving tips for your home



Creating Compost

10am - 12pm Wednesday 8 March 2023

- Learn Shani's foolproof recipe for making great compost that smells great, feels wonderful and does incredible things for your garden.



Basic Food Gardening

10am - 12pm Saturday 1 April 2023

- Find out how to get great soil, how to plant seedlings, the importance of mulch, and what to grow for a bumper crop every season.



Seed Saving & Plant Propagation

10am - 12pm Wednesday 3 May 2023

- Find out the simplest seeds to collect and other ways to reproduce plants.



Green Cleaning

10am - 12pm Saturday 3 June 2023

- Learn about common chemicals in cleaning products and how to create homemade using basic ingredients. Have all your tricky cleaning questions answered.



Preserving the Harvest

10am - 12pm Wednesday 5 July 2023

- If your garden produces bumper crops or you'd like to take advantage of cheap seasonal produce, learn how to preserve tomatoes, fruit and more, including pickles, olives, jams and cordials.

To book, contact 9652 0810 or go to www.dandaragan.wa.gov.au



MICHELLE BIDS US FAREWELL



After 7½ years with the Shire initially as Community Development Officer and then as Manager Customer and Community Services, it is time for me to move on. Moving to Jurien Bay and working with our four towns has been a privilege and joy, particularly working collaboratively with so many of the community groups on such a wide range of projects. It is difficult to say what I enjoyed the most whilst at the Shire, but definitely high on the list is my involvement with the Jurien Bay Foreshore Working Group in obtaining funding and development of our incredible skatepark. But also equally exciting for me was development of the Public Arts and Percent for Art Policy commitment, and the support of Council and the CEO to restructure our community services team to develop more activated library spaces. The shift away from libraries as a place purely to borrow books was a wonderful step forward and I know has changed the way our communities use these spaces. I would particularly like to thank each town's ratepayer groups – Emma from Advance Dandaragan; Marilyn Sandra, Anne and others from Cervantes; Robyn, Anne, and Helle from Badgingarra; and the Jurien Bay Progress Association. It has been a pleasure to be able to support you in your projects and to see those outcomes come to fruition.

Moving away from the Shire of Dandaragan is bittersweet as I move closer to family but I couldn't leave without thanking everyone over the years for their support and to say a formal farewell.



TURQUOISE WAY PATH

Jurien Bay is fortunate to feature the 14 kilometre sealed Turquoise Way Path that can be safely used by families. The path is suitable for walking, running / jogging, cycling, prams, non-motorised scooters and users of all ages. The pathway stretches along the coast from the Jurien Bay Marina to the mouth of the Hill River. The path passes the Jurien Bay Jetty and playground, Dobbyn Park & Fauntleroy Park foreshore and offers spectacular views of the coast. The use of motorised vehicles on this pathway is strictly prohibited for public safety. The pathway is monitored by the Shire and offenders will be fined. So to avoid an infringement of \$300, park your car and enjoy the tranquil coastal environment with family and friends.



PLANNING AND BUILDING APPROVALS

Are you planning to build or convert an existing outbuilding / garage-carport into a liveable dwelling area? To save yourself complications later it is best to consult with the Shire's Development Services Department prior to commencing any building work. Sheds and other outbuildings are defined by the Building Act 2011 as 'non-habitable' or Class 10 buildings. As such, the standards required for these structures are significantly less than those for dwellings. By living in a shed, owners place themselves and all those they let occupy these structures at risk. For this reason, a Class 10 building cannot be lawfully occupied as a habitable building. For occupation to occur, the owner must apply to the Shire for planning and building approvals before it is upgraded to meet the Class 1a building requirements for a dwelling.

PREPARE YOUR HOME

PREPARE YOUR HOME FOR BUSHFIRES

- **Cut back branches that are near your home.**
- **Install a metal screen on evaporative air conditioners and use metal fly screens on windows.**
- **Plug and repair gaps or damage in walls and roofs.**
- **Clean gutters and box in eaves.**
- **Keep lawn short and green, remove flammable material from around the house.**

For more information visit dfes.wa.gov.au

Don't wait until it's too late, prepare your home for bushfires.



Photo Credit: Jurien Signs

SAFETY MEASURES TO JURIEN BAY JETTY IN THE LEAD UP TO CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

We know how beloved the Jurien Bay jetty is, in particular for kids to jump off.

However, due to natural accretion and the change in water depth, for the safety of the public, the water access ladder partway along the Jurien Bay jetty has been removed. The presence of the water access ladder at this location gives the impression that water depth is suitably deep enough to jump into from the jetty. Unfortunately, the current water levels mean this is not the case.

An access ladder located on the platform at the end of the jetty is available for use, however jumping is not encouraged at any point along the jetty. Safety signage has been erected.



This is a joyous season to take a step back from our busy lives and enjoy time with our loved ones. Best wishes to you and yours.

Merry Christmas!

JURIEN BAY OVAL FLOODLIGHTS TO GO AHEAD

The Shire of Dandaragan is excited to share that we have been successful in our application for funding on behalf of the Jurien Bay Football Club in the latest round of the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries, Wheatbelt Club Night Lights Small Grants Program to the value of \$84,780.

