

SHIRE MATTERS

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



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State Election

The recent Western Australian state election, held on 8 March 2025, has seen the Labor Party secure a third consecutive term in government, under the leadership of Premier Roger Cook. We extend our congratulations to Premier Cook and the Labor team for this victory, which reflects their continued commitment to progress, economic stability, and social inclusion for all Western Australians.

At the same time, we must recognise and commend the contributions of Shane Love, leader of the National Party of Western Australia (Nationals WA).

We look forward to seeing how all elected officials, including Premier Cook and those in the Central Wheatbelt, work together to build a prosperous and unified Western Australia in the years to come.

Doctor Update

We are thrilled to welcome Dr. Ruwan to the Jurien Bay Medical Centre. We are excited to have Dr. Ruwan on board, as he will significantly enhance the practice's capacity to meet the growing healthcare needs of our community.

Additionally, we also eagerly await the arrival of the community's new female doctor, Dr. Maricar, who will be joining the practice in late March or early April. While we celebrate these positive additions, the Shire continues to be concerned about the delays in processing Medicare provider numbers and clearances for new practitioners. These delays are particularly frustrating given the pressing need for more medical personnel in rural areas.

Our ongoing advocacy to all levels of government is focused on streamlining and strengthening these processes to ensure that our community's basic healthcare needs are met in a timely and efficient manner.

Dandaragan Road – Community Feedback

For the past 10 years the Shire of Dandaragan has progressively been reconstructing Dandaragan Road to an 8-metre seal from Brand Highway to the Shires of Dandaragan/Moora boundary.

After completing approximately 25kms of reconstructed road using Council funds and State Government funding via the Wheatbelt North Regional Road Group and State Black Spot program, the Shire has now developed a concept plan to reconstruct Dandaragan Road through the Dandaragan town centre.

The proposed project is reliant on grant funding and Council's annual budget adoption process and is planned to commence in September 2025. Road funding has been secure however the proposed new footpath and underground drainage components are reliant of additional external grant funding to progress.

The Shire is currently seeking community feedback on the design concept plan to help

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shape the final project outcomes and a hard copy of the concept plan is on display at the Dandaragan Community Recreation Club or can be found on the Shire website.

Feedback or questions relating to this proposed project can be forwarded via email to council@dandaragan.wa.gov.au, or by contacting the Shire's Executive Manager Infrastructure, Brad Pepper, on (08) 9652 0800.

Cervantes Niche Wall

The latest update on the Cervantes Niche Wall project is that we have received the incoming quote for the brickwork, which is the next key step in the construction process.

This quote has been carefully reviewed, and we are now preparing to proceed with the brickwork following the March Council meeting.

Following the completion of the brickwork construction, we will move forward with seeking a quote for the circular roof, which is a crucial part of the project. We are committed to ensuring that each phase of the

build is completed efficiently and to the highest standards. Further updates will be provided as progress continues.

Bashford Street Crosswalk

The new crosswalk on Bashford Street is now complete. This long-awaited upgrade enhances pedestrian safety and accessibility, making it easier for everyone to navigate the area.

The new crossing has been a priority for our community, and we are pleased to announce that it has now become a reality.

The Shire of Dandaragan, in collaboration with Jurien Bay District High School, has worked tirelessly with key State Government stakeholders, including WA Police, the Department of Education, and Main Roads WA, to bring this project to life.

The crosswalk has been approved through the Children's Crossings and Road Safety Committee and the WA Police Children's Crossing Unit, ensuring

it meets the necessary safety standards. This new crossing introduces vital safety measures to protect pedestrians and cyclists, particularly our young students, as they make their way to and from school. Once completed, a crossing guard will be stationed at the site both before and after school hours, further enhancing safety during peak times.



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Community Meetings

In 2024, Council decided to hold all monthly Council Meetings at the Jurien Bay Chambers. New regulations require Council meetings to be recorded and Council meetings often call upon resources that are only available at the Shire office.

