

SHIRE MATTERS

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Cr Tony O'Gorman
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Minister For Regional Development Visit

The Hon Stephen Dawson MLC, Minister for Regional Development, visited Jurien Bay on 22 April. During his visit, he called in to Jurien Bay Panel and Paint, which received a RED Grant in 2023 to support business expansion. The Minister toured the workshop and spoke with owners Brad and Belinda about the improvements made possible through the funding. These improvements include additional workshop space, an upgraded spray booth and a dedicated electric vehicle bay. The Regional Economic Development (RED) Grants are offered annually through a competitive process, with funding awarded to the strongest projects. To date, the Dandaragan community has secured three grants, awarded to Badgingarra Hydraulic Services, Badgingarra Motors and Jurien Bay Panel and Paint. The Minister's visit also provided an opportunity for the Shire to outline some of the pressures created by rapid growth across the region. In particular, we discussed water quality and supply in Jurien Bay. This week, an announcement was made of \$23 million for upgrades to the Jurien Bay system, including additional bores and a water treatment plant to improve water

quality for the town. This project is already underway and can be seen from Jurien East Road. We also discussed the industrial land demand survey recently completed across all four of our towns. The survey identified key bottlenecks that are limiting the release of additional industrial land. We emphasised that, if our industries are to continue growing and attract further investment, we need to work closely with State agencies to address the shortfall. To support the renewable energy sector and continue diversifying our economy, we need both more industrial lots and larger lots to meet current and future demand. The Minister also advised that several renewable energy projects in the Shire are expected to be classified as projects of State significance. This would give them greater priority in their dealings with State agencies during the development application process. The Shire has also been selected to participate in the pilot program to develop a Community Benefit Plan to guide the allocation of community benefit funding generated from renewable energy projects. This is an important opportunity to work with State agencies to help ensure these funds directly benefit the communities hosting the projects. The model will provide a framework for how Community Benefit Funds are distributed and reduce the need for communities to negotiate separate agreements with each proponent as projects come online. The Shire of Dandaragan will continue meeting with Ministers across a range of portfolio areas to advocate on behalf of our community and residents.



Cervantes Spotlight

Residents and visitors to Cervantes will have noticed the number of projects currently underway in town, led not only by the Shire but also by private businesses and community organisations.

The Lobster Shack has completed its expansion and restaurant renovations and is now operating at its full potential to serve the tourism market.

RAC Cervantes has completed renovations to the remaining ablution facilities on site, which will further support the town's appeal to visitors.

Club Cervantes is undertaking major renovations to the rear external decking and seating area. St John Ambulance has completed its new facility on Seville Crescent, which was officially opened on 24 March by Kevin DF Brown, CEO of St John WA.

Shire projects include upgrades to the Recreation Centre playground by Bernard Kaiser and the development of new recreation ground changerooms. The playground upgrades have now been completed and include a range of play challenges for younger residents. New features include rope trails, platforms of varying heights, additional shade and improved ground surfaces,

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creating a better experience for local children and families. Construction of the additional changerooms is well underway, with completion expected towards the end of June. The new facility will provide two large changerooms and ablution facilities to replace the Cervantes Tiger Sharks' old clubhouse. Designed as a modern, fit-for-purpose facility, the project will serve the community for many years to come. Importantly, the heritage and culture of the old clubrooms will be retained, with the existing rooms to be repurposed for storage by the Cervantes Tiger Sharks. These works are being delivered in line with the Cervantes Recreation Precinct Masterplan, with further improvements to community recreation facilities to continue as funding becomes available. Cervantes now has an official burial place, with the Shire continuing construction of the Cervantes Niche Wall in Tranquillo Park. Cookies Coastal Earthworks has erected the limestone enclosure walls and central planter area. Corymbia Ficafolia Tree has been established in the centre of the facility to provide shade for visitors to the remembrance area. Grano works, landscaping and planting are still to be completed.



RFDS Containers for change

In my April President's Report, I acknowledged some quiet achievers in our community. It has since been brought to my attention that I mistakenly referred to Jennifer Harris instead of Jean Harris. I sincerely apologise to Jean for this error and for any distress it may have caused. Jean Harris has been doing this work for many years and deserves to be acknowledged appropriately.



Cr Tony O'Gorman
Shire President

Council Meeting

The next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held on Thursday, 28 May 2026, at the Jurien Bay Council Chambers, commencing at 4:00pm. Members of the public are welcome and encouraged to attend.



PUBLIC NOTICE

Shire of Dandaragan

DISPOSITION OF PROPERTY

Section 3.58 (3) of the Local Government Act 1995

The Shire of Dandaragan is considering an offer to dispose of the following lot:

Lot: 116 (17) Doust Street, Jurien Bay

Purchaser: MVP Doust Pty Ltd, 10 Davenport Street, Karrinyup WA 6018

It is understood that the prospective purchaser plans to develop a 100-bed short-stay accommodation, 'hostel'. On this basis, the contract of sale would be subject to receipt of development approval. The prospective purchaser has also requested a 12-month option period to be subject to a development application being received by the Shire within 12-months of the date of sale.

