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## CERVANTES COUNCIL MEETING AND TOWNSITE INSPECTION

The **27 June 2013 Ordinary Meeting of Council** will be held at the Cervantes Pinnacles Motel commencing at 5.00pm.

Prior to the meeting there will be an inspection of the town of which an itinerary will be set closer to the date. If you have any items that require Council's attention in which you would like to be included in the inspection could you please contact Denaye Kerr at the Jurien Bay Administration Centre on 9652 0800.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Tony Nottle  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**



## VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTERS

On behalf of the Shire of Dandaragan, I wish to express Council's appreciation to Bush Fire Control Officers and volunteers in undertaking the very important job of bush fire prevention and control.

During the 2012 / 2013 fire season, there were over 75 fires that occurred. All fires were brought under control efficiently with a minimum of fuss and without danger to the community.

Apart from attending wild fires that occurred, there were a number of protection burns that took place in order to make the towns within the Shire of Dandaragan a safer place to live.

The work of a volunteer fire fighter is dangerous and strenuous at times and the conditions that the volunteers work under are very testing.

I congratulate all the volunteers on the enthusiasm that you have shown during the last 12 months and hope that this will continue into the future.

Wayne Gibson  
**PRESIDENT**

## COUNCIL ELECTIONS

In March 2013 former President, Mr Shane Love was elected to State Parliament. Mr Love has resigned from the Shire of Dandaragan and there are now only eight (8) elected members. Cr Wayne Gibson has been voted by Councillors to fill the position of President.

Under regulations set out in the Local Government Act, a Shire may choose to postpone a special election to fill a recently vacated position, if it is a period of less than 6 months until the next gazetted elections.

The Shire of Dandaragan will be holding by-annual elections in October 2013. More information with regard to nominations will be available closer to the date.

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## Tronox and Shire of Dandaragan Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund

The Tronox and Shire of Dandaragan Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund provides a total of \$30,000 to local clubs and community groups within the Shire for sporting and recreation equipment and small scale infrastructure projects each year.

These grants offer up to half the costs for small equipment to community groups. **The grants are now open and will close on Friday 28 June 2013.** Letters have been sent to community groups and sporting bodies within the Shire with guidelines and application forms. Applications will also be available to download from the Shire's web site at [www.dandaragan.wa.gov.au](http://www.dandaragan.wa.gov.au).

If you require any assistance in completing the forms or have any questions please contact Kelly Shipway at the Jurien Bay Administration Centre on 9652 0800.

## Shire of Dandaragan Community Grants

The Shire of Dandaragan offers small grants of up to \$1,500, to Community and Cultural groups within the Shire for events or activities. The purpose of the program is to provide funds for individuals and community based organisations in support of the development of social, economic, recreational, art and cultural benefits. If your group is ineligible for the Tronox / Shire grants, then your group MAY be eligible to apply under the community grants scheme. Guidelines and application forms are available from the Jurien Shire office and also on the Shire website. For further information please call Bob Bower at the Shire Administration Centre on 9652 0800.

**Applications will close at 4 pm on FRIDAY 28 June 2013.**

## THIRSTY POINT EROSION

Residents of Cervantes are no doubt aware of the erosion that has been happening at Thirsty Point for a number of years. It has progressed to a point where Council will have to demolish the toilet block and reduce the size of the car park. It is also likely that the look-out will have to be removed as well. This is being monitored by Staff.

This is a very unfortunate situation but Council has no choice in the matter. The area is quite unstable and persons are requested not to visit the area while demolition works are being undertaken and the area secured.

## KEEP AUSTRALIA BEAUTIFUL WA - STAR AWARDS

Are you keeping the scene clean? Be rewarded for your efforts.

The Star Awards are a community pride program coordinated by Keep Australia Beautiful WA that rewards organisations that are doing great work to reduce litter by preventing litter, promoting recycling, minimising waste, being creative, innovative and educating the community.

Nominations are now open. Submissions must be received by 5.00pm Friday 21 June 2013.

Further details are available at [www.kabc.wa.gov.au](http://www.kabc.wa.gov.au).



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## **COMMUNITY ECONOMIC PROJECTS OFFICER KELLY SHIPWAY**

Hi, my name is Kelly. I am the Shire of Dandaragan's latest edition, recently appointed as the Community Economic Projects Officer. I am really excited about my new role and am looking forward to serving the community as a local government employee.

