



Government of **Western Australia**
Department of **Transport**

Media Statement

JURIEN BAY BOAT HARBOUR TEMPORARILY CLOSED

The beach at Jurien Bay boat harbour has been temporarily closed whilst authorities remove trapped decomposing seaweed and dead fish caused by a 'perfect storm' of natural events.

The Department of Transport (DoT) and the Department of Health have recommended people do not swim in the water or consume fish caught in the marina – nor allow pets to come into contact with dead or decomposing fish either in the water or onshore – due to the risk of high bacteria levels.

DoT Executive Director Coastal Infrastructure, Steve Jenkins, said low oxygen levels in the water caused by the trapped decomposing seaweed was impacting on marine life.

“Due to a unique combination of naturally occurring events – mainly the storm associated strong North Westerly wind and high energy swells – seaweed from surrounding reef systems has dislodged.

“This, in conjunction with the recent neap tides and unfavourable winds, means there is a reduced amount of seaweed exiting the harbour which is causing fish in the marina to die,” Mr Jenkins said.

Whilst ocean current flows are improving this week, westerly winds continue to drive weed into the harbour.

The Shire of Dandaragan has erected official Department of Health warning signage on the Jurien Bay boat harbour beach and a DoT contractor is continuing to conduct shoreline clean-up of fish and seaweed.

Mr Jenkins said DoT will also be gathering wave and current data for Jurien Bay in an effort to better understand the seagrass movement and prevent future fish kills.

“The data collected will be used as part of a proposed Jurien Bay Seagrass Study,” Mr Jenkins said.

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MAJOR PROJECTS UPDATE

The Civic / Visitor Information Centre tender has been awarded to Pindan Pty Ltd for construction. At this stage the intention is to have the demolition and earthworks completed prior to Christmas with major construction works commencing in 2014.

Works on the new Wellness Centre are progressing well at this stage, they are on target and expected to be completed prior to Christmas.

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NOTICE TO ALL OWNERS AND OR OCCUPIERS OF LAND WITHIN THE SHIRE OF DANDARAGAN

Please be advised that the due date by which firebreaks and / or hazard reduction must be installed in the district of the Shire of Dandaragan is 1st November 2013 and maintained up until and including the 30th April 2014.

The Prohibited Burning Period is from the **1st November 2013 up until the 28th February 2014 inclusive. Strictly No Burning. No campfires for the purpose of camping and cooking.**

Fire prevention saves lives, protects the environment, and reduces damage to property, livestock and crops.

A copy of the Fire Break Order is available from the Jurien Bay Administration Centre and also the Shire of Dandaragan website (www.dandaragan.wa.gov.au). Assistance with definitions, contractors and the contact details of Fire Control Officers are contained in this guide.

Crown EWP Snorkel FOR SALE by Tender

Equip Make/Model MHP14
Serial No: 900518
Date of Manufacture. 1990
Max safe working load 150kg
Towing Speed 80km

Plant is decommissioned and may be useful as parts only. It is available for collection as one unit from the Jurien Operations Centre. Prices are to be submitted in writing to: Tender Box, Shire of Dandaragan, 69 Bashford Street / PO Box 676, Jurien Bay WA 6516.

Tender deadline: 4:00pm Thursday 31 October 2013.

NOTE: Tenders must be placed in a sealed envelope clearly marked 'Crown EWP Snorkel'. Failure to clearly mark the envelope could jeopardise the confidentiality of the Tender.

The Shire of Dandaragan accepts no responsibility for submitted Tenders failing to be in the Tender Box at the time and date of closing. Late Tenders will not be accepted. Electronic mail (email) or facsimile Tenders **will not** be accepted.

Please call Kerri Renton on 0428 514 124 for further information if required.

JURIEN BAY SNORKEL TRAIL

Jurien Bay's Mens Shed have now placed the Artificial Reef Balls into the water near the old jetty and they have already started attracting fish to the area.



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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

WESTERN POWER NETWORK UPGRADES - JURIEN BAY

As part of Western Powers ongoing network improvement program they will be conducting important electricity network upgrades. These works will affect Jurien Bay over October and into November.

Western Power apologise in advance for any temporary inconvenience this may cause for the Shire of Dandaragan and local residents and would like to reassure you that this work is essential to improving the safety and reliability of the network into the future.

While Western Power aims to conduct as much live work as possible, this work may involve a number of planned outages.

All affected residents and businesses will receive notification of each planned outage closer to the time that it occurs. Please note that some customers will be affected on multiple occasions, and they will receive a letter for each individual outage. Unless a power interruption notice is received, the electricity network improvements are not expected to cause an interruption to power supply.

Over time it is expected this work will mean customers experience fewer outages, higher reliability of service, and reduced bushfire risk.

