

# SHIRE MATTERS

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# A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Cr Leslee Holmes  
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As I will be overseas when you are reading this report, I have asked my Colleagues to write about their towns which will be a very different kind of President's report which I am sure you will all enjoy.

I will report from the other side of the world and wish you plenty more of this wonderful weather we are all enjoying.

Leslee

## Message from the Deputy President - Peter Scharf

I don't think there are too many families who can claim they weren't affected in some way by COVID and Councillor Holmes was among many who had to postpone travel to see family. This month, we find her in the UK catching up with her mother and family and we wish her well in her journey and every happiness for these treasured moments. My colleagues on Council have also contributed to this month's Shire Matters to support her time away from the district.

We had a quick trip to Far North Queensland and they too are recovering from the effects of the pandemic. Many businesses are just reopening and are struggling to find workers and accommodation for them. We know this only too well across our Shire as we have a number of construction projects underway and some proposed expansion of local business and very few applicants for the jobs at hand or accommodation if we can find a worker.

In the same vein, many rural towns are struggling to find doctors for their medical practices. I was quite amazed and pleased to meet with a young doctor who was working with the QLD RFDS when we were at Mount Surprise.

He came from a coastal rural community and received a lot of government support while he attended university in Brisbane.

He was of the opinion that he had a moral obligation to repay that support from the government by working in rural QLD. He described his experiences as being life changing as he did everything from trauma surgery to child birth and administering vaccinations.

This was something I saw in my years in rural and remote education where people who came to the towns where we lived found that it was a pretty good lifestyle and you didn't really need to have a city to have fun. Believe it or not, when I came to Jurien 30 years ago, it was a hard to staff school and now there are many applicants for teaching positions as they arise.

Living and working in rural and remote WA has given us a great family life and experiences that just don't happen for folks in the city. Let's cherish and support our local communities.

## What's happening in Cervantes? Councillor Rudy Rybarczyk

There has been much excitement as the Men's Shed project gets underway with clearing and levelling well advanced. With generous support from businesses, the community and donations of time and earthmoving equipment, the location is now firmly in place. Members have expressed their appreciation of the Shire's assistance in the early stages of the project.

More and more visitors are becoming aware of the location of the Cervantes Historical Society Museum as caravan clubs and tourist groups take the opportunity of a visit.

The Museum was relocated to the site of the former Health Centre with assistance of the Shire and it is rapidly becoming a significant place to visit for both visitors and local residents.

Meanwhile another section of the coastal walk trail from town around to the Hanson Bay lookout has been completed and celebrated with a public walk recently. The walk by school children, community members and President Leslee Holmes culminated in a BBQ at Ronsard Park. Councillor Holmes spoke briefly on the future for further development and the trend for more and more people looking for walk trail opportunities when they are holidaying.

There has been much approval from the Cervantes community for the adjustments to the Indian Ocean Drive exit to Cervantes Road.

This comes after much lobbying of Main Roads by the Shire, local organisations and individuals. However with the speed limit at that point remaining at 110kph, much care still needs to be taken by drivers exiting left from Cervantes.



## What's happening in Badgingarra? Councillor Maddi McDonald

Badgingarra is getting stuck into the start of seeding, with plenty of work to be done and lots of rain to hopefully fall. Hendo's Roadhouse is looking nearly completed, with a huge amount of work done to the front of the roadhouse. Brightening up the town is also the arrival of 10 new peachicks running around the Roadhouse!

Wildflower Season is nearly here and definitely not limited to just Mt. Lesueur, so plan a day trip out to Badgingarra and have a look at Vern Westbrook Trail and Iain Wilson Nature Trail. Make sure you swing by the Badgingarra Tavern, who have guest taps from fantastic local brewer, Scene Brewing!



## **What's happening in Dandaragan? Councillor Rose Glasfurd**

Like most farmers at present we are forever perusing the weather apps at present hoping for that 'big break' but having to be content with little showers. So far we have at least received around 38mls of rain so far for May.

Ewes are lambing and crops are slowly emerging but nothing like the start we were blessed with for the 2023 season.

Dandy is busy with more enrolments at the school and lots of people wanting to relocate to our community to enjoy our rural lifestyle but a constant shortage of available rentals and increasing building costs is a huge hindrance to the growth which is an Australia wide problem.

