

SHIRE MATTERS



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2021 Nominees L-R Pauline Ward, Christine Heu, Brock Kilmurray, Mal Wilkins, Graham Williams & Jade Stoney

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL 2021 OUTSTANDING CITIZEN & YOUNG CITIZEN NOMINEES

The Shire of Dandaragan would like to thank the Badgingarra CWA for the amazing hospitality presented at the Outstanding Citizen / Young Citizen Awards night held on Tuesday 8 February 2022, it was enjoyed by all.

Nominees are pictured above with the exception of Graeme Wilson who was unable to attend.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Cr Leslee Holmes
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Well, my friends, here we are again but with a few little differences. I will not debate whether I like or agree with any of the new rules and regulations other than the fact we have to try as hard as we can to stay safe whilst getting on with our lives. I just want to be able to travel to see my family overseas so if that meant I'd have to cut off my little finger in order to do so, then so be it. A little extreme perhaps but you get my drift. I do, however completely understand that many in our community do not agree with mandates and they must take responsibility for the way they want to live their lives. My family, both in Spain and the UK, seem to be managing alright, but I fear for my Mum, as at 93 she is worried about going out too far which is a shame as she was always out and about before COVID. Like all of us, they just want it to be over so we can live our lives again as before. How lucky we were with great holidays and freedoms that seem so far away now. I do know that, with patience and sensible decisions, we will get there.

Summer Heatwave Sparks Bushfires

Summer, this year, has certainly lived up to its name with WA experiencing some of its hottest weather on record in the last couple of weeks. I am a great sun lover but even for me it has been oppressive. The awful thing is the damage to the garden with burnt plants everywhere.

And then to make matters worse, add those strong winds to the mix, and bushfires start. I have recently been in the Wheatbelt to experience firsthand the absolute devastation and destruction that the fires have had and are still continuing to cause. So many poor livestock have been burnt to death, and valuable buildings and homes lost.

I cannot, and will never understand, the psyche of a person who lights fires deliberately. What I do know is that it is happening more and more, and we need to have something in our education system, starting at a very young age, to let the young people know what the awful outcomes of fires really are.

I get up some mornings frightened to turn on the TV or read the news in case some other tragedies are coming. However, no matter how much we have to endure, there are people in the world so much worse off. I feel for the citizens of the Ukraine not knowing what their future might be. These are desperate times and I wish there was more desire for peace than what seems to be a desire for war and destruction.



Sport, sport and more sport!

I am sure even non-tennis fans would have enjoyed some of the exciting matches at this year's Australian Open tennis tournament held last month. Our beautiful Ash Barty proved once again that she is the best in the world. She is a humble young lady who brings her special nature to the screen, and we have all enjoyed watching her.

Even though I am sure many of you will not like the pairing of Nick Kyrgios and Thanasi Kokkinos, it proves that tennis, like every other sport, wants something exciting. These two young men raised interest in doubles to another level and, all antics aside, played very well.

We had some very good Perth representation amongst the players too with Matt Ebden, Storm Sanders, Maddy Inglis, and Astra Sharma, competing in some hard-fought events and doing very well. Tennis Australia will be hoping that their successes boost the numbers taking up tennis in the coming years.

2021 Citizen of the Year

Recently, it was my great pleasure to present at the 2021 Citizen of The Year Awards evening at Badgingarra's lovely community centre. It was a beautiful evening and from where I was standing, looking up into the gallery with the sun coming through the windows, it made me appreciate what a lovely old building it is and how valued it is by the community. The flower arrangements were as good as any I have seen in my years as an owner/operator of two floral studios.

Throughout the evening, we also had the great honour of having Madeline Anderson from the Beermura Aboriginal Corporation in Dandaragan address us with the story of how she came to be

running a farm and her plans for helping young people in her community. She is an inspiration to both her people and the broader community.



