

FROM THE CEO'S DESK

As we welcome in the New Year it is great to see a large number of our ratepayers and residents enjoying a well earned break from a busy 2014. The coastal areas of the Shire were once again busy over the School holiday period, and a number of fires kept all our volunteers, staff and contractors busy in the rural areas. Thank you to all of those who have given up your time to assist. I wish you all a happy and safe New Year.

Citizen of the Year Awards

I look forward to the upcoming Citizen of the Year Awards for 2014 which will be held at the Dandaragan Community Centre on Tuesday 10 February 2015 commencing at 7.00pm. Our communities can be proud that this is always a well patronized event in our towns and we certainly have a number of high quality nominations this year. Congratulations to all of you who have been nominated and I look forward to seeing you all on the awards evening.

Shire Ward Boundary Review

The Shire has received a total of 39 submissions in relation to potentially re-establishing a ward system for the Dandaragan Shire Council. Your feedback regarding the proposal that was advertised is greatly appreciated. It is anticipated that Council will be considering the submissions at its meeting on the 26 February 2015. This will assist Council in forming its position to be able to submit to the Local Government Advisory Board, who will provide any recommendations to the Minister for Local Government for his consideration.

Jurien Bay Harbour Dredging Underway

Last year the Jurien Bay Harbour was a heavy topic of discussion following repeated fish kills due to poor water quality. The poor water quality was due to a number of factors including, lack of maintenance on the harbor, weather conditions and weed accumulation. The Dredge has been onsite prior to Christmas and is continuing to undertake the well overdue maintenance that's required in the Harbour. The Jurien Bay Marina Action Group, chaired by our local member Mr Shane Love MLA are to be commended on their efforts to rectify this situation.



MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF BUSHFIRE CONTROL OFFICER

I wish to convey a huge thankyou to everyone involved in any way in the recent fires, especially to my Fire Control Officers who have shown unwavering support and supply of equipment at short notice. Also I wish to acknowledge DPaW for their contribution and invaluable support received from the Dandaragan Shire and Staff and Contractors for the use of Graders, Loaders, Water Tankers. A thankyou to Brigades from neighbouring Shires who also lent their support. Also I make special mention of the ladies/guys, landowners and businesses for the continuing supply of food and refreshments over a lengthy period and the numerous offers of food.

Rick Allen
Chief Bushfire Control Officer

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Shires of Gingin, Dandaragan and Chittering Joint Media Statement

WHEATBELT SHIRES FORM REGIONAL ALLIANCE

Shire councils of Gingin, Dandaragan and Chittering all unanimously agreed to establish a Regional Alliance at their respective Council meetings in December. Recent Wheatbelt Development Commission planning identified several issues common to all three Shires which has prompted the formation of a working partnership between the three local governments.

The Shires of Gingin, Dandaragan and Chittering are all facing the knock-on effects from Perth's rapidly expanding northern corridor, which includes the issue of funding the services and infrastructure needed for the growing region such as health care, education, transport, aged care and waste management.

Of these, the provision of health and aged care services has been identified by the three councils as a common priority. In addition, the Regional Alliance will focus on industry development and growth, and will work with the Wheatbelt Development Commission to progress those identified priorities for the region.

"It is the agreed position of our Shires that a united approach to addressing our common issues will lead to better outcomes," said Gingin Shire CEO, Jeremy Edwards. "In essence this partnership is about building a strong regional local government focus with an emphasis on advocating strategic projects and services for our region."

Dandaragan Shire CEO Tony Nottle said the Regional Alliance will also work closely with the Wheatbelt Development Commission to identify other key issues and projects that will assist with addressing the growth pressures as well as funding and service gaps. "The Shire of Dandaragan is looking forward to working with the Shires of Chittering and Gingin in an effort to attract funding and services to our growing region," he said.

Shire of Chittering CEO Gary Tuffin added: "In recent times there has been a stronger focus on taking a regional approach to funding by both the state and federal government, and for better cooperation/collaboration amongst local government. It is envisaged the Regional Alliance may act as an appropriate vehicle to address these mandates."

The Regional Alliance will consist of the three Shire Chief Executives who will meet monthly, with representation by Shire Presidents and the Wheatbelt Development Commission on a quarterly or as-needed basis.

