

SHIRE MATTERS

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Save
The Date

SPRAY THE GREY - YOUTH FESTIVAL

The Spray the Grey Youth Festival will be held on 10 April 2024 at Fauntleroy Park, Jurien Bay from 11am-4pm. It will be a fun filled day with free entertainment and amusements.

Stay tuned for further information.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARDS



Cr Tony O'Gorman
Ph. 0407 799 620

WELCOME TO 2024

2024 has hit with a bang as we are already into February. I hope that everyone had a great break and are back refreshed and ready for another busy year across the Shire.

Jurien Bay and Cervantes were extremely busy during December and January with all accommodation options booked out and lots of tourists in the towns. Overflow camping was open in both towns to cater for those that missed out on booking the caravan parks or couldn't get a spot at Sandy Cape or the other off grid options so keenly sought after in our region.

The towns of Badgingarra and Dandaragan were hopefully a bit quieter allowing those in our primary producer industry to avail themselves of a well earned opportunity for a break following a tough harvest season. There is still a demand for tourism in those towns and the staff at our Turquoise Coast Visitor Centre diligently ensure that visitors to our region receive comprehensive information, directing them towards the inland towns whenever possible.



This year we were emboldened to reinvent the awards somewhat and try make it a more family friendly event. With the feedback we received on the night the staff certainly read the community correctly. We had the biggest turn out at the awards ceremony in the past decade.

A new venue was chosen, and two new awards were instigated. The venue on Fauntleroy Park provided the almost perfect setting for the event. Only discounted slightly by the very strong wind that persisted throughout the event. This setback was more than compensated for with the great entertainment from EverGrace, who provided a great selection of Country and Rock classics from across the years.

Food was sponsored by Iluka Resources and was cooked by the Shire CEO Brent Bailey. He is pretty handy with a barbecue and a set of tongs. A total of 150 were catered for on the night. The Community Development team did a great job providing a new experience for everyone.

The evening of course is to recognise those people and organisations across our Shire that give freely of their time and their experience to make our community the great place it is to live.

We had nominations from Emergency Service Organisations, without whom we could not feel safe in our everyday life; Community Organisations that provide events and facilities across the Shire and our many sporting groups that ensure our community is active and engaged in physical activity right across the year.

We acknowledge and thank each and every person from those groups for their dedication and service to our community.

This year we included two additional categories - The Service to Club, Community or Organisations and The Club, Community Group or Association of the Year.

Two nominations were received for Service to Club and a total of four for the Club, Community Group or Organisation which indicates there is strong support for these categories so they will be continued in future years.

Outstanding Young Citizen of the Year received only one nomination this year and it was a well deserved win for Dylan Forbes of Badgingarra.

Dylan arrived to the area ten years ago and he has immersed himself in the community and been part of just about everything that happens in Badgingarra. He also volunteered to help pack up after the awards event.

There was a total of five nominees for **Citizen of the Year**.

Amanda Wallis for her work with the CWA and developing the Memory Café.

Gael Palmer for her contribution to the Cervantes Community, the Cervantes Art Festival, Historical Society and the Men's Shed.

Christine (Chrissy) Hue for her long-term involvement with Jurien Bay Volunteer Marine Rescue in various roles including being the Current Commander.

Jade Williams for being instrumental in re-establishing the Badgingarra Playgroup and integrating Playgroup activities with other organisations and events in Badgingarra. As well as being involved in the Badgingarra Community Association.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Justin Lofthouse for his involvement across a number of organisations in Dandaragan particularly the Dandaragan Community Recreation Club.

CLUB, COMMUNITY GROUP or ASSOCIATION AWARD SERVICE TO CLUB

Peter McIndoe for his contributions to the Jurien Bay Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service and his long-term commitment to that organisation.

Graham Lethlean for his extensive contributions to the Badgingarra Community Association.

CLUB, COMMUNITY GROUP OR ASSOCIATION OF THE YEAR

Jurien Bay Football Club for the club's contribution to the Jurien Bay community through the provision of not only football but also hockey and netball.

