

10 NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE - INTRODUCED BY RESOLUTION OF THE MEETING

10.1 ADMINISTRATION

Any new business of an urgent nature requires a resolution of Council in order to be considered.

The following item requires urgent consideration by Council:

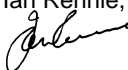

That Council considers whether to implement a change to the current no ward system of representation.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the following new business of an urgent nature be considered by Council:

That Council considers whether to implement a change to the current no ward system of representation.

10.1.1 REVIEW OF COUNCIL WARDS

Location:	Shire of Dandaragan
Applicant:	Shire of Dandaragan
Folder Path:	Business Classification Scheme / Governance / Boundaries / Electoral
Disclosure of Interest:	None
Date:	23 February 2015
Author:	Ian Rennie, Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Signature of Author:	
Senior Officer:	Tony Nottle, Chief Executive Officer
Signature of Senior Officer:	

PROPOSAL

That Council considers whether to implement a change to the current no ward system of representation.

BACKGROUND

At the Council Forum held 13 February 2014, the issue of Council wards was briefly discussed and a request was made for a preliminary report to be prepared for Council's information. Council has discussed the issue on a number of occasions, until at the meeting of 23 October 2014, the following decision was made:

"That pursuant to Schedule 2.2 Section 5 (a) of the Local Government Act 1995 Council resolve to initiate a review of wards, based on implementing a four ward system."

CARRIED 8 / 0"

A local government without wards is not required to carry out regular reviews under the provisions of Schedule 2.2 of the *Local Government Act*. However, a local government without

wards can undertake an assessment of the number of elected members and the no wards system to explore whether change is desirable. The Shire of Dandaragan last reviewed wards in 2009 when it was resolved that all wards be abolished. This was subsequently approved by the Local Government Advisory Board and then by the Minister for Local Government.

The following is a summary of the ward structure over the last ten years.

2004 Electoral Roll

North Ward	5 Councillors	1281 Electors	1 : 256
South Ward	4 Councillors	953 Electors	1 : 238

Notes:

- *Jurien Ward and Badgingarra Ward amalgamated to create North Ward.*
- *Cervantes Ward and Dandaragan Ward amalgamated to create South Ward.*

2007 Electoral Roll

North Ward	5 Councillors	1338 Electors	1 : 267
South Ward	4 Councillors	914 Electors	1 : 228

2009 Electoral Roll

No Wards	9 Councillors	2288 Electors	1 : 254
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2011 Electoral Roll

No Wards	9 Councillors	2365 Electors	1 : 262
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2013 Electoral Roll

No Wards	9 Councillors	2491 Electors	1 : 276
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The following outlines the review process for Council to undertake a review of wards:

1. the council resolves to undertake the review;
2. public submission period opens;
3. information provided to the community for discussion;
4. public submission period closes;
5. the Council considers all submissions and relevant factors and makes a decision;
6. the Council submits a report to the Local Government Advisory Board (the Board) for its consideration; and
7. (if a change is proposed) the Board submits a recommendation to the Minister for Local Government (the Minister).

Any changes approved by the Minister where possible will be in place for the next ordinary election.

COMMENT

When considering changes to wards, Schedule 2.2 of the Act specifies factors that must be taken into account by a local

government as part of the review process:

1. community of interest;
2. physical and topographic features;
3. demographic trends;
4. economic factors; and
5. ratio of councillors to electors in the various wards.

The Board offers the following interpretation of these factors and staff comments follow in italics.

1. COMMUNITY OF INTEREST

The term 'community of interest' has a number of elements. These include a sense of community identity and belonging, similarities in the characteristics of the residents of a community and similarities in the economic activities. It can also include dependence on the shared facilities in an area as reflected in catchment areas of local schools and sporting teams, or the circulation areas of local newspapers.

Neighbourhoods, suburbs and towns are important units in the physical, historical and social infrastructure and often generate a feeling of community and belonging.

The four towns of Jurien Bay, Cervantes, Dandaragan and Badgingarra are similar in a lot of respects and completely different in many others. Each of the coastal towns has developed from the original fishing industry however, Jurien Bay has much of the government and commercial infrastructure as against Cervantes which is more a low key development. Equally each of the rural towns are of a similar size but again are completely different in character. Dandaragan was developed well before Badgingarra.

Each of the four towns have common facilities i.e. 4 ovals, 4 community centres, 4 public facilities, 4 schools, 4 golf clubs, 4 bowling clubs, 4 tennis clubs, 4 local newsletters, 3 football teams and various other similar organisations.

Each of the four towns has a very strong community which constantly work towards the improvement and development of their own town. Each of the four towns is growing in infrastructure even if the population maybe static or slightly decreasing.

2. PHYSICAL AND TOPOGRAPHIC FEATURES

These may be natural or manmade features that will vary from area to area. Water features such as rivers and catchment boundaries may be relevant considerations.

Coastal plain and foothills regions, parks and reserves may be

relevant as may other man made features such as railway lines and freeways.

The coastal area of the Shire and the towns, are very different. The coastal towns have their population relatively concentrated close to the towns and the immediate surrounds. They are similar in nature in providing commercial and community facilities and Jurien Bay is approximately three times the population and number of electors of Cervantes.

The two rural towns are relatively small in population but are supported by a larger rural population surrounding them. They are similar in nature in providing commercial and community facilities.

3. DEMOGRAPHIC TRENDS

Several measurements of the characteristics of human populations, such as population size, and its distribution by age, sex, occupation and location provide important demographic information. Current and projected population characteristics will be relevant as well as similarities and differences between areas within the local government.

The overall population of the Shire of Dandaragan at the 2011 census was 3,186 persons. It is not possible to obtain accurate statistics on population for all the townsites. Dandaragan and Badgingarra towns are included with large rural areas. Staff estimate that the Badgingarra townsite has approximately 40 to 50 people and the Dandaragan townsite 120 to 150 people. Jurien Bay has a population of 1507 including the areas of Alta Mare and Jurien Bay Heights. Cervantes has a population of 461.

4. ECONOMIC FACTORS

Economic factors can be broadly interpreted to include any factor that reflects the character of economic activities and resources in the area. This may include the industries that occur in a local government area (or the release of land for these) and the distribution of community assets and infrastructure such as road networks.

Community assets are spread evenly over the whole of the Shire of Dandaragan. These include recreation and community facilities. Road assets are generally more in the rural areas of the Shire in that they are of greater length whereas the coastal towns have roads concentrated mostly within the townsite boundary.

There are more parks and reserves developed in the coastal towns in order to provide for the greater concentration of population.

Development is occurring over the whole of the Shire of Dandaragan with the rural areas becoming more involved with intensive horticulture of citrus, fruit, olives, vegetables, potatoes and power generation with wind farms and solar farms. There are new proposals for abattoirs and for production of eggs. Conventional agriculture is the largest rural pursuit with cropping and stock.

In the coastal towns, they mostly cater for the commercial, tourism, housing, medical, fishing industry and government administration i.e. Shire office, new community centre, Department of Parks and Wildlife, Western Power, Police, Water Corporation etc mainly being located in Jurien Bay and to a lesser extent in Cervantes.

5. RATIO OF COUNCILLORS TO ELECTORS IN THE VARIOUS WARDS

It is expected that each local government will have similar ratios of electors to Councillors across the wards of its district.

As an electoral roll has not been prepared as yet for the 2015 election, numbers are based on the 2013 electoral roll. At that time, there were 2,491 electors on the roll and with 9 Councillors that is a ratio of 277 electors per Councillor.

COMMENT

The following is a summary of the increase in the number of electors overall for the Shire of Dandaragan in the last decade:

- 2004 Electoral Roll 2234 electors
- 2007 Electoral Roll 2252 electors
- 2009 Electoral Roll 2288 electors
- 2011 Electoral Roll 2365 electors
- 2013 Electoral Roll 2491 electors

It would appear to Staff that the issue is not in regard to decisions being made by the Council as almost all decisions are based on sound logic rather than being based on where people come from or where the subject being voted on is located. It would appear that the main issue is that there is no Councillor located residentially in the vicinity of Badgingarra that is available to members of the public from that area directly. It is difficult for Councillors from other areas to represent the Badgingarra area. The other question that needs to be addressed is whether two Councillors is appropriate for the Dandaragan area and whether two Councillors is appropriate for the Cervantes area.

The current situation with Councillors living in the vicinity of each of the four towns is that six Councillors live in or nearby to Jurien Bay, one in Cervantes, two near Dandaragan and none near Badgingarra.

The position Council wished to consider was to revert back to a previous situation where Council had four wards and attached is a copy of a map of the Shire indicating the boundaries that had been utilised by Council when four wards were in existence (Plan 2). Council did not indicate any alternative four ward option. The suggested variation, while it is minor will allow more accurate numbers to be obtained as the suggested boundary is in line with the localities the state government use (Plan 3).

The two ward option doesn't guarantee representation in Badgingarra nor that representation in Cervantes would increase to two Councillors (Plan 1).

If Council was to consider the reintroduction of four wards based on the previous ward boundaries and based around the four towns, the estimated number of electors in the Jurien Bay Ward is 1203 with six Councillors giving a Councillor to Elector ratio of 1:200. It is estimated that the Badgingarra Ward has 273 electors and currently has no Councillors. The Cervantes Ward has 450 electors represented by one Councillor giving a ratio of 1:450. The Dandaragan Ward has 565 electors including 148 electors from Wedge and Grey and is currently represented by two Councillors with a ratio of 1:282.

Ward	Number of Electors	Number of Councillors	Councillor Elector Ratio	% Ratio Deviation
Jurien Bay	1203	6	1:200	- 27.79 %
Cervantes	450	1	1:450	+ 62.45 %
Dandaragan	565	2	1:282	+ 1.80 %
Badgingarra	273	Nil	-	-

The ratio of electors to Councillors overall for the Shire is 2491 electors to nine Councillors which is 1:277. Generally a + or - variation of 10% is acceptable.

Based on the ratio of 277 electors to one Councillor the following would apply with four wards. This would vary slightly depending on which four ward option was to be considered.

Ward	No. of Electors	No. of Councillors
Jurien Bay	1203	4.35
Cervantes	450	1.62
Dandaragan	565	2.03
Badgingarra	273	0.98

A number of options have been suggested and the following is a summary of these. It is stressed that the numbers of electors are as at the 2013 Council Election and in some cases have had to be estimated.

Option 1 - Previous four ward system

Ward	Estimated Number of Electors	Number of Councillors	Councillor to Elector Ratio	+ / - %
Jurien Bay	1203	4	300.75	+8.57
Cervantes	450	2	225	-18.75
Dandaragan	565	2	282.5	+1.98
Badgingarra	273	1	273	-1.45

Option 2 - Possible four ward system

Ward	Estimated Number of Electors	Number of Councillors	Councillor to Elector Ratio	+ / - %
Jurien Bay	1203	4	300.75	+8.57
Cervantes	496	2	248	-10.47
Dandaragan	545	2	272.5	-1.63
Badgingarra	247	1	247	-10.84

Option 3 - Previous two ward system

Ward	Estimated Number of Electors	Number of Councillors	Councillor to Elector Ratio	+ / - %
North	1476	5	295.20	+6.57
South	1015	4	253.75	-8.40

Option 4 - Cr Sheppard's suggested four ward system

Ward	Estimated Number of Electors	Number of Councillors	Councillor to Elector Ratio	+ / - %
Jurien Bay	1203	4	300.75	+8.57
Cervantes	598	2	299	+7.94
Dandaragan	417	2	208.50	-24.73
Badgingarra	273	1	273	-1.45

Option 5 - Cr Short's suggested two ward system

Ward	Estimated Number of Electors	Number of Councillors	Councillor to Elector Ratio	+ / - %
North	1456	5	291.20	+5.12
South	1035	4	258.75	-6.59

At the Council election to be held in October 2015, the following Councillors terms expire:

- Councillor Gibson
- Councillor McGlew
- Councillor Holmes
- Councillor Kent
- Councillor Short

The Councillors that are due for elections in 2017 are:

- Councillor Bailey
- Councillor Kulisa
- Councillor Sheppard
- Councillor Slyn

There are two Jurien Bay area Councillors up for election in 2015 along with two from Dandaragan and one from Cervantes. As there are four Jurien Bay locality Councillors to stand in 2017, it is likely that there would be a spill of Councillors at the 2015 elections.