The Outstanding Young Citizen of the Year was awarded to Brock Kilmurray for his volunteering with the Dandaragan Football Club, the Dandaragan Community Recreation Club, and the Dandaragan St John Ambulance Sub-Centre. The 2021 Outstanding Citizen of the Year was awarded to Jade Stoney from Dandaragan for her involvement with groups such as the Dandaragan P&C, Fundraisers Dandaragan, and the West Midlands Group since moving to the area in 2017. Congratulations to both Brock and Jade on having their contributions recognised at this level within the community, and also to all the other nominees for all their volunteering efforts within our community over the years.

Community COVID-19 Management

With the ongoing community spread of COVID within our State it is only a matter of time before the virus reaches our Shire and therefore the Shire's senior management team have been focussing on preparing its COVID-19 Safe Plan which will support business continuity over the coming months. It is comforting to know that the Shire is working hard to ensure that critical services will still be maintained across the Shire in the event of an outbreak although some non-critical levels of service may be deferred during such a time. The Shire will continue to update the community in regard to any such situation developing and continue to follow information based on advice received directly of the State's Department of Health. It is important that our community familiarise themselves with this information, and in doing so we will continue to keep ourselves safe and help to prevent the ongoing spread wherever possible.



Hon Steve Martin MLC, Brock Kilmurray, Shire President Leslee Holmes & Shane Love MLA

2021 OUTSTANDING YOUNG CITIZEN AWARD - BROCK KILMURRAY

Brock was nominated by the Dandaragan Community Recreation Club.

Brock played in the nippers for the Dandaragan Football Club since he was six. In year six he quickly left his game to boundary umpire for the Reserves, now that he plays Reserves, he either boundary umpires or runs water for the League.

For the past two years Brock has been the volunteer lawn mower for the Dandaragan Community Recreation Club as well as helping with gardening busy bees where he manages the green waste.

Brock has been a "patient" for St John Ambulance since he was very young as his grandfather and then his mother became ambulance officers. He also helps at busy bees. He has in recent times been helping the Dandaragan Community Resource Centre by cleaning gutters and setting up for "The Grow Dandaragan Festival Days". He is a very community minded person who, when approached to help in any capacity, gives his time freely. He helps at busy bees and is a twice weekly attendee at football training.

At the Dandaragan Community Recreation Club, Brock helps set-up for numerous town Christmas parties as well as helping in the kitchen on tea nights for the Clubs he is involved with. He also helped with fundraising teas for Central Midlands Senior High School over the past three years for Country Week.

Brock freely gives his time, expertise, and strength to help the older members of the community in their gardens. He has won numerous awards as a Nippers player for the Dandaragan Football Club. He plays pennant bowls for Dandaragan and was runner-up in the Under 18 Pairs at the State Bowling Championships in Perth earlier this year.

Brock is highly regarded in the community as an honest and hardworking young man.



2021 OUTSTANDING CITIZEN AWARD - JADE STONEY

Jade was nominated by Advance Dandaragan.

Jade is an extremely valuable and active community member, since relocating to the region in 2017 she has been a force within community groups and organisations, joining many of the groups within her first 12 months in the community, leading from the front to organise events, raise funds and coordinate many aspects of anything she is part of.

She is reliable and passionate about any project she turns her attention to, regularly putting the needs of the community ahead of her own. She gives her time, expertise and energy freely, always displaying her warm and friendly demeanour. Her drive to help raise much needed funds for our school and community are well noted by many community members.

During her four and half years in the community Jade has volunteered her time across several community groups/organisations/events.