Badgingarra Community Association for its contribution to the Badgingarra community through the provision of many events and initiatives across the town.

Badgingarra Playgroup for the social development of the towns pre-school aged country kids.

Cervantes Community Men's Shed for their contribution to the well being of individuals and other community groups around the town.

All of these nominees are worthy recipients of each of the awards but unfortunately the Councillors had to choose one from each category. This is done independently of each other and is based on a marking matrix being completed by each Councillor and then collated by the administration staff to decide the winners.

2023 Award Recipients

Young Citizen of the year - Dylan Forbes

Citizen of the Year - Jade Williams

Service to Club - Graham Lethlean

Club Community Group or Association - Badgingarra Community Association.

Congratulations to all the nominees and the winners.



Council Meeting

The next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held on Thursday, 28 March 2024, at the Council Chambers, Jurien Bay, commencing at 4:00pm. Members of the public are welcome and encouraged to attend.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC ADVERTISEMENT OF PLANNING PROPOSAL

Notice is hereby given that the Shire of Dandaragan has received a development application from the Sandpiper Bar and Grill to develop land for the following purpose and public comments are invited.



Property - Sandpiper Street Road Reserve, Jurien Bay

Proposal - To develop an outdoor eating facility (alfresco dining) as an extension of the existing restaurant on Lot 672 (No.12) Roberts Street, Jurien Bay.

Details of the proposal are available to the public at the Shire Administration Centre, 69 Bashford Street, Jurien Bay or are available for download on 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 Wednesday 6th March 2024.

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

VALE MICHAEL RUSSELL

The Shire would like to extend our deepest sympathies to the family of Michael (Mickey) Russell. Mickey was a dynamic local Councillor and was passionate about his town of Cervantes. First elected to Council on May 1, 1999, he served the community as a Councillor for 14 years until 2013. In June 2013, Mickey received a Certificate of Appreciation from the Sri Chinmoy Oneness-Home Peace Run organisation in recognition of his longstanding service to the community, particularly his passion for Cervantes Memorial Park.

Throughout his tenure, Mickey tirelessly served all four towns and their residents, contributing to various committees such as ratepayers, recreation centres, Sport & Recreation, and the Maritime Advisory Group. His commitment extended to representing the Shire at football finals, Leeuwin scholarship events, school presentations, and serving as the President of Anzac Services. Mickey will be fondly remembered by his community and Council colleagues.



COMMUNITY UPDATES

Exciting news! The Shire of Dandaragan received grant funding last year for our Every Club – Club Connect program, which provides free mentorship sessions with Linkwest. These sessions are tailored for both individuals and community groups.

Whether you are involved in a community group, club or an individual member, this is your opportunity for personalised mentorship and valuable insights. Engage in discussions on a wide range of topics, including roles and responsibilities of a committee, governance, strategic planning, risks, and finance. You do not have to be on the committee to access these sessions.

Register your spot now by contacting the Community Development Team on 9652 0800 or cdo@dandaragan.wa.gov.au

Thank you to the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries for funding these sessions.

Mentorship Sessions

We have secured mentoring sessions for our local sporting and recreation clubs on roles and responsibilities in committees, governance, strategic planning, risks, and finance.

The mentoring sessions will be delivered online by Linkwest in an hour-long session. If your club is interested in accessing one of the sessions, please contact cdo@dandaragan.wa.gov.au to secure your spot.

These are the proposed times, if they do not suit your club, please let us know and we will do our best to accommodate with your requested time.

Wednesday, 28 February

10.00am - 11.00am
or 11.00am - 12.00pm

Tuesday 2 April

1.00pm - 2.00pm
or 2.00pm - 3.00pm

Wednesday 6 March

10.00am - 11.00am
or 11.00am - 12.00pm

Wednesday 29 May

1.00pm - 2.00pm
or 2.00pm - 3.00pm



Shire of Dandaragan Grant Information Session - Jurien Bay

Are you considering applying for the 2024/25 Shire of Dandaragan Grant Round? Join the Community Development and Economic Development Team to understand the application processes, guidelines and discuss project ideas.