Staff have contacted the Department of Local Government and Communities in regard to this matter and they state that it would be unlikely that there would be a spill of Councillors unless all of Council ie majority were agreeable to this occurring. This would also have to be agreed to by the Local Government Advisory Board.

This complicates matters because it would be the intention that the number of Councillors that may represent each ward would be evenly balanced between two consecutive elections ie two Jurien Bay Councillors in 2015 and two Jurien Bay Councillors in 2017, one Dandaragan Councillor in 2015 and one in 2017, and one in Cervantes in 2015 and one from Cervantes from 2017.

Staff can only stress that this is on the assumption that the concept of reintroduction of wards was agreed to and if Council was agreeable to a spill of all Councillors.

CONSULTATION

- Shire Matters
- Shire website
- Shire's Facebook page

- Various community organisations

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

- *Local Government Act 1995*

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications relevant to this item.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications relevant to this item.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

This matter is not addressed in Council's Community Strategic Plan.

ATTACHMENTS

Circulated with the agenda are the following items relevant to this report:

- Map of wards previous and suggested (Doc Id: 46820, 46822, 46824, 46826 and 46828)
 - Copy of submissions from the following (Doc Id: 46382):
 - Kaye Wilkins
 - Richard Negus
 - Sarah Roberts
 - John Astill, Cervantes Chamber of Commerce
 - George Johnston
 - Michael and Maree Humphries
 - Eric Morgan
 - George and Sue Large
 - Advance Dandaragan
 - Graeme and Sue Betteridge
 - Mary Brandis
 - John Cook
 - Joy Morgan
 - Gavin Haywood and Katie Bowring
 - Lily Hornum
 - Kerrie Roberts
 - Kerry Cockburn
 - Dymphna Rose
 - Shirley Harris
 - Delys Fox, Dandaragan Community Recreation Club Inc
 - Frank Creagh
 - Ray Glasfurd
 - Tony & Fran Abbey
 - John Brown
 - Andrew Kenny
 - Dahlia Richardson
 - Fiona Carroll & Matthew Taylor
 - Jonathan Nelson, Badgingarra Community Association
 - Jonathan Nelson
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- Rose Glasfurd
- Peter Negus
- JAV Brown and Sons
- Harry & Faye Wilkinson
- Sue Monks
- Gwen White
- Mike and Sarah Kenny
- Gaden and Dympna Rose
- David and Joan Cook
- Cr Lawrie Short
- Cr Mike Sheppard
- Pam Johnson

(Marked 10.1.1)

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Absolute majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That following the completion of a review of Council ward's, that Council take no further action and retain the current position of having no wards.

OR

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

The Shire of Dandaragan recommends to the Local Government Advisory Board that:

1. An order be made under Section 2.2 (1) to divide the district into four wards with boundaries as detailed in the attached map (Option ____).
2. An order be made under Section 2.3 (2) to name the four wards Jurien Bay, Cervantes, Badgingarra and Dandaragan (as detailed on the map).
3. An order be made under Section 2.18 (3) to designate the following number of offices of councillor for each ward: Jurien Bay 4, Cervantes 2, Badgingarra 1 and Dandaragan 2.

OR

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

The Shire of Dandaragan recommends to the Local Government Advisory Board that:

1. An order be made under Section 2.2 (1) to divide the district into two wards with boundaries as detailed in the attached map (Option ____).
 2. An order be made under Section 2.3 (2) to name the two wards North and South (as detailed on the map).
 3. An order be made under Section 2.18 (3) to designate the following number of offices of councillor for each ward: North Ward 5 and South Ward 4.
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10.2 ADMINISTRATION

Any new business of an urgent nature requires a resolution of Council in order to be considered.

The following item requires urgent consideration by Council:


To review the Shire of Dandaragan's Delegation 103 *Purchase Order Authorisation and Authority for Payment*.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the following new business of an urgent nature be considered by Council:

To review the Shire of Dandaragan's Delegation 103 *Purchase Order Authorisation and Authority for Payment*.

10.2.1 REVIEW OF DELEGATION 103 PURCHASE ORDER AUTHORISATION AND AUTHORITY FOR PAYMENT

Location:	N/A
Applicant:	Shire of Dandaragan
Folder Path:	Business Classification Scheme / Governance / Authorisations / Delegations Register /
Disclosure of Interest:	None
Date:	23 February 2015
Senior Officer:	Tony Nottle, Chief Executive Officer
Signature of Senior Officer:	

PROPOSAL

To review the Shire of Dandaragan's Delegation 103 *Purchase Order Authorisation and Authority for Payment*.

BACKGROUND

At the Executive Management Team (EMT) meeting held 7 October 2014, the Chief Executive Officer, Deputy Chief Executive Officer and Executive Managers reviewed Delegation 103 *Purchase Order Authorisation and Authority for Payment* and propose the following changes (refer to attached).

The proposed changes were then presented to Council at a Forum held on the 19 February 2015 for discussion.

COMMENT

Attached is a copy of the Shire of Dandaragan's Delegation 103 *Purchase Order Authorisation and Authority for Payment* with marked up proposed changes as discussed at the Forum held 19 February.

The following are the proposed changes:

1. Minor title changes as marked.
2. Include the following positions and levels:
 - a. Engineering Technical Officer - Level 3 - new position
 - b. Tourism Marketing Coordinator - Level 4 - new position

- c. Executive Assistant / Human Resources - Level 7 - there is the need for this position to have purchasing authority
- d. Council Secretary / Personal Assistant - Level 7 - there is the need for this position to have purchasing authority
- 3. Remove the following positions:
 - a. Manager Environmental Health - no requirement for this position to have purchasing authority
 - b. Coordinator Infrastructure Operations - position no longer exists
 - c. Infrastructure & Major Projects Support Officer - position no longer exists
- 4. Decrease Manager Planning Level from 2 - 3.
- 5. Remove "excluding capital items" from Levels 3, 4 and 5. The purpose of the restriction was to ensure no capital items that were unbudgeted were purchased. Such a clause, however, is now presenting issues in relation to timely completion of budgeted capital projects. Many construction projects require rapid response to needs, such as hire of plant or minor purchases that may contribute to a larger project. This current restriction severely affect's efficiency. Further, the original purpose of the clause is a matter of officer training and awareness and doesn't require restriction within delegation.
- 6. Change Level 1's limit of "\$100,000" to "unlimited". This clause is currently presenting issues in relation to the purchase of assets that have a commodity type nature. With larger and larger capital works projects being undertaken, this is and will continue to adversely affect efficiency. Case in point is Mimegarra Road, items such as culverts, gravel, seal are all totalling more than \$100,000. Items of this nature are either priced annually by Council, or can be purchased from the WALGA / CUA preferred supplier panels. Therefore, sufficient value for money protection is present without the need for restriction within delegation. Any other items that don't fall within these categories require Council decision as stipulated by legislation once again eliminating the need for restriction within delegation. The purchase of plant will continue to be taken for Council approval regardless of if the preferred supplier / CUA panel is used or not. With this change, the last sentence under Level 1 would not be applicable due to the amount being removed therefore, the sentence is to be removed.
- 7. Add to Level 1 "Purchase of freehold land and real estate is permitted with prior approval of Council".

CONSULTATION

- Executive Management Team
- Council Forum 19 February 2015

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

The *Local Government Act 1995* Section 5.46 establishes the requirement to maintain a delegations register.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications relevant to this item.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications relevant to this item.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

- Shire of Dandaragan's Strategic Community Plan 2011 - 2021

5.15.5 GOAL NUMBER FIVE: Build a proactive and leading local government
OBJECTIVE 4: Establish corporate governance and risk management processes that build the capacity of the Shire to be highly effective in meeting community outcomes and managing associated risks

ATTACHMENTS

Circulated with the agenda are the following items relevant to this report:

- *Copy of Delegation 103 Purchase Order Authorisation and Authority for Payment* with marked up changes (Doc Id: 20222)

(Marked 10.2.1)

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Absolute majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council amend its *Delegation 103 Purchase Order Authorisation and Authority for Payment* as follows in accordance with the proposed changes shown in the attached version of Delegation 103 (Doc Id: 20222) of the Register.

PURCHASE ORDER AUTHORISATION AND AUTHORITY FOR PAYMENT

Delegation No:	103
Delegate:	Chief Executive Officer
References:	<i>Local Government Act 1995</i> (Sections 5.42 and 6.10) <i>Financial Management Regulations</i> (Regulations 12 and 13)
CEO delegates to:	Deputy Chief Executive Officer - Level 2 Executive Manager Corporate & Community Services - Level 2 Executive Manager Infrastructure - Level 2 Manager Building Services - Level 2 Manager Planning - Level 3 Operations Supervisor Dandaragan - Level 3 Operations Supervisor Jurien Bay - Level 3 Mechanic - Level 4 Engineering Technical Officer - Level 3 Senior Ranger - Level 6 Building Maintenance Coordinator - Level 7 Tourism & Marketing Coordinator - Level 4 Executive Assistant / Human Resources - Level 7 Council Secretary / Personal Assistant - Level 7

DELEGATION:

The Chief Executive Officer is delegated authority to issue and sign purchase orders and approve payments for expenditure included in the Municipal Fund budget or the Trust Fund. Each payment from the Municipal Fund or the Trust Fund is to be noted on a list compiled for each month showing:

- the payee's name;
- the amount of payment;
- the date of the payment; and
- sufficient information to identify the transaction.

The list referred to above is to be presented to the Council at the next ordinary meeting of the Council following the preparation of the list and is to be recorded in the minutes of the meeting at which it is presented.

Conditions - Purchase Order limits on amounts

Limits on amounts:

- Level 1 (applies to Chief Executive Officer) - unlimited excluding the purchase of freehold land and real estate.
- Level 2 - up to \$100,000 excluding the purchase of freehold land real estate
- Level 3 - up to \$10,000
- Level 4 - up to \$5,000

- e) Level 5 - up to \$2,000
- f) Level 6 - up to \$1,000
- g) Level 7 - up to \$500



DELEGATION TO CEO			FROM CEO TO EMPLOYEES	
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10.3 FINANCE

Any new business of an urgent nature requires a resolution of Council in order to be considered.

The following item requires urgent consideration by Council:

For Council to adopt new fees and charges earned by hiring of facilities within the Jurien Bay Visitor Centre Building; and

For Council to delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer, at his discretion, to apply concessions to non-commercial, education-based service providers hiring the Jurien Bay Visitor Centre building to assist with developing and promoting Jurien Bay as a centre for excellence in regional education facilities.



OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the following new business of an urgent nature be considered by Council:

For Council to adopt new fees and charges earned by hiring of facilities within the Jurien Bay Visitor Centre Building; and

For Council to delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer, at his discretion, to apply concessions to non-commercial, education-based service providers hiring the Jurien Bay Visitor Centre building to assist with developing and promoting Jurien Bay as a centre for excellence in regional education facilities.

10.3.1 JURIEN BAY VISITOR CENTRE HIRE FEES

Location:	N/A
Applicant:	Alison Slyn, Tourism & Marketing Coordinator
Folder Path:	Business Classification Scheme / Council Properties / Usage / Hire
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	20 February 2015
Author:	Alison Slyn, Tourism & Marketing Coordinator
Signature of Author:	
Senior Officer:	Tony Nottle, Chief Executive Officer
Signature of Senior Officer:	

PROPOSAL

For Council to adopt new fees and charges earned by hiring of facilities within the Jurien Bay Visitor Centre Building; and

For Council to delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer, at his discretion, to apply concessions to non-commercial, education-based service providers hiring the Jurien Bay Visitor Centre building to assist with developing and promoting Jurien Bay as a centre for excellence in regional education facilities.

BACKGROUND

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 22 January 2015, Council deferred the item regarding the hire fees for the

Conference and Education Centre in the Jurien Bay Visitor Centre building due to further details being required. Further discussion on the matter was brought to the Council Forum 19 February 2015.

COMMENT

The hire fees outlined below are inclusive of GST and apply to specific areas of the building, being classrooms and conference room, amphitheatre and hot offices.

A minimum hire fee of \$40.00 including GST will be applicable to all hires to cover minimum cleaning expenses incurred.

