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2012 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARDS

The 2012 Citizen of the Year awards night was held in Cervantes on Tuesday 12 February 2013. Congratulations goes out to all nominees: Chloe Hart (Young Citizen), Thelma Clausen, Emma Hancock, Faye Wilkinson, Gina Gilman, Michael Sheppard, Graham Johnson, Andrea Gray and Judith Allen. A big congratulations to the 2012 Award Winners, Young Citizen of the Year, Chloe Hart and Citizen of the Year, Faye Wilkinson.

Special thanks to the guest speaker for the evening Christine Sparrow, who's presentation was outstanding and was well received by all who attended.

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR - CONGRATULATIONS FAYE WILKINSON

Faye attends all meetings of the Badgingarra Community Association and is a great ideas person and problem solver. Faye attended a Busy Bee at the Vern Westbrook Walk, helping with the organisation and opening of the extension. She has collated and prepared information for a proposed tourist sign for Badgingarra. Faye is always a reliable worker at community functions and made a great contribution to the Australia day Breakfast.

When the President of CWA was unable to attend most meetings Faye took on the job. She has helped organise many activities including the Shoe Box Appeal and a workshop to make clothes for hospital dolls. Faye Coordinated and catered for a large wedding, ordering and organising food, rosters of helpers, setting up, serving and cleaning up. Faye also helped with CWA stalls at the Dowerin Field Day and the Royal Show.

Faye helps set up the hall for the monthly church service and also helps the Jurien Op Shop one day per month by unpacking, pricing and selling goods and cleaning up the shop.

Faye is a very active member of the Badgingarra Bowling Club, supporting Sunday bowls, all functions, is a member of the Pennant team and always helps with fund raising. She is on a committee to get a shade cover for the green, liaising with the supplier, investigating grants and navigating problems.

Faye is always the first one to step forward and volunteer her help. Her thoughtful, caring nature, her capacity to get things done, her willingness to do the hard jobs others avoid, her prompt action and meticulous attention to detail in all undertakings make Faye an invaluable community member.



YOUNG CITIZEN OF THE YEAR - CONGRATULATIONS CHLOE HART

Chloe has been an active participant at the Jurien Bay Youth Group as well as volunteering her time to assist with junior youth group sessions and helping out in the canteen. She has also been the dj at several of the Youth Group disco's. Chloe is always happy to help out with cleaning up after activities, quite often staying back after the younger children have left so that she can help put away equipment. She is a great role model for the Jurien Bay Youth Group's younger members.

On Saturday mornings Chloe regularly volunteers her time to assist with the junior netball program of the Turquoise Coast Netball Association. Chloe is part of the 'Green Shirt' umpire development program and umpires junior netball games on the weekend as well as helping out with the set up and pack away of equipment and serving as a volunteer in the canteen. Chloe also helps out with scoring and timing for adult netball games. Chloe was a reliable and enthusiastic volunteer throughout the entire netball season and was instrumental in getting other young girls into the umpiring program.

Chloe has shown a sense of responsibility and maturity beyond her years and is a valued member of both the Jurien Bay Youth Group and Turquoise Coast Netball Association. It is difficult to find volunteers of any age who can be relied on to turn up and give their time on a regular basis and the 2012 junior netball season would not have run as smoothly without her regular assistance.

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SUMMER ESTUARY WORKSHOP SERIES

The region includes many estuaries important for their ecological and recreational values. However, pressures such as population growth and poor water quality are impacting on these sensitive ecosystems.

Join NACC for a series of community workshops exploring current knowledge on: estuary form and function:

- Aboriginal cultural heritage values;
- community values;
- threats; and
- management considerations.

The workshops will include an optional field trip.

HILL RIVER ESTUARY

When: Friday 5 April

Where: CWA Hall, Jurien Bay

Time: 9.00am to 3.00pm

To register please visit: www.hillriverworkshop.eventbrite.com.au

For more information contact Jennifer Bairstow at jennifer@wmggroup.org.au or on 9651 4008.

MOORE RIVER ESTUARY

When: Saturday 6 April

Where: Guilderton Community Hall

Time: 11.00am to 3.00pm (field trip 9.00am to 11.00am)

To register please visit: www.eventbrite.com.au/event/5254446190

For more information contact Rachel Walmsley at mcc.nrmo@bigpond.com or on 9653 1355.

This is a FREE event. Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea will be provided.

INTEGRATED WHEATBELT AGED CARE PLAN COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

The Shire of Dandaragan has committed to participate in a Regional Aged Care Planning process to develop and assist in the implementation of an Integrated Wheatbelt Aged Care Plan.

The Plan will build on our existing services and infrastructure while finding methods in which our residents can age in their homes and communities for longer.

Funded through a partnership between the Wheatbelt Development Commission, the WA Country Health Service's Southern Inland Health Initiative (SIHI), and local government, the Wheatbelt Integrated Aged Support and Care Solution/s (WIASCS) is a proactive process which will produce Shire specific Needs Studies and an overall Wheatbelt Integrated Regional Aged Care Plan.

