# SHIRE MATTERS



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#### A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Cr Tony O'Gorman Ph. 0407 799 620

As we move into the final months of 2025, I want to extend my sincere thanks to community for our your continued support, engagement, and pride in our Shire. October has been a significant month with the of the conclusion Local Government Elections and the celebration of local creativity at the Cervantes Art Festival We also had the inaugural Shire of Dandaragan Teddy Bears Picnic with two events one being held at Fauntleroy Park Jurien Bay on Tuesday 21 October and the second held at Pioneer Park in Dandaragan.



## Local Government Elections - Results and Reflections

The 2025 Local Government Election process has now concluded, with a voter turnout of 44.2%, reflecting strong community participation.

Elected Councillors for a fouryear term (to October 2029):

- Returning Councillors: Cr Rose Glasfurd, Cr Graham Lethlean
- Newly Elected Councillors: Cr Steph Krakoviak, Cr Susanne Johnson

We warmly welcome our new Councillors and thank our outgoing Councillors, Cr Maddi McDonald and Cr Jason Clarke, for their service.



## **Shire Leadership Appointments**

- Shire President:
   Cr Tony O'Gorman (reelected for a two-year term)
- Deputy Shire President: Cr Graham Lethlean

We look forward to a collaborative and productive term ahead.

#### **Cervantes Art Festival**

Celebrating Local Creativity
The vibrant Cervantes Art
Festival was held in October,
and the Shire was proud to
support this celebration of local
talent.

#### Award Winners:

- Overall Award (Image Resources): RIVERGUM by Cheryl Branch
- Shire Acquisition Prize: BEAUTIFUL SECRETS by Kilee Barnes
- Local Artist Award (Bendigo Bank): PINNACLE OF LIFE by Kiera Jean
- Encouragement Awards (Shane Love MLA): Junior: THE INTELLIGENT MAN by Coby Isles; Senior: LAURA by Bek Long
- People's Choice Award:
   Daisy (Oil & Acrylic) by Jen
   Passalacqua

Other categories included acrylics & oils, pastels & watercolours, mixed media, 3D, textiles, scrap metal art, photography, wildflowers, wildlife, night sky, open, and street art.

Congratulations to all artists, organisers, sponsors, and volunteers!



#### **Community Engagement**

Thank you to all community members who participated in the election and community events. Your involvement strengthens our local democracy and community spirit.

- Acknowledgements:

   Returning Officer and Shire staff for managing the election.
- Volunteers and community groups supporting Shire events.

### Council Updates & Local Matters

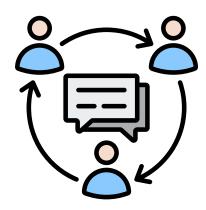
- Maintenance and upgrades to local roads and public spaces.
- Preparations for the summer season in coastal towns.
- Progress on planning and development applications.
- Collaboration with regional partners on long-term projects.

#### **Looking Ahead**

- Councillor induction and strategic planning for the next four years.
- Advocacy for infrastructure, coastal management, tourism, and economic development.
- Strengthening partnerships with community groups, local businesses, and government stakeholders.

Thank you for your trust and support. I look forward to continuing to serve as your Shire President and working together to support the future of the Shire of Dandaragan.

Cr Tony O'Gorman Shire President.



## SAVE THE DATE!

# Community Recognition Awards

8 February 2026

4pm-7pm

**AWARDS** 

🤾 Citizen of the year

Junior Citizen of the year

Club, community group or association of the year

Service to club

#### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT NEWS

On the 21 and 22 of October, we celebrated Children's Week with our first-ever Teddy Bear's Picnic, held across two locations—Jurien Bay and Dandaragan. Over the two days, we welcomed approximately 200 attendees, with more than 100 people joining us at each event.

Families, daycare groups, and pre-schools from the community came together to enjoy a day filled with interactive entertainment, including:

- A petting farm
- Bouncy castle
- Face painting
- Dancing
- Storytime with local author Kasey Whitelaw, who read from her newly released children's book
- And much more!