It is proposed that hire fees for the premises are:

JURIEN BAY VISITOR CENTRE BUILDING		
Facility	Community Group Per Hour	Commercial Hire Per Hour
Classroom 1 (IT Classroom)	\$25.00	\$30.00
Classroom 2	\$25.00	\$30.00
Classroom 3	\$25.00	\$30.00
Classroom 2 & 3 (conjoined)	\$40.00	\$48.00
Conference Room	\$25.00	\$30.00
Full Facility	\$80.00	\$96.00
Hot Office	\$15.00	\$15.00
Facility	Community Group Per Day	Commercial Hire Per Day
Classroom 1 (IT Classroom)	\$180.00	\$216.00
Classroom 2	\$180.00	\$216.00
Classroom 3	\$180.00	\$216.00
Classroom 2 & 3 (conjoined)	\$288.00	\$345.00
Conference Room	\$180.00	\$216.00
Full Facility	\$576.00	\$691.00
Hot Office	\$108.00	\$108.00
Amphitheatre *	\$40.00*	

*Hire fee for amphitheatre is per hire, not per hour / day

CONSULTATION

- Chief Executive Officer
- Executive Manager Corporate & Community Services

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

- *Local Government Act 1995*

6.19. Local government to give notice of fees and charges

If a local government wishes to impose any fees or charges under this Subdivision after the annual budget has been adopted it must, before introducing the fees or charges, give local public notice of —

- (a) its intention to do so; and

- (b) the date from which it is proposed the fees or charges will be imposed.

6.12 Power to defer, grant discounts, waive or write off debts

- (1) Subject to subsection (2) and any other written law, a local government may –
- (a) when adopting the annual budget, grant* a discount or other incentive for the early payment of any money;
 - (b) waive or grant concessions in relation to any amount of money; or**
 - (c) write off any amount of money, which is owed to the local government.

*Absolute majority required

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no known policy implications relevant to this item.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Providing concessions to non-commercial education service providers using the Jurien Bay Visitor Centre building will incur a deficit to Council's budget. As this is a new venture there are limited projections for the expected budget per annum at this stage.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

There are no specific strategic implications to this item. However, the decision to provide a concession to non-commercial education service providers could be seen as a strategy to encourage high quality and diverse education facilities in Jurien Bay and the surrounding region.

- Shire of Dandaragan Strategic Community Plan 2011 - 2021

5.15.2 GOAL NUMBER TWO: Build high level of amenity and lifestyle					
OBJECTIVE 3: Develop, deliver and maintain a high quality of community infrastructure that continues to build the amenity and liveability of the communities					
CODE	STRATEGIES	LINKS	TIME FRAME	SCOPE	PARTNERS
G2-O3-A6	Plan and support development high quality regionally relevant educational facilities.	IOD Summit workshops SuperTowns Growth Plan	Short - Medium	Jurien Bay Impact on district	DoE CY O'Connor TAFE Schools

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Officer Recommendation 1 – Simple majority

Officer Recommendation 2 – Absolute majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION 1

That Council in accordance with Section 6.19 of the *Local Government Act 1995*, authorise the introduction of a new fee and charge effective 27 February 2015 for the hire of facilities in the Jurien Bay Visitor Centre building, including a minimum hire fee of \$40.00, as follows:

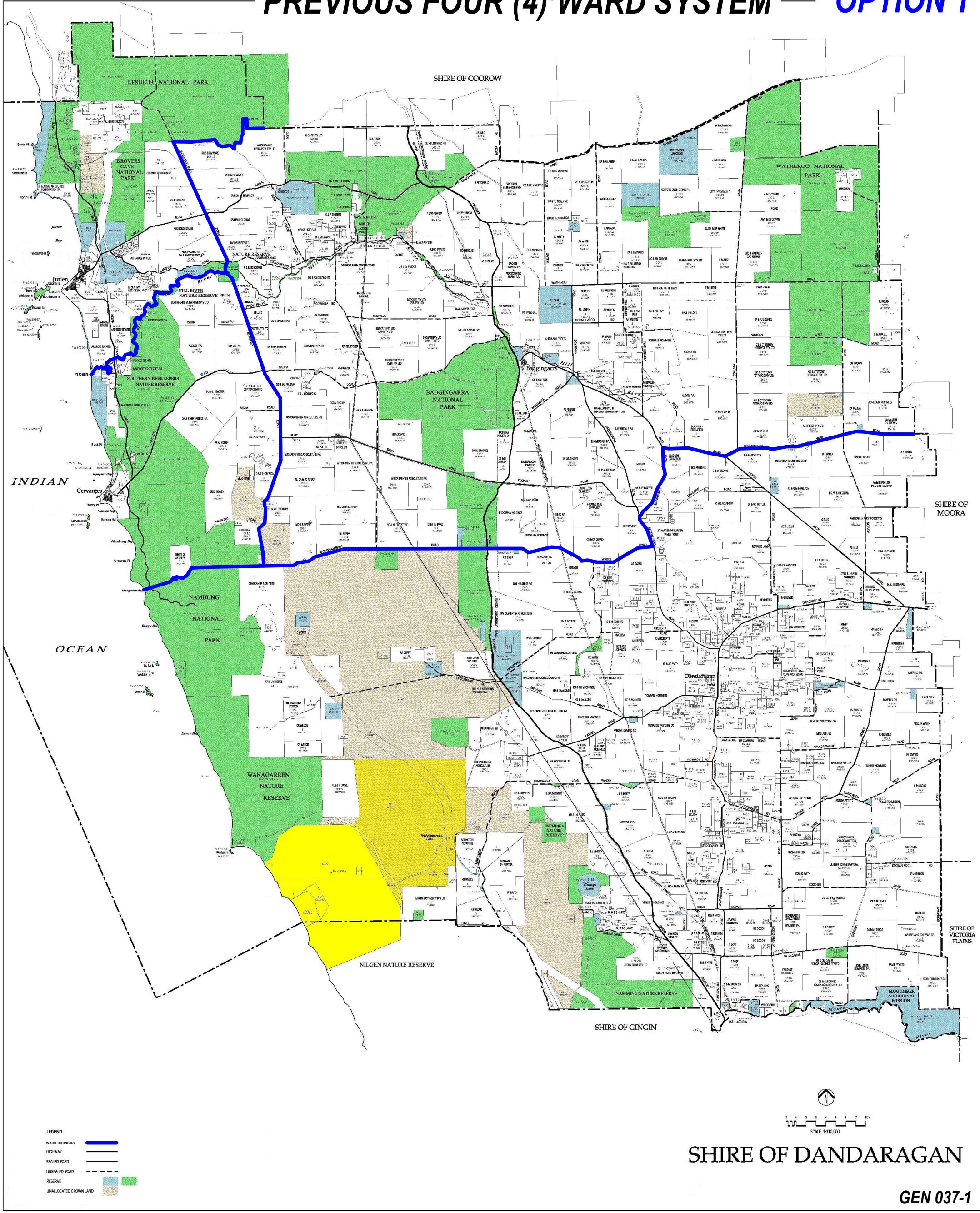
JURIEN BAY VISITOR CENTRE BUILDING		
Facility	Community Group Per Hour	Commercial Hire Per Hour
Classroom 1 (IT Classroom)	\$25.00	\$30.00
Classroom 2	\$25.00	\$30.00
Classroom 3	\$25.00	\$30.00
Classroom 2 & 3 (conjoined)	\$40.00	\$48.00
Conference Room	\$25.00	\$30.00
Full Facility	\$80.00	\$96.00
Hot Office	\$15.00	\$15.00
Facility	Community Group Per Day	Commercial Hire Per Day
Classroom 1 (IT Classroom)	\$180.00	\$216.00
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Classroom 2 & 3 (conjoined)	\$288.00	\$345.00
Conference Room	\$180.00	\$216.00
Full Facility	\$576.00	\$691.00
Hot Office	\$108.00	\$108.00
Amphitheatre *	\$40.00*	

*Hire fee for amphitheatre is per hire, not per hour / day

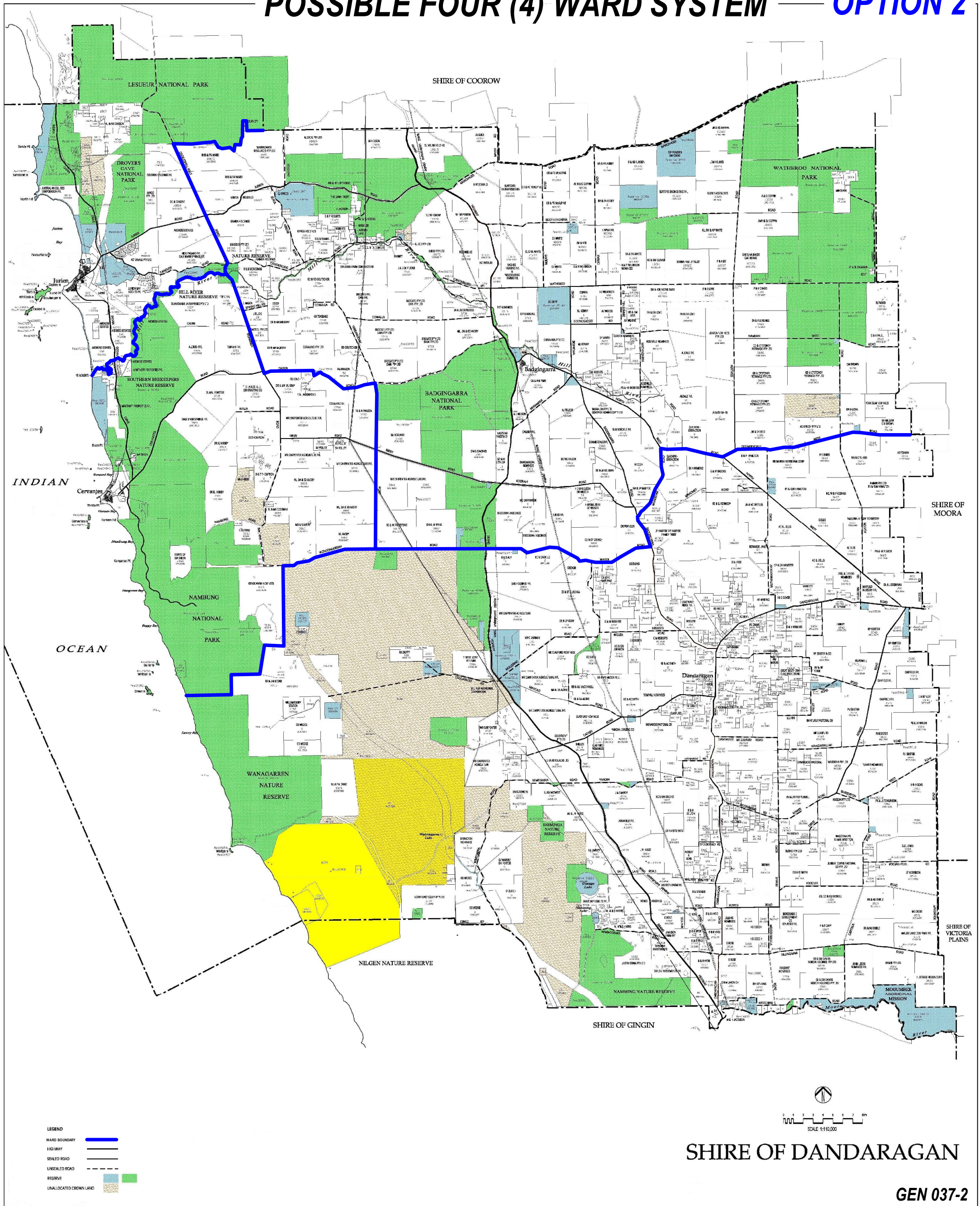
OFFICER RECOMMENDATION 2

That Council agree to delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer, at his discretion, to provide concession to non-commercial education-based service providers for the hire charges at the Jurien Bay Visitor Centre building, as an educational incentive to assist with developing and promoting Jurien Bay as a centre for excellence in regional education facilities.

