

# SHIRE MATTERS



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NEW EAST WEST RUNWAY UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT JURIEN BAY AIRPORT

# A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Cr Tony O'Gorman  
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## Talking Rubbish

On occasion I have been accused of talking rubbish, well this month I am literally talking rubbish to you, specifically recycling rubbish.

Regularly reports come back to Council from residents that are sceptical of the Shire's recycling efforts and saying that it is a waste of time because everything ends up in landfill anyway. The following information has been provided to me by Julie, one of our diligent Shire staff that deals with these issues on a regular basis.

Avon Waste run a truck out from its Gingin depot on a Monday which stays overnight in Jurien Bay on both Monday and Tuesday nights, then undertakes the town (Cervantes/Jurien Bay/Marine Fields) recycling on Tuesday and Wednesday (Alta Mare and Jurien Heights; and including Leeman and Greenhead for the Shire of Coorow)

All recyclable waste is then transported back to Avon waste's Gingin depot and loaded into a compactor trailer and taken through to the Veolia Resource Recovery Centre in Bibra Lake.

There are virtual tours of the Bibra Lake facility if any members of the public are interested.

The Shire also recycles green waste which is stockpiled, mulched, and used in Shire gardens annually. Oil, deep cell batteries, metal, and tyres are stockpiled and are collected throughout the year through various contractors engaged by the Shire, rebates are paid to the Shire based on the volume of waste collected.

Avon Waste have advised that they often hear that recycling ends up in landfill, it is commonly brought up in a number of Shires they service. They have stated this is simply false as they work closely with all Shires to make sure they provide additional staff and trucks to complete recycling runs, which in turn keeps these waste streams out of landfill.

Our contact at Avon Waste, Mark Palumbo, is happy to have a conversation with any resident that would like to hear from them directly regarding our recycling procedures.

I urge all residents to continue to separate your waste, wash glass and plastics, collapse cardboard to be as flat as possible and place these in your yellow top bin. The less that goes to landfill the better for our environment.

I hope this answers some of the questions that residents have about the Shire's recycling endeavours to ensure that as little waste as possible ends up in landfill.



## Jurien Bay Marina Update

At the May budget the state government committed \$17.5 million to construct a northern groyne to eliminate the risk of sea grass entering the marina during winter storms.

The budget allocation follows many hours of studies and lobbying by various members of Council over many years. I have sought clarification from the Minister's office on the timetable for the construction of the northern groyne. The following information has been provided to me this week.

Currently detail engineering design plans are being undertaken, as up until now, only concept design plans have been developed in consultation with the community and the Council.

Following the detailed engineering plans getting signed off, there will be a tender process to find the preferred contractor. It is expected that the tender will be let in 2025. It is expected that the project will be a four-year project from design to construction.





## Beach Access

Over many years the Shire has been asked to provide a beach mat to assist people with limited abilities and the elderly to access swimming at the town beach adjacent to the jetty.

This has been investigated many times and an alternate option was constructed at the marina. The marina limited abilities access is a concrete ramp with disability parking located close to the ramp. This facility is used by some in the community and tourists alike.

Shire officers have met recently with members of the CWA and the Central West Coast Seniors Group to again discuss the possibilities of a beach access mat in the vicinity of the town jetty or close to that area.

Following the above meeting the officers have contacted a number of other Council's that have beach mats installed on some of their beaches. The information back from those Councils is that the gradient needs to be 1:14. Which means that for every one metre of rise (vertical height) there needs to be fourteen metres horizontally.

The gradients in the vicinity of the jetty are greater than the specification, so that area is not suitable for installation of a beach access mat. Coastal erosion is another factor to be taken into account when considering installation of a beach access mat. As we can all see there is regular movement of coastline along the foreshore in Jurien Bay.

The Shire is continuing to look at possible sites for the installation of a beach access mat. Currently the marina appears to be the only suitable site with appropriate gradient and stable coastline to enable installation of a beach access mat.

Water quality of course is an issue during the winter months.

This is not a factor during the summer period, so may be considered in consultation with the stakeholders. Shire officers are continuing their negotiations with the stakeholder groups.

There is an option to use a beach wheelchair which is available for booking through the CRC, this chair can be used on any of our beaches. The possibility of sourcing beach walkers to assist elderly people to access the ocean is a possibility.



## Jurien Bay Medical Centre

We are happy to announce that Dr. Alan has now begun working in Jurien, bringing the total to three doctors practicing at our medical centre.

We warmly welcome our new doctors to town!

