

SHIRE MATTERS

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CELEBRATING NAIDOC HISTORY EVENT

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Cr Tony O'Gorman
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Updates

There's a lot happening around our Shire at the moment and it's great to see our winter rains boosting the cropping prospects for the 2024 season. I'd like to wish all our local teams competing in the CMCFL finals all the best for the coming weeks. This is an exciting time of year for all our local winter sports teams and it's also a great time to reflect on the wonderful volunteers that help bring these activities together.

Following on from topics mentioned in previous reports, I'd like to present the latest updates to keep the community informed.

Apex Camp Jurien Bay

If you've passed through Jurien Bay recently, you may have noticed the complete removal of buildings from the former APEX campsite. It's exciting to note that a new local business, Jurien Bay Temporary Fencing Hire, played a key role in this process by supplying and installing the temporary fencing around the site.

Congratulations to Byron on securing such a significant contract at this early stage of his business. The State Government is currently finalising bureaucratic processes to release the property, and neighbouring vacant lot, 9 Ackland Street, to market via expressions of interest.

Jurien Bay Medical Centre

I'm pleased to announce that Dr. Lily began seeing patients at the Jurien Bay Medical Centre on the 8th of July, and Dr. Alan Roustami will join her, starting on the 19th of August. The addition of these two doctors will significantly ease the workload on Dr. Rudy, hopefully allowing him some well-deserved rest. I'd like to sincerely thank Dr. Rudy for the immense workload he's taken on this year to look after our residents, we are so lucky to have such a dedicated GP among us.

NAIDOC Week

This year's NAIDOC Week, celebrated every July, was held on the 22nd in the amphitheatre near the Civic Centre.



The event was graced by members of the local Yued people, alongside Shire staff, DBCA representatives, and local residents. The theme, "Keep the Fires Burning Blak, Loud and Proud," resonated throughout the ceremony, which included a Welcome to Country and a smoking ceremony conducted by Caleb and Kane, grandsons of our esteemed elder, Charlie Shaw. Charlie's lifetime collection of artefacts was also on display, offering a rich glimpse into the local cultural heritage. Kane, who serves as an Indigenous Ranger in the Shire, played a vital role in these proceedings. It was great to share some time over a cuppa with Charlie and his lovely wife Marg, after the event and we look forward to our next gathering.

Shire Office Refurbishment

Over the past three months, the Shire Administration Centre has undergone a significant refurbishment. This upgrade addressed the long-standing issues of failing air conditioning and roof leaks and has also provided a number of new work spaces to accommodate our workforce growth since the building was first constructed around 20 years ago. The newly refurbished space now offers a more welcoming environment for the public and is currently home to a feature garden of tulips to welcome our customers back to the office.

I'd like to extend my gratitude to the local builders and tradespeople who delivered this project swiftly and to the highest standards. The Shire Council remains committed to supporting local businesses, encouraging their growth, and enabling them to take on larger and more complex projects. Notably, the refurbishment was predominantly funded through the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure program.

The Council Plan

The review of the Council Plan (formerly the Strategic Community Plan) is nearing completion, with Council endorsing the final version at the August Council Meeting. Extensive community engagement has been a cornerstone of this process, ensuring the plan reflects the aspirations and needs of our residents for the next decade. This plan is critical, guiding the allocation of resources and the delivery of services as guided by the Local Government Act's requirements for Shires to Plan for the Future.

If you or your group have a project that you're passionate about, it's crucial to ensure it is included or aligns with the Council Plan to maximise funding availability. Should your project align with the plan, the Shire officers can put it forward for consideration. If not, they can advise on how to incorporate it into future updates. The Council Plan is available on the Shire website, or you can pick up a hard copy at the Shire office in the near future.

Council Budget 2024/2025

The Council will adopt the annual budget for the 2024/2025 financial year during its August meeting. Budgeting is a complex task, with Council receiving operating grants from both state and federal governments, while the remainder of our income comes from the rates you, our residents, pay. These rates are essential for funding the Shire's day-to-day operations, including mandatory regulatory services and discretionary services aligned with the Council Plan.

This year's budget, totalling approximately \$20 million in operating expenses and a further \$12 million of capital investments in roads and buildings. Your rates provide approximately \$8 million of revenue towards the Council budget of which around 47% are derived from rural properties while the remaining 53% funded from townsite and rural residential properties. Federal and state grants are often tied to specific projects or services, leaving the rates funding to cover other essential projects and services. Determining which projects receive funding is always a challenging process, and this year was no exception. Councillors were presented with a comprehensive budget list from staff containing projects from our long term plans and community requests and ultimately we had the difficult task of removing approximately \$2 million worth of projects from the list.

