

SHIRE MATTERS

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Cr Tony O'Gorman

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Meadows Road Bushfire

Summer has hit us with a bang, with a massive bushfire threatening the shack communities at Wedge Island, Grey, and the town of Cervantes.

The fire, sparked by a vehicle crash on Monday, November 25, at Meadows Road, escalated rapidly due to shifting winds and was handed over to DFES the same day

Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA), Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) and the Shire fought the fire using water bombers, helitankers, and ground crews, while various departments worked to quickly restore essential services afterward.

As well as fighting the fire, there were food, accommodation, evacuations, community communications and media to be managed. This was all done very professionally by the operatives from the three organisations.

The fire was finally contained and brought under control by the Friday afternoon.

The Minister for Emergency Services, Hon. Stephen Dawson MLC, and Commissioner Darren Klemm visited to witness the

efforts of volunteers and firefighters in controlling the massive fire.

While there was a huge area of our Shire scarred by the fire, luckily there was minimal damage to infrastructure and the majority of services were restored by the end of the weekend.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers, career people and the Shire staff for their fantastic work in dealing with this fire which has been one of the biggest we have seen in this area for many years.

I would also like to thank the many residents that put their fire plans into action and all those people that offered assistance during this fire emergency.

Turquoise Coast Festival

After a five-year hiatus, the Indian Ocean Festival now rebranded as the Turquoise Coast Festival was staged at Fauntleroy Park and Dobbryn Park in Jurien Bay.

The festival featured old favourites like the Blessing of the Fleet, the Rope Coiling Competition, market stalls, food vans, and live music by local bands, including Goodstock.

The Festival had many sponsors from state government through Tourism WA, Wheatbelt Development Commission, Shire of Dandaragan, Image Resources sponsored the Kids Zone Marquee, IGA Jurien Bay, Jurien Bay Chamber of Commerce, Jurien Bay Progress Association who also organised the festival, Moora Toyota, Rumbold Ford, Tronox and many small businesses in Jurien Bay that supported the festival with donations of prizes.

The organising committee are very pleased with the way the return of the festival was greeted and look forward to organising the 2025 event.

Sad News

Unfortunately, the Shire lost one of its pioneers with the passing of David Cook. David was the driving force behind the Dandaragan Organic Beef and Lamb farm in Dandaragan.

David started raising organic beef more than twenty years ago and had a fabulous vision of raising cattle for consumption without the use of hormones or other chemicals. David built the brand and the organisation to be one of the leading organic businesses in the state if not the country.

David's loss is one that will be felt far and wide and I offer the condolences from the Shire to his family and friends. Vale David Cook.

Festive Season

The holiday season, often called the "silly season," is a wonderful time to celebrate with family and friends. For some, it marks the birth of Jesus Christ; for others, it's simply a holiday. Regardless of its meaning to you, it's a season to prioritise loved ones and check in on friends. However, it's also a time to stay vigilant on the roads. Let's all drive safely and make the most of this festive season.

Have a merry and safe Christmas and a happy new year.



Council Meeting

The next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held on Thursday, 19 December 2024, at the Jurien Bay Council Chambers, commencing at 4:00pm. Members of the public are welcome and encouraged to attend.

The first Ordinary Council Meeting in 2025, will be held on Thursday, 27 February 2025, at the Jurien Bay Council Chambers, commencing at 4:00pm. Members of the public are welcome and encouraged to attend.



TOWN PLAN

DECEMBER FEATURED TOWN - JURIEN BAY

We are showcasing the four town plans from our recently adopted Council Plan; Jurien Bay is December's feature town.

PLANNING

- Review the Jurien Bay Foreshore Master Plan.
- Complete the Jurien Bay Recreation Precinct Plan.
- Review the Environmental Management Plan for the Jurien Bay Landfill site.
- Prepare a long-term caravan park and camping site strategy, to identify new opportunities and promote sustainable local investment.

DELIVERY

- Commence implementation of the Jurien Bay CBD Masterplan, and construct new public amenities in the CBD area.
- Begin construction of the east / west runway.
- Develop a cycle and pedestrian pathway between the Coalseam Industrial area and Jurien Bay Heights.
- Implement camp site improvements and environmental rehabilitation projects at Sandy Cape.

ADVOCACY

- Promote the development of key tourist sites including Jurien Bay Marina, former APEX camp, Roberts St.
- Advocate for a resolution to the sea wrack ingress and support the development of the southern commercial precinct of the Jurien Bay Boat Harbour.
- Advocate for continued expansion of health services and the placement of a full-time local community paramedic.

