

SHIRE MATTERS

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DANDARAGAN COMMUNITY CENTRE ACCESSIBILITY IMPROVEMENTS FOR DANDARAGAN

One of the projects that came from the Shire's Envision 2029 Corporate Business Plan was working towards better accessibility for our seniors and those with disability or mobility issues. A recent upgrade was at the Dandaragan Community Centre where the old doors, which weren't easy to operate, have been upgraded to automatic sliding doors.

The new doors required some creative thinking to get the right access while still being compliant with accessibility regulations but Mrs Margaret McConnell, who is Dandaragan's oldest resident recently gave her seal of approval.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Cr Leslee Holmes
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Windy weather

In the last couple of days, I have felt that summer may actually be coming to our shores. Whether its just me or does anyone else feel we have had a very long winter this year? I have, as usual, been driven mad by the wind and nearly cried over the damage done to my beautiful garden. We have moved large potted plants around to give them more protection but without much affect, only to see them stripped of their new growth and looking grim. WA is one of the windiest places in the world and I think the only time we are happy to have the sea breeze is in the height of summer. For the 10 years that we lived in the Pinnacles Caravan Park in Cervantes, we always knew when the big winds would come as the stalwarts from Safety Bay Windsurfers would start to arrive for their couple of weeks in what they saw as a windy paradise. Goodness knows what they think of Thirsty Point now as the sea harshly reclaims most of the places they used to rig their sails and rest in the afternoons. This year must be a great shock to them. We have lost so much in our coastal towns, and I am not sure where it will all end. Big decisions must be made on how to proceed with this inundation, and we are currently awaiting a report by coastal engineering consulting teams on what the future will hold.

New Foreshore Café Opens

The long-awaited pavilion at the Jurien Bay jetty is now complete and we are extremely proud of what is an iconic

coastal building. The new café is doing a roaring trade and offering what residents have been calling for, the ability to have a meal looking out over the beautiful beach and the ocean. The facilities are second to none and what this thriving coastal town deserves.,

I was recently at the AGM of Australia's Coral Coast in Geraldton and the pavilion was mentioned many times. The CEO and Chair or Tourism WA, together with staff, raved over the beautiful building and the great food and service they received on their way back to Perth.

With the Lobster Shack in Cervantes, and now this great tourism offering, it augers well for the future of our Shire.

Proposed Dandaragan Museum Precinct

At the recent meeting in Dandaragan, we were presented with all the details of the proposed new museum precinct and a most informative talk on what the community want to achieve showcasing their agricultural history. We wish them well with their endeavours and know that such a strong group of people will achieve their dreams with this one.

Jurien Bay Marina Fix

Shire CEO, Brent Bailey, and I are continuing to fight to get something done about the Jurien Bay Marina as it is now holding up a major development much needed in our Shire. We have just about exhausted stern letters to the Minister that largely go unnoticed. We continue to lobby and at the recent opening of the Hill River Bridge we had the opportunity to once again state our case to MLC member,

Mr Darren West who helped to open the bridge. Darren is a big supporter of the Shire and hopefully will advocate further into this most urgent problem for us.



Local Government Reform

As an organisation we are now being asked to reduce the number of councillors we have. This is all based on the number of people dwelling in the Shire. We are currently 9, including myself and my deputy. The initial position from the State was that we were to become a Council with only 5 elected members, but after the consultation period have been offered up to 7.

We can work with 7 but 5 would have been pretty impossible. This is an age of much adaptation, and we will only succeed in what we need to achieve if we are able to speedily adapt to external changes. As the world changes at a faster pace than ever, we must be ready to change the way we operate as well. We are very fortunate to have a great, skilled team and good sound leadership making sound day to day decisions. We are still committed to attracting new business, retaining existing ones and creating jobs. This is not easy, but we have a decent track record and will keep trying to achieve our aims. This is "The Age of Resilience" and we must be able to spring back from all the outside influences that try to make our lives more difficult than they are.