To deliver the services and projects the community expects, a 4% increase in rates will be necessary this year, which aligns with CPI and remains comparable to many other local governments.

Additionally, the Council has decided to discontinue the 5% discount for early full payment of rates, and invest these resources in new projects for the wider community benefit. While we recognise that the discount was enjoyed by a number of ratepayers, the practice may unfairly disadvantage those who cannot afford to pay early and in full. The Shire continues to provide instalment options and hardship arrangements to assist ratepayers manage their annual rate bills.

This year's budget includes funding for several important projects:

- Cervantes Recreation Centre Improvements including new changerooms, play equipment and a multipurpose library and building entry.
- Completion of the Jurien Bay East West Runway.
- Park and playspace improvements at the Dandaragan Pioneer Park.
- Reconstruction and seal improvements on Munbinea, Gillingarra, Cataby, Winjardie, Cockleshell Gully and Dandaragan Roads totalling \$2.7M.
- A new school crossing at Bashford Street Jurien Bay to provide a safe crossing space which will be supervised by a WA Police Traffic Warden.
- Cervantes Niche Wall construction

These projects have been long-standing priorities for the community. For a complete list of funded projects, please refer to the 2024/2025 budget papers, which will be available in the Council Agenda starting Monday, 19th August.

Council Meeting

The next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held on Thursday, 26 September 2024, at the Jurien Bay Council Chambers, commencing at 4:00pm. Members of the public are welcome and encouraged to attend.

STRENGTHEN YOUR CLUB'S CORE: GOVERNANCE, ETHICS, AND CULTURE

Join us for the first online workshop in our series designed to empower local clubs and community groups. Ethics and Culture will explore your club's heart and soul. Discover how to:

- Identify your club's current culture
- Set a clear vision for the future
- Create a positive environment based on shared values
- Develop practical tools to address cultural challenges

This workshop is perfect for management committees looking to enhance their leadership skills.

Date: 2 September

Time: 4:00pm

Location: Online via Zoom

Registrations to clubdo@dandaragan.wa.gov.au

NOTICE OF PUBLIC ADVERTISEMENT OF PLANNING PROPOSAL - WORKFORCE ACCOMMODATION UNITS

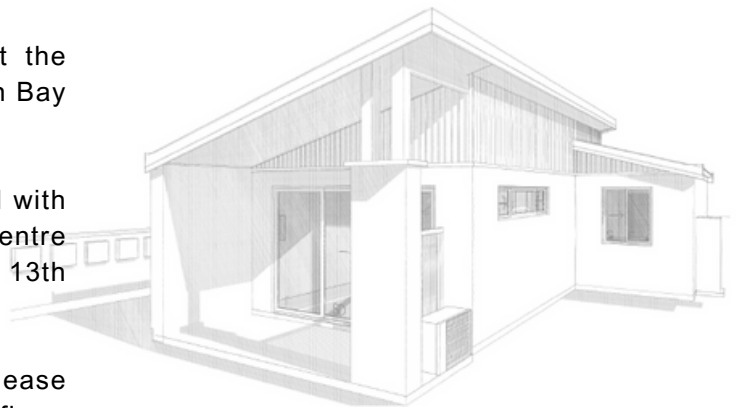
61 (Lot 131) Bashford Street, Jurien Bay.

Proposal - Development of six (6) two-bedroom, single-bathroom workforce accommodation units.

Plans of the proposal are available to the public at the Shire Administration Centre, 69 Bashford Street, Jurien Bay or are available for download from the Shire website.

Submissions may be made on the proposal and lodged with the Shire of Dandaragan Jurien Bay Administration Centre or council@dandaragan.wa.gov.au by 4.00pm Friday 13th September 2024.

Should you require any clarification on this matter, please contact the Shire's Principal Planning & Building Officer, Rory Mackay on 9652 0800 or rorym@dandaragan.wa.gov.au





Shire of Dandaragan

Recycle Calendar 2024-2025

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Zone 1: Jurien Bay town-site properties on ocean side of Bashford Street

Zone 2: Cervantes, Badgingarra, Jurien townsite, East and South Side of Bashford Street, Marine Fields, Hill River

Zone 3: Altamare, Jurien Bay Heights



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 excluding aerosol cans
- Liquid Paperboard - Milk, juice and laundry detergent cartons.