We look forward to seeing everyone next year for another great time.









#### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT NEWS**

#### SAVE THE DATES!

We are thrilled to announce our upcoming event dates:

#### **International Women's Day**

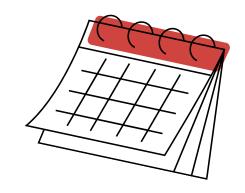
Padgingarra Community Centre

📅Tuesday, 10 March 2026

#### **Turquoise Coast Youth Festival**

📍 Fauntleroy Park, Jurien Bay

📅 Wednesday, 15 April 2026





## **Coordinator of Infrastructure Services- Eilish Collinson**



My name is Eilish, and I am thrilled to be joining you as the new Coordinator of Infrastructure Services for the Shire of Dandaragan.

Having grown up here and returned in 2020, my connection to this place is more than just professional—it's personal. I was part of the local youth group that rallied to build our first skatepark and helped plant the pine trees that define our main road. My family was also involved in building the town oval and sports clubs, so I've seen firsthand what we can achieve when we work together.

My enthusiasm for this new role is driven by this rich history and the collaborative spirit of our community. I look forward to contributing to the future of our Shire's infrastructure and working alongside you.



#### Community Development Officer - Makayla Hendry

My name is Makayla, I'm excited to be joining as the new Community Development Officer at the Shire of Dandaragan. This is an exciting opportunity to connect more within the community. Outside of work, I enjoy playing sports and spending time outdoors. I look forward to working more alongside you and the community.

#### **Notice of Public Advertisement**



#### Jurien Bay Foreshore – Concept Ideas Open for Community Feedback

The Shire of Dandaragan is exploring fresh ideas for the Jurien Bay Foreshore, and three concept designs have been developed to spark discussion and invite community input. These concepts present different possibilities for how the area near the café could evolve from a commercial perspective, and we're keen to hear your thoughts.

The updated masterplan also considers broader community needs, including additional parking, public toilets, lighting, and shaded areas. These ideas are not final, and any future development would be subject to a formal public comment process as part of the development application.

You can view the concept designs and updated masterplan on the Shire's website at <a href="https://www.dandaragan.wa.gov.au">https://www.dandaragan.wa.gov.au</a>, or in person at the Shire Administration Office, 69 Bashford Street, Jurien Bay.

To support community discussion, the Shire will be hosting informal drop-in sessions at the Shire Administration Office on:

- Wednesday, 5 November, 4.30pm-6pm
- Wednesday, 12 November, 11.30am-1pm

These are open to everyone, and provide an opportunity to ask questions, share your views, and learn more about the concepts being considered.

Submissions may be lodged at the Shire Office or via <u>dsr@dandaragan.wa.gov.au</u> by 4.00pm Friday 12 December 2025.

Should you require any clarification, please contact the Shire's Planning Services on 9652 0800

To view the masterplan please scan the QR Code.

Please refer to the following page for the concept design.





## PROJECT DANJMP CLIENT SHIRE OF DANDARAGAN

JURIEN BAY REVISED FORESHORE MASTERPLAN

JB-COMBINED

1:1000 @ A1

OCTOBER 2025

Alfresco Seating & Tables Lobster Hut Toilets

Beach based activity node (sand sculpting, art exhibitions, beach based sports)

Red Asphalt Site Boundary

Concrete Paving

Youth Plaza (Completed) Picnic node: bbq, shade, seating, drink fountain, bin Beach access node: shower, seating. Potential for shade and art/interp.

Playground (Completed)

Future caravan park accommodation with foreshore access

Dune restoration (decorr Commercial opportunity (small scale lease location)

Public Toilets

# COASTAL EROSION HAZARD MAPPING

Inland Boundary of Predicted Vulnerability.

Source: Produced by Cardno 20/03/2017 as part of 'Coastal Hazard Risk Management and Adaptation Plan June 2016 for the Shire of Dandaragan.

SITE LOCATION

-- 2016

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