The proposed Dandaragan Heritage and Cultural Centre Committee is moving along with fundraising and will hopefully draft up some concept drawings that will be advertised on its new social media Facebook platform and the Redgum publication.

The Dandaragan Repertory Club, one of the only local regional repertory groups still left in country WA has performed 'The Last Gladiator'.

This was yet another successful well attended production and full credit to the producer Andrea Hurst! Also, to this dedicated group of actors and support volunteers who work so diligently behind the scenes!

Improvements to the children's playground regarding more secure fencing to make the playground and Transit Park safer for the younger generation are in the pipeline and realignment of the DCC roundabout also to include disabled parking will be considered by Council in this year's budget.

Replacement of a playground swing also that broke several years ago will be a welcome improvement to the recreation area.

Dandy Saints has hosted three home games already for the year and the town is buzzing on these sports carnival days with hockey and netball teams playing as well.

The Dandy Footy Ladies Day held on the 20th May was a chance for the Saints to thank all our hardworking ladies who volunteer their valuable time to make these important sports days so successful.

A beautiful Luxury Picnic Experience was very generously sponsored by the Badgingarra Whybrow Family (Ashley's Earthmoving) and was an absolute hit.

Prizes were donated by Fini Olives, Crown Hotel, Serenity Beauty and Fairy Plant Mother were won by the happy lady recipients. Also Kyle Reinke from KJR Transport was a further wonderful sponsor.

The Dandy community would like to wish Scott Clayton the Executive Manager of Corporate and Community Services, his wife Zoe and their young family all the best in their new and exciting future.

'We can truly claim Scott as one of our own'

Scott was educated at Dandaragan Primary School from 1983 - 1990. His unique abilities and depth of knowledge of the Dandaragan Shire will be sorely missed. Scott's dad Peter also worked for the Dandaragan Shire.

Hope we all get some significant falls next week so everyone has good sheep feed and happy crops.



## **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.

# Council Meeting

The next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 22 June 2023 at the Jurien Bay Council Chambers, commencing at 4.00pm. Members of the public are welcome and encouraged to attend.

## WELCOME TO THE TEAM



***Bec Pink***

Bec Pink joined our finance team in April as our new accountant, coming from a private practice and is enjoying picking up new skills in Local Government.

She has lived in the area for 7 years, after moving with her husband and three sons from Perth, with a real passion for becoming self-sufficient and environmentally sustainable.

They have been setting up a small regenerative farm on the outskirts of town, so you can find Bec on the weekends amongst her chickens, dogs, cats, sheep and cattle!



***Rebecca Dickinson***

Rebecca moved to Leeman and joined the team as our Payroll Officer earlier this year.

With close to ten years' experience in Local Governments across Perth and regional councils, we are lucky to have her as a part of our Team.

Growing up in the country and spending the last few years in Perth, she is happy to be back living the country life with her partner.

# RATES TIME IS COMING!

## Attention Senior & Pension Card Holders

Do you own your own property?  
Do you occupy the property as your ordinary place of residence?  
Are you the holder of one or both of the following cards?

- Pension Concession Card; **or**
- State Concession Card; **or**
- Commonwealth Seniors Health Card **together with a**  
WA Seniors Card; **or**
- WA Seniors Card

If you answered yes to all the above, you may be entitled to receive a rebate on your rates.

You must register your entitlement with the Water Corporation. Concessions only apply once your application is received and registered.

Apply online through the Water Corporation at [www.watercorporation.com.au](http://www.watercorporation.com.au) and click on 'Apply for Concession' or phone 1300 659 951.



To receive your rates notice electronically you must register by 21 July 2023 through our website to receive your 2023/24 notice electronically.

Please visit our website to register:  
[www.dandaragan.wa.gov.au](http://www.dandaragan.wa.gov.au)

Please ensure you have your reference number handy. This can be found on the top right of a previous rate notice and is a 7-digit number starting with a 9.

Once you register, a verification email will be sent as a part of the registration process. It is essential that you activate your registration by clicking the link in the email.

If you own more than one property, you will need to register separately for each property. Please note that interim rate notices, final notices and other correspondence will be issued by post.

# HAVE YOUR SAY - ENVISION 2033

Shire of Dandaragan staff attended Markets by the Bay on 20 May 2023. It was great to see our communities' ideas for the future of the Shire.

