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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE...

After the recent State Budget announcement last week our community is faced with some interesting challenges into the future. Unfortunately, the State Budget has confirmed that the Country Local Government Fund and the Regional Centres Program (SuperTowns), previously funded under Royalties for Regions, will not be continuing.

Thankfully, the Council's existing projects (Civic / Tourist Centre and the Jurien Bay Infill Sewer Program) previously announced will still go ahead, however, no further from the SuperTowns program will be allocated in the future.

This also presents a challenge for future infrastructure upgrades or new buildings planned by our communities or the Shire, as our access to funding has diminished significantly.

The budget also announced some other initiatives that will affect our residents, such as:

- Existing health initiatives will continue with \$9.7 million for continuation of the Patient Assisted Travel Scheme in 2013 / 2014.
- Royalties for Regions continues to support essential community services in regional areas. This includes the continuation of programs such as the Country Age Pension Fuel Card and new initiatives such as the Volunteer Fuel Card, which provides \$2,000 a year for Regional Volunteer Emergency Service Groups. An amount of \$5.6 million is allocated to the program from 2013 / 2014 to 2016 / 2017.
- A further \$17.4 million has been allocated to the regional mobile communications project in 2013 / 2014 to continue improving regional telecommunications infrastructure and coverage. Council will advocate our areas of known mobile black-spots.

The Shire will endeavor to access other sources of funding which we will strive to do, but Royalties for Regions (Country Local Government Fund) as we used to know it, is gone.

We will continue to grasp the new boundary of Royalties for Regions and move forward. At least the Royalties for Regions program put some royalties from mining and onshore petroleum back into the regional communities, and that's a good positive outcome.

SENIOR RANGER - TERRY SIMS

My name is Terry Sims and I have just joined the Shire of Dandaragan as the new Senior Ranger. I have moved here from Mandurah which is three hours drive south of Jurien Bay. Throughout my career I have worked 11 years in local government seven of which I was a Ranger for the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder and four years as the Senior Ranger for the Shire of Murray.

My interests are squash, golf, fishing, camping, and watching my favourite football team (go the Bombers).

I look forward to the new challenges as Senior Ranger at the Shire of Dandaragan and being a valuable part of the community not only through work but socially as well.



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RECEPTIONIST - CODI THOMPSON

My name is Codi Thompson and I have recently started working as the new Receptionist at the Shire of Dandaragan, Jurien Bay Administration Centre.

I grew up in the small but great town of Cervantes, and have been living in Perth for the past 10 years. I made regular trips with my mum and three older brothers up to Cervantes visiting my dad who stayed to crayfish full time. Whilst in Perth I completed school, TAFE and previously worked at the Stirling Central Medical Centre for a period of 10 months. I recently decided to move back to Cervantes as my brothers and mum had moved back and I missed being home.

I love to spend time with family and friends, watching footy, swimming, camping and being outdoors!

I look forward to being of assistance to you in the future and also being a friendly, happy face in the community.



2013 YOUNG CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD

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The Shire of Dandaragan is again inviting nominations from clubs, organisations and citizens within the Shire for the abovementioned awards.

Nomination forms may be obtained from the Shire office in Jurien Bay or off the Shire of Dandaragan's website www.dandaragan.wa.gov.au.

NOMINATIONS CLOSE

FRIDAY 29 NOVEMBER 2013

The awards ceremony will be held at the Badgingarra Community Centre on Tuesday 11 February 2014 commencing at 7.00pm. Supper and refreshments will be provided.

AN INVITATION IS EXTENDED TO THE PUBLIC TO ATTEND

RIP Leewood James Smith

Sadly Lee Smith passed away suddenly on 24 July 2013. Lee was a well respected community member of Cervantes and a Councillor for the Shire of Dandaragan from 2003 through to 2011. Sincere condolences to Maisie and the Smith family on your loss. He will be missed dearly.



After Glow

*I'd like the memory of me
to be a happy one.*

*I'd like to leave an after glow
of smiles when life is done.*

*I'd like to leave an echo
whispering softly down the ways,
of happy times and laughing times,
and bright and sunny days.*

*I'd like the tears of those who grieve,
to dry before the sun of happy
memories
that I leave when life is done.*

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Shire of Esperance Council Tour & State Coastal Planning Conference

From 29 July to 3 August Councillors, the Chief Executive Officer and the Manager of Planning took part in the biennial Council tour. The Shire of Esperance. Every two years the Council visits another local government to meet with their Council, and visit some of the projects they are currently carrying out as well as sharing information on similar projects.

