

INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATE

Jurien Bay Sewerage Project

The Jurien Bay Sewerage Project is on track to be completed in December 2015. There continues to be minor issues around town with the dewatering overloading the drainage system. This is only groundwater and is being re-infiltrated back into the aquifer. Contrary to some public comments this is NOT effluent or faeces being discharged onto the town streets. Once the project is completed Water Corporation will be undertaking a commissioning phase and will notify residents of their ability to connect to the system early in 2016.

Mimegarra Road

Work has commenced on Stage 2 upgrade of Mimegarra Road. These works will take place between now and Christmas with the final seal expected in early December, making another 25km sealed link between Brand Highway and Indian Ocean Drive.

Beachridge Swales

The first stage of the Beachridge Swale replanting has taken place over the past few months. This has introduced different native plant species which will hopefully make the swales easier to manage, more aesthetically pleasing and less of a snake haven. The next phase of replanting will commence in winter 2016.

STRATEGIC COMMUNITY PLAN 2015 & CORPORATE BUSINESS PLAN 2015

Council at its Ordinary Meeting held 24 September adopted, following the minor review process, the Strategic Community Plan 2015 and the Corporate Business Plan 2015.

You can view the above documents on the Shire website www.dandaragan.wa.gov.au

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Council originally adopted the Strategic Community Plan (SCP) and the Corporate Business Plan (CBP) at its Ordinary Meeting held on the 27 June 2013. Council commenced a minor strategic plan review in late 2014 to update its existing SCP and to prepare for the major review after the October Elections in 2015. After discussion with Council and our consultants it was decided that a structural change to the existing SCP and CBP would be required to ensure the "actions" featured within the CBP were not necessary in the SCP. Other updates included amendments due to projects that had been completed or achieved and further events that had changed the strategic focus particularly around projects. Council participated in 3 workshops in September 2014, February 2015 and April 2015 together with our consultants to refine some of the elements of the review, and to gather some feedback from Council as to how the structure of both the SCP and the CBP would look like into the future. Council was presented with a draft SCP and CBP at its forum held on the 10 September 2015.

The major change in both the SCP and the CBP is specifically the structural changes and the decision to move the specific "actions" into the CBP, where it is best suited. The SCP is now a higher level strategic document. The minor review process that has been undertaken sets the Plans in readiness for the major review which is due after the Ordinary Elections in October but prior to 30 June 2016. The other key component, to ensure Council has not lost the large number of "actions" from the documentation, is an appendix that outlines whether each action is opportunistic, active pursuit, completed, or not applicable with an explanation provided. It is important to ensure these actions are not lost, as they were driven by the community through the community consultation process.

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER - MICHELLE PERKINS



I have been appointed as the new Community Development Officer for the Shire of Dandaragan and will be based at the Administration Centre in Jurien Bay.

My aim in this role is to build a strong link between the Council and community groups and will regularly meet with groups throughout the Shire. It's evident that each of the towns in the Shire have their own identity and special 'flavour', and I know that they have the capacity and creativity to come together to take action in generating great solutions and I'm excited to be a part of that.

I moved from Melbourne to Perth in 1994 and lived in Bunbury for many years with my family. I have three children, Morgan, Noah and Sage, and have a background in community development, particularly with the migrant community, gender advocacy, and the arts. I recently spent two years working in Honiara in Solomon Islands. I am also trained in pregnancy and birth work, and worked as a Birth Doula and HypnoBirthing Practitioner for the past 18 months just prior to starting with the Shire.

Although I am new to the area, I already know I will love being part of the communities in the Shire. Each of the towns has so many areas I'm dying to explore – arts and culture, diving, swimming, and visiting all of these beautiful natural resources. I'm really looking forward to this lifestyle.

I can be contacted on 08 9652 0800 or via email: cdo@dandaragan.wa.gov.au

RANGER - ROSALYN EDWARDS



My name is Rosalyn Edwards (Roz) and I have been appointed as the new Ranger for the Shire of Dandaragan. I would like to say a big thankyou to the community who have already made me feel very welcome.

In this role I aim to promote safety in all areas of ranger services including animal safety and welfare, fire prevention and safety, welcome and encourage tourist to our pristine reserves, foreshores and all the Shire has to offer.

I have worked in ranger and emergency services for 10 years. I spent most of my time living and working in the City of Busselton however I have also worked in the Shire of Toodyay and Capel.

My 10 year old son Tyler will move up and start school here next year which he is ecstatic about after spending the last two weeks of school holidays here. He said "the community here is so friendly and helpful, I can't wait to move up full time!!"

My hobbies are 4WDing, camping and fishing so I feel as though I have landed in heaven. During my time off I have always been a volunteer in emergency service and I look forwards to joining local groups, learning new experiences and sharing my skills and knowledge.

I am looking forward to living and working in this vibrant community and embracing the lifestyle.

I can be contacted on 08 9652 0800 or via email: rosalyne@dandaragan.wa.gov.au

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Notice to all Owners and or Occupiers of Land within the Shire of Dandaragan

Please be advised the due date to install firebreaks is 1st November 2015. **Non-compliant landowners will be prosecuted.**

If you have not installed your firebreaks as per the Shire of Dandaragan's Firebreak Order and a fire starts on your property or enters your property, you may not be covered by insurance for any losses.

Please also clear all flammable materials from around sheds, building and silo's, including electric or internal combustion engines.

Poor housekeeping can lead to fires starting. **Fire prevention saves lives and reduces damage to property, livestock and crops.**

Richard Allen
Chief Bush Fire Control Officer

SHIRE OF DANDARAGAN FIRE GROUND COMMUNICATIONS

The Chief Bush Fire Control Officer and Fire Control Officers, have for many years utilised UHF channel 11 as a main fire ground operating Channel and is widely used between surrounding Shires for the very same purpose.