PREVIOUS FOUR (4) WARD SYSTEM — OPTION 1

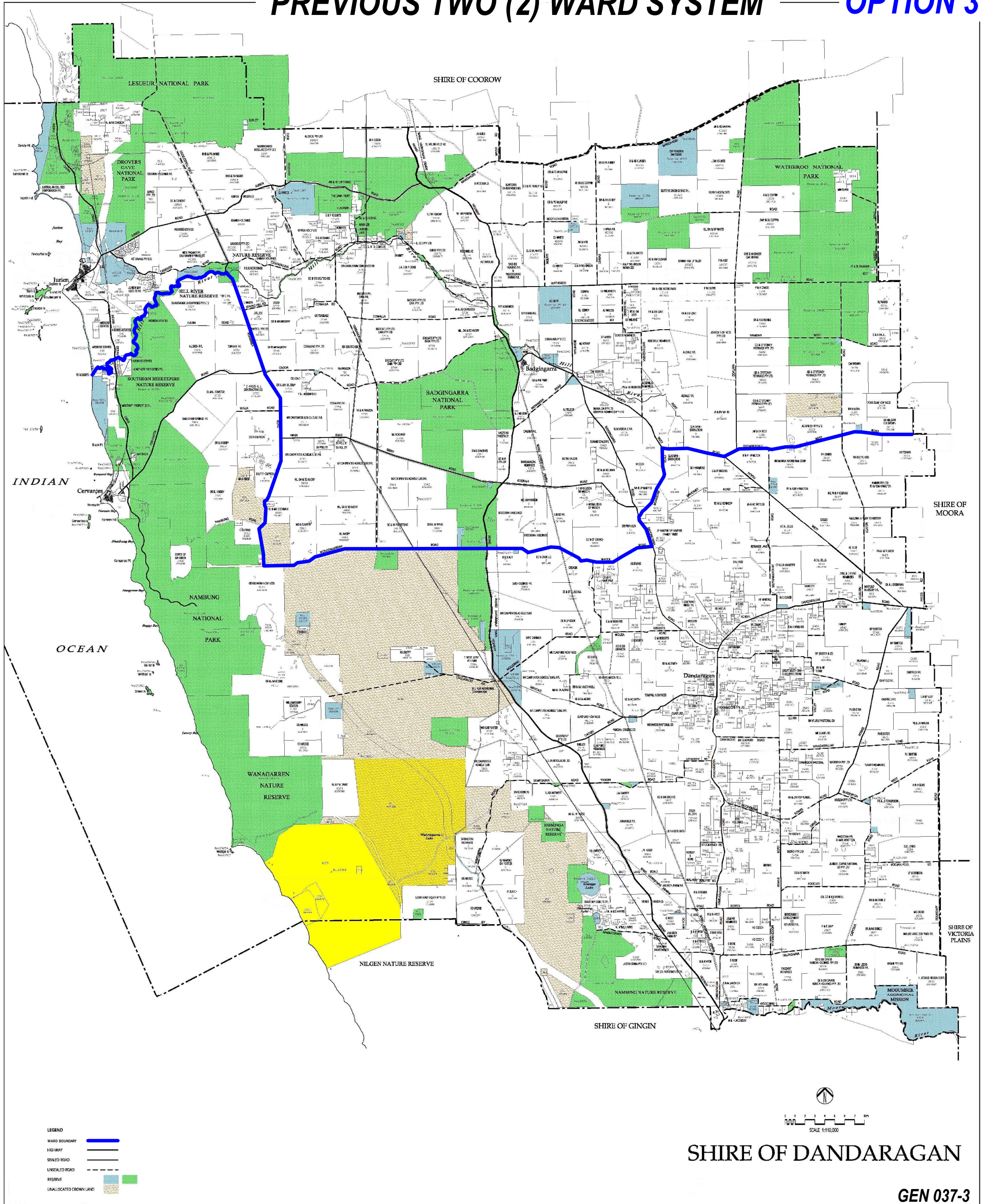


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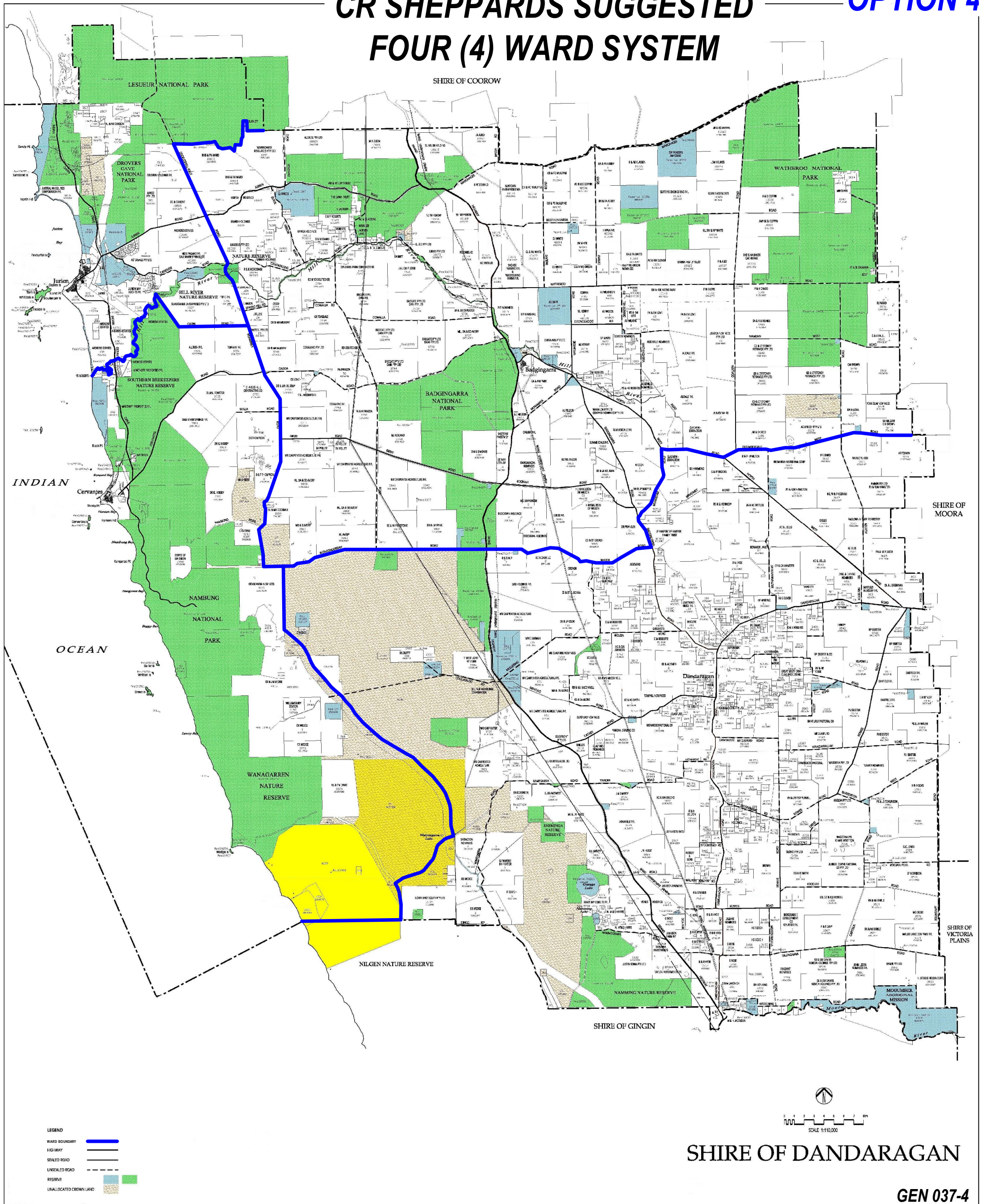
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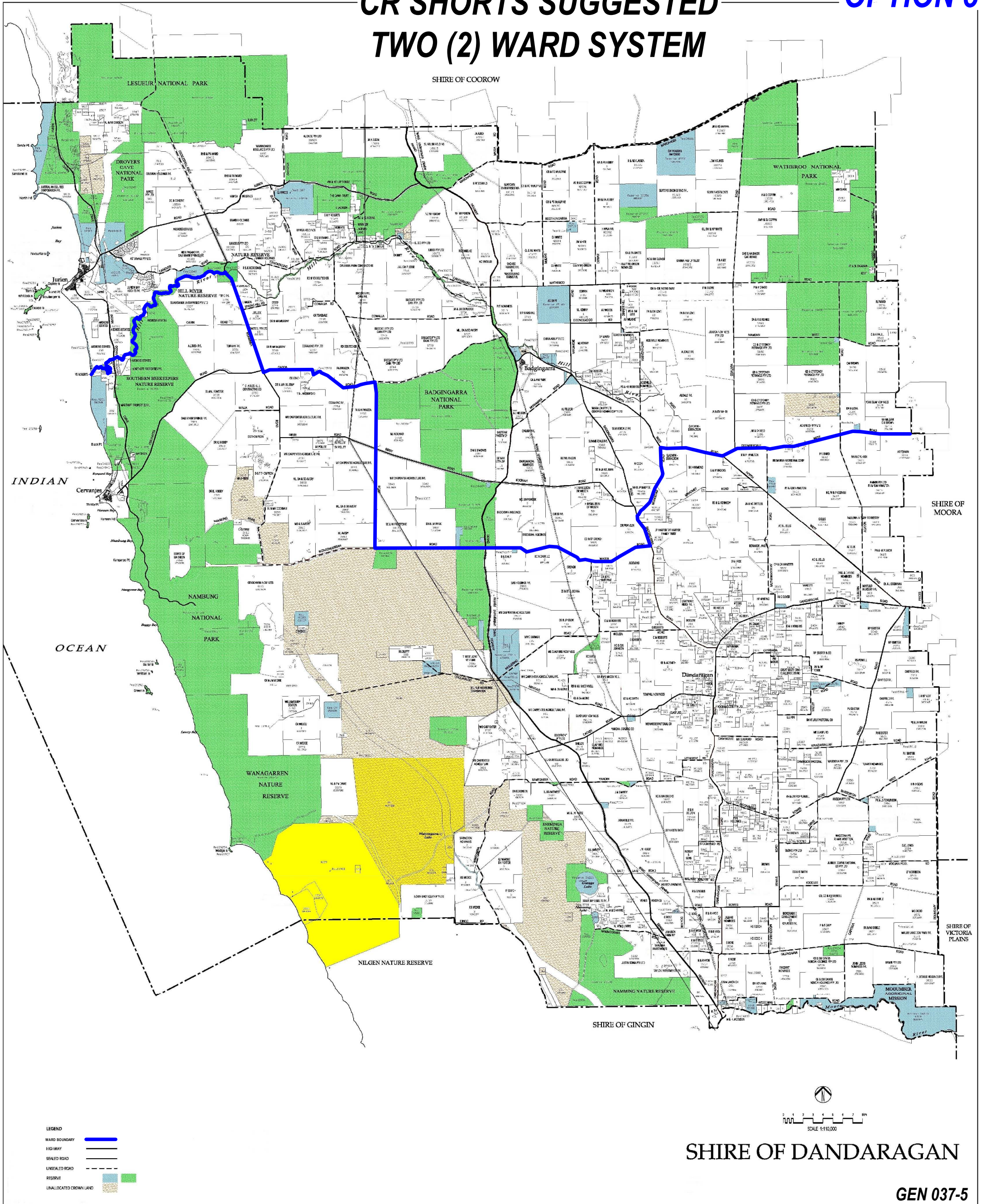
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OPTION 4



CR SHORTS SUGGESTED TWO (2) WARD SYSTEM

OPTION 5



REVIEW OF COUNCIL WARD - SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED			
Name 1	Name 2	Address 1	Address 2
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Richard Negus	Richard	C/- Post Office	DANDARAGAN WA 6507
Sarah Roberts	Sarah	C/- Post Office	DANDARAGAN WA 6507
John Astill, Cervantes Chamber of Commerce	John	C/- Post Office	CERVANTES WA 6511
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Cr Lawrie Short	Lawrie	PO Box 36	DANDARAGAN WA 6507
Cr Mike Sheppard	Mike	17 Cameron Street	JURIEN BAY WA 6516
Pam Johnson	Pam	42 Bower Street	JURIEN BAY WA 6516

Denaye Kerr

From: Records & Faxes
Sent: Tuesday, 18 November 2014 8:22 AM
To: Tony Nottle
Subject: FW: Review of System Of Representation. Attention Tony Nottle CEO

From: M & K Wilkins [<mailto:mjknwilkins@bigpond.com>]
Sent: Monday, 17 November 2014 12:36 PM
To: Records & Faxes
Subject: Review of System Of Representation. Attention Tony Nottle CEO

Hello Tony, below is my submission for the Review of Representation, Thanks Kaye Wilkins, Badgingarra.

REVIEW OF SYSTEM OF REPRESENTATION

Congratulations to the Council for being willing to revisit the System of Representation. Certainly many rural people are feeling disenfranchised at the moment. This is not meant as a criticism of current Councillors but more as a feeling of needing to "belong" and being able to have direct input.