Resilient people face realities with vigour, make meaning of hardship, and improvise solutions. They tap into hope and are optimistic. They move forward.

Recent Ministerial Resignation

Many of you will be aware of the recent announcement by Minister Alannah MacTiernan to step down from her ministerial role and not contest the next election. I have had the pleasure of working with this incredible lady in many roles and consider her to be a very effective human being who is unparalleled in parliament.

She does not suffer fools and will chop you off at the knees if you don't know what you are talking about. She has battled cancer in the past and kept going in the role she clearly loves. I wish her all the very best for the future and hope that her replacements will be as strong and driven as she has been.

2023 Local Government Elections

In October next year we will once again be due for Council elections, and I will be retiring from my role of President. It has been very humbling to have had such an important role in your lives. I have worked very hard to help bring about positive change for the Shire of Dandaragan and have been successful in many areas. I am getting tired and need to now have the later years of my life exploring new things that I have dreamed of for a very long time. I want to spend time living abroad for a while and rent a little village house in a lovely

village called Deia in Mallorca. My family have lived there for over 40 years but now, just as I am ready to come, all but one has moved back to England.

Goodness knows why but maybe that is their dream for the future. My dear husband will not join me full time as bowls comes first in his life (his dream) but has promised to come for a few weeks at a time. Hopefully, friends will come and visit but I will be fine as the place has been in my heart for many years from the very first visit 35 years ago. How exciting to be able to fulfill one's dreams. Now all I need to do is to concentrate on staying alive long enough! I bring this up now as it is up to you all to consider a new leader who will take our Shire into the future.

There are so many great opportunities to experience in becoming an elected member of Council that if you know anyone who may be considering it, please get them to come along to a Council meeting and see what takes place. I am always free for a chat any time about what is required and would love to hear from you.

New WA Tennis Tournament

Some very good news for all those tennis lovers out there. The United Cup is coming to Perth. This is a new 'Hopman Cup' style event bringing the worlds top male and female players back once again to RAC Arena. It starts before Christmas so be sure to look out for when tickets go on sale. Perth is very fortunate to be one of the three cities chosen to host the event and I will be in Perth for the draw later this week.



**YOU'RE INVITED -
PLANTING OF TREES FOR
THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM
JUBILEE
COMMEMORATIVE EVENT**

The Shire of Dandaragan would like to invite community members to attend its commemorative Planting of Trees for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee event in Jurien Bay next Friday, 18 November 2022 commencing at 11.30am, at the newly planted avenue of trees along Roberts Street.

This event will be attended by guest speaker, Member for Durack, the Honourable Melissa Price, MP, for the unveiling of a commemorative plaque in recognition of Her late Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022 and her considerable contribution to public service, in order to create a lasting legacy for future generations to enjoy as these trees continue to grow.

Events, such as this one, continue to occur across the Commonwealth to celebrate this significant milestone and we hope you can join us for this very special occasion on the day.

Light refreshments will be provided after the event so please register your interest to attend for catering purposes by emailing council@dandaragan.wa.gov.au or calling (08) 9652 0800.

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



Shire of Dandaragan Recycling Calendar 2022/2023

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- 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.

Council Meeting

The next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 24 November 2022 at the Cervantes Community Centre, Cervantes 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.

COMMUNITY GRANTS
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 for more information, guidelines and application forms.



CHILDREN'S WEEK GO FOR 2 & 5 MOSAICS WORKSHOP

Jurien Bay Library recently hosted Coastal Kids Care and others who joined us for a Meerilinga Children's Week WA mosaic workshop and Storytime, to bring together our young pre-schoolers with older members of the community. Local artist, Linda Quanchi, facilitated the workshop which reflected our coastal lifestyle and waterways. The workshop was funded by a Go for 2 & 5 Children's Week Community Grant: a Meerilinga Children and Community Foundation initiative.



SCRIBBLERS FESTIVAL

The Scribblers Festival is all wrapped up for another year. We hope you have enjoyed the hunt for the feathers and getting to know your local Shire of Dandaragan libraries better and we look forward to participating again next year.



