

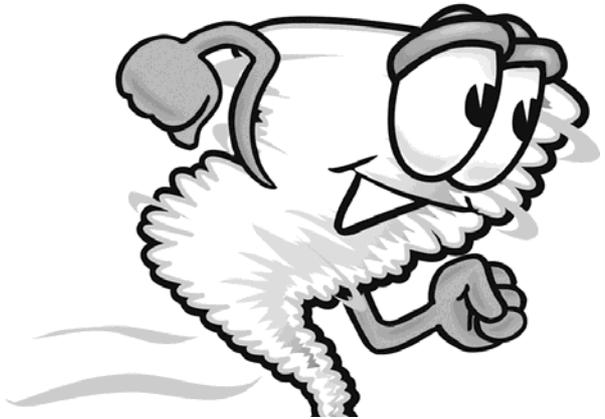
## FROM THE CEO'S DESK

### Tropical Cyclone Olwyn

Friday 13th was potentially shaping up to be a dark day in the Shire with TC Olwyn bearing down on the WA coastline.

Its not very often that the Department of Fire & Emergency Services (DFES) declares a Cyclone Alert for our area, but on this occasion, we were placed on Yellow Alert at 6pm.

I am pleased to say that our Local Emergency Management Committee (LEMC) prepared for the event admirably. With the assistance of volunteers, local agencies and businesses as well as Shire staff, we were able to prepare an action plan in the event that TC Olwyn was to cross closer to our communities.



The Shire of Dandaragan provided updates via its website, Facebook page and also updated the community notice board in Jurien Bay.

It was noticeable however, that during the course of the day and into Saturday that there was some confusion as to what is entailed during a blue, yellow or red alert, and who was responsible in issuing these alerts. As such, we have provided further information in this edition of the Shire Matters regarding the Cyclone Alert System.

We did receive a number of complaints regarding the issuing of these alerts. Please remember that it is the DFES who declares the community alert levels. Further information can be obtained by visiting the Department's website at [www.dfes.wa.gov.au](http://www.dfes.wa.gov.au)

Thank you to all of those who assisted us during this time.

### Shire Communication

The Shire of Dandaragan has a number of ways it engages with the community. More recently I have received a number of questions asking "how people can find out about Shire activities." The Shire produces this publication (Shire Matters) which are sent to all local newspapers (Craytales, Pinnacles Express, Redgum Reports and the Sandpaper) on a monthly basis. It is also accessible via our website at [www.dandaragan.wa.gov.au](http://www.dandaragan.wa.gov.au)



The Shire also has a Facebook page where general updates and community information is posted on a regular basis and regularly updates its website page.

The Shire will also be putting together a register for those who wish to receive information via email. **If you would like to join this register to receive information directly from the Shire, please send an email with your details to [grichardson@dandaragan.wa.gov.au](mailto:grichardson@dandaragan.wa.gov.au)**

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## GET READY FOR THE NEW VISITOR CENTRE - VOLUNTEERS AND BROCHURES

The new Turquoise Coast Visitor Centre in Jurien Bay is opening soon. We are seeking expressions of interest from community members to volunteer a few hours on weekends to provide visitor information to tourists. Volunteers will be provided with full training and support and a roster system will be implemented. The visitor centre will initially be open from 9am to 12 noon on weekends as an information service only; volunteers will not be required to handle money or make travel and accommodation bookings.

We are also looking to stock as many local tourism and relevant service business brochures as possible. Brochures for food vendors, tourism businesses, tours and activities, accommodation and anything else that might be relevant for visitors are welcome.

If you are interested in becoming a visitor centre volunteer or you would like your brochures to be featured in the new visitor centre please contact Alison Slyns, Tourism & Marketing Coordinator, Phone: (08) 9652 0800, Email: [tmc@dandaragan.wa.gov.au](mailto:tmc@dandaragan.wa.gov.au)

### ONLY WORKING SMOKE ALARMS SAVE LIVES

**Every year on April 1, April Fools' Day remember to change your smoke alarm batteries, using a high-quality, long-life battery**

Fires can start quickly and without warning, every year more than 1500 house fires start in Western Australia causing millions of dollars damage. On average five people die in these fires. The risk of death from fire is three times higher in homes without smoke alarms.

A working smoke alarm can provide valuable minutes in detecting a fire, allowing you more time to escape safely and giving firefighters a greater chance of protecting your home.

You should only install smoke alarms that comply with Australian Standard 3786 and carry the Australia Standards or Scientific Services Laboratory (SSL) labels. Smoke alarms should be installed by a licensed electrical contractor in accordance with the provisions of the Building Code of Australia.

#### **Mains powered smoke alarms are now law**

Since 1997 all new houses being built or undergoing major renovations require mains powered smoke alarms to be installed. In October 2009 new laws came into effect requiring homes built before 1997 to have mains powered smoke alarms installed when they are sold or rented to new tenants. Mains powered smoke alarms must be installed by a licensed electrical contractor. As of 1 October 2011 all rental properties are required to have mains powered smoke alarms.