My suggestion would be a two ward system. One ward encompassing the coastal towns and near hinterland and another covering the vast majority of the rural area. The boundary could be on Munbinea Road in the northern section and following an appropriate alignment south. Maybe some type of weighting due to distances could be put in place.

Kaye Wilkins, Badgingarra.

Denaye Kerr

From: Records & Faxes
Sent: Wednesday, 10 December 2014 8:10 AM
To: Ian Rennie
Subject: FW: Ward system

-----Original Message-----

From: Negus [mailto:r_snegus@bigpond.com]
Sent: Wednesday, 10 December 2014 7:45 AM
To: Records & Faxes
Subject: Ward system

CEO
Dandaragan Shire

Dear sir,
I am delighted to learn that council are considering a return to the WARD system of electing councillors. In my opinion it is the fairest way to go and with the increasing opportunities in agriculture just around the corner, through the free trade agreement with China, it is vital that the needs of the agriculture sector of the Dandaragan Shire are met.....and one of the ways we can help this , is by having a voting system that truly reflects the demography , and gives the producers of the economic wealth of the Shire a fairer representation. I sincerely hope the Shire adopt this system and would suggest a representation of
Jurien...4 reps
Cervantes...2
Dandaragan ...2
Badgingarra....1

Yours sincerely

Richard. Negus
Braeside
Dandaragan

tel.....0429 030 768

Sent from my iPad

Denaye Kerr

From: Records & Faxes
Sent: Wednesday, 10 December 2014 12:35 PM
To: Ian Rennie
Subject: FW: Four Ward System

From: Sarah [mailto:sadavey_246@hotmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, 10 December 2014 10:36 AM
To: Records & Faxes
Subject: Four Ward System

Dear Council

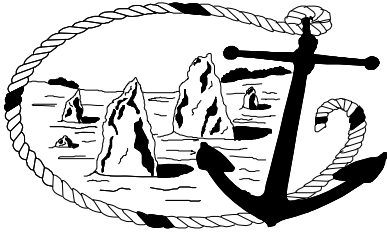
As a rate payer in the shire of Dandaragan I strongly support the re-introduction of the Four Ward System. Our farm is within the demographics of the Dandaragan town site and I feel the four ward system gives fair representation across the whole shire.

It is essential that all communities work together for the benefit of rate payers so we all enjoy shared services. I would be very disappointed if the majority of councillors lived and worked in Jurien Bay. As naturally, services within this town site, I feel, would be more important over other town sites. I also believe the four ward system would also give better representation from Badgingarra and Cervantes.

I do hope that the shire returns to the four ward system as this is the only way equal representation can be truly met.

Many thanks

Sarah Roberts
G&Y Roberts Pty Ltd



CERVANTES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

CERVANTES. WA. 6511

C.E.O.
Shire of Dandaragan
P.O. Box 676
Jurien Bay WA 6516

Friday, December 05, 2014

REVIEW OF SYSTEM OF REPRESENTATION

The Cervantes Chamber Of Commerce would like to make the following submission for consideration during the review.

Whilst we consider that under the current system of representation, all communities within the Shire of Dandaragan have adequate access to members of council, and are therefore able to escalate needs and issues to Council for consideration, the demographic predictions for growth within the Shire will, over time, render this access more difficult unless a more structured / targeted approach is taken.

According to the Shire of Dandaragan Strategic Community Plan of 2012, the population of the Shire was 3468, with 43% (1500) resident in Jurien Bay, and 15.7% (545) resident in Cervantes. The balance of the Shire population 41.3%, resides either in Dandaragan, Badgingarra, or rural.

This Strategic Plan, also envisages that the 'coastal' section of the shire will host a population of 5000 by the year 2022. With the constraints on land available for development in Cervantes, we can expect that the majority of this population growth to occur in the Jurien Bay town-site.

Thus we can expect that over the next few years, Jurien Bay will, at least, double in size with the other population centers and the rural population, at best, growing marginally.

Our current council, we believe, somewhat reflects both the population distribution, and the community of interest of each of the town-sites within and across the shire. I.e. 6 from Jurien, 1 from Cervantes, and 2 from Badgingarra / Dandaragan. While the rural population appears to be under-represented, enough experience and awareness exists amongst a number of councillors to prosecute these interests.

Further, the fact that three of the councillors are domiciled within the smaller population centers ensures that council as a whole is made cognizant of the needs of these communities, and is easily able to feed-back information to the community on issues and rationale for decisions as they are made.

The underlying strength of the current position is that issues / responses flow easily and naturally between the community and their representatives through the activities of councilors in their social and community interests. This ensures that council is kept informed of the needs and issues of each elector group as they arise, and provides a conduit for garnering support for council activities in response to those issue.

However, in the future, this balance is likely to be disrupted by the growth of population in Jurien Bay, and the relative stability of the population in the other population centers. Using the figures above, and assuming that the ratio of councilors / electors remains similar to current experience (i.e. 11%, and no increase in the number of councillors), then Jurien Bay with a projected population in the vicinity of 5000 out of a total shire population of 6500, will, combined with the propensity of electors to favor candidates with the stronger link to their community, are likely to elect a minimum of 7 and possibly all councillors, as none of the other population centers is large enough to elect a candidate in their own right.

Whilst we are not suggesting that future councillors would not be cognizant of the needs of the whole shire and not work to the benefit of all in the shire, and recognising that Jurien Bay will consume much of the resource of the shire, we believe that the voices of the smaller communities are valuable and must be preserved. We can expect however that councillors will have a propensity to prioritise issues affecting their own community over other 'more distant' issues. This will, over time, reduce both the diversity of views available to council, and also reduce the attraction of the physical and community diversity currently available in our shire.

We strongly urge that council, whilst undertaking this review, prioritise ways in which the communication channels between electors and council can be maintained at the current 'informal' status, and that the smaller communities can be assured of both a presence and voice in the decision making forums of council.

Our preferred option for this to occur would be to adopt a system whereby a minimum of one third of council be elected from candidates not domiciled in the Jurien Bay town-site. This preference is likely to preclude the re-introduction of a ward system due to the requirement that each ward should have a similar number of electors, which leads to either an explosion of councillors or the same future outcome as we currently face.

While understanding that council will be constrained by the requirements of the Act, we see the introduction of some kind of election quota or preferential voting system (similar to that used in the federal senate) as being a viable alternate.

Thank you for the opportunity to make this submission.

Yours faithfully,

John Astill
President.
Cervantes Chamber of Commerce.

Denaye Kerr

From: Ian Rennie
Sent: Friday, 12 December 2014 8:34 AM
To: Denaye Kerr
Subject: FW: Shire review

From: Yathroo [<mailto:yathroo@activ8.net.au>]
Sent: Friday, 12 December 2014 5:58 AM
To: Records & Faxes
Subject: Shire review

Dear Mr Rennie

Re: The Dandaragan Shire's review of its system of representation.

I wish to strongly support the Ward system of ratio of councillors being:

Jurien Bay – 4 reps
Badgingarra – 1 rep
Dandaragan – 2 reps
Cervantes – 2 reps.

I manage a large property south of Dandaragan and believe it is absolutely essential that we have fair representation at shire level. This shire covers a large rural population and this must be represented as well as the coastal precinct.

Yours sincerely,

George Johnston
Yathroo
Dandaragan 6507

Denaye Kerr

From: mm rural fencing <mjmehumphries@bigpond.com>
Sent: Friday, 12 December 2014 11:09 AM
To: Records & Faxes
Subject: Four ward system

We are writing to advise our support for a 'four ward system' in relation to Shire council representatives. We believe that all areas of the shire are diverse and require different approaches and resources to maximise their potential in growth and infrastructure for the future.

Regards,

Michael & Maree Humphries

PO Box 137

Dandaragan WA 6507

Ph/Fx: 96514664

Michael Mb: 0429 331020

Maree Mb: 0417 946699

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Denaye Kerr

From: Titch Morgan <ericandjoy@live.com.au>
Sent: Saturday, 13 December 2014 6:38 AM
To: Records & Faxes
Subject: RE Four Ward System

To whom it may concern. Please regard this Email as my support for a "four ward system" as submitted by Advance Dandaragan,

which I believe will give a broader spread of representation across the entire Shire. Respectfully yours,
Eric Morgan 3441 Dandaragan Road. 96514551.

Denaye Kerr

From: sue large <glarge@westnet.com.au>
Sent: Sunday, 14 December 2014 11:31 AM
To: Records & Faxes
Subject: Support for 4 wards in Shire

The Shire of Dandaragan,

As members of Advance Dandaragan and interested citizens (farm manager on Badgingarra Rd and resident in Dandaragan township), we wish to express our support for having the four ward system within the Shire of Dandaragan.

Due to the great diversity or the Shire, it is our strong belief that we require representatives living in each section of the Shire ie: Jurien Bay, Cervantes, Badgingarra and Dandaragan.

Councillors residing in the area have much more contact with local ratepayers and are more aware of problems and needs in their area. They are therefore better able to make Council aware of the situation.

It is vitally important that the Shire work as a whole and have good representation and communication between all areas.

Yours sincerely

George & Sue Large



Advance Dandaragan Committee (Inc.)

C/- Post Office
Dandaragan WA 6507

President: Mr Graeme Betteridge 96514147
e-mail: sue.betteridge@bigpond.com

Secretary: Mrs Trish Cahill 96514260

Treasurer: Mrs Helen Chatfield 96514178

10th December 2014

Mr. Tony Nottle
Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Dandaragan
P.O. Box 676
Jurien Bay 6516
W.A.

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	JAN
	DENAYE

Dear Tony,

Please find enclosed Advance Dandaragan's submission on the "Review of Wards". We feel the only opportunity to see a democratic process in place is to give all sections of the Shire a voice. Therefore we promote the change to the four wards system. Hoping our presentation assists in a decision that is fair to all areas of the Shire.

Yours faithfully,

Trish Cahill
Secretary
Advance Dandaragan (Inc.)

Advance Dandaragan would like to present its submission of "Review of Wards" for consideration by the Shire of Dandaragan as requested.

COMMUNITY of INTEREST

It is essential that all the communities / wards work together for the benefit of the rate payers and the land they are the caretakers of for future generations, by-

- Sharing services
- Maintaining good contacts between communities either verbally or physically with good transport facilities so allowing for greater interaction between these communities.
- Supporting active and interactive services e.g. fire control, weed and vermin control.
- Continuing to encourage volunteering.
- Look at the strengths and weaknesses of all areas and encourage development in these areas e.g. Badgingarra - strengths – grain, wool and meat production and at present, doesn't have a Shire representative from its community. Again Jurien Bay's strengths are its tourism, fishing industry, retired permanent population but its weakness is its transient population but has a proportionally large representation on Council which gives it a louder voice.
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PHYSICAL and DEMOGRAPHIC TRENDS

- Inland areas have a young population growth with the increase in Grain growing, Olive Oil production, Citrus and stone fruit farming and Horticulture and livestock, these industries bring with them a transient work force, but there is room for permanency.
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- Because of urban growth and development and the need for more land for homes and industries that follow population growth this demographic will change with a progressive Shire whose members are elected from all communities which have progress as their interest.

ECONOMIC FACTORS

- There is an increasing diversification of industries within the Shire, from the production of Lime sands, transported to inland areas, to increased grain and horticultural production apart from meat. Technology is at the forefront with wind farms and the beginning of research into sustainable green energy.

Worldwide markets are developing for food production, with free trade agreements and the Shire has a front seat for taking advantage of this growth. It is also important that transport systems remain well maintained and accessible to all.

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Merindah Flowers

Graeme and Sue Betteridge
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11th December, 2014

Dear Ian,

Sue and I strongly support the reintroduction of the four ward system, with four councillors in Jurien, two in Cervantes, one in Badgingarra, and two in Dandaragan. The possibility and probability of the majority of councillors representing one town does not give fair representation across the whole Shire.

I believe that Badgingarra is severely disadvantaged by not having a councillor to promote the views of the district at council meetings.

The rural towns of Badgingarra and Dandaragan have a range of fertile soil types and adequate water supplies. Consequently this region of the Shire has a diverse range of agricultural enterprises, producing significant amounts of grain, meat, wool, and in later years intensive irrigated crops of, potatoes, olives, fruit, wildflowers, and sand mining. These enterprises generate full time and casual employment which is important for the respective towns' prosperity. The planned establishment of a large cattle abattoir and poultry farming business will also impact the Dandaragan and Badgingarra communities.