If you have a little idea or a big idea that you think can benefit our community, please write your ideas on the cards provided and drop it in the Envision 2033 box. We have these idea cards and boxes at the Shire of Dandaragan Administration Centre, Cervantes, Jurien Bay, Dandaragan and Badgingarra Libraries.

## **COMPETITIONS:**

### Drawing and Multimedia Competition

Do you have an awesome idea that you believe would make a positive change in the community? Draw us a picture or create a multimedia file to show us your 'Little Idea' or 'Big Idea'.

### Community, Peoples and Faces Photo Competition


The Shire of Dandaragan invites the community to submit photographs for our photo competition 'Community, People and Faces'. We are seeking photos of the community and people that represent all that's special about our Shire.

Both competitions have prizes to be won.

These drawings and photos need to be submitted by 4pm 30 June 2023.

For more information on Envision 2033, please use the link below.

<https://engage.dandaragan.wa.gov.au/envision->



Got an idea that you think will have a positive change or benefit our community? Share your idea on this card and drop it into the box, or leave it at Reception at the Shire Administration Centre, 69 Bashford St, Jurien Bay

**My Little Idea**

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**My Big Idea**

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# FAREWELL AND GOOD LUCK

On behalf of all current and past staff and Councillors, I'd like to express my sincere appreciation for the outstanding contributions of Scott and Zoe Clayton who will be departing Jurien Bay and the Shire of Dandaragan at the end of June. Scott will be furthering his career in Local Government as Deputy CEO at the Shire of Chittering and Zoe will also be exploring new opportunities in the region once they have relocated.

Both Scott and Zoe's families have a rich local government history and longstanding connection to the Shire of Dandaragan. Continuing this family tradition, since starting as a junior trainee on 12th February 1996, Scott has undertaken and mastered almost every aspect of the Shire's financial and administration functions and provided the backbone to the strong financial and governance foundations we pride ourselves on at the Shire. Zoe's skills and achievements are also numerous but her mentorship and care for her peers within the office environment is what she will be remembered for most. Since 20th November 2000, Zoe has adapted and excelled at most internal finance roles and has been managing the Senior Finance Officer portfolio for the past 13 years. It has been a pleasure to work alongside Scott and Zoe and they are among the longest serving staff members in the Shire's history.

Above all else, Scott and Zoe have been outstanding contributors to our local communities. They have both given their time, expertise and energy to our many sporting clubs, P&C's, small businesses and community groups and it would be difficult for many to comprehend the hours they have invested in these pursuits.

While it is always sad to say goodbye to such wonderful individuals, I would like to wish Scott, Zoe, Seb and Josie all the best in this next chapter of life.

Brent Bailey  
Chief Executive Officer



*Scott Clayton 2004*



*Zoe Clayton 2004*



*Staff Christmas Party 2020*



*Scott Clayton 2021*

## CBD DESIGN PLAN AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT



In 2021 the Shire advertised a Draft Urban Design Plan for the continual redevelopment of the public realm within the Jurien Bay CBD. A number of submissions were received on the Draft Plan at this time, and these have informed the revision of the Plan as now represented for comment. The revision of Plan has also been heavily influenced by the development approvals issued in 2022 for the redevelopment of the Jurien Bay Tourist Park and for a four-storey motel on the corner of Roberts and Sandpiper Streets, respectively. Both these approved developments result in significant changes to the road verges of Roberts and Sandpiper Streets as shown in the revised plan.

Other notable changes from the Draft Plan include:

- The removal of any physical building alterations on private land which is not under the care and control of the Shire;
- Identified parking layout changes throughout the CBD, including summary of current and future parking bay numbers;
- Inclusion of the previously designed realignment of Bashford Street as a local main street for if and when an Indian Ocean Drive bypass is constructed;
- Preservation of Roberts Street as vehicle thoroughfare, with the long-term access to be one-way between Bashford Street and Sandpiper Street in the direction of the foreshore; and
- Inclusion of an indicative public amenities within Pioneer Park.
- An electronic copy of the revised Plan is available for download on the Shire's website, or a hardcopy version is available from the Jurien Bay Administration Centre.

Comments on the revised Plan are invited until close of business Friday 4th August 2023.