SENIORS WEEK 2024

Seniors Week provided a wonderful opportunity for our seniors to connect with primary-aged students across the Shire. This intergenerational interaction fostered learning, and joy, bridging the gap between generations. It was a meaningful experience that strengthened community bonds and enriched both groups. Badgingarra Primary School had 6 seniors attend, who participated in a tour of the school, led by their buddy, followed by afternoon tea, games, and drawings. Cervantes Primary School had 16 seniors attend, who ran small activities for the children to engage in and learn from. Activities included learning how to recycle, woodworking, playing music, and much more. Jurien Bay District High School had 5 seniors attend, who participated in the students knitting / crocheting project. The ongoing project involves each person knitting or crocheting a square and at the end of the year, combine them all to create a large blanket.



EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST NOW OPEN FOR DANDARAGAN RECREATION PRECINCT WORKING GROUP

In October 2024, Shire of Dandaragan Council endorsed the nominations for the Dandaragan Recreation Precinct Working Group to be advertised.

The objectives of the Working Group are to provide advice and recommendation to Council on the design development and implementation of the Precinct Masterplan including community, cultural, recreational and event infrastructure assets; and to draw on local knowledge and enhance community voice in decision-making processes and outcomes related to the development and implementation of the masterplan.

If you are interested in being part of Dandaragan Recreation Precinct Working Group, please email your Nomination Form to council@dandaragan.wa.gov.au or return to the Shire Administration Centre by 4pm Sunday 15 December 2024.

Documents and forms are available by clicking on the link below.

<https://engage.dandaragan.wa.gov.au/drpwg>

The Terms of Reference (TOR) will set out the operating guidelines for the Dandaragan Recreation Precinct Working Group and include the purpose, structure and responsibilities of the group's members.

Nominations will be considered by the CEO and Councillor Chair of the Working Group.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

FOOD TRUCKS ♦ STALL HOLDERS

We are seeking food trucks and market stalls to join the
Turquoise Coast Youth Festival (formerly Spray the Grey Youth Festival)

16 APRIL 2025

FAUNTLEROY PARK, JURIE BAY

Don't miss your chance to be a part of this exciting event!

Email
council@dandaragan.wa.gov.au or
call (08)9652 0800



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEWS

Shire of Dandaragan - Meadows Road Bushfire

Thank you to all the local businesses that supported the service and volunteer fire fighters, shire and government agency staff in some way throughout the bush fire emergency and mop up process.

Shire staff are currently visiting and speaking with local businesses impacted by the bush fire emergency. If you have feedback or require support, please contact the following shire staff on 9652 0800 or the email below, for information and available services:

- Environmental Health
peho@dandaragan.wa.gov.au
- Community Services
mccs@dandaragan.wa.gov.au
- Economic Development
edm@dandaragan.wa.gov.au
- Infrastructure
cis@dandaragan.wa.gov.au



Short-Term Rental Accommodation

(STRA) Register Deadline 31 December 2024

Under the Short-Term Rental Accommodation Act 2024, all providers of STRA within Western Australia, both hosted and un-hosted, will be required to register their property by 1 January 2025. STRA refers to the practice of renting out a property (or part of a property) for a relatively short period of time, usually on a nightly or weekly basis.

Fees apply to registration. From 2 December 2024, registrations will be subject to a \$250 application fee. The fee to renew every 12 months is \$100. Visit the Department of Energy, Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety (DEMIRS) website for information and to register.

Events Support Economic Benefits for Local Businesses

Congratulations to the three very successful events held across the Shire in the past month. The Wildflower Festival of Running, the inaugural Turquoise Coast Festival and the annual Badgingarra Christmas Markets.

Each of these events attracted local community members as well as visitors from outside of the Shire to spend in our local towns. Patrons of each of the events booked local accommodation, visited hospitality venues and engaged in local tourist activities, adding to the economic and social fabric of our communities.

Please contact us if you are planning an event for 2025 and would like information about grant opportunities and event management procedures.

For event organisers, wherever possible, please buy local and support the businesses in your town and Shire that support our communities, day in and day out.

Christmas is also a perfect time to buy from local artisans, producers and retailers. Merry Christmas to all Shire residents and businesses.

Tricia Slee, Economic Development Manager



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