For further information concerning this media statement contact:

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JURIEN BAY TOWN PROJECTS COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

It is hereby notified for public information that Council seeks comment on the following proposals:

The Jurien Bay townsite is ever expanding and landscaping within the town is evolving with a number of key Shire of Dandaragan infrastructure projects. This includes the design and construction of the following key projects within Jurien Bay:

- Jurien Bay Entry Statements
- Jurien Bay Bashford Street Redevelopment
- Jurien Bay Foreshore Redevelopment

The Shire has allocated funds in the 2014 / 2015 budget to commence the construction of the initial stages of these key town features.

JURIEN BAY ENTRY STATEMENT SUBMISSIONS

The design and development of new entry statements along the northern and southern approaches to Jurien Bay on Indian Ocean Drive. The Shire received two design submissions from the community for the Jurien Bay entry statements in November 2014. The designs show artistic flare, recognising iconic and historic features associated with Jurien Bay. The shortlisted submissions are hereby advertised for public information and comment. These will be presented at a community workshop following the advertising period.

JURIEN BAY BASHFORD STREET REDEVELOPMENT CONCEPT DESIGN

The design and construction of Jurien Bay's Bashford Street Redevelopment. The Shire engaged a consultant to develop a Concept Design for the Jurien Bay Bashford Street Redevelopment. The intent of the proposed Bashford Street Redevelopment project is to enhance and improve the aesthetics of the town centre of Jurien Bay whilst improving traffic and pedestrian safety and conflict created by the extension of Indian Ocean Drive, through the centre of Jurien Bay. The Concept Design is hereby advertised for public information and comment. This will be presented at a community workshop following the advertising period.

JURIEN BAY FORESHORE REDEVELOPMENT CONCEPT DESIGN

The design and construction of Jurien Bay Foreshore Redevelopment along the Grigson Street foreshore between Cook Street and Roberts Street. The Shire engaged a consultant to develop a Concept Design for the Jurien Bay Foreshore Redevelopment. The intent of the proposed foreshore upgrade works is to match the style of landscape works existing along the foreshore to the north of Roberts Street. The Concept Design is hereby advertised for public information and comment. This will be presented at a Community Workshop following the advertising period.

SUBMISSIONS

These design submissions are being advertised for public information and comment. Written submissions, queries and comments can be directed to:

Garrick Yandle, Executive Manager Infrastructure, Shire of Dandaragan, PO Box 676, 69 Bashford Street, Jurien Bay WA 6516 or via email: emi@dandaragan.wa.gov.au.

The submission period will be open up to **4.00pm Monday 16 February 2015**.

A copy of the submissions may be obtained by contacting the Shire office during office hours on 9652 0800 or from the Shire website www.dandaragan.wa.gov.au under 'Publications'.

COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

The community workshop will be held at the Jurien Bay Visitor Information and Civic Centre on Bashford Street, commencing at **10.00am on Tuesday 17 February 2015**.

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2014 Citizen and Young Citizen of the Year Awards

The Awards Ceremony will be held at the **Dandaragan Community Centre on Tuesday 10 February 2015, 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>
Kent McConnell	Dandaragan Community Recreation Club
Christine Heu	Jurien Bay Volunteer Marine Rescue
Emma Harris	Advance Dandaragan
Jess Turbett	Cervantes Ratepayers and Progress Association
Thelma Clausen	Jurien Bay Country Womens Association
Marlene Neethling	Badgingarra Community Association
Lindsay James Doney	Jurien Bay Volunteer Marine Rescue

Young Citizen of the Year nominees:

<u>Name of Nominee</u>	<u>Nominating Organisation(s) or Person</u>
Kaleb John - Furnace	Advance Dandaragan and Dandaragan St John Ambulance
Zane Westaway	Jurien Bay District High School
Chiara Briotti	Taylor's Dance Company

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.

LOCAL PLANNING SCHEME NO 7

REQUEST FOR PLANNING CONSENT

The Shire of Dandaragan has received an application seeking planning consent to conduct Kite Surfing Instructing at Thirsty Point, Cervantes.

A full copy of the planning application can be viewed at the Jurien Bay Administration Centre, 69 Bashford Street during normal opening hours, on the Shire's website (www.dandaragan.wa.gov.au) or at the Cervantes Library.

Should a person wish to provide comment on the application a submission form can be obtained by phoning 9652 0800. Written submissions to the undersigned must be lodged on or before **4.00pm Monday 16 February 2015.**

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