Date: Monday 26 February 2024

Location: Education & Conference Centre, Jurien Bay
WA 6516

Time: 5:30pm - 6:30pm

Don't miss out on the chance to discuss your ideas and questions with Shire Officers.

To register for this event, please contact the office on 9652 0800 or cdo@dandaragan.wa.gov.au



Shire of Dandaragan Grant Information Session - Badgingarra

Are you considering applying for the 2024/25 Shire of Dandaragan Grant Round? Join the Community Development and Economic Development Team to understand the application processes, guidelines and discuss project ideas.

Date: Tuesday 27 February 2024

Location: Badgingarra Community Centre, Badgingarra
WA 6521

Time: 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Don't miss out on the chance to discuss your ideas or questions with Shire Officers.

To register for this event, please contact the office on 9652 0800 or cdo@dandaragan.wa.gov.au





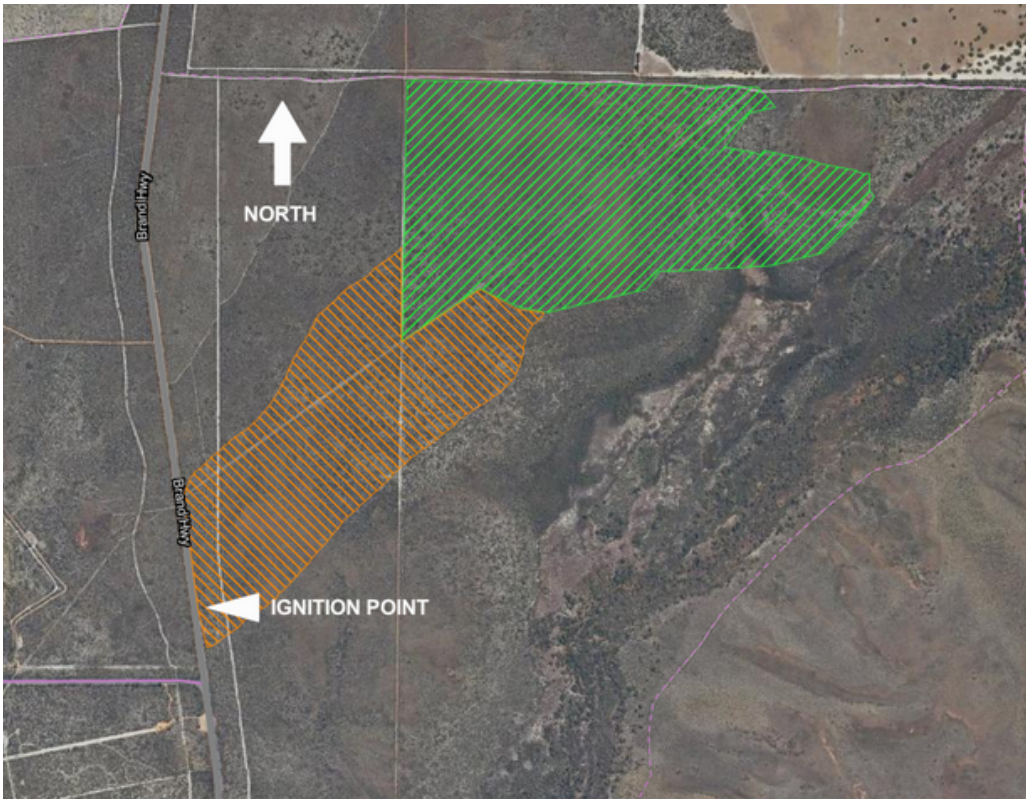
BUSHFIRE MITIGATION WORKS PROVE TO BE A SOUND INVESTMENT

On Monday 22 January 2024, around 2:30pm, a 000 call was received reporting a fire on the east side of Brand Highway near the entrance to the Tronox Minesite and Mullering Road.