The Shire of Dandaragan and all Fire Control Officers ask you the community, to please assist the Chief Bush Fire Control Officer and Fire Control officers by changing to another UHF channel, this will alleviate radio congestion on the fire ground and provide a safer working environment for our Volunteer fire fighters engaged in fire suppression activities.

Matthew Dadd
Community Emergency Services Coordinator

2015 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 27 NOVEMBER 2015

The awards ceremony will be held at the Jurien Sport and Recreation Centre on Tuesday 9 February 2016 commencing at 7.00pm. Supper and refreshments will be provided.

AN INVITATION IS EXTENDED TO THE PUBLIC TO ATTEND

SHIRE OF DANDARAGAN COUNCIL MEETINGS IN THE MONTHS AHEAD

DATE	VENUE	TIME
22 October 2015	Jurien Bay	5.00 pm
26 November 2015	Jurien Bay	5.00 pm
17 December 2015	Jurien Bay	5.00 pm

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'Are You Ready?' Bushfire Grants Now Available

Applications are now open for Western Australian communities to apply for 'Are You Ready?' bushfire grants to help them reduce the threat from bushfire.

The grants are funded through the National Bushfire Mitigation Program, which is a partnership between the Australian and State Governments and Territories to better equip communities to prevent and withstand bushfires.

Emergency Services Minister Joe Francis said the grants of up to \$50,000 would benefit local communities in getting prepared for bushfires.

"Bushfires are an unavoidable part of the WA summer and it's essential everyone plays their part in reducing their bushfire risk," Mr Francis said.

This year is no exception, with a tough bushfire season forecast for large parts of the South-West, including Perth and surrounding areas.

The bushfire grants will be invaluable in helping organisations to undertake bushfire mitigation work such as installing fire breaks, prescribed burning and promoting bushfire safety in the community.

Building strong, resilient communities will minimise the destruction and devastation bushfires cause, and reduce the financial cost of recovery.

The Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) is co-ordinating the grants process, with up to \$605,000 to allocate this round.

The grants are open to eligible local governments, fire brigades and emergency services organisations.

Applications close at 4pm on Monday 26 October 2015. To apply for a grant, or to find out more information, visit <http://www.dfes.wa.gov.au/>

SAFETY ALERT - LOOK OUT FOR SNAKES

As the weather warms up snakes are becoming more active, please consider their presence when conducting task risk assessments and activities. The following considerations may help in avoiding snake bites...



- Walk loudly – snakes will generally move away if they hear you coming...
- Be aware that snakes may be slower to move away in the early morning or on cool days and may be sunning themselves to warm up...
- Wear sturdy boots (and gaiters if required), look where you place your feet...
- Never place your hands into crevices or areas where you cannot see what may be lurking...
- Reduce likely habitat aspects, such as areas of cover or snake food (mice, ect)...
- Remember that you should never disturb or harass snakes, not only may you get bitten, but they are protected by law...
- Always have a first aid kit/ snake bite kit with you in the field and know how to apply snake bite treatment.

WA Country Health Service - Hospital patients to benefit from improvements in Moora and Jurien

Exciting plans for the redevelopment of Moora Hospital and Jurien Bay Health Centre show that patients will come out the winners with better healthcare facilities on the horizon.

WA Country Health Service Manager at Moora District Hospital, Joyce Walker, said that the redevelopments were consumer focused and that the projects were all about providing modernised healthcare in a rural setting.

“One of the most exciting developments will be the new community based renal chairs funded through Royalties for Regions, where patients will have access to two community dialysis chairs, enabling them to undertake their own care close to home,” Ms Walker said.

Ms Walker said that when the hospital was first built there was no such thing as the Emergency Telehealth Service, but now video conferencing facilities made it possible for staff to seek immediate support from offsite emergency medicine specialists when treating emergency patients.

“It also means that residents in Moora and surrounding areas can access outpatient services via video conferencing without having to travel to Perth.

The planned works at Moora will include a larger waiting room, a dedicated triage room where patients can be seen in privacy when they present at Emergency, additional consulting rooms, a refurbished reception area, a new child health clinic and parenting room and a refurbished kitchen with upgraded equipment.

WA Country Health Service Primary Health Manager, Erik Anda, said the expansion and refurbishment of Jurien Bay Health Centre would address lack of space and make the centre easier to navigate for patients.

“The redevelopment will see a significant increase in consulting space including an additional dental treatment room,” Mr Anda said.

“There will also be a new triage room, improved parking and additional staff facilities which will significantly boost service capacity.

“One of the best investments made at Jurien Bay has been the introduction of the Emergency Telehealth Service. The redevelopment will see this service improved further with the high definition video conferencing equipment available in the Accident and Emergency area of the health centre.”

District Health Advisory Council Chair for the Western Wheatbelt, Irene Mills, said the redevelopments would be beneficial for staff and the local community as well as tourists that travel to the area.

“Both health services will benefit from the redevelopment but Jurien in particular as it is an older facility. After the refurbishment it will provide a better working environment and more suitable facilities,” Ms Mills said.

The Moora Hospital and Jurien Bay Health Centre redevelopments are made possible by the State Government’s Royalties for Regions as part of the half a billion dollar Southern Inland Health Initiative being delivered by the WA Country Health Service.

Expressions of Interest have been called for builders to register for the construction tender process for a number of Wheatbelt hospitals, including Moora and Jurien Bay. Construction is expected to commence in 2016 and due to be completed in 2017.

To find out more, go to www.health.wa.gov.au/southerninland