I moved to Jurien Bay four and a half years ago with my two children. Jurien Bay is familiar territory to me, having grown up in the town of Leeman. I love the fact that although our coastal towns have evolved significantly over the last few decades, my children will be raised in a safe and relaxed environment similar to the one I was fortunate enough to have 25 years prior.

I love the Bay, the casual lifestyle and the pristine surrounds. I have an interest in all things outdoor, four wheel driving, fishing, camping. The Shire of Dandaragan is therefore the perfect playground and I plan to stay on in the Bay for the long term.

## **PAYROLL / RECORDS OFFICER JENNIFER THORLEY**

My name is Jenny Thorley and I grew up in Northam, in the heart of the Avon Valley.

I have recently joined the Shire as the Payroll and Records Officer and am settling in well and enjoying my role surrounded by a great bunch of people.

I am experienced in small business management having owned and operated many small businesses over the years.

I have retired and moved to Jurien Bay recently looking for a sea change, however, boredom got the better of me so I decided to return to work.

My husband and I are enjoying the coastal lifestyle and look forward to the future ahead.

## **AUSTRALIAN AUTHOR, MARK GREENWOOD VISITS THE SHIRE OF DANDARAGAN**

The Jurien Bay and Dandaragan Public Libraries were recently visited by well-known Australian author Mark Greenwood to deliver a presentation on his work to local primary school students from surrounding areas. We were lucky enough to have this opportunity as a part of the Regional Model Activity Plan implemented by the State Library of WA to see regional towns being offered the same opportunities as the city libraries.



Mark's work includes books such as *The Legend of Moondyne Joe*, *Ned Kelly and the Green Sash*, *Simpson and his Donkey* and *The Legend of Lasseter's Reef* as well as many others. His presentation focused on inspiring the students to develop their curiosity about books, writing, rhythm and history. It was great to see the students so captivated and eager to participate in the presentation. Thank you to Jurien Bay, Cervantes, Dandaragan and Badgingarra Primary Schools for participating.

*"Our past is full of adventures and curious, larger-than-life characters. It is a rich vein of material for writers and storytellers."* - Mark Greenwood.

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## JURIEN BAY JETTY - PONTOON

In November 2012 a late winter storm caused considerable damage to the swimming pontoon located near the Jurien Bay Jetty. The Shire has recently received confirmation from the company providing insurance coverage to the pontoon, that the cost to fix all damages will be covered. Repairs to the pontoon are now being scheduled. The pontoon will remain out of the water for the winter period and is to be put back out in November 2013, for the start of the summer period.

## WHAT DO THE NEW CAT LAWS MEAN FOR YOU AND YOUR FELINE FRIEND?

Important information for all domestic cat owners about the new *Cat At 2011* and the steps they need to take to meet the new cat law requirements, coming in 1 November 2013.

From 1 November 2013, all domestic cats, over 6 months of age, will need to be sterilized, microchipped and registered with your local government. You can microchip your cat at the vet now and help identify your pet if it ever gets lost or injured. Sterilisation now will prevent unwanted kittens, reduce cat numbers in shelters and save wildlife by reducing the number of feral cats in our native bushland.

Local governments will be responsible for administering and enforcing the legislation.

To help identify owned cats, they will need to wear a collar and registration tag.

Cat breeders will need approval from their local government to keep unsterilised cats.

For more information, including tips for being a responsible cat owner, contact your local government or visit [www.dlg.wa.gov.au](http://www.dlg.wa.gov.au)

## GRIP LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

On Wednesday 3 April 2013, the year six and seven students from Cervantes Primary School travelled to Geraldton for the GRIP Leadership Conference to learn more about leadership. There were three sessions throughout the day and everyone's favourite segment was Loud Noises. This was when students could be loud and have some fun.



During Session One, we learnt that the song 'Heads, Shoulders, Knees and Toes' has a meaning for leadership. Heads reminds us to think of others, shoulders to carry the load for others, knees to move forward and toes is about balancing responsibilities. We also had to walk around and meet people from other schools.

Session Two looked at different ways of leading. A fire fighter actively does a task. A Police officer gives good instructions to others. An Ambulance officer cares for others.

The third session was about getting a GRIP on the needs of our school and we got to rate how good our school is. We also learnt about working as a team. The final activity was a Q&A where we asked the GRIP leadership team questions about leadership. After a long day, we got to have a delicious snack at McDonald's before our long trip home.

Thank you to Cervantes Primary School and the Shire of Dandaragan who enabled us to attend the Leadership Conference. We are looking forward to being the student leaders in 2013.

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