This funding will go towards the installation of floodlighting to 100 lux LED at Jurien Bay Oval.

The Club Night Light Small Grants provide financial assistance to help develop sustainable floodlighting infrastructure for sport across WA and



was matched with Shire funding through the Sporting and Recreational Capital Works Fund.

In addition, the Jurien Bay Football Club and Jurien Sport and Recreation Centre will contribute funding, as well as volunteer labour and materials provided by the community - a real team effort.

The project will be delivered in time for the start of the 2023 football season.

CLUB NIGHT LIGHTS PROJECT

The Jurien Bowling club were successful applicants of the night light project earlier this year to upgrade their facility lighting. After hard work from local contractors and the Club, the project has finally been completed.

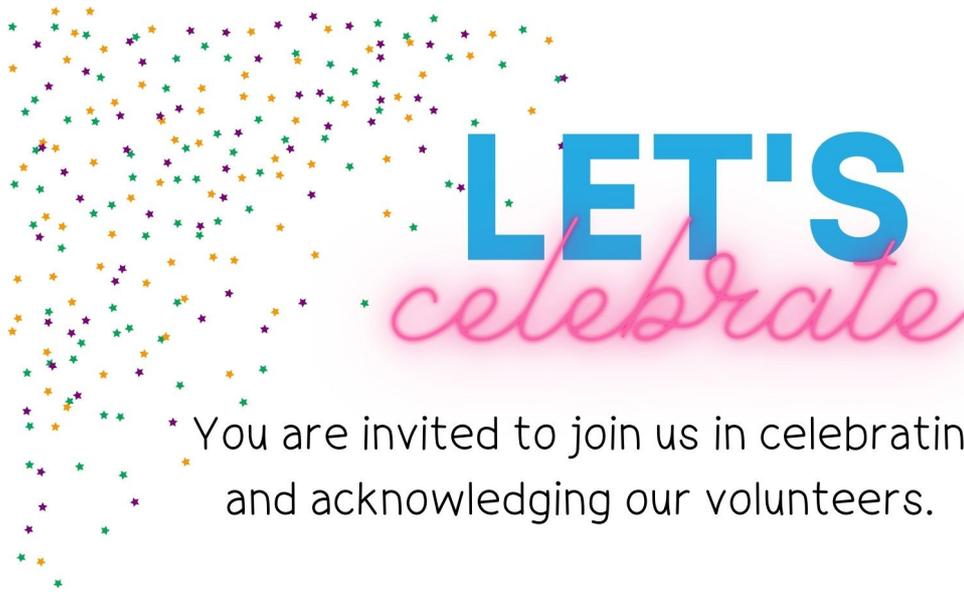
Congratulations to all those involved in the project.



MOTORBIKES / OFF-ROAD VEHICLES



Reminder all non-road registered motorbikes / ATV's and off-road vehicles are prohibited within the Shire of Dandaragan including Cervantes, Jurien Bay, Sandy Cape and surrounds. Penalties apply and vehicles may be confiscated



You are invited to join us in celebrating and acknowledging our volunteers.

Thank a Volunteer Sundowner

4.30-7.30pm, 5 February 2023

Aggie's Cottage

365 Badgingarra Road, Dandaragan

Entertainment: 2 Broke Boys

sausage sizzle, nibbles and non-alcoholic drinks provided

BYO drinks, seating and picnic rugs

(This is a family-friendly event, please drink responsibly)

RSVP by 25 January 2023 to 9652 0800

or council@dandaragan.wa.gov.au

This event is proudly supported by:



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INTERNATIONAL GAMES WEEK - JURIEN BAY LIBRARY



Join us in celebrating International Games Week at the Jurien Bay Library on Friday 16 December 2022, from 10am-1pm. There will be a variety of games that you can play as an individual or in a team. All ages are welcome to participate with prizes to be won.

Bookings are essential, please contact the Jurien Bay Library, 9652 0810 or email jblibrary@dandaragan.wa.gov.au to secure your spot.



Photo credit: Claire Greenwell, conservation biologist and ornithologist

ON THE LOOK OUT FOR NESTING FAIRY TERNS AT HILL RIVER

Australian Fairy Terns (*Sternula nereis nereis*), nest on the WA mid-west coast between October and January each year. The mouth of the Hill River is an area frequently used by breeding Fairy Terns and we need your help to identify the early stages of breeding behaviour.

If you see Fairy Terns on the ground digging scrapes or feeding other terns, please call the Shire's Infrastructure team on (08) 9652 0800. There is a chance they could be nesting and the Shire would like to protect them by installing temporary fencing and signage bringing awareness to visitors to the Hill River mouth area.

Listed as a Vulnerable Species under the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), and Australian Environmental Protection Biodiversity and Conservation 1999 Act, these little birds are extremely sensitive to disturbance and by working together we can help ensure their survival.

During the summer nesting season, you can help protect this vulnerable species by:

- Observing all signage and temporary fencing so that nesting birds and chicks aren't disturbed;
- Keep dogs leashed and away from known breeding areas to help protect eggs and small chicks
- Supervise children around known breeding areas to help protect nest eggs and small chicks
- Keep cats indoors

If you see a bird nesting on the beach, please maintain your distance and report it to local authorities so that signage and temporary fencing can be coordinated to be put in place at the nesting site.