- Dandaragan Football Club – Member of the 50th Anniversary Celebration Committee in 2018, Canteen Manager 2018 – 2021. Always involved in fundraising, catering and social events and undertakes home game duties and helps with junior netball coaching when needed.
- Fundraisers Dandaragan – Jade volunteered to assist Fundraisers Dandaragan with the 2020 Valentines Charity Ball.
- Moora Junior Netball – 2018 – Current Jade has helped coordinate all Primary School teams and the transportation of students, she has been either team manager or coach for the senior team over these years and always gives support to other parents.
- West Midlands Group – She was a member of the ladies committee during 2017 / 2018 and coordinated Women Wellbeing Wine events and garden days. These events have been an integral part of acknowledging the contribution women make to the farming enterprises around Dandaragan and the broader West Midlands Region.
- Tennis Club – Jade's family play socially in the summer months and she can always be seen supporting the club throughout the year with catering and fundraising efforts.
- Wolba Wolba Heritage Site Management Committee (Aggies Cottage) – Jade assisted with the Christmas Pop-up Shop event in 2018 / 2019, she has been a general committee member since 2018 and this year 2021 has taken on the role of Secretary. She constantly gives her time and effort towards all group fundraising and event organisation including Pizza Night, Movies under the Stars and the Inaugural Dananhausen Oktoberfest event.

Dandaragan Primary School P & C – Jade joined the committee as secretary in 2018 and stepped into a joint president role in 2019 before taking on the role herself in 2020 / 2021. She works tirelessly with grant applications, fundraising, busy bees, events, town Christmas Tree / Party, Interschool athletics and cross-country canteen, and the most recent project – the Senior Playground upgrade.

Council Meeting

The next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 24 February 2022 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.

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION AWARDED TO NOEL WARK



Prior to the commencement of the Outstanding Citizen Awards Ceremony Cr Holmes & Cr Scharf on behalf of the Shire of Dandaragan presented a Certificate of Recognition to Noel for his tireless service to the community of Jurien Bay within his numerous roles in the Fire and Rescue Services.

Noel has been part of volunteer fire and rescue brigades across the state since 1955. He has worked across Western Australia, volunteering in the Harvey, Moora and Jurien Bay Fire and Rescue Services, where he's volunteered since 1989.

RARE - LIGHT INDUSTRIAL LAND - 11 GAZELEY WAY, CERVANTES

11 Gazeley Way, Cervantes WA 6511
Land: 2449m²

The Shire is currently selling this rare piece of Light Industrial Land ready for your business needs in Cervantes. This property is fenced and there is rental income from the tower. For more information or to make you offer, email Ian on jurienbayviewrealty@professionals.com.au or call IAN KELLY 0419 969 244



PROPOSED REDEVELOPMENT OF THE JURIEBAY TOURIST PARK – 1 (LOT 302) ROBERTS STREET, JURIEBAY

Notice is hereby given that the Shire of Dandaragan has received a development application for the redevelopment of the Jurie Bay Tourist Park located at 1 (Lot 302) Roberts Street, Jurie Bay. The development proposes the following:

- Decreasing the number of caravan/camping sites from 114 to 98 sites.
- Increasing the number of caravan/camping ensuites from 6 to 26.
- Increasing the number of chalets from 33 to 59 (including 20, two-storey, dual key, ocean fronting chalets).
- Establishing a new entry at Roberts Street with a new check in office, manager's dwelling, and associated facilities.
- Installing a swimming pool and adjusting current recreation/cooking facilities.
- Replacing the existing café building with a new two-storey building (café/restaurant on ground level, function facility on first level).

Details of the development proposal are available for viewing at the Jurie Bay Administration Centre during normal office hours or can be downloaded from the Documents section on this page. Submissions may be made on the proposal up to 4pm Wednesday 16 March 2022. Comments on the proposal may be submitted to the Shire in writing or via email (to 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.



