FROM THE PRESIDENT’S DESK…

Bush Fires

Last month I started off my report with fires and I am sad to say that this month is no different. Even though we have lost nothing compared to those poor souls in Yarloop and surrounding areas, we have still had the fear of fires close to us.

The Lobster Shack had an accidental fire in their premises which resulted in extensive damage in the food and accommodation section. The firefighters both local and from other brigades responded very quickly and the area was soon contained and thankfully no one was hurt. Thanks must go to all involved and the comments from one of the chiefs in Geraldton praised all involved. George Mostert and his team worked tirelessly to make the area safe and start the thankless clean up task. Thanks must also go to the residents of Cervantes who responded quickly with help and clothing for those who lost everything.

The Thompson family have managed to secure a transportable restaurant and have now got up and running again until the site can be rebuilt. As there are buses coming daily with tourists wanting to sample our wonderful lobsters it is thankful that they have been able to start again. The family and their staff are amazingly resilient and even though there were some tears shed they are once again adding value to the tourism industry in the Turquoise Coast. One of the saddest parts of that day was running into Shaun Turbett who had just lost his father but was still concerned for everyone else who may be at risk. We are all so very sad and shocked to learn of the passing of Barry.

So quickly we then learned of the fires on and around Indian Ocean Drive. You will by now have all the details but I must make mention of the bravery of the men who fought these fires. We are so fortunate to have selfless people out there risking their lives to help others. George Mostert must have wondered when it was ever going to end as he helped with the fire at the Lobster Shack then went on to Indian Ocean Drive and came home three days later, had a shower and a beer and then go called out to a lightning strike in Cervantes which nearly destroyed a whole house.

There were many outstanding efforts and contributions toward the management of the recent fire however the people mentioned below deserve particular emphasis:

Rick Allen, Chief Bush Fire Control Officer, who was at the fire throughout the majority of the incident, personally fighting the fire whilst also providing leadership and advice to the crews.

Matt Dadd, Shire Community Emergency Services Coordinator, who also spent many hours in the field and coordinated the overall response until DFES took over.

Troy Wright, Shire Works Supervisor, a volunteer who played an important role in fighting the fire alongside Matt Dadd and provided assistance with his role.

Ros Edwards, Shire Ranger, who had great experience with the AIMS model, supported many aspects of the logistics side of the whole process.

Paul Postma, Community Emergency Services Manager Shire of Gingin, for tactical support and also spent many hours in the field coordinating the response.

Phil Hay, Community Services Manager who coordinated many Wanneroo based resources throughout the incident.

John Wheelock, DFES Area Officer, travelled from Geraldton to assist throughout.

Tim Delwood, DFES Logistics Officer who played an important role in logistics.

Brad Rushforth, Manager DPaW, who attended and supported all crews in the field with his expert fire control knowledge.
Isaac Hatch, A/OIC DPaW Jurien Bay who assisted with the coordination of logistics in Jurien Bay.


Cervantes St. Johns Ambulance and the Community Paramedic who supported the incident by treating minor injuries and remaining at the Fire staging Area.

**Australia Day 2016**

Congratulations to all the hard workers in each of our towns for the great Australia Day Celebrations. I believe everyone had a great time and the weather was good to us.

**Key stakeholder visits to the region**

We have had two important visits to our Shire this month. The Regional Development Council had their meeting in Jurien Bay and I had the pleasure of hosting them at the Shire offices. They met with Councillors and business and community leaders for a brief sundowner. The feedback and comments about the town were very rewarding and we hope they will spread the word.

The week after Cervantes hosted the Wheatbelt Development Commission of which I am a Board member, and the same response to our towns came from them. Sometimes you need to see where we live through the eyes of others to fully appreciate how fortunate we are.