In making the decision Council also decided to pursue more engaging formats for community meetings where Councillors and staff could have better dialogue and interactions with community members without formal Council Meeting standing orders.

In March and April 2025 we are commencing our Community Catch-up in each town across our Shire. These meetings give residents the chance to connect with the Shire's decision makers, discuss local issues, and receive updates on important projects.

Cervantes had the first catchup on 11 March 2025 with around 20 people attending.

The following catchup meeting dates are scheduled for:

Dandaragan

28 March 2025 at 5pm
Dandaragan Recreation Centre

Badgingarra

9 April 2025 at 7pm
Badgingarra Community Centre

Jurien Bay

22 April 2025 at 7pm
Jurien Sport & Recreation Centre



Citizenship Ceremony

We recently had the privilege of welcoming seven new Australian citizens in a Citizenship Ceremony. The event was held at the Jurien Bay Amphitheatre and new citizens were treated to some lovely Australian sun, with family, friends, and community members coming together to celebrate this significant milestone.

We extend our warmest congratulations to Ni Kadek Rapi Damayanti, Ana Carolina Gomes de Moura, Susan Jane Johnson, Supatarin Norkomlar, Ni ketut dita Purnama, Ni Komang Dian Eka Suci, and Anton Van Altena.

We wish you all the best as you embark on this new chapter as Australian citizens.

Thank you to everyone who attended and helped make the ceremony so memorable.



Council Meeting

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

SOMETHING NEED FIXING?

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT NEWS

Sporting & Recreation Facilities Fund Grant and Environmental Grant are now open

Sporting & Recreation Facilities Fund:

This fund aims to assist local sporting and recreation organisations to purchase items of durable equipment and for providing minor capital improvements. The Tronox Management & Shire of Dandaragan Sporting and Recreation Facilities Grant provides a total of \$50,000 to local clubs and community groups within the Shire for sporting and recreation equipment and small-scale infrastructure projects each year.

For more information, visit:

<https://www.dandaragan.wa.gov.au/services/community/grants/tronox-management-and-shire-of-dandaragan-sporting-and-recreation-facilities-fund.aspx>

Environmental Grant:

This grant supports projects that benefit the environment and community through environmental improvement, sustainability education and the promotion and enabling of sustainable living as a way of life. Applicants are encouraged to consider how their proposed project may address issues such as climate change, waterwise community spaces, biodiversity, recycling and waste avoidance.

For more information, visit:

<https://www.dandaragan.wa.gov.au/services/community/grants/environmental-grants.aspx>

Community Grant Opening soon

Community Grant:

The Community Grant objective is to provide funds to community based organisations and individuals, to support the promotion and development of social, economic, recreational, art and cultural benefits for the residents of the Shire of Dandaragan.

This grant will open on 1 April 2025 and close on 9 May 2025.

For more information, visit:

<https://www.dandaragan.wa.gov.au/services/community/grants/shire-community-grants.aspx>



If you have any questions about these grants, contact Kayla Jones via email cdo@dandaragan.wa.gov.au or call 9652 0800.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

International Women's Day 2025 was a great success! Guest speaker Asha Holland, a former Jurien Bay local, delivered an inspiring talk on self-love, confidence, and mental health, incorporating engaging hands-on activities. Live music by Johannah Grace was warmly received by attendees, adding to the atmosphere.

The delicious food, provided by Jurien Bay Bakery, was enjoyed by all.

Thank you to everyone who attended and contributed to making this event so special.