Upon arrival, responders found a fire burning within the road reserve and further into the Mullering Brook UCL Reserve. The fire was burning in 25+ year old banksia woodland, heading in a north easterly direction, fanned by a moderate to strong south westerly wind and fueled by a dense structure of vegetation in its path.

A recent hazard reduction burn further north-east of the fire was carried out by volunteer fire brigades in September 2023. This previous burn was quickly established as the control line, as machinery was up to an hour away which limited the opportunity to attack the fire in a more traditional, direct attack method. Tied in with an effective backburn adjacent to the previously burnt area, firefighters were able to contain the fire within the Reserve, preventing what could have developed into a large, uncontrollable wildfire. This incident highlights the importance of strategic mitigation burns and their impact at local brigade levels.

The image below illustrates the 80-hectare hazard reduction burn in green and shows the January fire shape in red (prior to any backburning and burn consolidation occurred).



The Shire has once again been awarded funding through the State-funded Mitigation Activities Fund Grants Program.

\$172,000 will be spent on projects that reduce bushfire risk across Shire managed land and reserves. Treatments funded include vegetation mulching, hazard reduction burning, fire break creation, enhancement, and maintenance, among others.

These works are predominantly planned in areas where properties and infrastructure are identified as being susceptible to the threat of bushfire.

Disaster resilience studies across Australia show that for every dollar spent on disaster and natural hazard risk reduction, there is an estimated \$9.60 return on investment; a fact which would almost prove true to the nearest dollar in the case above, if forecasted fire shape and intensity predictions were given the opportunity.

REQUEST FOR TENDER | NO. 2/2023 - CLEANING CONTRACT - JURIEBAY, CERVANTES AND SANDY CAPE.

The Shire of Dandaragan is seeking the services of a suitably qualified contractor or contractors for the cleaning of facilities such as public toilets and BBQs in Jurien Bay, Cervantes and Sandy Cape Recreational Camping Ground.

A tender information package which includes lodgement details is available upon request from the Executive Secretary by phoning 9652 0800, or by emailing es@dandaragan.wa.gov.au.

Please refer to the tender package for full details and if further information is required, please contact the Shire's Principal Environmental Health and Regulatory Officer, Trinity Burlas by phoning 9652 0800, or by emailing peho@dandaragan.wa.gov.au.

Tenders will close at 4:00pm on Friday, 1 March 2024. Interested parties can attend the Tender Opening at 4:05pm this same day.

Canvassing of any Shire of Dandaragan Councillors or staff will disqualify your tender from the process.

Brent Bailey
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



CROP SWAP

Take some produce and return with some produce

Jurien Bay Library
Monday-Friday, 9am-4pm



Anytime you have extra produce such as homegrown vegetables, fruit, herbs, flowers, plants, seedlings or seeds, drop them in the white wire baskets (next to the free book exchange)

A free community initiative for all ages and abilities

Libraries - More than just books



CERVANTES
2 Kington St
9652 7647
cervanteslibrary@dandaragan.wa.gov.au

JURIEBAY
67 Basford St
9652 0810
jurienbay@dandaragan.wa.gov.au

BADGINGARRA
Cor of Heath West Rd & Meagher Dr
9652 9233
badgingarralibrary@westnet.com.au

DANDARAGAN
3465 Dandaragan Rd
9651 4071
dandaraganlibrary@dandaragan.wa.gov.au

ONLINE LIBRARY SERVICES

Are you interested in discovering how to utilise your device and library membership to borrow books, graphic novels, movies and more at no cost?

Speak to your local Library Officers for more information.



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Economic Development

News and Opportunities



SHIRE OF DANDARAGAN PROPERTIES FOR SALE

The Shire of Dandaragan is offering three of its staff housing properties in Dandaragan for sale. The Shire is very aware of the difficulty the shortage of key worker housing is having on businesses and workers in our communities. In response to this challenge, the Shire has decided to release some of its unutilised staff housing stock to create opportunities for local small businesses and local workers to invest in local housing.