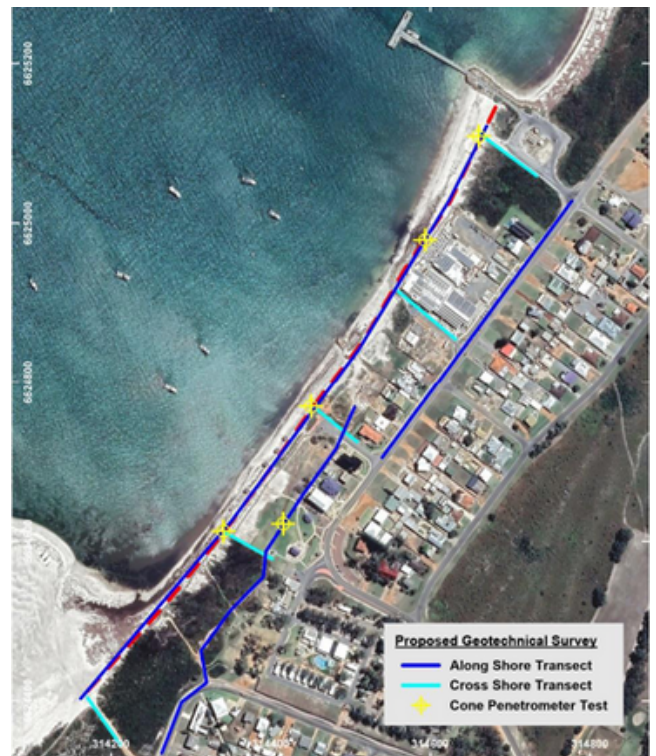
Should you require any clarification or would like to meet to discuss the revised Plan further, please contact the Shire's Principal Planning and Building Officer, Rory Mackay on 9652 0800 or rorym@dandaragan.wa.gov.au

## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT CERVANTES COASTAL GEOTECHNICAL SURVEY

The Shire advises that Department of Transport's contractor, GBG Group will be undertaking a Geotechnical Survey of the Cervantes foreshore from Talavera Road to the service jetty on the 13th to 15th June.

GBG will be frequenting the public foreshore, roads, paths and parkland within this area during this three-day period with their specialist equipment and traffic management will be in place where required.

The purpose of this survey is to evaluate the extent and location of competent rock substrate under coastal sand dunes to better understand the coastal erosion extent over a 5–25-year planning timeframe and to aid the planning for future sea level rise and the threat of inundation. No previous geotechnical study has been undertaken at this location.



## WA EV Network – Jurien Bay Update

The new Charging Station “Go-Live” has been delayed, as the charger will not be operational for another 3-4 months. We are excited for Synergy and Western Power to get this up and running for our town to enjoy, so watch this space.





# NAIDOC WEEK



Wednesday 5 July 2023, 10:30 am  
Cervantes Community Recreation Centre, 2 Aragon St, Cervantes WA 6511

10:30am Welcome to Country, Smoking Ceremony & Didgeridoo player followed by a light morning tea at the Cervantes Community Recreation Centre.

For further information about this event please contact our Reception  
on 9652 0800 or [council@dandaragan.wa.gov.au](mailto:council@dandaragan.wa.gov.au)



## CROP SWAP

Wednesdays 10am - 12pm  
Jurien Bay Library



A great place to share garden tips, info & ideas. Bring a cuppa and have a chat with like-minded people

Swap homegrown veggies, fruit, herbs, flowers,  
plants, seedlings & seeds

A free community initiative for all ages and abilities

**Libraries - More than just books**



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## BINGO

Friday 7 July 10am - 12pm  
Jurien Bay Library



**Free Event, for all ages and abilities. Bookings essential**

Bring a plate to share for morning tea and come and  
have some fun

Please contact the Jurien Bay Library on 9652 0810 or email  
[jblibrary@dandaragan.wa.gov.au](mailto:jblibrary@dandaragan.wa.gov.au) for more information or to  
register

**Libraries - More than just books**



# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEWS FOR JUNE

## Wheatbelt Regional Economic Development Grants – Open

The Regional Economic Development (RED) Grants program is a \$50.85 million (over nine years) State Government initiative that invests in local projects to stimulate economic growth and development in regional Western Australia.

Delivered locally by the Wheatbelt Development Commission (WDC), up to \$150,000 is available for individual projects that contribute to increasing or sustaining jobs, expanding or diversifying industry, developing skills or capability, increasing business productivity and attracting new investment to the regions.

