



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK...



This month's edition of my Shire Matters President's report is somewhat smaller than usual as we have been deeply involved in holding our Community Consultation Workshops with local residents across our townships. In fact, as I write this, final preparations are being put in place for our fourth and final workshop being held tonight in Cervantes. To date, it has been a great pleasure to meet with members of our community at Badgingarra, Jurien Bay and Dandaragan, and it has been fantastic to see some great numbers attending these workshops and getting involved in the process.

Throughout this review process we have received fantastic feedback from residents about what is important to them and what they would like Council to consider within its future Strategic Community Plan.

The Strategic Community Plan provides Council with its strategic direction within the region over the next 10 years and community consultation is an important part of this process.

Residents who have been unable to attend the workshops held can still have their say by either logging onto the Shire's website at www.dandaragan.wa.gov.au or our Facebook page www.facebook.com/ShireofDandaragan and clicking on the relevant links that will take you to the survey. This survey is open to all residents to participate in and will close at 5.00pm next Thursday, 24 March 2016. Alternatively, if you wish to make a separate submission or provide additional comments following one of the workshops you can submit these to scp@dandaragan.wa.gov.au but make sure you don't leave it too late and miss out on having your say.



Following this evenings workshop in Cervantes, I will update residents through my next Shire Matters President's Report on the next steps as we work towards finalising our Strategic Community Plan review.

Last month I also thanked a large number of local residents, community groups and staff involved in firefighting efforts when battling the recent large bush fire which closed Indian Ocean Drive for a number of days. Regretfully, I have since been advised that a number of volunteers from within the Shire, neighbouring shires and the surrounding regions, involved in fighting the fire were missed from the list of volunteers provided to me and while it is not always possible to thank everyone individually, I would once again like to thank all those people involved in fighting fires within the region over the past couple of months. Your efforts are greatly appreciated as always. However, I would like to also take this opportunity to thank and acknowledge the contribution of **Mr Aubery Panizza** as the Incident Controller who relieved the Shire's Community Emergency Services Coordinator throughout the firefighting efforts.

NOTICE TO ALL OWNERS AND OR OCCUPIERS OF LAND WITHIN THE SHIRE OF DANDARAGAN RESTRICTED BURNING PERIOD

Please be advised, the Shire of Dandaragan has entered the **Restricted Burning Period** As of 16 March 2016. Permits to burn **ARE REQUIRED** during the Restricted Burning Period up to and including 31 March 2016.

A permit to burn must be obtained from your Local Fire Control Officer during the restricted burning period. Permits are subject to a number of conditions but will NOT be issued for burning on Sundays or public holidays, unless approved by the Chief Bush Fire Control Officer.

If the fire danger forecast for the day issued by the **Bureau of Meteorology** is forecast for **VERY HIGH** or above, all permits are cancelled and the burn cannot be implemented.

Matthew Dadd, **COMMUNITY EMERGENCY SERVICES COORDINATOR**





KS KIDSPORT

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 on line 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.



For more information contact your Club Development Officer Tony O’Gorman on 9652 0800 or email clubdo@dandaragan.wa.gov.au.

Shire Communication

The Shire of Dandaragan has a number of ways it engages with the community. More recently, we have received a number of questions asking “how people can find out about Shire activities”. The Shire produces this publication (Shire Matters) which is 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.

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 has currently put 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 jrouse@dandaragan.wa.gov.au.**



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 aslans@dandaragan.wa.gov.au



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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

For more information contact Department of Fire & Emergency Services Community Safety team:

Phone: (08) 9395 9300

Email: dfes@dfes.wa.gov.au

Web: www.dfes.wa.gov.au

Matthew Dadd, **Community Emergency Services Coordinator**

DISABLED BEACH ACCESS

The Shire of Dandaragan is investigating the demand for disabled beach access.

The Shire's Disability Access and Inclusion Plan states the following:

Outcome 1: People with disabilities have the same opportunities as other people to access the services of, and any events organised by the Shire of Dandaragan.

Outcome 2: People with disabilities have the same opportunities as other people to access buildings and other facilities of the Shire of Dandaragan.

To ensure that the Shire meets its obligations under the Disability Access and Inclusion Plan we are asking people to complete a survey detailing their requirements to be able to access beaches within the Shire. A survey is available electronically via the Shire website or Facebook page. If you can't access the survey electronically, hard copies are available at the Shire office.

Please complete the survey as this is a way of the Shire ensuring that the best possible solutions are put in place to assist people with disabilities to access our beaches.



SHIRE OF DANDARAGAN COUNCIL MEETINGS IN THE MONTHS AHEAD

DATE	VENUE	TIME
24 March 2016	Jurien Bay	5.00 pm
28 April 2016	Badgingarra	5.00 pm
26 May 2016	Jurien Bay	5.00pm



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 21 March 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:

Week Beginning	Normal Recycling Collection	Proposed Easter Recycling Collection
21 March	Jurien Bay East & Cervantes	Jurien Bay West & East and Cervantes
28 March (Easter Monday)	Jurien Bay West	Jurien Bay West & East
4 April	Jurien Bay East & Cervantes	Jurien Bay West & East and Cervantes
11 April (School Holidays)	Jurien Bay West	Jurien Bay West & East
18 April (School Holidays)	Jurien Bay East & Cervantes	Jurien Bay West & East and Cervantes
25 April	Jurien Bay West	Jurien Bay West & East and Cervantes
2 May	Jurien Bay East & Cervantes	Jurien Bay East and Cervantes (as per normal)

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 on 9652 0800 to discuss these potential additional services and subsequent commercial arrangements.



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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**.