We believe that all the towns deserve guaranteed council representation, by councillors that understand the issues and concerns of their district.

For the continued wellbeing of the Shire it is essential that there is fair council representation across the whole Shire.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to present a submission on this vitally important subject.

Yours faithfully,


Graeme and Sue Betteridge

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The Shire of Dandaragan is conducting a review of its system of representation and invites public participation in the review.

This assessment will take into account the views of the community and outline any other matters that may be considered.

Public submissions are invited and must be submitted by 5.00pm Friday 9 January 2015 to, Shire of Dandaragan, PO Box 676, Jurien Bay WA 6516 or via email council@dandaragan.wa.gov.au.

For further information please contact Ian Rennie, Deputy chief Executive Officer on 96520800.

Advance Dandaragan is encouraging is many letters as possible supporting the four ward system, as at present Jurien has 6 of the 9 councilors, and that number could easily grow if the four ward system is not introduced. At present Badgingarra does not have a councilor. Advance Dandaragn is looking to have fair representation across the whole of the shire.

If you support the four ward system we urge you to contact council stating your position.

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The CEO

Mr Tony Nottle

Shire of Dandaragan

PO Box 676

Jurien Bay

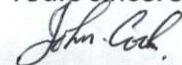
WA 6516

Dear Mr Nottle,

I am writing to urge Council to reintroduce the four ward system of representation for the following reasons.

- The present system of no wards could see all councillors residing in the coastal towns as the population of these towns inevitably grows.
- Urban living Councillors may have little knowledge or interest of rural matters.
- There is great disparity of community of interest and economic production between the four communities.
- There are growing and diverse industries developing in the Shire eg. Tourism and retirement in addition to fishing in the western communities, while horticulture and market gardening are being conducted in the eastern communities, in addition to traditional agricultural industries.
- A reversion to the Council structure existing before the abandonment of wards would seem appropriate. Jurien Ward, three Councillors and two each for the other three wards. This position could be reviewed as the coastal wards population grows.

Yours sincerely,



John Cook

Joy MORGAN
3441 DANDARAGAN RD
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Mr. Tony Nottle
Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Dandaragan
P.O.Box 676
Jurien Bay 6516
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Dear Mr. Nottle,

I would like to support the submission sent to you by Advance Dandaragan. I feel it is very important that all parts of the Shire have an equal input into the decision making process and that having representatives from four wards will give us that voice. Hoping you will recommend this governance to give us all an equal voice.

Yours faithfully

MRS JOY MORGAN


Gavin Haywood and Katie Bowring
120 Vine Cottage Lane
DANDARAGAN WA 6507

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Mr Ian Rennie
Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Dandaragan
PO Box 676
JURIEN BAY WA 6516

RE: Review of System of Representation

Dear Ian

Katie and myself feel the current no ward structure does not fully represent a Shire as diverse as Dandaragan. As we speak there are new projects in the pipeline eg: abattoir, wind farms, fracking, more horticulture projects, foreign investment in agriculture land only to mention a few.

The four ward system that we had previously seem to give a fairer representation of our Shire. Badgingarra is currently without a councillor at all at present, which has to put this area of the shire to a disadvantage.

We strongly feel for the continued development of the Shire, all areas should be represented with the four ward system.

Yours faithfully

Gavin H.
Katie B.

Gavin Haywood and Katie Bowring

Mrs. Jody Hamm
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To Mrs. Tony Nettle
Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Dandaraagum
P.O. Box 674

Jerusalem Bay 6516
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Dear Mrs Nettle, I would like to support the submission sent to you by dandaraagum. I feel it is very important that all parts of the shire have an equal input into the decision making process and that having representatives from four wards will give us that voice. Hoping you will recommend this governance to give us all an equal voice.

I am faithfully

Mrs. Jody Hamm.

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Denaye Kerr

From: Denaye Kerr
Sent: Wednesday, 24 December 2014 11:32 AM
To: Denaye Kerr
Subject: Ward Review - Kerrie Roberts

From: kerrie roberts [<mailto:kerrieroberts@reachnet.com.au>]
Sent: Thursday, 18 December 2014 9:39 PM
To: Records & Faxes
Subject: Gor the Shire to revert back to the four ward system

Chief Executive Officer; Mr Tony Nottle.
Shire of Dandaragan
Jurien Bay.

Dear Sir,

I am writing to support the proposed change back to the farer community representation of the four ward system.

We are long term rate payers, as Bert was born here and I have resided here for 50 years hence have seen remarkable development in the farming areas as well as the obvious population increase along the coast. In the time of the four wards the community minded councillors saw to it that the rural areas contributed hugely to the development of the coastal towns. However once done it is only fare that they still have a voice by representation on the council.

Advance Dandaragan's proposed ward system split of Jurien Bay with 4 councillors, Badgingarra 1; Dandaragan 2; and Cervantes 2 would give a much farer representation for the whole Shire.

Yours sincerely

Kerrie Roberts

Denaye Kerr

From: Denaye Kerr
Sent: Wednesday, 24 December 2014 11:33 AM
To: Denaye Kerr
Subject: Ward Review - Kerry Cockburn

From: Kerry Cockburn [<mailto:tonyandkerry2@bigpond.com>]
Sent: Thursday, 18 December 2014 10:26 AM
To: Records & Faxes
Subject: Review of System of Representation submissions

To Whom It Concerns

I wish to state that I support the ward system with
Jurien Bay – 4 representatives
Badgingarra – 1 representatives
Dandaragan – 2 representatives
Cervantes – 2 representatives

It is important that the voice of each community is heard equally so that all areas can progress and grow for the good of all. If a vote ratio is confined to one area this would have negative results for the progress of the other areas.

In Dandaragan area we have citrus, potatoe, olive farms, horticulture plus the large agricultural factor of livestock and grain production. As we are such a productive area it is important that we have a voice
With this comes a work force, transient and permanent. This will also develop real estate in the area. Recently the abattoir at Joanna Plains has been finalised which will bring a large number people and jobs into the area, therefore representation will be necessary for control and information within this precinct.

Once again I strongly ask that you support the above ward system.

Kerry Cockburn
Lot 8 Rose Valley
Dandaragan 6507

Denaye Kerr

From: Ian Rennie
Sent: Monday, 5 January 2015 10:15 AM
To: Denaye Kerr
Subject: FW: Four Ward System

From: dympna [<mailto:dympnarose@hotmail.com>]
Sent: Sunday, 4 January 2015 5:05 PM
To: Records & Faxes
Subject: Four Ward System

CEO,
Dandaragan Shire,
4/01/2015

Dear Sir,

I am writing to register my support for the reintroduction of the four ward system.
By reverting to the original four ward boundaries, the rate payers within the Dandaragan Shire would have access to a more complete system of representation across the whole of the Shire.
This, I feel, would provide a far more democratic system of government.

Please register my support for the four ward boundary system of representation.

Yours sincerely,

Dympna rose,
Dandaragan.

10 Camm Rd.
Dandaragan
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Shire of Dandaragan
Jurien Bay Administration Centre.
C.E.O. Tony Nottle.
Dear Sir.

I am writing in regard to the matter of re introducing the Four Ward System, which worked well, from the Dandaragan Road board, becoming a Shire Council.

My Late husband Alan Harris served his time until 1977, in which He fought for the Ward System. This worked well with Councillors living in the Wards they represented. This was abolished in 2005.

Thanks to the Committee of Advance Dandaragan, here in the Town of Dandaragan, for keeping their finger on the pulse.

SO, bring back the Ward System.

Yours faithfully.

Mrs Shirley Harris

Dandaragan Community Recreation Club Inc.

Dandaragan Street, Dandaragan 6507

ABN 84 369 814 558

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Mr Ian Rennie
Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Dandaragan
Jurien Bay 6516

Re: Four Ward System

On behalf of the committee of the DCRC I have been asked to submit a letter in support of the Four Ward System.

The communities of Badgingarra, Cervantes, Dandaragan and Jurien Bay are all unique in their strengths and weaknesses. A fair representation can only be obtained by each community having a proportionate representation on the shire council.

Progress and community identity is important to all four communities and their ability to achieve such goals should not be curtailed by lack of (or no) representation.

This committee's support of the Four Ward System was unanimous and we ask that you please include this submission in your review.

Yours sincerely



Delys Fox
Hon. Secretary
DCRC

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23rd December 2014

Mr Tony Nottle
CEO
Shire of Dandaragan
PO Box 676
JURIEN BAY WA 6516

Dear Tony,

SUBMISSION ON REPRESENTATION REVIEW

I was pleased to hear that the Shire of Dandaragan is conducting a review of the present shire representation which is now a no ward system.

When I was elected as a councillor in 1964 the Dandaragan Shire was a no ward shire and when members of the Jurien community complained about representation a petition from the whole of the shire requested council to consider a ward system. The council then, in the 1970s, set up a committee of which I was a member to introduce a four ward system with wards based on the four communities of Badgingarra, Dandaragan, Cervantes and Jurien. Of interest here is that the committee considered many of the same factors that the New Local Government Act of 1995 outlined. One difference however was that the whole of the population of a community was considered as a factor, rather than number of electors. Rates levied and roads were also included.

The boundaries established in the 1970s' four ward system are now still relevant and should be re-established so that the representation of each of the four communities is once again a feature of the Shire of Dandaragan. I consider that the four ward system served the district well during the period of rapid development in each of the four wards, when each ward was well represented and mostly worked together for the betterment of the whole shire. Early councillors will remember that when Gross Rental Values were introduced in the early 1980s the council agreed that rate increases would be kept at the same level for both Rural and GRV areas, a system that worked well into the 1990s.

Shire ward representation only changed after the New Local Government Act of 1995 emerged, with this Act defining the number of factors (five) to be considered along with regular ward representation reviews. This requirement has resulted in the present situation where, with a no ward system, representation has changed dramatically and one of the shire's communities, i.e Badgingarra, now having no representation at all.

The new Act states that in a review of ward representation a local government **MUST** consider these five factors. However, the same requirement to consider these five factors has not

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been imposed on the Local Government Advisory Board (LGAB) or the relevant Local Government Minister. My experience is that only one factor, that of No.5, the ratio of councilors to electors in the various wards is being used by the LGAB to determine ward representation. While serving as a councillor in the 1990s I had considerable contact with Local Government Ministers, other Members of Parliament and the LGAB, who all insisted that factor No.5 **ONLY** would be considered.

My comment on the five factors is as follows:-

Factor 1. COMMUNITY OF INTEREST

The ward system set up by the Dandaragan Shire committee in the 1970s considered that community of interest was a very important factor, in that it recognized that our shire had four very different communities who were all contributing and committing to the development of not only their communities but also to the betterment of the whole shire. It must be remembered that in the 1960s all four towns and communities had very little infrastructure, i.e. all weather roads, community halls, sporting facilities, schools and/or other services. The shire at that time endeavoured to ensure that all communities were treated equally and received adequate funding and support from many sources. In fact, council was criticized by the State Government Grants Commission for supporting all four communities, as they considered council should be committing resources to one area only and should have encouraged the other communities to share the needed facilities in that one area. With a shire area of over 7,000 square kms I feel that the Grants Commission had no understanding of the area our shire was developing as some residents in a number of the wards would need to travel over 100 kms to access services and other facilities within the shire if all services and facilities were located in the one area, i.e. the coast.

Factor 2. PHYSICAL AND TOPOGRAPHIC FEATURES

The Shire of Dandaragan under the four ward system does have defined features which distinguish the differences in our communities. The four ward system recognizes that two of the wards have a coastline boundary, while the Moore River also defines a boundary of one of the rural wards. These differing boundaries also emphasize the diversity of our shire.

Factor 3. DEMOGRAPHIC TRENDS

This is one factor which is constantly changing within the whole of the shire district. The coastal areas of the shire are attracting more interest from many demographic groups with varying needs and the rural areas constantly show the diversity of our shire with ever increasing variations of agricultural production not seen in the

shire until recently. Diversity regarding mineral sands mining has been a benefit to many within the shire, but a significant number of mine workers are not permanent residents, so their numbers are not included in the number of electors in the rural communities. There is also a proposal for an abattoir within the agriculture area of the shire.