There will be changes to the service over the Christmas Period, will advise closer to date.

FESTIVAL OF SMALL HALLS OPENS IN BADGINGARRA

This month Badgingarra was chosen as THE location for the opening night of the Festival of Small Halls 2024 Australian Winter Tour.

The Festival of Small Halls is a series of tours that takes the best folk and contemporary acoustic artists performing at Australia's large music festivals and sends them 'on the road' to small halls in communities all over Australia. The artist line-up includes at least one Australian musical artist and one international touring artist, and ideally, an artist from the host community.

The Badgy show was opened by local talent Sophie Maddock, who has a background in music theatre, including performing in stage shows *Wicked* and *Kinky Boots*. Then the enthusiastic audience of over 120 people was treated to a swag of songs 'about life' written and performed by musician and folk-pop-punk poet Alana Wilkinson, whose stories roused much laughter and nods of understanding. The final performance was by talented indie-pop virtuoso Jed Parsons from New Zealand, before all three artists wound up the night with an impromptu rendition of Kiki Dee's "You make me feel like dancing". Mention must also be made of the fantastic catering provided throughout the evening by The Fire Truck Pizzeria.

Congratulations to Anne Park and the Badgingarra Community Association for their foresight in applying to host the Festival of Small Halls WA tour, and on winning a Shire of Dandaragan grant to support an evening of professional entertainment for the local community. What a great night!



TURQUOISE COAST FESTIVAL

The Jurien Bay Progress Association is launching a new community festival in Jurien Bay on the weekend of 23 and 24 November, to be known as the '**Turquoise Coast Festival**'.

With the aim of bringing economic benefits to the local business community, highlighting local food and beverage producers from across the shire, and promoting local entertainers, the **Turquoise Coast Festival** will have something of interest for EVERYONE!

A range of family focused activities will take place from 8am on Saturday morning, with entertainment, activities, games for all ages and displays throughout the day, culminating in vibrant musical entertainment and food vans into the evening. Sunday will see an extravaganza market, with lots of opportunity to purchase great local produce and gifts prior to Christmas.

Some grant funds, sponsorships and donations have already been secured from Tourism WA, the Shire of Dandaragan, Jurien Bay Chamber of Commerce, Meers IGA Jurien Bay, Jurien Bay Mitel Apartments and the Jurien Bay Progress Association. Thank you to these early contributors.

Other interested businesses, corporations, market stall owners, food van vendors and local community groups are encouraged to contact Festival co-ordinator Tony O’Gorman to register support and / or interest to be involved in hosting a display or activity at the event. Email Tony on turquoisecoastfest@gmail.com or call 0407 799 620.

EVENTS COMING SOON

Event / Host	Date	Location / Info / Bookings
Ladies Long Table Lunch – Wheatbelt Wolba Wolba Heritage Committee	Saturday 21 September 11 am – 4 pm	Aggies Cottage / Dandaragan Britt Brown via Facebook: Ladies Long Table Lunch - WHEATBELT
Ladies Long Table Lunch – Community Sundowner Sponsored by Badgingarra / Dandaragan Nutrien Ag Solutions	Saturday 21 September 4 pm – 9 pm	Aggies Cottage / Dandaragan Britt Brown via Facebook: Ladies Long Table Lunch - WHEATBELT
Badgingarra Sheep Dog Trails Badgingarra Community Association	Saturday 28 September	Badgingarra Community Centre – Oval badgingarrasecretary@gmail.com Emily Onn 0406 660 168
Bidgerabbie Family Day Dandaragan Heritage and Cultural Centre Committee	Sunday 6 October	Bidgerabbie Farm Rose Glasfurd 0427 512 014
Wildflower Festival of Running	Saturday 16 th November – Pinnacles Desert Run Sunday 17 th November – Turquoise Coast Run	Cervantes / Jurien Bay Stephen Doyle 0411 133 954 allbarnone@bigpond.com
Turquoise Coast Festival Jurien Bay Progress Association	Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 November	Jurien Bay Foreshore turquoisecoastfest@gmail.com Tony O’Gorman 0407 799 620

BUSINESS GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

For all grant opportunities for businesses, please contact Tricia Slee at the Shire office: edm@dandaragan.wa.gov.au or call 9652 0800.

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