This years trip to Esperance also coincided with the WA State Coastal Planning Conference. Esperance, like Jurien Bay, was designated a SuperTown under the State Government's Regional Centres Program in 2011. Council had the opportunity to visit the Esperance Waterfront Development Project, which included the stabilisation of the beach area, and the reclamation of some of the foreshore. Council also visited the Wylie Bay Waste Recycling Facility, Esperance Airport, Shark Lake Industrial Area, Esperance Mens Shed and a number of recently completed coastal subdivisions.

The Esperance Shire Council then hosted us all at their Council Chamber to discuss similar issues and local government current events. Council also attended the State Coastal Planning Conference which covered areas of coastal planning, revegetation, recreational vehicle management, dune restoration, estuary projects etc.

Council has also recently been discussing the possibility of hosting the 2015 WA Coastal Planning Conference. Various meetings were held with the organisers of the event to gauge what commitment would be required to attract such a significant event to the Shire of Dandaragan. Council has agreed to progress this further with the view of potentially bidding for the next round in partnership with other organisations.



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BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

The Shire of Dandaragan's Annual Budget for 2013 / 2014 was adopted by Council at the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 25 July 2013.

This year's budget has been balanced with an overall rate increase of 3%. Those properties rated using the GRV method of valuation have been subject to a revaluation, the first in five years. Values have changed significantly from area to area, and zoning to zoning. As such, movement in rates will vary for individual properties based on the changes in value and may not necessarily reflect the 3% increase.

Thanks in large part to numerous funding sources including Royalties for Regions (R4R), Roads to Recovery and Regional Road Group funding, a significant capital works program across all asset classes has been budgeted. In 2013 / 2014 the Shire of Dandaragan will receive \$1.7m in non-operational grant funding to implement projects and objectives budgeted for completion in the upcoming twelve months.

The following project highlights have been budgeted:

Roads

- With the assistance of Roads to Recovery funding \$469,000 will be expended on renewal works including patching, reseals, kerb and drainage to varying degrees on portions of Casuarina Drive, Cook Street and York Street.
- With the partial assistance of Regional Road Group Funding and the State initiatives program \$1.1m will be expended on the reconstruction of portions of Dandaragan Road and Rowes Road and Reconstruction and sealing work on portions of Mimegarra / Meadows Road.
- \$760,000 will be expended on a gravel re-sheet program throughout the rural areas of the Shire of Dandaragan.

Parks & Reserves

- \$70,000 will be expended on an underwater snorkel trail at Dobbyn Park.
- Should the Shire be successful with grant funding \$650,000 will be spent on extending the Jurien Bay foreshore from the jetty to Cook Street.
- \$56,000 will be spent on entry statements into Jurien Bay.

Buildings & Other Infrastructure

- Thanks in part to R4R a significant renewal program is scheduled to be undertaken at the Shires four community centres.
- \$160,000 at the Dandaragan Community Centre to upgrade power, modify and renew toilets, replace gutters and downpipes and external painting and renovate the kitchen
- \$30,000 at the Cervantes Community Centre to upgrade power, internal painting, and replacement of gutters and downpipes.
- \$126,000 at the Jurien Bay Community Centre to re-roof and upgrade toilets in the change rooms, and replacement carpet to the foyer and function room.
- \$150,000 at the Badgingarra Community Centre to install new floor, end wall glazing, remodel toilets and external painting.
- The Jurien Bay Wellness Centre will be completed in the first half of 2013 / 14 at a total project cost of \$842,000.
- In part as a result of R4R funding, public toilet upgrade will continue to the value of \$70,000 for toilets at the Cervantes Foreshore and Dobbyn Park.
- Significant progress of the Jurien Bay Civic Centre and Jurien Sewer project will occur with \$8.5m expected to be expended. Funds for this are provided by the SuperTowns initiative
- Restoration painting of the Dandaragan Pioneer Park and St Annes church gazebos is scheduled.
- Additional area at the Jurien Bay airstrip will be installed to accommodate more hangars.