TURQUOISE: COAST YOUTH FESTIVAL

(FORMERLY SPRAY THE GREY YOUTH FESTIVAL)

FOOD TRUCKS ♦ LIVE ENTERTAINMENT ♦
RIDES ♦ AMUSEMENTS ♦ STALLS

SMOKE, VAPE AND ALCOHOL-FREE EVENT

16 APRIL 2025 | 12.00PM - 6.00PM

FAUNTLEROY PARK, JURIEN BAY

Reserve a seat on the bus by emailing
council@dandaragan.wa.gov.au by 4pm, Wednesday 9 April
2025

(Badgingarra & Dandaragan only)

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DEVELOPMENT SERVICES NEWS

Notice of Public Advertisement of Development Application

Proposal – Use Not Listed: Digital Infrastructure (Mobile Tower)

Location (s)

- Lot 767 Badgingarra Road, Badgingarra
- 14314 Brand Highway, Badgingarra
- Lot 245 Kayanaba Road, Dandaragan

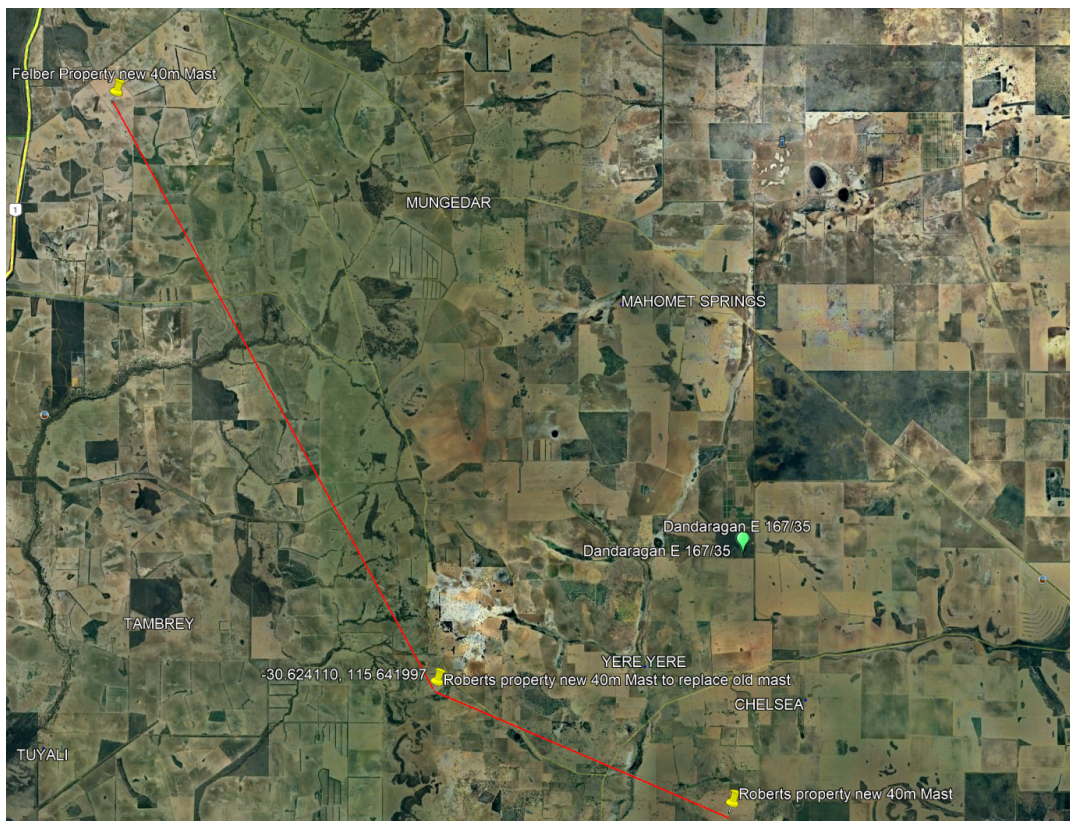
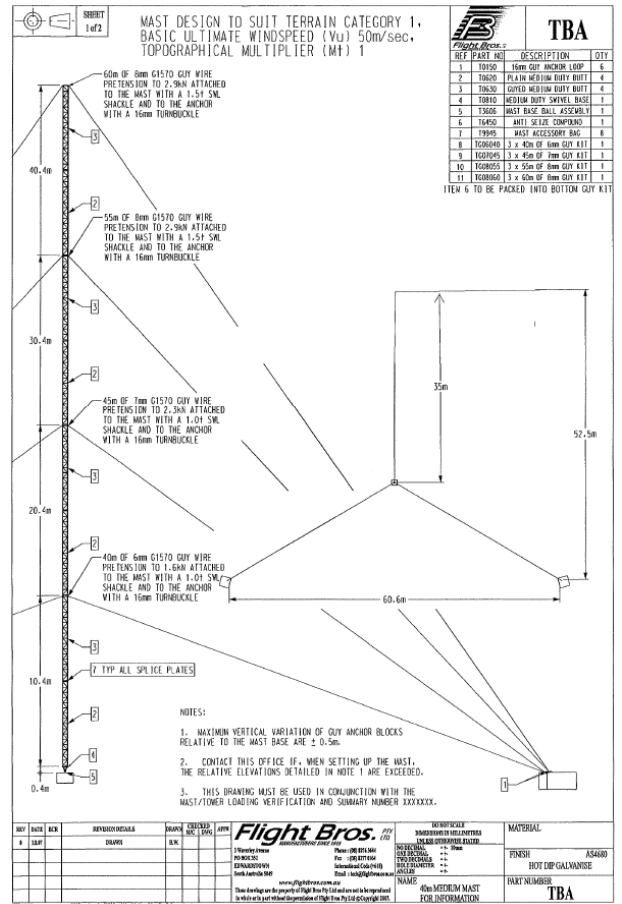
Description: Towers to provide improved internet and mobile phone coverage.