## Winter Sports Season

Congratulations to the Dandaragan Saints on winning the 2024 CMCFL football grand final against Jurien Bay Bulldogs. I believe it has been seventeen years since the Saints last won the premiership. A quick look at the final score reflects the dominance of the Saints. A great feat for such a small town.

Congratulations also to the Tigersharks Juniors beating the Bullpups in their grand final. Jurien Bay beat the Mavericks in the junior Netball Final. A reserves was won by the Tigersharks. Reserves Football grand final saw the Bulldogs triumph over the Tigersharks.

Another congratulations to the Cervantes Tiger Sharks hockey team for their win 2-0 win over the Moora Mavericks.

Congratulations to all the teams for participating and especially to the winners of all the grand finals.

A huge thank you to the many volunteers who show up week after week to support their teams and get them through challenging competitions. Its great to see such an active sporting community across our Shire.

# Council Meeting

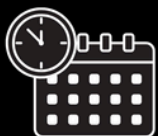
The next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held on Thursday, 24 October 2024, at the Jurien Bay Council Chambers, commencing at 11:00am. Members of the public are welcome and encouraged to attend.



The Public Arts Committee is currently seeking expressions of interest for artists interested in delivering workshops within the Shire of Dandaragan. We are seeking talented workshop facilitators who can bring creative and engaging sessions to the community. If you or someone you know would be a great fit for this opportunity, please submit your name, business name, address, and contact details to [council@dandaragan.wa.gov.au](mailto:council@dandaragan.wa.gov.au)



## ONLINE WORKSHOP



**WEDNESDAY  
9TH OCTOBER  
4:00PM**

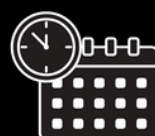
### STRATEGIC PLANNING

Break down strategic planning into practical steps, and gain the necessary tools to leverage your clubs strengths and aligning them with your clubs purpose.

Register your interest to Lauren via [clubdo@dandaragan.wa.gov.au](mailto:clubdo@dandaragan.wa.gov.au)



## ONLINE WORKSHOP



**WEDNESDAY  
23RD OCTOBER  
4:00PM**

### GRANT WRITING

Put together a winning grant application, focusing on breaking down grant guidelines, how to plan projects & demonstrate needs and the grant evaluation process.

Register your interest to Lauren via [clubdo@dandaragan.wa.gov.au](mailto:clubdo@dandaragan.wa.gov.au)



# TOWN PLAN

## SEPTEMBER FEATURED TOWN - DANDARGAN

In the next four editions of the Shire Matters, we will showcase the four town plans from our recently adopted Council Plan, starting with Dandaragan and featuring one town in each edition

### PLANNING

- Develop local planning policy that sets out the objectives and relevant provisions for high quality / priority agricultural land.
- Investigate private/public sector partnerships to increase local housing availability.
- Undertake detailed design for the main street upgrade.
- Dandaragan Recreation Precinct Plan.

### DELIVERY

- Continued investment in the Shire's rural road network.
- Construct new staff housing.
- Complete upgrades to the Pioneer Park play space and parkland.
- Prioritise female changeroom solutions for the Dandaragan Recreation Precinct.

### ADVOCACY

- Support carbon offset developments where they complement existing agriculture activities.
- Advocate with local essential services providers - Telstra, Water Corporation and Western Power to improve priority utilities services.
- Advocate for ongoing improvements and expansion to the range of health services available locally.

## REPORTING A FAULTY STREETLIGHT

If you come across a broken or faulty streetlight, please report it by visiting the Western Power website.

Western Power install and maintain streetlights on behalf of most local councils. While councils determine the location, brightness, and number of streetlights in their area, Western Power is responsible for repairs. Streetlight faults are typically fixed within 9 working days in rural areas, and in most cases, the issue is resolved on the day of inspection.



### Macrame Workshops at Cervantes Library

Cervantes Library hosted Macrame Workshops during July and August 2024. Beautiful plant hangers were created amidst happy chatter and laughter.

Many thanks to Dianne Knight our Macrame Teacher.

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COMMUNITY?  
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**NEW EAST WEST RUNWAY UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT JURIE BAY AIRPORT**

Over the past 6-weeks, Shire of Dandaragan employees and local contractors have undertaken construction works for a new east west runway at the Jurie Bay Airport.

Along with regular airport users, these works will significantly enhance the capabilities of emergency services in the area through improving access for the Royal Flying Doctor Service and DFES aircraft, especially in challenging weather conditions.

Sealing works on the new runway are due to commence next Monday and should be completed by the end of the week.

The Shire, in partnership with DFES, is happy to deliver such infrastructure developments that continue to support community safety and health services.