Congratulations to Josh Tapsell from Jurien Bay who won the Jurien Bay Library feather colouring-in competition with his flame feather and writing background. Josh won a copy of Matt Cosgrove's book Epic Fail Tales: Attack of The Giant Robot Zombie Mermaid - perfect reading for Halloween.



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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



Photo credit - Astrotourism WA

A TOTAL ECLIPSE OF THE MOON COMING

For natural cosmic phenomena, you don't get more remarkable than a Total Lunar Eclipse! A total lunar eclipse occurs, when the Sun and Moon are perfectly aligned in their orbits, with the Earth in the middle. As the Moon travels around the far side of the Earth, it passes directly into the shadow of the Earth.

To add to the magic of it all, the Moon turns a coppery-red during a total eclipse, earning it the nickname of 'Blood Moon'. As the Moon passes into the full shadow of the Earth, called the umbra, the Sun's light passes through the atmosphere of our planet and is scattered, losing most of the blue light. This means that the light that reaches the lunar surface is predominantly red in colour. This effect is known as Rayleigh Scattering and this is also how our sunsets are created.

The best time to look is from 7pm to 8.50pm 8 November. In WA, the Moon will rise, mid-eclipse, starting low in the eastern horizon.

Cervantes has been an Astrotourism town since August 2018 but the Blood Moon will be visible around the Shire. For more information, about the total eclipse of the moon, or stargazing, go to www.astrotourismwa.com.au.

INTRODUCING TRISH SLEE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MANAGER



Hello! I'm excited to be taking on the role of Economic Development Manager for the Shire of Dandaragan. For me, I'm returning 'home' to the place I know and love. It is in this Shire that I spent my youth growing up on my parents' virgin bush block, turned mixed farming enterprise, north of Badgingarra

The small dynamic community of Badgy is where I first became a member of community groups, theatre productions and sporting teams; and established many lifelong friendships that I still enjoy today. Just down the road, it was amongst the Dandaragan red gums that Mum and Dad regularly played golf and we spent many Sundays cheering on the Dandy Saints footy team. Cervantes is the place our family took carloads of visitors, decade after decade, to experience the wonderous Pinnacles (in the family Holden station wagon – no such thing as 4WD's on our farm). And Jurien was our summer holidays destination where we did swimming lessons, fished with Dad, and drove down boggy sand tracks to exciting unknown destinations – again, in the family station wagon.

I have a strong passion for supporting the development of innovative, sustainable businesses and connected, collaborative communities. I've enjoyed a varied career path working in a range of sectors across Australia. My management experience has included roles in business and community development, rural leadership, project and program management, and community capacity building.

In this role I will be an advocate for tourism and attracting, supporting, and retaining businesses in the Shire. I welcome your ideas of projects to target commercial growth, opportunities to develop new industry, and initiatives to attract investment and expand tourism initiatives in our communities. Do give me a call 9652 0800 if you would like to discuss an idea, or, if you'd like me to attend a business or community event you are hosting.

Outside of work, I spend many weekends 'Wandering Out Yonder' into the regions to explore our great State. I enjoy travelling, art and crafts, walking, photography, wine tasting and baking. Along with my partner, I am a member of the BMW Motorcycle Club and help to organise rides beyond the metro area, to engage members with rural communities and the small businesses that are so critical to their survival.

I'm looking forward to hiring one of Miles' E-Bikes to explore the Turquoise Way Path and joining some of the local community and professional groups. I may even have to brush off my old bowls shoes from my Badgy 'fill in on the ladies pennant team' days....

I look forward to meeting the people behind the local businesses as I get out and about in each of the Shire's unique rural communities.