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INFRASTRUCTURE AND MAJOR PROJECTS UPDATE

Whilst you could be led to believe that SuperTowns projects have been forgotten, Council is happy to report that whilst nothing can be seen on the ground as yet, the projects are progressing within the scheduled timeframe, with all the tedious behind the scene design, tender and approvals being finalised.

The following information is what has occurred and scheduled to occur within the next few months.

Civic / Tourist Information Centre

- Department of Parks and Wildlife have relocated to 12 Murray Street in readiness for demolition of building and construction.
- Construction tender design specifications and documents have been completed and advertised for tender, closing 2.30pm Tuesday 5 September.
- Successful contractor to be appointed at the Council meeting to be held 26 September. Initial demolition and earthworks are anticipated to commence November 2013.
- Any interested local contractors wishing to sub contract to the principle contractor to contact the Shire where a list of potential tenderers can be provided.

Town Centre Sewerage

- Project awaiting Water Corporation approvals.
- Water Corporation Scoping Report is complete.
- Water Corporation are now undertaking ESR (Engineering Scoping Review).
- Project design and specifications to be ready for tender May 2014.

Council is also happy to report that the long awaited Wellness Centre, funded by Country Local Government Fund is on track to be completed prior to Christmas. With the contract being awarded to CLPM. The project is scheduled to commence in the first week of September, with completion prior to Christmas.

Council has also allocated funding in this years budget to formulate a design for the upgrade of Bashford Street and town centre, inclusive of an entry into the town centre from both ends of town. The Bashford Street upgrade is identified in the Jurien Bay Growth Plan, and Council's Jurien Bay City Centre Strategy Plan.

To ensure the success of the project, community input and involvement will be critical, Council will be developing a working group to assist with the design. The Shire will be commencing the process in September and will be requesting a small number of local business operators and residents to be part of the working group.

The design process will include the following:

- drafting of a concept plan taking into consideration landscaping, drainage, underground power, sewerage, traffic movements, pedestrian access, and lighting.
- A number of community meetings to explain the concept plans in detail and discuss feedback.
- An intensive community consultation process for the business, local and tourist communities to capture ideas, issues and concerns in regards to the concept.
- Traffic movement surveys, to identify upgrades to ensure easy vehicular access and egress from Bashford Street, safer pedestrian access to the new Civic/Tourist Information Centre and the general crossing of Bashford Street throughout the town centre.

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INFRASTRUCTURE AND MAJOR PROJECTS UPDATE CONT...

The Shire has also drafted for immediate implementation, a School Bus Stop Procedure document which clearly defines the process and guidelines for the location and construction of school bus stops throughout the Shire.

New bus stop location requests still need to be applied for through the Public Transport Authority.

The Authority will review requests and forward the request to the Shire to assess the location. The Bus Stop procedure can be accessed by contacting Steph Nelson, Infrastructure Support Officer at the Shire Administration Centre on 9652 0800.

DANDARAGAN COUNCIL MEETING AND TOWNSITE INSPECTION

The 26 September 2013 Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held at the Dandaragan Community Resource Centre 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 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.

DRAFT INDIAN OCEAN DRIVE PLANNING GUIDELINE

Call for public submissions

The Western Australian Planning Commission is seeking comment on the draft Indian Ocean Drive Planning Guidelines.

The Guideline sets out broad guidelines for the location, siting and design of various land uses and development in the locality of Indian Ocean Drive outside of town sites. It will provide an integrated approach to land use decision making across five local governments - Gingin, Dandaragan, Coorow, Carnamah and Irwin - with the purpose of retaining rural and natural landscape character and enhancing the provision of services and facilities available to all users of this scenic coastal road.

Display locations

Copies of the draft Guideline are available for public inspection at the following locations:

- Western Australian Planning Commission, Level 2, 140 William Street, Perth
- Shire of Dandaragan, 69 Bashford Street, Jurien Bay

Submissions

Submissions should be made in writing and received by 4pm on 14 October 2013 by email to wheatbelt@planning.wa.gov.au or by post to:

Project Manager, Indian Ocean Drive Planning Guideline
Department of Planning, Wheatbelt Team
Locked Bag 2506
Perth WA 6001

All comments received will be considered by the WAPC before the final Guideline is released.