By way of background, Council at its 23 February 2023 meeting resolved to initiate the process for the disposal (sale) of Lots 115 and 116 Doust Street, Jurien Bay. Professionals Jurien Bayview Realty was subsequently engaged to present the properties to market; however, no offers were received.

Revenue received from the disposal of Lot 116 (17) Doust Street, Jurien Bay will be allocated to the Shire's Economic Development Reserve.

Valuation: \$380,000 to \$399,000

Price: \$400,000

Anyone wishing to make a submission on the proposal should do so to dsr@dandaragan.wa.gov.au before 4pm WST 21 May 2026.

Brent Bailey

Chief Executive Officer

Employment Opportunity: Customer Service Officer (Tourism) Part-Time



About the Role:

This part-time position ensures the Turquoise Coast Visitor Centre operates smoothly and provides a welcoming, professional environment for visitors. The role delivers accurate tourism information, maintains displays and retail stock, and manages booking and point-of-sale systems. It also supports the centre’s online presence through website and social media updates.

Key Responsibilities:

The Customer Service Officer delivers high-quality customer service, manages daily opening and closing routines, and ensures the Visitor Centre is well-presented and efficiently operated. The role maintains stock and tourism displays, processes sales and bookings, and provides guidance to casual staff.

To find more information contact Lauren Miles-HR Coordinator (hr@dandaragan.wa.gov.au) or please visit our website www.dandaragan.wa.gov.au/employment

Community Catch-Ups

This is a great opportunity to chat with your Councillors, raise local issues, and hear updates on projects happening in your community. If you would like to submit a topic or question ahead of time so we can provide informed responses, please email: council@dandaragan.wa.gov.au



Jurien Bay

Jurien Sport and Recreation Centre
Wednesday, 13 May at 6.30pm.

Dandaragan

Scheduled for July
Date and time TBA

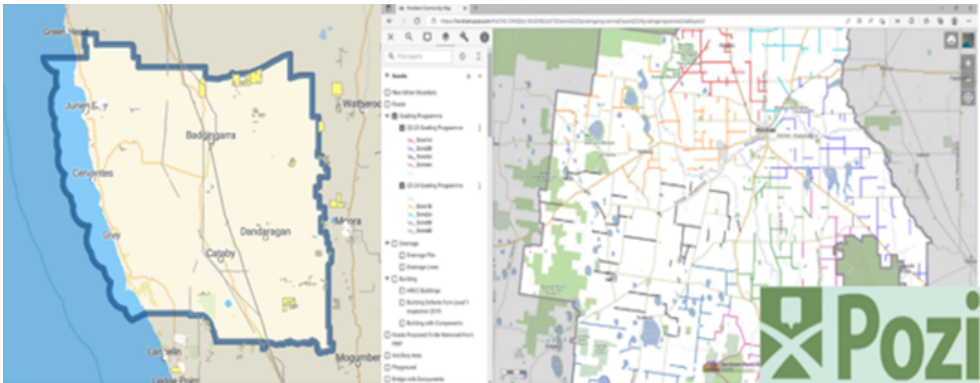
Cervantes

Scheduled for October
Date and time TBA

Development Services News

The Shire has adopted Pozi, a mapping platform that allows all members of the community, property owners and developers to access a range of property and planning information. The program includes built-in tools that allow users to interact with mapping and related data. It is hoped that Pozi will enhance the community’s ability to access the information they need to inform decisions.

The program is accessible via the Shire website at [https://dandaragan.pozi.com/#/map\[public\]](https://dandaragan.pozi.com/#/map[public]) or scan the QR Code



DO YOU HAVE A COMMERCIAL HOLIDAY HOUSE?

It is time to renew your license to operate.

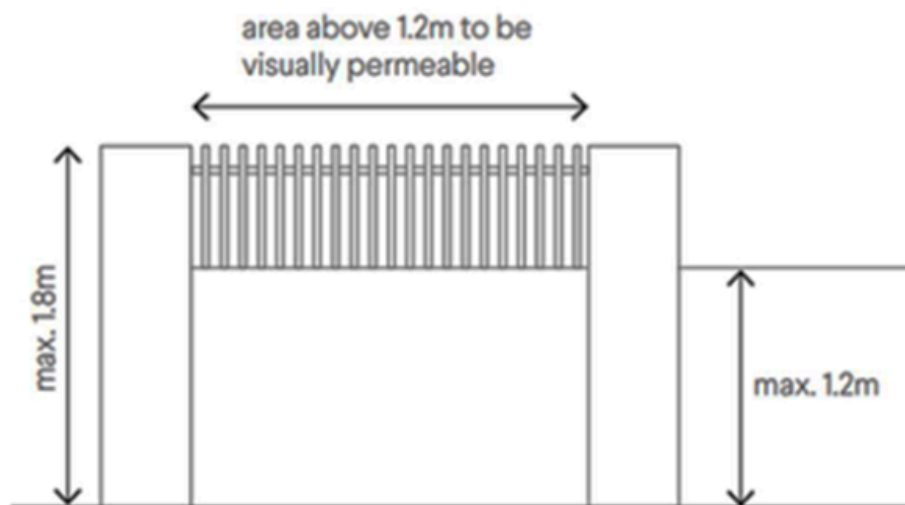
A renewal request form will shortly be sent to you. Please complete the attached Renewal Request Form and return to the Shire of Dandaragan prior to 4pm Monday 19 May 2026.