FROM THE EDM'S DESK

- **Business Information**
- **Resources**
- **Grant Opportunities**
- **Networks**

New Australian Drone Website

The Aust Govt has launched a new website, to provide clear, accessible information on drone rules and regulations in the one location for both commercial and recreation. [Homepage](#) | [Drones](#)

NEW! Turquoise Coast Women in Business

Women from across the Shire involved in a business of any size or type are invited to join the newly formed group, 'Turquoise Coast Women in Business'. (You don't have to be a business owner or operator to join; if you are a woman who works in or for a local business, you are also welcome).

Some of the aims of the group are:

- To facilitate mentoring and peer-support opportunities for Women in Business in our region.
- To support, promote and showcase group members' products and services and help each other to achieve our business goals.
- To foster a culture of support, shared experiences, and cooperation between businesses in our region, working together to promote and encourage each other.

The next meeting will be on **Monday 21 November**, at the Cervantes Coast Yoga Shala, 16 Castilla Way, Cervantes. Host, Allison Carnegie-Smith, requests your arrival at 5:30 for a 5:45pm start.

Please RSVP by 12 noon on Friday 18 November, for catering purposes. Enquiries and RSVP's should be directed to the Jurien Bay CRC on 9652 2425 or email office@jurienbaycrc.net.au

National Agritourism 2030 Strategy

The inaugural National Agritourism Strategy Framework (October 2022) provides a roadmap for farmers to unlock new business opportunities. 'Agritourism 2030' identifies resourcing, stakeholder alignment and leadership as key enablers needed to unlock the potential of new visitor experiences.

Enabling Agritourism – A Guide for Farmers Planning Diversity
[ART_Farmer_Toolkit_Final.pdf](#) (regionaltourism.com.au)

Indigenous Tourism Fund

WA Aboriginal tourism businesses can apply for funding through the Federal Government's \$40 million Indigenous Tourism Fund, which includes up to \$12 million in tourism grants to help Aboriginal businesses and organisations develop new products and purchase systems and equipment. For more information visit the National Indigenous Australians Agency website.

Hotel Energy Uplift Program

Grants of \$10,000 to \$25,000 are available for small and medium hotels, motels and serviced apartments with 1 to 99 guestrooms to help reduce energy use, improve energy productivity and deliver carbon abatement. For more information visit business.gov.au.

Tourism: Dark Skies & Natural Phenomena Workshop

Join FACET for this full-day workshop featuring international eclipse and dark sky consultants Kate Russo – founder of Being in the Shadow – and Michael Marlin (aka Marlin), author of Astrotourism: Star Gazers, Eclipse Chasers, and the Dark Sky Movement.

The program will showcase the latest developments, including planning for the Ningaloo Eclipse on 20 April 2023, and explore the amazing opportunities our night skies and other natural phenomena – like staircases to the moon, wildflowers, pink lakes, ancient geology, giant tides, Aboriginal rock art, amazing wildlife and more – can offer Western Australia by adding a new layer to regional economies.

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/facet-workshop-on-dark-skies-and-natural-phenomena-tickets-404438114287>

Mt Burdett Foundation

The Mt Burdett Foundation was the concept of Esperance farmer Chris Reichstein, owner of Mount Burdett Farm, who was looking to return some of his good fortune to the community and potentially encourage others who have prospered in the region to do the same.

The Foundation's vision is that by investing strategically in new initiatives and people, we create a vibrant, resilient community to ensure a healthy future for rural and regional Western Australia.

- Do you have an idea that will build capacity in WA's rural and regional communities by empowering people who are in early to mid-career?
- Do you want to build your own skills to make a difference in your rural community?
- If you have an individual initiative, a group project, or you are seeking a scholarship for a place in a capacity building program, then follow the link...
Grants | Mt Burdett Foundation | WA

Grant Outcomes - Free training for NFPs

According to an analysis by SmartyGrants, data from their grant program shows that just one in four grantseeker stated "outcomes" is actually an outcome. "Activities" accounted for nearly half of the so-called outcomes, and "objectives" accounted for nearly 10% of the wrongly allocated measures.