Factor 4. ECONOMIC FACTORS

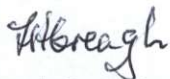
These factors can be identified as being of most importance to the rural areas of the shire and should also be recognized as important enough for inclusion in the ward representation issue. Rates are a significant expense for agricultural producers who are providing an increasing contribution to Australia's productivity, exports and wealth. For this productivity to continue there needs to be more recognition of the importance of the shire's road network to its rural residents. This can only be achieved if the rural areas of the shire have adequate representation on council. At present with Badgingarra community having no representation at all, a large agricultural area of the shire with many roads has no direct voice at all. There are also occasions when rural residents with problematic unsealed road access have had roads closed to traffic during some weather conditions, while other residents with sealed road access are not affected. Well maintained road access is vital, not only for agricultural production, but also for a school bus, ambulance and other medical services and sporting and social activities.

Factor 5. RATIO OF COUNCILLORS TO ELECTORS IN THE VARIOUS WARDS

Should only be used as a factor in conjunction with all other factors.

In conclusion Tony, I note that under the provisions of Schedule 2.2 of the Local Government Act 1995 that a local government without wards is not required to carry out regular reviews, so I commend the council for resolving to undertake a review and now look forward with interest as to whether the LGAB or the present Local Government Minister will this time allow factors other than ratio of councillors to electors to be part of the ward representation process.

Regards,



Frank Creagh, JP

Honorary Freeman Shire of Dandaragan

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cc TO LOCAL GOVT MINISTER .

Denaye Kerr

From: Rosemary Glasfurd <warruga@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, 9 January 2015 8:47 AM
To: Records & Faxes
Subject: Four Ward System

Attn: Dandaragan Shire Clerk/Council

Re: Four Ward System Representation Possibility of Reintroduction

I write this email in support of the Shire reverting to a four ward system. Under the current system it is possible for different areas of the shire to have no representation so I feel a change in the ward system would at least give all sections of the shire some voice in Council decisions.

Yours faithfully
Ray
Glasfurd
(Former Councillor)

Sent from my iPad

Denaye Kerr

From: RICHARD ABBEY <tonynfran1@bigpond.com>
Sent: Tuesday, 6 January 2015 8:35 PM
To: Records & Faxes
Subject: reinstating the ward voting to Dandaragan shire

Shire Clerk,
My wife and I are in favour of the ward voting in the Dandaragan Shire.

Signed
Tony & Fran Abbey
57 Winjardie rd
Badgingarra 6521

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Mr T Nottle

Dear Tony

Dandaragan Shire

I am encouraged by your Shire's move to reinstate a four ward system which would ensure, as best as possible, a voice in the less populous areas. These areas do carry their weight economically and certainly need lots of good roads and all other services to maintain a comparable lifestyle in order to maintain our population.

Up to date there has not been too much of a problem but to guard against difficulties in the future a guaranteed representation for Badgingarra and Dandaragan could be very good value for the whole Shire.

These gravel roads are a greater cost for us, with all vehicles, than anyone realises. Also, recently there have been several calls for the ambulance when they travelled at high speed on gravel roads with three officers on board, not the best. These are also school bus routes.

This move by the councillors is a statesman like consideration as they will necessarily lose a seat in Jurien.

Regards John Brown



Denaye Kerr

From: andrew kenny <agkenny@bigpond.com>
Sent: Thursday, 8 January 2015 7:16 AM
To: Records & Faxes
Subject: shire ward review

Mr Tony Nottle
CEO Shire of Dandaragan

Dear Mr Nottle ,

I would like to let you know why I think it is important for the success of the Dandaragan Shire going forward that you implement a ward based councillor election process . I live in Badgingarra and currently our community has no council representation . This is due to a number of factors but mainly stems from a decline in rural population . We had a candidate at the last council elections who was unsuccessful primarily due to the one vote one value system . While I acknowledge this system may sound equitable it will discriminate against smaller communities looking for representation on council. Under the present council election format I consider it unlikely that we would have a candidate nominate for council from the Badgingarra community given the slender chance of success.

I heard you talk on the radio yesterday regarding the importance of the shire remaining independent and not amalgamating which is the view I also share but given its diversity it needs rural representation which may not happen under the current council election procedure.

I hope this can be some help in your review process.

Andrew Kenny

OP & DJC RICHARDSON

**14314 Brand Highway
BADGINGARRA WA 6521**

7th January 2015

The Executive Officer
Shire of Dandaragan
PO Box 676
JURIEN BAY WA 6516

Dear Tony

REVIEW OF SYSTEM OF REPRESENTATION

In the recent edition of the "Sandpaper", opinions of ratepayers were being sought by Council with respect to the above topic.

We would like Council to consider reverting to the system of representation prior to 2005 whereby each town had a representative on Council.

We fully appreciate that the towns of Jurien Bay and Cervantes have much larger populations than their rural cousins in the towns of Badgingarra and Dandaragan and therefore should have more representatives but for our towns to not have any representatives is appalling.

Since the new system has been implemented and as Badgingarra does not currently have a representative on Council, you would expect that councillors at some point would attend either a social function or a meeting of the Badgingarra Community Association. I would like to point out that the only councillor who has attended such functions is Councillor Tim Bailey and very occasionally Councillor Kaye McGlew. The question then arises as what the other councillors base their opinion on, as to what is and should be happening in Badgingarra.

With all the best intentions in the world it is not possible for councillors in Jurien and Cervantes to be up to date with issues in Badgingarra and Dandaragan and vice versa. Our Shire is far too large and we can't expect our councillors to devote their whole lives to Shire matters.

If an issue is being discussed on financial grounds which will benefit Jurien or Badgingarra and the decision is made to benefit Jurien, the perception is always going to be that Jurien was favoured because of the top heavy representation of coastal councillors. At least if we

had a Badgingarra representative, residents of Badgingarra know we had someone batting for us whereas at the moment that is not possible.

Council would have a more balanced view point if we had representatives from each town. It is about perception, that all ratepayers' opinions matter and a sense of belonging to the Shire which is severely lacking at the present point in time.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'DJC Richardson', with a stylized flourish at the end.

DJC RICHARDSON
for OP & DJC RICHARDSON

SHIRE OF DANDANDRAGAN WARD REVIEW

Personal Submission

Fiona Carroll B.Bus., (Acc.), BA (Eng.)
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BADGINGARRA WA 6521

8 January 2015

Political representation in a democracy exists to give people a voice – to ensure that their voices are heard.

Where there is no democracy, then whole sections of those communities have been silenced and disempowered.

Fortunately we live in a democracy and I am sure that our Council, which exists only as a tool of a fair democracy after all, recognise that all people living within our Shire need to have a voice – and it is a voice that I am talking about. Of course, the most populous areas of the Shire should have more council representation, but does not mean that the rest of us should get none at all. It does not mean that we should not get to have at least one voice in Council putting across our point of view. It does not mean that we should not be heard.

I can only see that the current system of electing shire candidates silences my community and will, over time, silence the other smaller towns. A return to a four ward system would ensure that will not happen and that rural voices will continue to be heard in council chambers.

It is a system that, in my opinion, should never have been scrapped in the first place. I urge the council to re-instate a system that supports democracy.

Regards

Fiona Carroll

SHIRE OF DANDANDRAGAN WARD REVIEW

Personal Submission

Matthew Taylor
PO Box 48
BADGINGARRA WA 6521

8 January 2015

As a small community we do not have the population to vote in a shire representative.

Therefore, I believe the only fair method is to go back to the four ward system, but not necessarily to have two in each as it used to be. One representative, though, is imperative.

Regards

Matt Taylor

From: Jonathan Nelson <jonathan.nelson@westnet.com.au>
Sent: Friday, 9 January 2015 12:27 AM
To: Records & Faxes
Subject: Shire Review of Representation BCA

Shire of Dandaragan Ward Review

Mr Tony Nottle
CEO
Shire of Dandaragan

Dear Mr Nottle,

The Badgingarra Community Association discussed the Shire's review of representation at its last meeting of 2014. There was concern that there is no Councillor from our District at the moment and, we feel, there will never be a Councillor from our District under the present system of selection of councillors. Well meaning people urging us to come up with bright young candidates for the next election are "Job's comforters". They don't recognize the factors we discuss below.

We have been particularly well served by the Councillors who have attended our meetings in 2014, Councillors McGlew and Bailey. We are very grateful for their interest and appropriately active involvement in discussion on taking matters forward to the Shire. However it is basically just lucky fate that the Council has councillors who have knowledge of rural and small community issues, such as Cr Kent, Cr Bailey, Cr McGlew and Cr Short. Under the present system we feel it is likely that Councils of the future will have few of these people. This is because of the combination of:

The Local Government Act which lays down an election process which gives each elector as many votes as there are vacancies, and of equal value;

The Council choosing to remunerate its councillors with a stipend sufficiently attractive to ensure there is likely to be more than enough well qualified candidates from the biggest community,

The Council choosing to pay the Electoral office to conduct a postal election, which it does in its particular way, instead of having an in person election.

POSTAL ELECTIONS BY THE ELECTORAL OFFICE

These are run in a way which actually reduces the value of "local" votes. Some may feel this is "fair", every eligible voter should have an equal opportunity to influence the composition of Council. Others may feel that it is desirable that people with actual local knowledge of our situation and candidates, maybe through actually living in the area, have most influence on who guides our Shire affairs.

It seems unlikely to us that a 100 word CV and a rather poor passport type photo is an adequate way for electors to gain enough knowledge to exercise their votes wisely. Yet this is all that many electors will have in exercising their votes. There will be voters who attend candidate forums, but they are a small percentage of eligible voters. Other voters will read Shire newspapers- but still a very small percentage.

COMMUNITY OF INTEREST

The Local Government Board lists this as a factor to be taken into account because it is such a vital factor in determining where we will place our trust. If you are a voter with very little knowledge about candidates then it is the best thing for you to vote for people who appear qualified to protect that which is of most importance to you- which will be candidates from where your property is located.

Very few people will vote for someone from a different community ahead of someone from their own community unless they have knowledge about that person as having something special for the Shire. For example Justin Lanigan might win election to Council even if he resided in Badgingarra because people will feel that they know him and admire him. Ordinary candidates have no such pulling power.

OUR DIVERSE SHIRE

We have always felt it was a strength that our Shire has 4 strong communities and in the past Council has had members from across its length and breadth. We ought to ensure that our diversity remains a strength.

Council can take a number of actions to try to equalize the chances of nominating people from across the Shire winning election. The obvious one would be to revert to a ward system. Council can't do anything about the voting system laid down by the Local Government Act- such as having preferential voting. It is unlikely that Council will vote to reduce the remuneration of Councillors to a level which will mean only very interested people strongly urged by their community will nominate.

A new ward system.

The 4 ward system was based on, and named after, the town that was the focus of the community. It is not essential that this be so. To maintain broad representation four wards could be constructed called: "North West", "South West", "East" and "South". Increasingly there are electors who don't strongly associate with one of the old community names. People on Munbinea Road or out near Coomberdale are not really "Badgingarra" people. People at Marine Fields or even Beach Ridge won't necessarily have strong affinity with Cervantes or Jurien. There is little connection between Wedge and Cervantes. So a ward system where 4 councillors were elected from the NW, 2 from the SW, 2 from the South and one from the east could be constructed and be stable for many years. This would not weaken communities because so much of our present practices strengthen our communities (such as Community Grants scheme) and these are what really matter- not the name of a ward which is only of significance every 2 years. In any case each town will be in a separate ward.

If the Shire were to adopt a ward system as suggested above then it probably doesn't matter if it wants to continue paying the Electoral Commission to conduct postal votes, even though it is expensive for ratepayers. It is of interest that Parliamentary committees have considered conducting State elections that way and have rejected it in favour of the present in person system.

If the Shire doesn't want to revert to a ward system at least reverting to in person voting would improve the chances of a candidate from our small community getting a quota of votes because of having some acquaintances in Jurien and Cervantes. This is because the percentage vote will drop and the missing votes will be from people who you would expect to be less informed about the candidates.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to make this submission.

Jonathan Nelson President of Badgingarra Community Association
on behalf of the BCA

Denaye Kerr

From: Jonathan Nelson <jonathan.nelson@westnet.com.au>
Sent: Friday, 9 January 2015 12:27 AM
To: Records & Faxes
Subject: Reviv of System of Representation J Nelson

Shire of Dandaragan Ward Review

Mr Tony Nottle
CEO
Shire of Dandaragan

Dear Mr Nottle,

The submission from the BCA makes the case that the present system of representation inherently tends to a complete domination by representatives from the largest community. I don't believe that state of affairs is desired by the people of Jurien or anyone else in the Shire.