**Congratulations to our Young Citizen and Citizen of the Year recipients**

Your Deputy Shire President Darren Slyns represented me at the recent Young Citizen and Citizen of the Year. Mr Shane Love the Member for Moore attended and the Presentations were done by Natalie Dennis, Headmistress of the Cervantes Primary School. Congratulations go to Caitlyn Porteous winner of the Young Citizen of the Year and Jane Roberts the winner of the Citizen of the year.

**Shire’s Strategic Community Planning Review – Community Consultation**

The Shire of Dandaragan is conducting the Strategic Planning Process in all of our four towns starting at the end of February. This is your opportunity to be part of active democracy. I cannot impress on everyone the importance of your input to this process. This is about you, and your future and the way you want to live. We need to know how you see the place you live growing in a positive way for the next 10 years. It is not enough for the Community Groups who tirelessly represent us all year in and year out to be the only ones taking part in engineering your future. This is a chance to have your say, to be a part of the conversation as to how we want to live and about placing ourselves in the path of all the opportunities that are coming our way.

Good Strategic Planning will help us:

- Improve coordination and integration
- Reduce complexity in our dealing with the public
- Bring about better communication and participation
- Develop efficient processes
- Bring about sustainable futures

The dates for the Community Consultation workshops are below and we will be offering crèche facilities in all of the towns so that you are able to come and join in if you have young children at home. If you would like to know more about how you can help with this process please feel free to contact me at the Shire Office where I will be happy to help you.

Monday, 29 February 2016  Badgingarra Community Recreation Centre
Wednesday, 2 March 2016  Jurien Bay Civic Centre
Wednesday, 9 March 2016  Dandaragan Community Recreation Centre
Wednesday, 16 March 2016  Cervantes Community Hall

Please tell all your friends and family to come along and meet us and have your say. We value your contribution. Together with your Councillors and Staff we can make our Shire a great place to live for the future.

REMEMBER, YOU ARE THE SHIRE OF DANDARAGAN
AGE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY PLAN DRAFT REPORT OPENS FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Last year, the Shire of Dandaragan’s Age Friendly Community Plan Project began the community consultation phase when the Shire’s Community Development team held a community focus group, Reference Group meetings, public surveys and meetings, and began work with local government consultants.

The World Health Organisation’s features of an ‘age friendly community’ was used as a tool for self-assessment in the Shire. The features include, Outdoor Spaces and buildings; Housing; Civic Participation and employment; Communication and information; Transport; Social Participation; Respect and Social Inclusion; and Community Support and Health Services.

Now that this consultation phase has ended and the Age Friendly Community Plan draft report has been written, we would like to open the report up for public viewing and comment prior to the Plan going to Council for adoption in March. The report is available at the Shire offices, the Jurien Bay and Dandaragan Community Resource Centres, Cervantes and Badgingarra Libraries, Cervantes Post Office, by email, or online at the Shire of Dandaragan’s Facebook page and website: www.dandaragan.wa.gov.au / Publications / Age Friendly Community Plan

Further information, comments and feedback on the Age Friendly Community Plan can be sent to Michelle Perkins at the Shire of Dandaragan on 9652 0800 or cdo@dandaragan.wa.gov.au until COB Wednesday 24 February 2016.

2015 YOUNG CITIZEN OF THE YEAR – CONGRATULATIONS CAITLYN PORTEOUS

Caitlyn was nominated by the Jurien Bay Progress Association & Inspirational Community Arts Network (ICAN). Caitlin is employed by the Jurien Bay Community Resource Centre giving her exposure to a range of individuals and groups within the Jurien Bay community. Caitlin has taken advantage of these connections in order to contribute to a range of organisations providing services to the community. Specifically, once Caitlyn had recognised a need within these organisations she has shown exuberant enthusiasm and volunteered her time to support the community.

Caitlyn has been a member of the ICAN committee since her arrival in Jurien Bay in 2013. In October 2014 she indicated that she was keen to take responsibility for the organisation by acquiring the skills required to be an effective office bearer in a community based organisation. ICAN created the role of Secretarial Support at the 2014 AGM and Caitlyn served in this role until the AGM in October 2015 being mentored by the Secretary. Caitlyn continues as a productive member of the ICAN committee.