The 'Our Community' website provides lots of free resources and support for NFP's, including those seeking grants. If your organisation wants to understand what an outcome is, how it differs from an output, and why it matters, register for this free webinar (1pm AEDT, Wednesday, November 23) hosted by SmartyGrants. Make sure your next grant application is a success! Register here now.

Small Business Development Corporation - Grants and tenders

Find grants, funding and support programs from across Government to help your business grow and succeed through the Business Online Grant Finder. For more information visit the Small Business Development Corporation website.

The Regional 250

This 'podversation' series shares the stories of 250 of the 10 million Australians who live outside of the major metropolitan cities and suburbs, each who has a story to tell about themselves, their family, their town, or their region.

If you're on the road, throwing out a line, in the header or picking the kids up from school, take a listen: The Regional 250 | Real stories about real people from all over Regional Australia.

WA Women's Hall of Fame Call for Nominations 2023

The WA Women's Hall of Fame is a powerful celebration of women in our community who show us what is possible through passion and dedication, and who motivate others to strive in a wide field of endeavours.

The Hall of Fame is an incredible record of the diversity in life for women around our State. It celebrates the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women, reflecting on how far we have come, and how far we still must go to realise gender equality, which we all seek as a balanced community.

To nominate visit www.wawomenshalloffame.com.au or email awomenshof@gmail.com



The Smoke Column



Do you live in one of the rural estates in the Shire of Dandaragan and need some help with the new Australian Fire Danger Ratings or making a bushfire ready plan for your property?

Have you got a plan?

Where do you get information? Safe routes out of the area? Do you know when to go and what to take?

Have you had a chance to meet your neighbours?

Canover Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade has teamed up with, the Shire's Emergency Management Coordinator, to answer your questions and provide some advice that might save your life and your property.

Volunteers will be at the Fire Shed on Canover Road from 10 AM to 2 PM on Saturday November 19 with tea, coffee, cool drink and sausage sizzle along with plenty of material for you to take home and use at your place. Plenty of activities for the kids, including a visit from the Hill River Brigade and their 6 wheel drive fire truck.



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 diesel are the perfect fuels. Keeping headers free of build up of these fuels is important to prevent fires.

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 firefighting 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 liters of water
 - 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 firefighting unit comprising of a tank with a minimum capacity of 400 liters, a powered pump, reel, hose, and nozzle. This unit must be kept within the bounds of the paddock that is being harvested. The vehicle attached to the firefighting unit must be equipped with a UHF radio and it is recommended that firefighting protective clothing is kept in the vehicle and worn in the event of a fire.

OTHER EQUIPMENT AND PROCEDURES

- It is recommended that all headers, vehicles, and homesteads should be equipped with two -way radio communications.
- Carry mobile phones if service is available.
- Ensure firefighting water supplies on the property are maintained and accessible by first responders Ring 000 immediately following the ignition of a fire

Prohibited Burning Time

The prohibited burning period is in effect from 1 November 2022 and runs until 28 February 2023. During the prohibited burning period no burning is permitted and permits to burn will not be issued.





SHIRE OF IRWIN
 RISING ABOVE THE CHALLENGE
 A BRIGHTER FUTURE



SHIRE OF CARNAMAH



That's a Wrap



On behalf of the Shire of Dandaragan, Coorow, Carnamah and Irwin, Mark Teale and Will Miller would like to thank all of those who attended the fire safety courses held around the districts over the past months.

Across the four shires a total of 120 people have attended the one day training session. This training program was a mammoth undertaking with more than half of those who attended being new or young faces who haven't spent much time around fires. We are sure these new skills and safety practices will be put to good use.

As promised, all participants went into the draw to win the door prize sponsored by Coerco. We'd like to congratulate Steele Rudd from Coorow for taking out the prize - a sheep trough valued at just over \$900 as well as a number of other goodies.

A massive thanks to Coerco for their donation, it is great to have their support behind the initiative.

For those who have missed out, a number of courses will be ran again in 2023 so keep an eye out for an ad in the local paper.