Should you require any clarification regarding this matter, please do hesitate to contact the Shire's Planning Services on 9652 0800 or via dsr@dandaragan.wa.gov.au



HEIGHT OF FRONT FENCES AND WALLS - DO YOU COMPLY?

Fences and walls in residential areas are required to allow sightlines between the street and a dwelling. To achieve this, front fences and walls must be visually permeable above 1200mm. A visually permeable surface is one that can be seen through so as not to obstruct the view. Example below.



When can I apply for a solid fence/wall in excess of 1.2m in height?

The Shire will consider a Development Application for solid fences or walls at a height greater than 1.2m in instances where:

- They adjoin a major street or road, with the solid portion <75% of the fence)
- Still allows for unobstructed views to the dwelling entrance;
- Protects a bedroom window from headlight glare;
- Provides privacy to the sole outdoor living area of a dwelling.

How do I apply for a Development Application?

A Development Application can be obtained on the Shire of Dandaragan website, or call (08) 9652 0800

Cervantes Recreation Centre

The 'shark' at the Cervantes Recreation Centre Playground has finally been let out of its cage.

Upgrades were completed at the end of April just in time for the Cervantes Football Clubs first home game, thanks to a fantastic effort by all involved.

The playground is comprised of natural and recycled materials ingeniously designed by community playground guru, Bernhard Kaiser in consultation of the Cervantes community. The adventure playground depicts an under-ocean scene abundant with exploratory elements.

The area is now open for access all to enjoy.



YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP | NOW OPEN

The Shire of Dandaragan and the Shire of Coorow invite young people from their communities to apply for the Youth Scholarship.

This scholarship is a youth development program designed to support personal growth, resilience, self-confidence, and leadership skills.

If you, or your parents, live within the Shire of Dandaragan or the Shire of Coorow, and you are between 15 and 18 years of age, we would love to hear from you.

For more information and to apply for the Youth Scholarship, visit our website or contact the Community Development team on 9652 0800.

Applications close at 4pm on Monday, 25 May 2025.



Youth Scholarship - Now Open



Community Development News

Wednesday, 15 April 2026, marked the return of our much-anticipated Turquoise Coast Youth Festival. The festival featured a wide variety of engaging activities for all ages, including arts and crafts workshops, tie-dye stations, face painting, laser tag, bouncy castles, water slides, and more interactive attractions. The event was extremely well attended, with approximately 400 people joining us throughout the day.



Tiny Tots First Aid Course

This 3.5 hour first aid course provides hands-on skills to help you care for your family during a first aid emergency.

Wednesday, 3 June from 9am-12.30pm

Classroom 1, Jurien Bay Conference and Education Centre

Course cost: \$40 (includes Tiny Tots First Aid Kit RRP \$40)

Creche included

This course is suitable for parents and caregivers.



Please note: this is an in-person, face-to-face course.

To register for this course contact the Community Development team on 9652 0800. This course requires a minimum number of 10 people for the course to proceed. Maximum 20 participants.

Please make sure you have your USI available upon registering.

COURSE CONTENT INCLUDES

Choking

Fever & convulsions

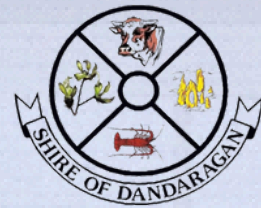
CPR

Bleeding & Burns

Poisons

Asthma

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST | AUDIT, RISK & IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE (ARIC)



The Shire of Dandaragan is seeking suitably qualified and experienced individuals to join its newly established Audit, Risk & Improvement Committee. This is a great opportunity to contribute to strong governance, transparency, and continuous improvement in our community.

We encourage applications from professionals with experience in:

- Financial auditing and reporting
- Risk management and governance
- Local government or public sector administration

Positions available:

- Independent Presiding Member (Chair)
- Independent Deputy Presiding Member

📅 Applications close: Friday 15 May 2026 at 4pm

To find out more and apply, please scan the QR Code above.



Community Engagement Art Session

You are invited to join us for a community engagement painting session with artist Melski. Come along, pick up a paintbrush, and contribute to our community art.



Sunday 17 May, 2026



11am-2pm



Jurien Sport and Recreation
Centre, 3 Bashford Street
Jurien Bay



Free sausage sizzle (catered by
JBDHS Year 6)