Applicant – Logic IT and ML Communications

Plans are also available for viewing at the Shire Administration Centre, 69 Bashford Street, Jurien Bay.

Submissions may be lodged at the Shire Office or via dsr@dandaragan.wa.gov.au by 4.00pm Monday 24th March 2025.

Should you require any clarification on this matter, please contact Alex MacKenzie (Principal Planning and Building Officer) on 9652 0800 or alexm@dandaragan.wa.gov.au



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEWS

SHIRE OF DANDARAGAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT – NOW OPEN

- Looking to build the capability or capacity of your SME business?
- Diversifying or intensifying your agriculture, aquaculture, horticulture, forestry, or fishing production enterprise?
- Investing in new technologies, aged care services, civil works, air services, renewable energy, manufacturing, or processing within the Shire?
- Planning to host a significant event that will bring tourists and multi-night visitors to the Shire?

Apply before 30 April 2025 for an Economic Development Grant of \$5,000 to \$30,000 on a '50% minimum co-contribution' basis.

Interested? Grant guidelines, FAQs and application forms are available by emailing edm@dandaragan.wa.gov.au

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

FRRR – Strengthening Rural Communities Program: Small and Vital Stream

This program provides grants of up to \$10,000 for grassroots, community-led initiatives that benefit remote, rural, and regional communities in Australia, prioritising populations under 15,000.

Eligible projects must align with outcomes such as fostering community resilience, celebrating diversity, improving health and wellbeing, supporting vulnerable groups, and enhancing community spaces. Priority is given to First Nations-led initiatives, energy transition efforts, and projects in remote or less-resourced areas. Applicants must be not-for-profit organisations with projects that benefit regional Australia and meet charitable purposes. Assessment focuses on clearly communicating the project's goals, methods, and impacts.

Applications close 27 March 2025.

AMGC Wind Energy Manufacturing Co-Investment Program

This grant opportunity supports WA businesses in joining and expanding within the wind turbine manufacturing and servicing supply chains. It aims to boost the capability, productivity, and competitiveness of WA manufacturers, creating jobs in the wind energy sector.

There are two funding streams available:

- Market Entry Stream : offering grants of \$20,000 to \$60,000, and a
- Market Growth Stream : offering grants of \$500,000 to \$1 million, both requiring a 50% cash co-contribution.

Eligible activities include research, design, production, logistics, and skill-based training for modernising manufacturing processes.

Applications close 20 May 2027