PROPOSED ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATION - MURRAY STREET ROAD RESERVE, JURIEN BAY

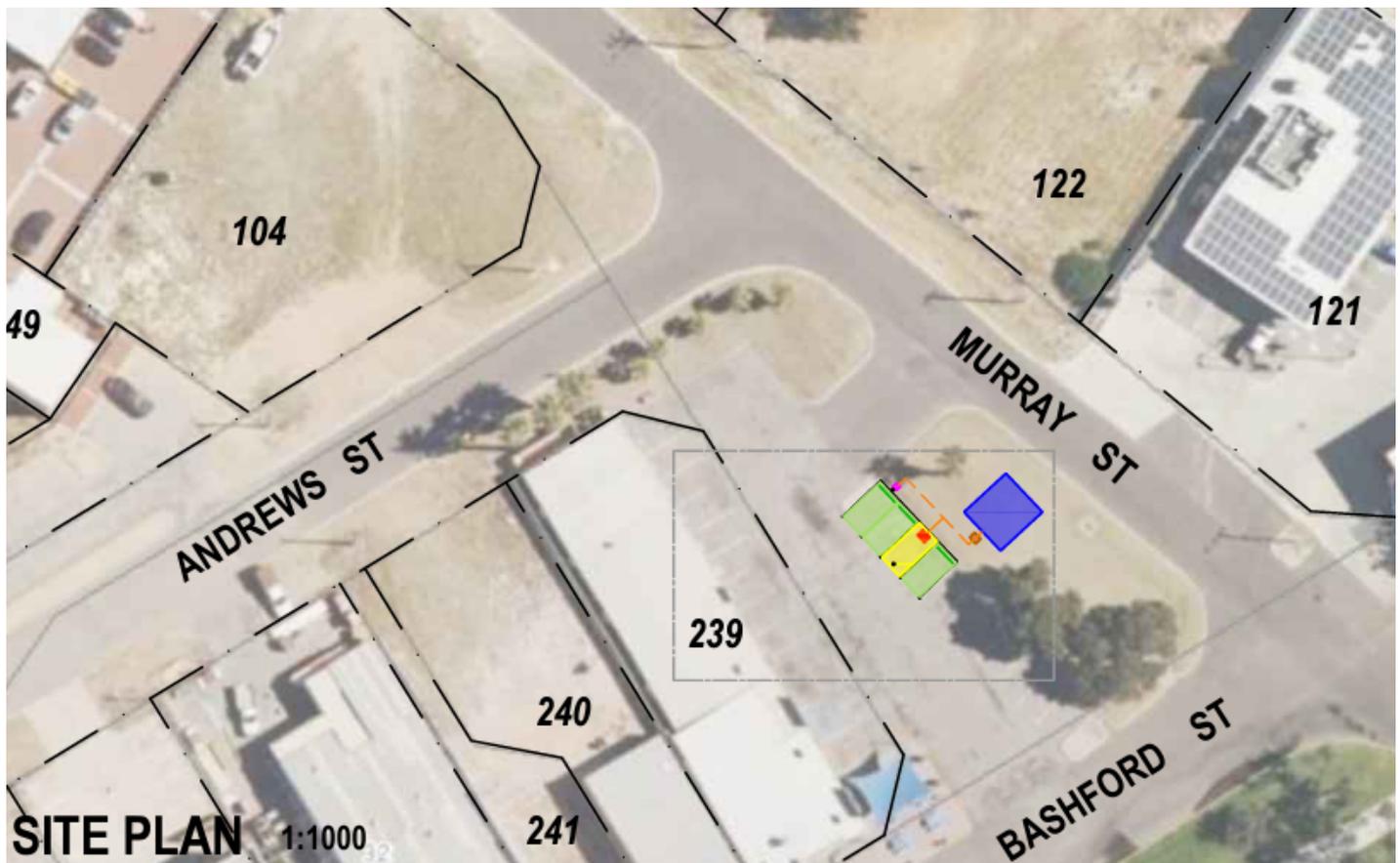
Notice is hereby given that the Shire of Dandaragan has received a development application from Planning Solutions on behalf of Synergy for the installation of an electric vehicle (EV) charging station within the verge area of the Murray Street Road Reserve.

The proposed EV charging station will form part of a network of 45 intended EV fast charging stations throughout regional Western Australia, as part of the State Government's Electric Vehicle Action Plan.

Specifically, the proposal comprises dedicating four existing car parks for two EV chargers. One charger will be a DC fast charger of 150kW or more, equipped with two charging cables in order to charge two cars at once, with the other charge being a backup single AC charger, of 7.6kW.

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 Documents section on this page. Submissions may be made on the proposal up to 4pm Wednesday 9 March 2022. Comments on the proposal may be submitted to the Shire in writing or via email (to 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.