When the three properties are sold, the Shire will take the opportunity to renew its staff housing inventory, which will add further investment into local housing stocks within the Dandaragan townsite. We have done this previously with the development of a GROH residence in Harris Street in Dandaragan, to help support the Dandaragan community to have the necessary housing to retain teachers in the town.

Interested investors should contact Kris Teakle at Elders Real Estate for further details on the properties. Phone 0409 686 626, or email kris.teakle@elders.com.au

REAL ESTATE



Dandaragan Road, Dandaragan



Unique Investment Opportunities

1. 3486 Dandaragan Road boasts two brick and tile two bedroom, one bathroom air conditioned duplexes with carport on 1000sqm
2. 3490 Dandaragan Road boasts two brick and tile three bedroom, one bathroom air conditioned duplexes with secure garage on 1056sqm
3. 3494 Dandaragan Rd is enhanced by a three bedroom, one bathroom transportable residence, enclosed shed and vacant land adjoining on the one title presenting in pristine condition on 1322sqm

Walking distance to all amenities these three properties will impress, view by appointment.



Kris Teakle 0409 686 626
Elders WA Rural & Metro
eldersrealestate.com.au/300P138697

For Sale
Expressions of Interest

OPENING SOON – SHIRE OF DANDARAGAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT

The Economic Development Grant is a recent initiative that provides grant funding to support locally driven projects that will contribute to economic growth in the Shire of Dandaragan.

Grants of \$5,000 and up to \$30,000 are available for individual projects that promote increased jobs and sustainable workforce solutions, increased major events and tourist visitation, productivity enhancements, business skills and building the capability of business, as well as stimulating new investment and industry growth, value adding and diversification of primary production in the Shire of Dandaragan.

Delivered locally by the Shire of Dandaragan, it is an annual competitive grants program where the successful recipients are required to make a co-contribution of not less than 50% of the total project costs.

Applications open on 1 March 2024, and close on 30 April 2024. Winners will be announced in July. To register your interest to receive the grant guidelines and an application form, please email edm@dandaragan.wa.gov.au

WHEATBELT DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

The next round of the Wheatbelt Regional Economic Development (RED) Grants will open in May 2024. Businesses can apply for up to \$250,000, on a 50% co-contribution basis, to support projects that will bring economic benefits to communities in the Wheatbelt region.

Get ahead of the pack now, by honing your grant writing skills. View the Tara Whitney RED Grant writing video series on YouTube or Vimeo.

FREE BUSINESS MARKETING SKILLS TRAINING WORKSHOPS

The Shire of Dandaragan is hosting two business skills workshops – Introduction to Canva and Introduction to Mailchimp. These free platforms can help you to take marketing your products and services to a new level.

The workshops are being held in our Conference and Education Centre in Jurien Bay. Both workshops are being provided free of charge to local business owners, staff and volunteers.

Please book NOW via Eventbrite to avoid disappointment. Look for: Shire of Dandaragan Events, Jurien Bay:

Canva Introduction	10am Wednesday 28 Feb
Mailchimp Introduction	6pm Wednesday 28 Feb
Mailchimp Introduction	10am Thursday 29 Feb
Canva Introduction	6pm Thursday 29th Feb

INDUSTRY GROWTH PROGRAMS OPEN FOR BUSINESS

The Industry Growth Program will support innovative small and medium enterprises undertaking commercialisation and/or growth projects within the National Reconstruction Fund (NRF) priority areas.

Stage 1 of the program invites start-ups and innovative small-to-medium businesses to apply for expert advice to support getting their good ideas to market. Stage 1 allows SMEs to receive advice from a various Industry Growth Program Advisers on:

- commercialisation and growth strategies
- funding avenues
- market testing
- business models
- building networks.

Participating businesses will have access to Advisory Services to help them overcome significant challenges that may be associated with their projects.

Stage 2 will focus on grant funding for SMEs who are operating in priority areas identified under the National Reconstruction Fund (www.nrf.gov.au). These include: Agriculture, forestry and fisheries; Resources; and, Renewables and low emission technologies. Contact your AusIndustry Regional Manager to find out more.