The Plan will look at all facets of aged care from aged friendly communities, aged persons housing, community care and residential care.

Melbourne consultants, Verso, have been appointed to carry out this work and have prepared a summary of aged housing and care needs for our Shire. Verso would like to

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present these findings to the community to receive our thoughts and inputs, this will also provide a more accurate account of what will work and what is important to our community.

This is an invitation to all community members who access Aged Care services or have experienced the delivery of Aged Care services in our community to attend.

The community consultation will be held on Monday 15 April commencing at 9.30am at the CWA Hall, Jurien Bay. Please RSVP your attendance to Gemma Richardson at the Shire of Dandaragan on 9652 0800 for catering purposes.

2012 / 2013 YOUR COMMUNITY HERITAGE FUNDING

The 2012-13 Your Community Heritage funding round is now open for applications.

Grants up to \$500,000 are available to help community groups to conserve and protect Australia's nationally significant historic sites, undertake natural disaster recovery and mitigation activities relating to historic heritage places, honour eminent Australians who have made a significant contribution to our nation, assist communities tell their heritage stories and enhance community engagement in heritage through celebrations and events.

Applications close at **5pm (AEDT) Thursday 21 March 2013.**

The Guide for Applicants and Application Form are available from the Your Community Heritage website at: <http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/programs/ych/index.html>.

If you require further information after reading the Guide for Applicants and Frequently Asked Questions, please contact the Department by telephone on (freecall) 1800 653 004 or by email at heritagegrants@environment.gov.au.

2013 'One Sky, Many Paths' Indigenous Youth Leadership Program

Do you know an Aboriginal young person who would like to participate in a successful leadership program?

If so, then nominate them for the One Sky, Many Paths program.

One Sky, Many Paths is an Aboriginal leadership program for young people, developed by Aboriginal people, that has been running for three years.

This program is delivered by Challenger Institute of Technology and receives funding support from the Department for Communities. The program is free to eligible people (however participants must register with Abstudy).

The program consists of:

- two one-week residential conferences in Fremantle
- on-line learning, with support from a local mentor
- a community project that you will plan and run over a 14-week period.

After completing the program they receive a Certificate II in Leadership Development.

The next course will be held from April to July 2013. You can find information about One Sky, Many Paths and an application form at the below address.

<http://www.communities.wa.gov.au/YOUTH/PROGRAMS/OSMP>

If you know someone aged between 18 and 25 years who would like to participate in One Sky, Many Paths, please nominate them, then make sure they complete an application form and send it in by **22 March 2013.**

Further information about the program can be obtained by phoning Mr Peter Mann on 9599 8757 or emailing peter.mann@challenger.wa.edu.au

DIGITAL TV

On 25 June 2013, areas of regional and remote Western Australia will switch off their analog TV signals and switch to digital-only TV.

To ensure you still get TV:

1. Do you live in one of the shaded areas on the map?

If so, your area is switching to digital TV. Read on...

2. Is your TV analog or digital?

An easy way to tell you have digital TV is if you can watch ABC2, ABC3 or SBS TWO

If digital, you don't have to do anything. If analog, read on...

3. For every analog TV you have you will need to either....

Buy a digital set-top box or digital TV recorder for each analog TV; or

Buy a digital TV.

4. Getting your TV or set-top box ready for digital TV.

Check your TV or set-top box manual to help you retune your channels if required.

MySwitch on the Digital Ready website can also help you with reception and transmission issues. It's an easy-to-use, interactive web-based tool that provides information about how to get ready for the switch to digital TV.

5. Is your antenna still giving you a clear picture?

If you are worried about your picture quality, talk to an endorsed antenna installer.

MySwitch will provide a list of endorsed antenna installers in your area.

If you are renting, talk to your landlord about any antenna issues before upgrading.

6. Are you eligible for assistance ?

The Household Assistance Scheme provides an entire package of assistance including installation of easy-to-use digital equipment, 12 month aftercare support and equipment warranty.

You may be eligible if you receive the maximum rate of the Age Pension, Disability Support Pension, Carer Payment, Veterans' Service Pension or Veteran's Income Support Supplement Payment. Call 1800 556 443 to find out if you're eligible.

7. Do you need a satellite to watch TV?*

Anyone not able to receive television services from a local transmission site will have access to free-to-air satellite service through the Viewer Access satellite Television (VAST) service. VAST provides a minimum of 16 free-to-air digital channels plus in some areas a dedicated news channel.

**Some people relying on the Aurora satellite service need to switch to VAST before it is switched off.*

8. Need more information?

- Visit www.digitalready.gov.au
- Call the Digital Ready Information Line 1800 201 013
- Use mySwitch on the website for locating specific information.

The Shire of Dandaragan has been successful in obtaining funding for the digital upgrade of TV in the Jurien Bay and Cervantes areas and are currently progressing the necessary upgrades. The community will be advised of specific dates in the near future.