Caitlyn has also been a contributing member of the following Organisations
- ICAN – Secretarial Support, Fundraising and face painting
- CRC and Shire of Dandaragan – Spray the Grey – Grant writing / co-ordination of Country Arts Drug Aware Grant to employ Urban Arts
- Volunteer photographer for a number of organisations including Indian Ocean Festival, Men’s Shed, Cervantes Arts Festival
- Jurien Bay District High School – Promotion & publicity for Science Week

Caitlyn is also an avid darts player and keen on Badminton and initiated, organised and co-ordinated Evening Badminton providing another opportunity for working people to participate in an afterhours recreational sport. Caitlyn has a genuine commitment to the community and provides a positive role model for other young citizens who come into contact with her, without seeking reward or recognition.
2015 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR - CONGRATULATIONS JANE ROBERTS

Jane was nominated by the Dandaragan Fundraisers.

In March 2015 Jane had the philanthropic idea to organise and host a Winter Wonderland Charity Ball for the Community of Dandaragan. Jane worked tirelessly, until in June she assisted the community to raise thousands of dollars for the Royal Flying Doctor’s Service and Beyond-blue. Both these services are instrumental in caring for the health of the community. Throughout the months leading up to its annual pop-up shop event Jane made hundreds of puddings for the Wolba Wolba Heritage Site Management Committee. Jane is not a member nor does she receive any proceeds, all funds raised are used to conserve the heritage site.

Jane Roberts with Hon Martin Aldridge MLC

The Redgum Reports local paper is a community service and Jane is an editor, also helping to collate and create news for the local community. Jane also holds positions as Treasurer of the Repertory Club, Secretary for the Dandaragan Football Club and despite having a very young family she excels at both going above and beyond with time commitment to both groups. Jane is also a member of the Dandaragan Playgroup and often contributes and assists in fundraising activities for this group.

Jane is dedicated to keeping her community running, she works hard with other community members to ensure her family has a vibrant, healthy place to live. She is a wonderful, happy person who works tirelessly to help others as well as fulfilling her commitments to community organisations. Jane is a wonderful role model for her children and other members of her community. Her contributions often go unseen, (as she prefers it), contributing to Dandaragan Repertory Club, Dandaragan Football Club, Wolba Wolba Heritage Site, Dandaragan Playgroup, Royal Flying Doctor Service and Beyond Blue alone in the last 12 months all while raising her own young family.

Jane is an exceptional woman in the community to say the least.

SHIRE OF DANDARAGAN ON FACEBOOK

The Shire of Dandaragan is using Social Media as a platform to connect with the public and promote our regional assets to potential investors and visitors.

Like us on Facebook for local events, promotion or information.

Interact with other community members and Councillors. Stay informed with Shire specific information and environmental warnings. Share your photos and experiences within our Shire.

MEET JULIE ROUSE – EXECUTIVE SECRETARY / PA TO SHIRE PRESIDENT

My name is Julie Rouse and my family and I have just recently relocated to Jurien Bay from Port Hedland where I worked for the Town of Port Hedland for the past 4 years. Prior to that I worked in local government in NSW.

My husband and I have three children, our eldest who completed high school last year, and the other two who are now attending the local high school. We also have a pet dog and two guinea pigs.

My new role at the Shire of Dandaragan is a maternity relief position for 12 months as Executive Secretary and I am really enjoying getting my teeth into the role and learning many interesting things about the area.
Registrations for football, netball and the winter sports will be opening soon. This is an opportune time to remind people of the availability of Kidsport funding for young people.

KidSport enables eligible Western Australian children aged 5-18 years to participate in community sport and recreation by offering them financial assistance towards club fees. The fees go directly from the local government to the registered KidSport clubs participating in the project.