GRANTS AVAILABLE AT NACC

TO HELP PROTECT THE REGION'S COAST

Grants of up to \$10,000 will help local organisations improve the management of the Northern Agricultural Region's (NAR) unique coastal environment, through Round Five of the Northern Agricultural Catchments Council (NACC) Coastal Grants program.

Community groups, local governments and other eligible groups such as educational institutions and not-for-profit organisations involved in management of the NAR coastal and marine resources can apply.

Applications close on Monday 4 November 2013.

For more information about the NACC coastal grants, please contact Wendy Payne at NACC office on 9938 0126 or Wendy.Payne@nacc.com.au

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IMPLEMENTATION CAT REGISTRATION FEES

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CHANGES TO DOG REGISTRATION FEES

As of 1 November 2013 all Cats are required to be Micro-chipped, De-sexed and Registered.

The proposed fees for Cats & Dogs are as follows:

CATS	1yr	3yrs	Lifetime
Annual Registration of a Cat, unless concessional fees are applicable	\$20.00	\$42.50	\$100.00
Pensioners 50% otherwise Payable	\$10.00	\$21.25	\$50.00
Registrations after 31 May in any year, for that Registration year	50% of fee payable otherwise		
Annual application for approval or renewal of approval to breed cats (per Cat)	\$100.00		
DOGS	1yr	3yrs	Lifetime
Annual Registration, unsterilized dog or bitch, unless a concessional rate applies	\$50.00	\$120.00	Not applicable at this time
Annual Registration Sterilised Dog or Bitch	\$20.00	\$42.50	Not applicable at this time
Dogs used for droving or tending stock 25% of fee otherwise payable	Unsterilized \$12.50 Sterilized \$5.00	Unsterilized \$30.00 Sterilized \$10.65	Not applicable at this time
Dogs owned by Pensioners 50% of fee otherwise payable	Unsterilized \$25.00 Sterilized \$10.00	Unsterilized \$60.00 Sterilized \$21.25	Not applicable at this time

PLEASE NOTE that there will be an option to renew your Dog for a Lifetime but this option will not take effect until the Dog Amendment Bill 2013 has been passed by Parliament.

Lifetime registrations for dogs cannot be taken / accepted until this time.

CERVANTES FESTIVAL OF ART

The Cervantes Festival of Art 2013 will open on 25 October 2013 and run through to 3 November 2013 at the Cervantes Community Centre.

This event has been the brain child of the Cervantes Cultural Committee, a group of local citizens that pride themselves in organising the exhibitions and activities.

A variety of activities are planned to entice spectators and participants from all walks of life. The art exhibition includes art paintings, a host of crafts, a photography completion, written bush poetry completion and much more.

For more information visit the facebook page 'Cervantes Festival of Art' where entry forms are available.

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Congratulations – Dandaragan Organic Beef

Regional Achievement and Community Awards 2013 - Finalist



The Western Australian Regional Achievement & Community Awards are designed to encourage, acknowledge and reward the valuable contributions individuals, communities and businesses are making throughout regional and rural Western Australia.

Council and the community would like to wish you all the very best at the awards night to be held on the 18th of October.

To learn more about Dandaragan Organic Beef visit: www.dandaraganorganicbeef.com.au or follow Dandaragan Organic Beef on Facebook.

JURIEN BAY'S "INDIAN OCEAN FESTIVAL" INCORPORATING BLESSING OF THE FISHING FLEET

The Indian Ocean festival, an event of local, regional and national standing, is held annually over one weekend in November. Starting with a Bowls Competition on Friday 8 November, followed by the Festival and all incorporated events being held at Dobbyn Park on Saturday 9 November.

Saturday is jam packed with entertainment for the whole family including live music, amusement rides and side show, licensed bar, free kiddies petting zoo, kids live entertainment, "Wadumbah" dance group, karate show, SciTech Interactive and live shows, silent disco, free zorb ball rides, local talent jazz dance group performance, the very exciting popular rope coiling competition and so much more.

Top Perth band Soul City Groove will be entertaining one and all for the afternoon and into the evening.

Once again a fun and energetic auction will be held that you won't want to miss with all proceeds going towards Jurien Bay District High School P & C Association. One of the auction items included in this year's list is a tandem Sky Dive donated by Sky Dive Jurien Bay. Then be sure to stick around for the "Monster Raffle" conducted by Jurien Bay District High School Parents and Citizens, plenty of prizes to choose from.

Special guest presenters from "The Western Angler Magazine" will be showing all how to fillet a fish the right way and present a wealth of information for young and old.

The **FIREWORKS EXTRAVAGANZA** will be set off at 8pm. Hosted by "Jurien IGA". You don't want to miss it, it just keeps getting better every year.

For more information please visit <http://www.indianoceanfestival.com.au>