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SHIRE OF DANDARAGAN RATES

Shire Rates notices will be sent out by Friday 21 August 2015 with the due date being Friday 25 September 2015. If you do not receive your rates notice please contact the Shire as soon as possible on 9652 0800.

Pensioner Rates Rebate/Deferment

Pensioner and Senior card holders may be entitled to claim a rebate. The rebate is applicable to Rates, Underground Power and Emergency Services Levy only, with all other charges to be paid in full.

To be eligible you must be the owner and reside in the property on or prior to 1st July of the rating year.

- If a Pensioner, either
 - ⇒ Be in receipt of a Pensioner Concession Card or State Concession Card; or
 - ⇒ Hold both a Seniors Card and a Commonwealth Seniors Health Card; or
- If a Senior, hold a Seniors Card issued by the Office of Seniors Interest
- You must register your entitlement with the Water Corporation (concessions only apply once your application is received and registered)

To apply for a concession please go to www.watercorporation.com.au and click on 'Apply for a Concession' or call 1300 659 951.

New Style Tip Passes

Your 2015/16 Tip Passes are now a plastic key tag.

This will need to be produced at the refuse site and will be hole-punched per visit, with 4 entries per year.



SHADE STRUCTURE AT JURIEBAY CEMETERY

The shade structure at the Jurien Bay Cemetery has been installed with part funding arranged by the CWA via a grant additional to budget funding to complete the works.

Council's building maintenance officer, Mr Tom Blake, has done a wonderful job paving the floor and the apron with trafficable pavers remnant from other projects.

The cutting of a number of half pavers and infill pavers was kindly done free of charge by Dan at Jurien Bay Landscaping, using his expensive and specialised masonry cutting equipment. This generous offer made the task of paving the area to achieve an easier level of high standard shaping and pattern making by providing a very professional finished result.

The Shire will install some seating items under the shade structure for the benefit of all cemetery attendees, and "Friends of the Cemetery" involved in the regular maintenance of garden beds and associated landscaping.



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PLANT OPERATOR (Located Dandaragan)

Applications are invited from interested persons for the position of Plant Operator located in Dandaragan.

The position operates from Council's Operations Centre in the Dandaragan townsite. The successful applicant will work with a team that is engaged in a variety of tasks involving the construction and maintenance of Council's roads and other assets. The applicant should have sound skills and experience in heavy plant. The position of Plant Operator is required to hold a HC licence.

The position is classified as a Level 4 with a cash component of up to \$50,662 per annum plus superannuation. The salary will be dependent upon qualifications and experience and is paid in accordance with the Local Government Industry Award 2010.

An Information Package outlining details of the position is available by contacting Gemma Richardson on 9652 0800 or via e-mail to g-richardson@dandaragan.wa.gov.au.

The applicants must address the selection criteria and provide details on previous work experience, relevant personal details together with the name and telephone numbers of two recent referees. A current Federal Police Clearance is also required. Applications are to be marked "PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL - PLANT OPERATOR (DANDARAGAN)" and addressed to the Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Dandaragan, PO Box 676, Jurien Bay WA 6516.

Applications close at **4.00pm** on **Wednesday 2 September 2015**.

AGE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY PLAN - COMMUNITY REFERENCE GROUP

The populations of most local governments in Australia are aging. The Shire of Dandaragan shares this trend which brings with it challenges to ensure that seniors continue to participate and remain active within their community.

Communities that are actively addressing this issue are on the path to becoming "age friendly" and the Shire of Dandaragan wishes to be such a place where opportunities for health, participation and security is ensured by establishing policies, services and structures that improve the quality of life of community members as they age.

The Shire has been successful in obtaining funding from the Department of Local Government and Communities to assist us to prepare an Age Friendly Community Plan that will identify the age-friendly features, barriers, and suggestions for improvement, against each of the following essential features of an age friendly community:

- outdoor spaces and building
- housing
- respect and social inclusion
- communication and information
- transport
- social participation
- civic participation and employment
- community support and health services

Seniors' participation in the Shire's consultation process is essential to an age friendly approach to community planning. The Shire therefore is looking for several seniors who would like to serve on a community reference group to:

- guide and support the project
- review draft reports
- liaise with the Department of Local Government and Communities

The Reference Group will also endorse the final report which will be considered by the Council and key findings incorporated into the Strategic Community Plan.

The Reference Group will meet several times over the course of the project, which is anticipated to take about 10 weeks, and will be supported by Council Officers.

Please contact Tony O'Gorman on 08 9652 0800 or email: clubdo@dandaragan.wa.gov.au by the end of August to register your interest.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT ORDINARY ELECTION CLOSE OF ENROLMENTS Shire of Dandaragan ROLL CLOSE: 5.00 pm FRIDAY 28 August 2015

You may be eligible to be enrolled to vote in the local government elections on 17 October 2015 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, 28 August 2015. 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, 28 August 2015.

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 28 August 2015. Further information can be obtained from the Shire of Dandaragan.

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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PLAN

At the Council meeting held 25 June 2015, Council adopted a Community Engagement Plan. The Plan has been prepared based on templates from similar local governments, and utilising the principles outlined by the Australian Centre for Excellence in Local Government. The Plan is also tailored to our specific local circumstances.

Community engagement is a two-way communication process between the Shire of Dandaragan and the community. The process allows all relevant parties to develop strong relationships, communicate effectively and obtain the best possible results for the Shire and the community.

The purpose of the Plan is to:

- establish standard procedures for community engagement;
- ensure that the procedures are implemented by Shire staff and external consultants or contractors employed by the Shire;
- promote inclusive and efficient consultation being undertaken at all times;
- ensure that community members are provided with opportunities to be involved in development processes;
- ensure that the community is kept informed of decisions relevant to their involvement; and
- provide Council the opportunity to consider input from a broad spectrum of community members.

Following the principles of the International Association for Public Participation Australasia (IAP2) Public Participation Spectrum, the Plan contains three key strategies:

1. Inform
2. Consult
3. Involve

This Plan will help guide both Council and staff in the way it carries out its community consultation processes.

A copy of the Community Engagement Plan is available on the Shire's website www.dandaragan.wa.gov.au.

SHIRE OF DANDARAGAN COUNCIL MEETINGS IN THE MONTHS AHEAD

DATE	VENUE	TIME
27 August 2015	Jurien Bay	11.00am
24 September 2015	Dandaragan	5.00 pm
22 October 2015	Jurien Bay	5.00 pm

ILLEGAL WORK FROM UNREGISTERED BUILDERS

A media release from the WA Building Commission regarding illegal work from an unregistered builder confirms that the unregistered builder was successfully fined \$42,500 for the illegal work committed on a \$250,000 renovation of a Scarborough house between May and November 2011.

In proceedings finalised in the Perth Magistrate Court the person pleaded guilty to one charge of contracting for, and carrying out, building work valued over \$20,000 without the required registration, which is an offence under the Building Services (Registration) Act 2011.

The guilty party entered into a non-complying cost-plus contract and failed to obtain a policy of home indemnity insurance for the home building work, which resulted in a further two charges under the Home Building Contracts Act 1991.

The Building Commissioner said the case highlighted the importance for engaging a registered builder for work valued over \$20,000.

The Building Commission will continue to prosecute and name those who put consumer interests and the reputation of the building industry at risk.