Kidsport is now going online so applicants can complete the application form online and upload a scanned copy of their concession card. The application will then be processed and the club informed of the approved Kidsport vouchers. The clubs can then invoice the Shire for items such as membership fees and uniforms.

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Want to tell the world how much you love your town?

If you live anywhere in or around the Shire of Dandaragan, please consider the opportunity to promote your own wonderful area of the world by becoming a Turquoise Coast Visitor Centre volunteer.

Assorted shifts are available Monday to Saturday, full training and support provided.

Phone Alison on 08 9652 0800 or email aslyns@dandaragan.wa.gov.au

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Regional Development Council visit Jurien Bay

On Wednesday, 3 February 2016 the Shire, with assistance from the Wheatbelt Development Commission, welcomed the Regional Development Council to Jurien Bay where they were accompanied on a tour about Jurien Bay with our Shire President and CEO before attending a ‘Meet and Greet’ Sundowner with Councillors and local business owners at the

The Regional Development Council is a statewide advisory body to the Minister for Regional Development on all regional development issues related to the following:

- to promote development in the regions
- to develop policy proposals on development issues affecting one or more of the regions
- to facilitate liaison between commissions and relevant government agencies and the coordination of their respective functions
- to promote liaison between local, State and Commonwealth government bodies with respect to regional issues, and the coordination of their respective policies on those issues
- to report to the Minister on matters referred to it by the Minister

Mr Tim Shackleton, Chair of the Regional Development Council, informed attendees that while both Federal and State Government funding was still available, the success of securing future funding for significant development projects would depend on clearly defined strategic and evidence based submissions.

Council looks forward to working alongside key stakeholders within the region to continue dialogue for the future betterment of our communities.

Jurien Bay hosts Wheatbelt Development Commission Board

Given the successful visit by the Regional Development Council, the following week saw the Shire of Dandaragan playing host to the Wheatbelt Development Commission (WDC) Board members on Thursday, 11 February 2016. After the conclusion of their Board Meeting members of the WDC were given a tour around Jurien Bay by the Shire President and CEO. Councillors and local business owners then met with the Board at the Shire offices to hear from the Turquoise Coast Chamber Alliance (TCCA) made up of both Chambers of Commerce from Jurien Bay and Cervantes. David Lantzke, Chair of the TCCA spoke to attendees about their vision regarding the future development of tourism within our region. There were some exciting initiatives discussed about ways of attracting more visitors to the region and Council will continue to have dialogue with the TCCA on these matters.

Mr Tim Shackleton, in his capacity as Chair of the Wheatbelt Development Commission Board, stressed the importance of ongoing dialogue between the WDC and Council so that the WDC are kept abreast of key focus areas in the future development of our communities.

Shire CEO, Tony Nottle, WDC CEO, Wendy Newman, WDC Board members Steve Pollard and Heidi Cowcher, and Cr Darren Slyns
ADDITIONAL RECYCLING WASTE COLLECTION TRIAL OVER EASTER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

During the Easter and April School Holidays of 2016 the Shire of Dandaragan will be trialling a weekly Recycling Waste Collection Service throughout Jurien Bay, in addition to the normal fortnightly service. This will run from Monday 28 March (Easter Monday) through to Tuesday 26 April inclusive. Normal services will resume as of Monday 2 May 2016. The proposed Recycling Water Collection schedule will be as follows:

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During this time the Shire and its waste collection contractor, Avon Waste, will be collecting data. If the demand for these additional services is such, the Shire will investigate the merit of continuing the additional weekly recycling collection services within Jurien Bay and potentially across other parts of the Shire over the busy tourist periods of Christmas, New Year and Easter on a permanent basis.

Should any commercial operators within Jurien Bay, potentially require an additional weekly normal waste collection service (ie bi-weekly with an additional service on a Friday) during this period, please directly contact the Shire’s Executive Manager Infrastructure to discuss these potential additional services and subsequent commercial arrangements.

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.