If you intend on applying, the WDC recommends you commence the online application form as soon as possible to ensure you receive important updates sent to all Round 6 applicants leading up to **closing time of 5pm WST on Friday 30 June 2023.**

For detailed information on the Round 6 Wheatbelt RED Grants program, please refer to the guidelines and other helpful information available from the WDC website. If further clarification is required, please contact the Commission on (08) 9622 7222 or email [grants@wheatbelt.wa.gov.au](mailto:grants@wheatbelt.wa.gov.au).

Shire of Dandaragan based businesses have been amongst the successful recipients of the grants. Josh and Catherine Barnes of Barnes Hydraulic Services (Barhyd Pty Ltd) won a grant of \$100 000 for a business expansion project – Optimising Heavy Machinery Servicing for Wheatbelt Industries, and Main camp at 'Waslee Downs' received \$100,000 for establishing their North Deep Water Bore for the expansion of overhead irrigation to support increased planting of eucalyptus species, to produce locally pressed eucalyptus oil.

We encourage businesses within the Shire of Dandaragan to consider lodging an application to support projects that can demonstrate economic benefits locally and for the region. Feel welcome to have a chat Trish Slee at the Shire in the first instance 9652 0800.



*Josh and Catherine Barnes of Barnes Hydraulic Services receiving their \$100k RED Grant, pictured with former Minister for Regional Development Hon. Alannah MacTiernan.*

## Infrastructure Development Fund - WA

The State Government has established an \$80 million fund to unlock a new pipeline of apartment development in key urban precincts (\$40m) and worker accommodation in regional areas (\$40m).

In regional areas, the Infrastructure Development Fund aims to assist with the cost of resolving infrastructure constraints that impact the supply of worker accommodation. In the regions, high levels of employment and low availability of housing can impede ongoing economic development.

The regional funding stream has been designed as an infrastructure investment program to address infrastructure constraints in the water, wastewater and electricity network at a precinct or strategic site scale impacting the delivery of regional worker accommodation.

Applications under this funding stream will be based on evaluation of a business case, including consideration of co-contribution opportunities.

Applications for the first funding round close 7 June, with another five rounds available until 6 September 2024 (unless the funding allocation is exhausted earlier). For more information type Infrastructure Development Fund WA into your chosen web browser.

## New Shire Economic Development Grant Approved

The Shire of Dandaragan is proud to announce the introduction of an annual \$30,000 Economic Development Grant.

At its May meeting, Council voted in favour of establishing the new grant, aimed at supporting business and industry to invest in projects creating economic benefits within the Shire. The grant will be offered annually, supporting one or more local projects that demonstrate they will deliver positive economic outcomes for local communities.

The annual grant pool of \$30,000 will support grants of a minimum value of \$5,000 to a maximum of \$30,000. Successful applicants will be required to contribute a minimum of 50% of the total cost of their project.

The first round of the Economic Development Grant will open on 1 July and close on 31 August 2023. Projects should be completed within 12 months of notification of the grant application being successful.

Contact Tricia Slee, Economic Development Manager at [edm@dandaragan.wa.gov.au](mailto:edm@dandaragan.wa.gov.au) to register your interest and to request an application form.

## Mobile Black Spot Round 7, Regional Connectivity Round 3

Up to \$150 million (GST exclusive) is available for this combined Round, comprising two streams:

- A \$100 million (GST exclusive) Regional Connectivity (Round 3) stream for place-based solutions that deliver new or upgraded broadband services and/or upgraded mobile services; and
- A \$50 million Mobile Black Spot (Round 7) stream to deliver New Handheld Coverage to regional, rural and First Nations Australia.
- Funding includes \$22.5 million (GST exclusive) dedicated to improving telecommunications services in First Nations communities. CLOSING 12 JULY 2023

Round 2 of the Digital Solutions - Australian Small Business Advisory Services Program

The program works with small businesses to make the most of digital tools and offers advice specific to business needs such as:

- How digital tools can help your small business
- Websites and selling online
- Social media and digital marketing
- Using small business software
- Online security and data privacy.

The program is delivered right across the country.

If you are the owner of a business in the Shire, or keen to invest, or develop a new venture here, this opportunity might be for you.