

## OPEN DAY IN JURIEN BAY

Jurien Bay's SuperTown status was affirmed on Monday 13 January with a sod turning ceremony to mark the beginning of construction works for its new Visitor Information and Civic Centre.

The ceremony was preceded by the opening of the town's new Wellness Centre and opening of the Underwater Interpretative Trail.

Building works started on Jurien Bay's \$9.8 million civic centre last month, with work due to be completed by October this year.

Some \$85million of *Royalties for Regions* funding has been allocated for the state's nine SuperTowns with a view to preparing these regional communities for the state's population growth, which is projected to double in the next 40 years.

Jurien Bay's new civic centre will offer a range of government services in one centrally located facility.

Member for Moore Shane Love MLA said the commencement of construction works marked an exciting period in Jurien Bay's history.

Jurien Bay's Wellness Centre will provide five consultation rooms for medical and allied health services.

A joint project involving the Shires of Gingin and Dandaragan, the facility has received \$650,000 of funding from the Country Local Government Fund, provided by *Royalties for Regions*.

Building works are nearing completion with the facility at lock-up stage and the internal fitout now underway.

Mr Love said the new and expanded medical facilities would be welcomed in Jurien Bay.

"Jurien Bay's Medical Centre was built for a static population," he said.

"The Wellness Centre provides greater capacity in response to a need highlighted in the Shire of Dandaragan's Aged Care and Health Plan."

In opening the Underwater Interpretative Trail, Mr Love said the shore-based snorkel trail capped off years of community work in the centre of Jurien Bay.

The project received funding of \$40,000 under the Department of Sport and Recreation and Lotterywest Special Trails program, with a further \$30,000 provided by the Country Local Government Fund.

The Jurien Bay Men's Shed has been involved in making and placing more than 70 concrete reef balls in the vicinity of the old timber planet jetty.



Above from left: MLC Paul Brown, MLA Shane Love and Shire President Wayne Gibson.



Above from left: MLA Shane Love, Tony Nottle CEO, Wayne Gibson Shire President & MLC Paul Brown. Photo by Jurien Bay CRC.



Above: Jurien Bay Mens Shed President Ian Stiles with a reef ball for the snorkel trail.

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## **Philippa Schmucker - Natural Resource Management Officer Northern Agricultural Catchments Council (NACC)**

Philippa comes from South Australia with experience in environmental management spanning around ten years, which includes working with the Department of Water and Natural Resources managing programs in semi-arid and coastal environments and managing a private environmental consultancy. Philippa has a background in Applied Science and has done significant work in biodiversity monitoring and delivering on ground threat mitigation projects such as coastal rehabilitation.



Philippa is based in Jurien Bay, hosted by the Shire of Dandaragan and employed by NACC to deliver Natural Resource Management (NRM) projects in the southern area of the Northern Agricultural Region (south of Dongara to Guilderton and inland to Moora, covering the Shires of Irwin, Coorow, Dandaragan, Gingin and Moora). Commencing mid October 2013, Philippa's main focus is on NACC's Coast and Marine and Biodiversity Programs, delivering projects through the Australian Government Caring for Our Country national funding. Coast and Marine projects include coastal photo monitoring and working with community groups on coastal rehabilitation projects. Biodiversity projects include incentives for land holders to protect waterways, native vegetation and wetland areas including fencing, weed control and revegetation.

Part of Philippa's role is as the communication point for queries and information requests regarding NRM and coastal management programs and as a link for the Shire of Dandaragan and community to provide information on grants and incentives, events, workshops and other NRM opportunities.

Philippa works full time and can be contacted on 0448 459 127 and philippa.schmucker@nacc.com.au.

## **SCHEDULED ROAD WORKS**

The Shire of Dandaragan wishes to advise the public of scheduled road works in the region.

Work is set to commence at the Indian Ocean Drive and Jurien East Road intersection on or around the 5 February 2014.

Work will be carried out during daylight hours with the existing asphalt being removed and replaced with new.

Further queries can be directed to the Project Manager, Brett Hadley on 0448 033 143.

## **Emergency + Smartphone App**

Australia's Triple Zero Awareness Working Group has developed a smartphone app for iOS and Android devices to:

- provide the caller with information about when to call Triple Zero;
- provide the caller with information about who to call in various non-emergency situations;
- assist the caller to dial the relevant number; and
- display the GPS coordinates of the phone's location that the caller can read out to the emergency operator.

The app is free of charge and available for download from iTunes and Google Play Stores.