Together, we can improve nesting success and ensure that these charismatic little birds thrive!

For more information about the Australian Fairy Tern click on the following link

<http://www.environment.gov.au/cgi-bin/sprat/public/publicspecies.pl>



BEACH WHEELCHAIR AVAILABLE

Head to the water and enjoy a day out at the beach by borrowing a free community beach wheelchairs (refundable deposit applies). The wheelchairs are all-terrain so are suitable for beach or trails and can be used around the Shire. Wheelchairs can be booked by contacting the Jurien Bay Community Resource Centre on (08) 9652 2425



GRANTS TO SUPPORT ECONOMIC AND TOURISM DEVELOPMENT

Aboriginal Arts and Culture \$30,000 grants.

<https://staging.dlgsc.wa.gov.au/funding/arts-funding/aboriginal-business-development-and-capacity-building-grant-program/>

More information is available from the Regional Development Australia website:

Women's Leadership and Development Program. Funds to deliver a range of projects for Australian women with a focus on job creation, economic security, workforce participation, leadership, safety or international engagement. Closing 19 Dec.

Caravan Parks Grant Program. Between \$10,000 and \$300,000 to assist caravan parks to upgrade or create new infrastructure and visitor facilities to enhance visitor experience. Closing 22 Dec.

Extension and Adoption of Drought Resilience Farming Practices Grant. From \$100,000 to \$3 mill to support projects that can deliver proven ways to improve drought resilience. Closing 9 Jan. The grant states that strong applicants will identify alignment with two or more of the Drought Resilience Adoption and Innovation Hub's regional priorities. Please see an updated list of the [SW WA Hub priority projects](#).

GROW2Asia Program is calling for EOIs. The program aims to provide targeted and bespoke support for entrepreneurs who want to grow their business in Asia by first validating their fit for the market and secondly co-developing a roadmap to establish their in-market presence.

Career Ready in the Regions Intensive Workshop. The program is fully funded by the Aust Govt's National Careers Institute and provides the program to RRR women that would usually cost more than \$3500 per person. Narrogin 15 & 16 Feb 2023.

AgriFutures Australia – Horizon Scholarships with \$5000 bursary to support students studying an agriculture-related undergraduate degree or a Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths/Finance (STEM) degree with relevant majors which align to agriculture. Closing 30 Dec

HOOPLA DIGITAL MEDIA



Hoopla Digital is a digital media service that allows library members to borrow movies, popular music, audiobooks, e-books, comics and TV shows to enjoy on their computer or mobile device with no holds or waiting. All titles can be streamed immediately or downloaded to phones or tablets for offline enjoyment later.

Shire of Dandaragan Library members can now Instantly Read, Watch, and Listen to their choice of more than 790,000 titles of audiobooks, eBooks, comics, music, movies, and TV. The popular on-demand streaming service hoopla digital is now available for free, using your Shire of Dandaragan libraries membership card. Content can be streamed from any computer or mobile device by downloading the hoopla digital app for iOS and Android.



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The Smoke Column

“Far out its hot outside” – familiar words this time of the year, right?

As the year flows into December, we are beginning to feel some typical summer weather on a day-to-day basis. This means the landscape is drying out, the pesky weeds have finally died, the crays are running; but most important to note –

FIRE SEASON IS HERE!

Community members came down to Canover Bush Fire Brigade in November for a public information and open day. In case you missed it, I'll touch on a couple of the important things we learnt:

- When you see smoke or fire call 000
- If you are unsure where the smoke is coming from, check www.emergency.wa.gov.au to see a comprehensive list of all the states incidents, alerts and warnings, as well as it being our source of Total Fire Ban or Fire Danger Rating information.
- Develop a bushfire plan for your home, to get started check out www.mybushfireplan.wa.gov.au Whilst those few notes you made in your head might help you, it is important your plan is known and accessible by your whole household or you might come unstuck!
- Make your property more resilient to bushfire, be sure the gutters are free from leaves, keep the yard and garden free from long grass and other inflammable litter, and ensure the fire brigade can access your property and fire breaks easily (without having to fold the mirrors in)

Arson and Idiots

On Wednesday 30 November 2022, an abandoned vehicle was set on fire a few kilometers south of Cataby on the Brand Highway at around 1am. The fire quickly spread into the road reserve and burnt out a couple of hectares of bush.

If you have information relating to this incident or saw something suspicious in the area between Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning, please get in touch with your local Police or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000. If it wasn't for the swift response by our dedicated volunteers and the Emergency Response Team from Iluka the story might have had a different ending.

A week prior to that incident a group staying at Sandy Cape let us know that the silly season has arrived, loudly and proudly. A group of campers allegedly set off a large number of fireworks not long before one landed in the shrub and started a fire. Thankfully enough people that saw it knew how to put the wet stuff on the hot stuff; a fire up that way this time of the year could be catastrophic.

Stay safe this festive season!

Will Miller
Emergency Management Coordinator
Shire of Dandaragan