You will be connected to an Industry Growth Program Adviser who will provide tailored advice to support your commercialisation and/or growth project. Once you have received this advice, you may also be able to apply for:

- grants of \$50,000 to \$250,000 to support early-stage commercialisation projects
- grants of \$100,000 to \$5 million for commercialisation and growth projects.

More information from: www.business.gov.au/grants-and-programs/industrygrowth

WELCOME TO THESE NEW BUSINESSES IN THE SHIRE

Ruby Repairs Pty Ltd. Specialising in earthmoving equipment and air conditioning. Contact shaun@rubyrepairs.com.au or 0421 063 371. Jurien Bay.

Jurien Bay Quality Meats 'Pleased to Meat You With Meat To Please You'
David Cornford and Em Persson 0475 279 435 or 0402 191 553, Jurien Bay. jurienbayqualitymeat@gmail.com

NEW INDUSTRIES FUND: COMMERCIALISATION BRIDGE GRANT

The Commercialisation Bridge Grant (CBG) is a competitive Western Australian government grant, funded through the \$25.8 million New Industries Fund which sits under the Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation (JTSI).

Launching for the first time in 2023-24, the CBG has been designed to assist WA innovators in bridging the gap - the so-called 'Valley of Death' - between a commercialised innovation and a sustainable, scalable business, creating more jobs and economic diversification for Western Australia.

Applications for the 2023/24 Commercialisation Bridge Grant have now opened and will remain open all year on the Good Grants platform. The next application round closes on 4 April 2024.

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Grant Name	Grantor	Focus	Min / Max Grant	Closes
Farm Household Allowance Program	Services Australia	A payment for farming families in financial hardship	Case by case basis.	Ongoing.
Rebates to Improve Digital Connectivity for Farmers	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, and the Arts	A rebate of up to \$30,000 to cover up to 50% of the cost of eligible digital farming technology.	\$3,000 - \$30,000	31 May 2024 AEST
Financial Support to Hire an Apprentice	The Australian Apprenticeships Incentive System	Business and Industry	Variable	Ongoing
Funding for Major Events that Promote Tourism	Tourism WA	Tourism / Economic Development	Variable	12 months prior to proposed event

Any questions or suggestions or updates, please email edm@danddaragan.wa.gov.au

EXPIRED MARINE FLARES

Expired flares & EPIRBs will now be accepted for collection at the Jurien Bay Landfill Facility office during opening hours, Monday to Sunday 1:00pm to 5:00pm.

Please note that Marine Sea and Rescue Jurien Bay can no longer accept expired flares/EPIRBs.



CERVANTES TV SIGNAL ISSUE

The Shire of Dandaragan acknowledges the ongoing TV signal challenges affecting Cervantes. At certain times of year, particularly when weather conditions are hot, dry and there is low humidity, the Cervantes tower picks up interference from the Bunbury signal which has been allocated the same frequency to rebroadcast free to air tv on. You may have experienced similar interference in your car radio from time to time when multiple radio stations share a frequency and you are travelling at the edges of their rebroadcast range.

Regrettably, there is no feasible workaround for these intermittent signal interruptions on the rebroadcast service despite our technician's best efforts and extensive investigations. At the household level, local residents seeking a better viewing experience can access free to air digital TV via the VAST satellite service or via a suitable NBN internet connection and Smart TV. These alternatives provide the full suite of channels and they avoid the retransmission interference experienced in Cervantes from time to time.

INSPIRE INCLUSION

International Women's Day



Friday, 8 March 2024
10.00am - 12.00pm

Join us for brunch
Aggie's Cottage
365 Badgingarra Road
Dandaragan WA 6507

Music by Ruby Miguel | Guest Speaker Caroline Ashby

**Transport is available for Jurlen Bay and Cervantes for
this event, depending on numbers.**

**To register for this free event and transportation, please
contact the Community Development Team at
9652 0800 or council@dandaragan.wa.gov.au**

Places are limited