For more information please contact the Project Officer on 6551 9567.

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REQUEST FOR TENDER NO 04 / 2013 SUPPLY OF VARIOUS GOODS AND SERVICES AND PLANT HIRE (2 YEAR PERIOD PANEL CONTRACT)

The Shire of Dandaragan invites tenders for the supply of various goods and services and plant hire (2 year period panel contract).

A tender package is available upon request by contacting Stephanie Nelson on 9652 0800 or by email to snelson@dandaragan.wa.gov.au.

Tenders will close at **4.00pm on Thursday 5 September 2013.**

Tenders may be lodged by post or hand to the Tender Box, Shire of Dandaragan, Administration Centre, PO Box 676, Jurien Bay WA 6516 or Jurien Bay Administration Centre, 69 Bashford Street, Jurien Bay.

Canvassing of any Shire of Dandaragan Councillors or officers will disqualify your tender from the process.

The Variety Club Bash is heading to Jurien Bay.....



The Variety Club will be rolling in to town on the 30th August 2013 for their 25th Anniversary. Dubbed the "Silver Bullet" Bash - the 2013 event will bring together an unlikely bunch of everyday heroes who have raised \$20 million for WA kids in need.

From 5.30pm to 8.00pm on the 30th August, local residents and visitors are invited to join the Variety Club at the Jurien Community Centre Oval for:

Twilight Skydive and Fireworks Display



A sausage sizzle and glow apparel will also be sold on the evening.

This is Variety Club's first ever visit to the Bay. Please come down and show your support for the fantastic work they do for our Western Australian children.

The centre of the football oval will be the firing point for the fireworks. Spectators are to gather on the JCC grassed area. Parents are to keep all children off the oval for the duration of the event.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT ORDINARY ELECTION CLOSE OF ENROLMENTS Shire of Dandaragan ROLL CLOSE: 5.00 pm FRIDAY 30 August 2013

You may be eligible to be enrolled to vote in the local government elections on 19 October 2013 if you live in or are an owner or occupier of rateable property in the Shire of Dandaragan.

Residents

You are automatically enrolled to vote if you are on the State Electoral Roll as at 5.00 pm Friday, 30 August 2013. If you are not already on the State Electoral Roll and meet the eligibility criteria, or if you have changed address recently, you must complete an enrolment form.

Enrolment Forms

Electoral enrolment forms are available from the Shire of Dandaragan, all post offices, all Australian Electoral Commission offices or the Western Australian Electoral Commission and must be completed and reach a Divisional Returning Officer in Western Australia by 5.00 pm Friday, 30 August 2013.

Non-Resident Owners and Occupiers

If you are a non-resident owner or occupier of rateable property in the Shire of Dandaragan and are on the State or Commonwealth Electoral Roll, you are eligible to enrol to vote. If you are **not** on the State or Commonwealth Electoral Roll and own or occupy rateable property in the Shire of Dandaragan you may be eligible to enrol to vote. This applies if you were on the last electoral roll for the Shire of Dandaragan prior to May 1996 and have owned or occupied rateable property in the district continuously since this time. Please contact your local government for details. Owners of land who were on the last Local Government roll continue to retain that status until they cease to own the rateable property to which the enrolment relates. Occupiers do not have continuous enrolment and should contact the Shire of Dandaragan to confirm their enrolment status. To be eligible to enrol as an occupier, you will need to have a right of continuous occupation under a lease, tenancy agreement or other legal instrument for at least the next three months following the date of the application to enrol.

Joint Owners and Occupiers

If a rateable property is owned or occupied by more than two people, a majority of the owners/occupiers may nominate two persons from amongst themselves who are on either the State or Commonwealth Electoral Roll, to enrol as owner/occupier electors.

Corporations

A body corporate that owns or occupies rateable property may nominate two people who are on either the State or Commonwealth Electoral Roll to enrol as owner/occupier electors.

Enrolment Forms – Non-Resident Owners and Occupiers Only

Enrolment forms can be obtained from local governments and must be lodged with the Chief Executive Officer by 5.00 pm on Friday 30 August 2013. Further information can be obtained from the Shire of Dandaragan.

Tony Nottle
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
Shire of Dandaragan
Telephone: 9652 0800



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