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## 2013 Citizen and Young Citizen of the Year Awards

The Awards Ceremony will be held at the **Badgingarra Community Centre** on **Tuesday 11 February 2014, commencing at 7.00 pm.**

Supper and refreshments will be provided.

***AN INVITATION BY REQUEST IS EXTENDED TO THE PUBLIC TO ATTEND***

### **Citizen of the Year nominees:**

<u>Name of Nominee</u>	<u>Nominating Organisation(s) or Person</u>
Lindsay Doney	Jurien Bay Volunteer Marine Rescue
Ian Stiles	Jurien Bay Ratepayers and Progress Association
Jonathan Nelson	Badgingarra Community Association & Badgingarra Country Womens Association
Glenys Scott	Jurien Bay Country Womens Association
Rick Allen	Advance Dandaragan
Emma Brooks	Fundraisers Dandaragan & Dandaragan Football Club
Rebecca Gazeley	Cervantes Community Recreation Centre Management Committee
Sue Meecham	Dandaragan Community Recreation Club
Richard Ellison	Dandaragan Golf Club

### **Young Citizen of the Year nominees:**

Unfortunately there were no young citizen nominations received this year.

Please advise Denaye Kerr at the Jurien Bay Administration Centre on 9652 0800 **as soon as possible** as to the numbers attending the ceremony for catering purposes.

## GREAT COCKY COUNT

The sixth Great Cockey Count (GCC), WA's biggest survey for Carnaby's Black-Cockatoo, will be held on 6 April 2014. During this annual community-based survey, volunteers count Carnaby's at night-time roost sites across the southwest of the state on a single night in April. The 2014 GCC will also count red-tailed black cockatoos.

A key aim of the GCC is to survey as many roost sites as possible and they need your help to make the 2014 GCC the most comprehensive survey ever.



What you can do:

1. Register to monitor a roost site on Sunday 6 April 2014.
2. Report a roost site.
3. Tell your friends and colleagues about the GCC.

More information can be found on their website at:

<http://www.birdlife.org.au/projects/carnabys-black-cockatoo-recovery/great-cocky-count>

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## FIRE AWARENESS

The Shire of Dandaragan would like to remind their community and visitors to our region of the **TOTAL BAN ON CAMPFIRES** within the district from the **1st November 2013 until 31st March 2014 inclusive**.

This Council policy was introduced due to impact on the district and the likelihood of a fire escaping threatening lives, property, livestock, crops and flora.

The response of emergency services and the dedicated volunteers involved in the extinguishing and control of fires creates a significant burden on the wider community and their families.

Council has a **TOTAL FIRE BAN** in Reserve 19206 known as Sandy Cape Recreational Park. This total fire ban for the purpose of **Campfires and Cooking** is in effect.

Offenders will be infringed under the Bush Fires Act & Regulations 1954 and on the spot fines will apply.

Terry Sims  
SENIOR RANGER

## LAND CLEARING CHANGES TO REDUCE RED TAPE

The State Government is reducing red tape for farmers and land managers by making changes to native vegetation clearing rules.

Environment Minister Albert Jacob said the amendments would result in changes to two key areas and would take effect from tomorrow.

“Farmers and land managers will be able to increase the amount of clearing for what is known as limited clearing exemptions from one hectare to five hectares, per financial year,” he said.

“This change reflects contemporary farming practices and the need for the removal of vegetation to accommodate larger machinery. For example, existing vehicle tracks may need to be widened to allow for a larger combine harvester.

“The other change will mean farmers and land managers will have 20 years to maintain land previously cleared lawfully, without applying for a clearing permit. This is an increase from the current 10-year time frame.

“These changes are designed to make life easier for farmers and land managers, without resulting in any significant risk to the environment. They are intended to reduce regulatory burdens that prohibit future growth and success for land owners and managers, and help farmers get on with managing their land.”

The amendments follow several reviews of the clearing provisions in the Environmental Protection Act 1986 and continue the Liberal National Government’s commitment to approvals reform.

Mr Jacob said he was confident the amendments would deliver improvements to the regulation of clearing without causing any significant risk to the environment.

“The State Government is also considering further amendments to the Act to streamline approvals and improve regulatory effectiveness, and is committed to a new biodiversity conservation act that will replace the Wildlife Conservation Act 1950,” the Minister said.

“The Department of Environment Regulation will ensure these changes are communicated to farmers and land managers via targeted education, compliance and enforcement programs.”