THE SHIRE'S COMMUNITY GRANTS AND ENVIRONMENTAL GRANT ARE NOW OPEN – CLOSING 28 FEBRUARY 2022



Don't miss out on this great opportunity to apply for funding towards events, activities 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 Major Events Grant Program aims to provide funds for events that attract State-wide and/or national and international visitors; has a demonstrated economic benefit to the local economy; and widely promotes the profile of Shire of Dandaragan. The maximum annual grant payable under this program will be \$10,000.
- 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.

If you would like to discuss your project idea or require further information on funding opportunities, please contact our Community Services team on 9652 0800, email mccs@dandaragan.wa.gov.au. Assistance can be provided by phone or by making an appointment.

Go to www.dandaragan.wa.gov.au for more information, guidelines and applications.

ALL TERRAIN BEACH WHEELCHAIR INCREASES ACCESS TO LOCAL BEACHES

Head to the water and enjoy a day out at the beach by borrowing a free community beach wheelchair (refundable deposit applies). The wheelchair is all-terrain so is suitable for beach or trails and can be used around the Shire. The wheelchair can be booked by contacting the Jurien Bay Community Resource Centre on (08) 9652 2425. The wheelchair can be utilised at the custom accessibility ramp at the Jurien Bay Marina and the beaches along the coast.





WORKS TO BEGIN ON JURIEN BAY FORESHORE PAVILION

We are excited to share that preparation has begun to start construction of the Jurien Bay foreshore pavilion.

Temporary fencing has been installed to mark the area where Jurien Bay's newest pavilion cafe, change rooms and toilets will feature close to the jetty and Dobbyn Park youth precinct, The jetty carpark will remain open during most of the build. Hickey Constructions will be working on the project for the coming months with the pavilion estimated to be completed towards the middle of the year.

Close by in Fauntleroy Park, works will continue until end of March with the installation of underground power upgrades to enable the park to host high level events with dedicated power supplies. The park will remain open during these works and event coordinators are encouraged to contact us if you have any concerns about your upcoming event.

Please take care in these areas and we request that people do not enter the construction sites.



Department of Health

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COVID testing clinics

COVID clinics provide testing for suspected coronavirus cases



MASK WEARING IN SHIRE OF DANDARAGAN NOW COMPULSORY IN INDOOR PUBLIC SETTINGS

Mask wearing is currently required in indoor settings in the Perth, Peel, South West, Wheatbelt and Great Southern regions. This also applies to anyone who has been in these regions and has since travelled to another region - visit <https://www.wa.gov.au/government/covid-19-coronavirus/covid-19-coronavirus-latest-updates> for latest updates. Face masks are not recommended for infants and children under 12 years of age.

The Department of Health is continuing to work through reported cases identifying close and casual contacts.

If you have been to an exposure site which requires testing, or are showing symptoms, please get tested immediately and follow the health advice provided to you.

View the full list of testing clinics at www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/covidclinics



2022 FIRE SEASON

It's been a quiet lead up into summer with very few harvest and machinery fires this season. This changed as soon as January 1st when Bushfire Brigades were rudely disturbed on New Year's Day when an area from a previous private burn south of Jurien Bay re-ignited. Up to 50,000 litres of water was used to give the fire a good headache, a fair revenge for dragging a few headache-laden volunteers out of bed on New Year's Day.

The Brand Highway was also a busy area for the fires last month, with Cataby attracting three separate truck accidents either side of town over three consecutive afternoons; two of which where the trailers caught fire. Tuesday's was brought under control quickly by the local farmers and the Emergency Response Team from Iluka Resources, as for Wednesday's however, we were not so lucky. Seven separate fires were started by the truck, spanning over two kilometres near Mullering Road on the Brand. Before long the fires joined into one, but continued to burn in many directions. The fire was contained to around 750ha by midnight, with several crews staying to mop up and monitor over night and throughout the following day.