# SHIRE MATTERS - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NOTES

## 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'.

A focus of the event is promoting locally grown produce and local producers from across the Shire of Dandaragan. If you are a primary producer based in the Shire, please take this opportunity to highlight your food, beverage or other primary products via a display at the Turquoise Coast Festival. Contact the committee [turquoisecoastfest@gmail.com](mailto:turquoisecoastfest@gmail.com) for more information and to book your display site.

The festival committee is currently seeking EOI from businesses interested in sponsoring the event, or an element of it. Various levels of sponsorship are available, profiling the sponsoring business via a range of promotions. Contact the committee on [turquoisecoastfest@gmail.com](mailto:turquoisecoastfest@gmail.com) or call Tony on 0407 799 620 to register your interest.

## BUSINESS GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Grant	Funding Body	Aim / Purpose	Amount	Closing Date
Arts Activities in Regional Communities Grant Program WA	Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries	Projects that increase access, participation, and creation of arts and culture.  Eligible activities include workshops, festivals, and development of new creative works.	Creative Projects Up to \$60,000.  Creative and Cultural Planning Up to \$50,000.	19 September
Innovate with NBN Grants Program	NBN Co.	Aimed at enabling farmers, tourism operators or women in regional businesses to save time, grow productivity and make more informed decisions using digital technology supported by the nbn network.	\$15,000 to \$20,000 awards	29 September
Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund	Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries	Open to community groups and local government authorities to develop basic infrastructure for sport and recreation facilities.	Small Grants = \$7,500 - \$500,000  Forward planning grants = over \$500,000	30 September
Community Water Supply Program (CWSP)	WA Government and National Water Grid Connections Funding Program	Planning and development of reliable non-potable water supplies for emergency agricultural and firefighting needs, & to reduce reliance on scheme water.	Up to \$100,000	11 November

## FEES AND CHARGES – SHIRE CAMPGROUNDS

Council moved at the August 2024 meeting to increase the Sandy Cape Recreation Park campground fees to \$25.00 per night. This site fee includes up to two adults and two children. As a Recreation Park, the maximum stay allowed is four nights, unless negotiated otherwise with the Shire. Whilst there are basic facilities at the main campground, all other sites require visitors to be 'self-contained'. This means visitors must have their own toilet facilities provided in their van or camper. (The new fees will be implemented at the same time as the new online booking system, later this year).

The Dandaragan Transit Park fees will remain at \$20.00 per night for up to two adults and two children. As a 'transit' campground, visitors may stay a maximum of three nights in any booking, unless negotiated otherwise with the Shire. People employed by local businesses can be granted a longer stay with a letter of confirmation of employment from their employer. Please seek further information from the Dandaragan CRC or the Shire of Dandaragan.

The Jurien Bay Overflow camping is only available when the Summerstar caravan park is at capacity and is only available to fully self-contained vehicles. The Cervantes Overflow campground runs on the same basis, only being open to visitors when the local RAC caravan park is at capacity.

## EVENTS COMING SOON

Event / Host	Date	Location / Info / Bookings
<b>Ladies Long Table Lunch – Community Sundowner</b> 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
<b>Badgingarra Sheep Dog Trails</b> Badgingarra Community Association	Saturday 28 September	Badgingarra Community Centre – Oval <a href="mailto:badgingarrasecretary@gmail.com">badgingarrasecretary@gmail.com</a> Emily Onn 0406 660 168
<b>Bidgerabbie Family Day</b> Dandaragan Heritage and Cultural Centre	Sunday 6 October	Bidgerabbie Farm Rose Glasfurd 0427 512 014
<b>Bagdy Hoedown</b>	Saturday 12 October 4.30pm onwards	Badgingarra Community Centre <a href="http://www.hoedownsforcountrytowns.com">www.hoedownsforcountrytowns.com</a> or Contact Catherine Barnes – 0428 275 329
<b>Wildflower Festival of Running</b>	Saturday 16 November – Pinnacles Desert Run Sunday 17 November – Turquoise Coast Run	Cervantes / Jurien Bay Stephen Doyle 0411 133 954
<b>Turquoise Coast Festival</b> Jurien Bay Progress Association	Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 November	Jurien Bay Foreshore <a href="mailto:turquoisecoastfest@gmail.com">turquoisecoastfest@gmail.com</a> Tony O'Gorman 0407 799 620
<b>Badgingarra Christmas Markets</b> Badgingarra Community Association	Sunday 1 December 10am – 2pm	Badgingarra Community Centre Alli Whybrow 0419 000224

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