#### **Smoke alarms for the deaf or hard of hearing**

Special smoke alarms with a strobe light and vibrating pad are available for people who are deaf or hard of hearing. For details on where you can buy these smoke alarms please go to: [www.dfes.wa.gov.au](http://www.dfes.wa.gov.au)

For more information contact Department of Fire & Emergency Services Community Safety team: Phone: (08) 9395 9300, Email: [dfes@dfes.wa.gov.au](mailto:dfes@dfes.wa.gov.au), Web: [www.dfes.wa.gov.au](http://www.dfes.wa.gov.au)

### SHIRE OF DANDARAGAN COUNCIL MEETINGS IN THE MONTHS AHEAD

DATE	VENUE	TIME
23 April 2015	Cervantes	5.00pm
28 May 2015	Jurien Bay	5.00pm
25 June 2015	Badgingarra	5.00pm

# SHIRE MATTERS

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## NOTICE TO ALL OWNERS & OCCUPIERS OF LAND WITHIN THE SHIRE OF DANDARAGAN INCLUDING VISITORS

Please be advised  
EASTER HOLIDAY PERIOD.

(Good Friday and the 3 days immediately following Good Friday)

**No burning** is permitted within the Shire of Dandaragan, including Fires for the purpose of Camping & Cooking **West of the Brand Highway** in; Fire Weather Zones, **South West** and **North West**.

## BIKEWEEK 2015



Bikeweek events for the Shire came about through a successful funding application through The Department of Transport's WestCycle Grants to host Bikeweek activities in 2015.

Although the Shire was successful in securing funding, events were made possible through community collaboration and volunteer assistance. The Shire of Dandaragan and WA Country Health coordinated events with the assistance of the Lions Club of Jurien Bay, the Jurien

Bay CWA and the Jurien Community Men's Shed.

The Men's Shed hosted a bike 'Fix-It' workshop on Monday to allow the community to be bike ready for the 'Big Bikeweek Brekkie' held on Friday 20 March. The event was well supported with a strong sense of community spirit. 150 people attended the community breakfast with food supplies depleted by 9am (we catered for around 120 – 150).

The Lions Club of Jurien Bay cooked and prepared the breakfast which included bacon and egg muffins and breakfast cups of fruit salad, yoghurt and muesli. The CWA ladies provided safe road crossing assistance receiving fantastic feedback for the service provided. Special mention goes out to the Jurien Bay District High School who got behind the event promotion. The event was predominantly attended by school children and parents, with the new Jurien Bay Amphitheatre providing the ideal location so close to the school.

Approximately 70 bicycles and scooters were counted at the School bike rack alone. It is wonderful to see so many families using active transport to get to school and work.

The event was well received with plenty of great feedback for the Shire.

## Dog & Cat Registration Checks

"Registering your dog/cat is important for any responsible owner. If your dog/cat strays from home for any reason, it helps our Rangers find the dog's/cats home quickly and easily,"

All dogs over the age of three months should be registered under the provisions of the Dog Act. For unsterilized dogs, one year is \$50, three years is \$120. For sterilised dogs the cost is \$20 for one year, and \$42.50 for three years. Life unsterilized dogs \$250, Life sterilised dogs \$100.

All cats over the age of three months should be registered under the provisions of the Cat Act. All cats must be sterilised, one year is \$20, three years is \$42.50. Life \$100,

Pensioner Concession Card Holders are entitled to a 50% reduction in fees. Working dogs can be registered at a 75% reduction in fees, with evidence required to prove their use for droving or tending of stock.

A \$200 fine could be incurred by those owners failing to register.

## CYCLONE AND FLOOD

# Cyclone Alert System

FACTSHEET

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**PREPARE,  
TAKE ACTION,  
RECOVER**

## KEEP INFORMED, STAY SAFE

When a cyclone threatens, community alerts will be issued by the Department of Fire and Emergency Services. The alert level changes to reflect the increasing risk to your life and advises what you need to do before, during and after a cyclone. The four alert stages are – blue, yellow, red and all clear.

## COMMUNITY ALERT LEVELS

### BLUE ALERT

Get ready for a cyclone

You need to start preparing for cyclonic weather.

### YELLOW ALERT

Take action and get ready to shelter from a cyclone

You need to prepare for the arrival of a cyclone.

### RED ALERT

Take shelter from the cyclone

You need to go shelter immediately.

### ALL CLEAR

The cyclone danger has passed but take care

Wind and storm surge dangers have passed but you need to take care to avoid the dangers caused by damage.

**DO NOT DRIVE ON RED ALERT – IT IS DANGEROUS**

Cyclones can be unpredictable and can intensify rapidly. You need to prepare for a cyclone impact even if it does not look like it is coming your way.

### You and your family must know

- The four stages of the alert system and what they mean
- Where to access the latest alert level information
- What tasks or actions need to be done on each alert level



## During a cyclone you can get alert information from

- Emergency Alerts at [www.dfes.wa.gov.au](http://www.dfes.wa.gov.au)
- DFES Information Line on **13 DFES** (13 3337)
- [www.bom.gov.au](http://www.bom.gov.au) or by calling the Cyclone Warning Advice Line on **1300 659 210**
- ABC radio and other local media

**LISTEN CAREFULLY**  
and do what the alerts say to help keep safe.

For more information visit [www.dfes.wa.gov.au](http://www.dfes.wa.gov.au) or contact **DFES Community Engagement 9395 9816**



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