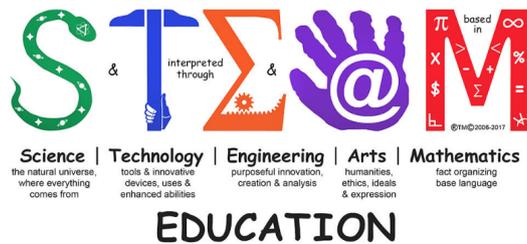
Lightning then swept through the East at the end of January, starting eight small fires that were brought under control promptly.

The Shire appreciates the efforts from all the farmers, volunteers, contractors that donated their machinery, Parks and Wildlife and the ERT team from Iluka. A special mention must be made to the Liberty Cataby Roadhouse who donated meals and refreshments for those at the Mullering Road/Brand Highway Incident.



FEBRUARY IS LIBRARY LOVERS MONTH

We have 3 new library cards for our Adult, Youth and Junior memberships. Have you received your new library card? Available now at all four of the Shire of Dandaragan libraries - pop into today to get yours.



**24 FEBRUARY
STEAM AT JURIEN BAY LIBRARY**

Enjoy STEAM at Jurien Bay Library from 9.30am every other Thursday during the school term to learn about science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics.

To reserve your spot contact the Jurien Bay Library on 9652 0810 or email jblibrary@dandaragan.wa.gov.au.



**1 MARCH
BETTER BEGINNINGS
RHYMETIME AT JURIEN BAY
LIBRARY**

Enjoy Rhymetime from 9.30am at the Jurien Bay Library every other Tuesday during school term. Better Beginnings encourages all families to read, talk, sing, write and play with their child every day.

To reserve your spot contact the Jurien Bay Library on 9652 0810 or email jblibrary@dandaragan.wa.gov.au



**1 MARCH
TEA, CHAT & ACTIVITIES AT
CERVANTES LIBRARY**

Come down to the Cervantes Library from 1.30pm every Tuesday for a cup of tea, chat and arts activities. To reserve your spot contact the Cervantes Library on 9652 7647 or email cervanteslibrary@dandaragan.wa.gov.au



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INTERNATIONAL GAMES WEEK

In January, a games tournament was held at the Jurien Bay Library to coincide with International Games Week with the aim to reconnect communities to their libraries, and to highlight the educational, recreational, and social value of all types of games. The fun and fierce tournament was held over 3 sessions with the following Shop Local prizes given out to winners:

- 1st - \$75 Voucher Tiges Surf Shop: Tehlea Flynn
- 2nd - \$60 Voucher Sea Sport and Tackle: Max Rosenthal
- 3rd - \$45 Voucher Sea Sport and Tackle: Tom Rosenthal
- 4th - \$30 Voucher Tiges Surf Shop: Kiara Flynn



International Games Week participants Kiara and Teleha Flynn with their Games Tournament vouchers selected from Tiges Surf Shop.



Tiges with the local gift vouchers purchased by the Shire in support of the event.



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SHIRE OF DANDARAGAN WELCOMES NEW STAFF MEMBERS

The Shire recently welcomed new staff members in Louis Fouché - Executive Manager Development Services who commenced on 1 November 2021 taking over the role from David Chidlow who retired on 28 January 2022 after nearly 10yrs to further his studies in Photography. Will Miller - Community Emergency Services Coordinator commenced on 4 January 2022 replacing Shane Elliss who retired on 21 January 2022 after working with us for just over three years, Trinity Burls - Principal Environmental Health Officer commenced on 31 January 2022 replacing Felix Neuweiler who retired on 14 January 2022 after being with us for nearly 6 years, Sharon McArdle - Coordinator Governance and Human Resources who commenced on 21 February 2022 replacing Gemma Richardson who left on 16 December after working with the Shire for 16 years, she has relocated to Dawesville with her family. Trona Eyden - Ranger who is filling in for Graeme Gardner whilst he is on long service leave.



L – R: Will Miller, Sharon McArdle, Trinity Burls and Louis Fouché, Trona unavailable