The BCA submission suggests this is the result of the combination of generous remuneration of our councillors, a large pool of well credentialed (on paper) potential nominees from Jurien, the Local Government method of multiple equal votes and the method of postal voting performed by the Electoral Commission. It is possible that a well known figure from public life, maybe a popular retired sporting star, or radio personality, could be elected from one of the smaller communities. But that is likely to be a rare event.

A well established and respected councillor is likely to be reelected from Dandaragan or Cervantes because of their established personal following in the shire. Also nonresident voters tend to vote conservatively if they have no other information ie. for existing councilors. But this will not be the case for people nominating for the first time where their exposure in other towns will have been far less.

THE ELECTORAL COMMISSION'S POSTAL SYSTEM

I was extremely disappointed in what happened in the last election. The candidate resources provided by the Commission are extensive but would require a large staff and a lot of money to use effectively. As it was I did spend \$1000 on mailings and assistance, but I wonder how effective it was anyway. When it came to voting people would have had the 100 word CVs and a grainy passport photo in front of them. My CV was composed late at night while I was battling to get their web site to accept my other information and my selected photo. The next morning after driving out to Jurien I discovered my selected photo was not allowed anyway. It had showed me smiling and with my 4 daughters. Another passport photo had to be shot by the electoral officer. One might ask how this was better for democracy. Specially since I was stuck with my CV composed late the night before. How can you adequately explain yourself to strangers in 100 words, let alone the issues that you feel face the Shire?

Is this really how Council wants future councillors to be elected?

It has been said that there is no point in Wards because no one wants to nominate from Badgingarra. I don't believe anybody will nominate from Badgingarra under the present system. We just have ordinary business people and they are smart enough to realize they could spend a lot of time and money and not succeed. Existing councillors have suggested "you have to get out there and canvas the electors". That is a lot easier done in Jurien than in Badgingarra. It is conceivable a resident could build a public profile in Jurien attending meetings and knocking on a few doors each evening- but impossible to manage from 90 km away. If there was an "east" ward (which would include the little town of Badgingarra) there would be at least one candidate. The community ensures this happens. In my own case I was persuaded to stand originally because people told me that another highly unsuitable person was about to nominate. I am glad I did respond to the urging because my time on council was personally very rewarding and I did my best to contribute to matters for the whole Shire.

I was on Council for two terms and I never felt confident that I was personally fully in touch with the issues concerning Cervantes and Dandaragan. I felt confident in the way I voted because I consulted and thought about the information I obtained from the councillors resident there.

THE POTENTIAL EFFECT OF THE WEDGE ASSOCIATION

A candidate from Wedge Island is highly unlikely to win a position on Council, even though they are highly organised. That is because it is an even smaller community than Badgingarra. However they can get a block of votes for any candidate from a larger community who indicates support for their position. This was offered to me in the last election (and I presume to the other candidates). I chose to ignore their approach and have taken a public stand in favour of Council's position, so I presume I got no votes from Wedge. In my opinion if Council was to adopt the four ward system as suggested by the BCA that it is highly desirable that the South Ward contain the Wedge voters. That would boost the stability of the South Ward in terms of electors per councillor, and if Council chose to continue with postal voting the Wedge Island effect ought to be less as one would expect just the number of candidates as vacancies (and therefore no postal vote). The community would ensure that there were enough candidates but is highly unlikely to find an extra one.

WHY CHANGE THE NAMES

Jurien doesn't accurately describe all the residents from North Head (future) south to the Hill River. The issues for residents in the southern parts of Beach Ridge will be more like those for people in Marine Fields or even Jurien Heights. So a boundary between the NW ward and the SW ward can be drawn anywhere that is convenient to ensure the wards have the right ratio of electors to councillors. This is the same situation as in Perth where people on opposite sides of a street might be in different Shires, but with less trauma as they are only in different wards but they have the same rating system. Similarly the boundary between the east ward and the south ward can be drawn anywhere between Badgingarra and Dandaragan that is convenient to meet electoral requirements.

A kindly disposed Councillor suggested that we should find a suitable young candidate for Badgingarra and then councillors could assist the person's chances through harnessing the efforts of the Jurien Chamber of Commerce. That is a very kind thought and offer but it is difficult to see how this would make enough difference to counter the various factors working against such a candidate. How many votes could the Chamber influence- hard to believe it could be more than a hundred. In any case it is more likely the Chamber would do what it did last time which was to provide a forum for the candidates. Inviting non Jurien candidates would be a step forward but is unlikely to be hugely effective.

Thank you for the opportunity to present these views.

Jonathan Nelson

Denaye Kerr

From: Rosemary Glasfurd <warruga@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, 9 January 2015 8:40 AM
To: Records & Faxes
Subject: Re: Four Ward System

To the Shire Clerk/Council

Good morning

It has come to my notice that the shire are looking at the possible reintroduction of the four ward system for a fairer representation in the councils decision making process.

I would like to voice my support for such a fair and balanced action as the shire differs so much in its needs and requirements and is a vast area of different industries and enterprises which are expanding annually.

Cheers

Rose Glasfurd

Sent from my iPad

Denaye Kerr

From: Peter Negus <cooligeefarm@bigpond.com>
Sent: Friday, 9 January 2015 10:58 AM
To: Records & Faxes
Subject: Councilors

Peter negus dandaragan is in favour of restoring the 4 ward system as the fairest option.

Sent from my iPhone

Bulgerathie
JAY Brown and Sons
P O Box 14
DANDARAGAN WA 6507

8th January 2015

Mr Tony Kettle
CEO
Shire of Dandaragan
P O Box 676
AURIM BA5 WA 6526

Dear Tony

I am pleased to note that the Shire of Dandaragan is conducting a review of the present shire representation which is currently a no ward system.

In our situation, and in our location, being in the south east corner of the Shire, with roads in disrepair and a necessity for much improved communications (both fire and phone), we are certain that the only way this can be achieved is by providing adequate representation to these rural areas.

Our rateable rate per ha is as high as anyone in the Shire and our services certainly don't reflect this.

If a ward system is not implemented and maintained then Councilors could all finish living and working in the coastal strip, with no interest or responsibility for the inland ratepayers.

Our town continues to grow and show great community spirit with a lot of our facilities being self funded. We would hate to see this spirit broken and believe that shire representation via a four ward system is of great benefit to the future growth of Dandaragan.

It is essential to all communities that a ward system be implemented, so that services and facilities/utilities are maintained and improved for future generations.

Yours faithfully



David Brown

Denaye Kerr

From: Faye Wilkinson <fayewilkinson@bigpond.com>
Sent: Friday, 9 January 2015 2:24 PM
To: Records & Faxes
Subject: Shire Ward Review

Dear councillors, We would like to make the following points with regard to Shire Ward Review –

1. Each town should have at least one representative – as only someone living in the actual town knows what is important to that town.
2. The way Postal voting is run disadvantages small towns – there is no way a nominee can win even if everyone in that small town votes for that person.
3. A ward system whereby each town is represented would be preferred, providing boundaries were not set by main roads etc., i.e. Brand Highway splitting Badgingarra community.

Harry and Faye Wilkinson, Badgingarra

Denaye Kerr

From: Sue Monks <scmonks@bigpond.com>
Sent: Friday, 9 January 2015 2:54 PM
To: Records & Faxes
Subject: Review of Wards

Dear My Nottle,

I am writing this submission in support of a return to a four ward based system in our Shire.

I am a long term resident of Badgingarra and live on a farm 13kms from the town. My main concern is that under the current system people who live out of Jurien are at risk of not having their interests or concerns addressed. Elected councillors who have little knowledge or experience of rural life and the difficulties that can be faced in the isolation of the bush are, arguably, not in a position to effectively represent those who have to live in these areas. This is the mantra that rural Western Australians have been singing since the State was founded because without the ability to elect someone local to us we are at risk of political isolation. We feel that very strongly.

Given the centralisation of the Shire population in Jurien it will take increasingly expensive and epic campaigns of State government proportions for people who live and work in rural areas to get elected to Council. This is inequitable and sad. Our Shire is made up of many diverse communities which is our strength and our attraction. These communities need to be cared for and have their needs represented. In the absence of proportional representation, I believe a return to the 4 ward Shire would be very good thing.

Thanking you

Sue Monks

325 Dewar Rd
Bedgingarra
WA 6521
13.1.15.

Dear Mr Nottle,

We are writing with reference to
the review of the Ward System for the
Dandaragan Shire.

Living in Bedgingarra we feel concerned
that at present we have no representation
on Council.

As ratepayers in both Turin + Bedgingarra
we feel it is essential to have a selection
process that gives all sectors of the
community a voice.

Consequently we would like to see the
Ward Based Councillor selection voting
system reinstated.

Thanking you for your attention
Yours sincerely

Gwen White
Don White

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Mike and Sara Kenny

332 Winjardie Rd Badgingarra WA 6521

5th January 2015

CEO Shire of Dandaragan

Jurien Bay

SUBMISSION FOR WARD REVIEW

We wish to support a reintroduction of the ward system for Council representation in the Shire of Dandaragan.

We now have a culturally diverse shire, with electors on the coast largely involved in fishing, commercial activities or tourism, together with a significant retiree population. Those in the rural areas are predominantly involved in agriculture. Although both communities can, and mostly do, work harmoniously, their interests and needs can be quite diverse.

For the last two years Badgingarra has not had a councillor residing in the district. With the best will in the world, coastal based councillors cannot appreciate the particular needs of a rural community. We support the reintroduction of a four ward system on similar boundaries to the pre 2007 situation.

Without a ward system the larger numbers of voters at the coast have the potential to deny the significant rating base of inland areas a voice in Council affairs. Such a situation is untenable and democratically unacceptable. Rural people should have the opportunity to be represented by the number of councillors that they are entitled to by their population.

We wish to thank Council for supporting this review of the ward system.

Yours sincerely,

Mike and Sara Kenny

CEO,
Dandaragan Shire,
4/01/2015

Dear Sir,

We are writing to register our support for the reintroduction of the four ward system. By reverting to the original four ward boundaries, the rate payers within the Dandaragan would have access to a more complete system of representation across the whole of the Shire.

This, we feel, would provide a far more democratic system of government. Please register our support for the four ward boundary system of representation.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gaden & Dymphna Rose', written in a cursive style.

Gaden & Dymphna Rose
Dandaragan. WA.

Denaye Kerr

From: Tony Nottle
Sent: Tuesday, 27 January 2015 10:14 AM
To: Ian Rennie; Denaye Kerr
Subject: FW: re ward system representation

From: David and Joan Cook [<mailto:noondel@comswest.net.au>]
Sent: Friday, 9 January 2015 11:36 AM
To: Tony Nottle
Subject: re ward system representation

To the CEO of Dandaragan Shire and Councillors

We are in favour of reverting to the original four ward boundaries so as to give a more complete representation across the whole of the Shire.

Yours sincerely

David and Joan

David and Joan Cook
noondel@comswest.net.au



Gemma Richardson

From: Ian Rennie
Sent: Tuesday, 24 February 2015 3:45 PM
To: Gemma Richardson
Subject: FW: Foreshadowed Motion.
Attachments: Scan0046.pdf; FORESHADOWED MOTION.docx

Ian Rennie
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-----Original Message-----

From: Lawrie Short [<mailto:bunyanoooca1@bigpond.com>]
Sent: Sunday, 22 February 2015 4:51 PM
To: Tony Nottle; Ian Rennie; Councillors
Subject: Foreshadowed Motion.

Hi All,

Please refer to the attached.

Comments appreciated.

Cheers,

Lawrie.

FORESHADOWED MOTION:

Without Prejudice.

Following the Forum of the 19th of February and going on what could be conceived as the probable outcome of the **Late Item- WARDS** to be brought forward at the **Council Meeting of the 26th of February**, I respectfully present the following points to be considered in the following Motion, see bottom of page:

- It has become painfully evident to me that we are not fully adhering to the principal of Local Government “**selection by the people for the people**”;
- We digress with urbanisation thought (as befitting an emerging Regional Centre, which I fully support). This being an outcome of the financial assistance from the State Government as a result of the success of great Community pride, support and financial contribution to the major New Jetty project and very hard effort by Administration and Council;
- As a Growth Shire within the Wheatbelt, recently enhanced by our Alliance with the Gingin and Chittering Shires, it is incumbent on us to respect our recent past where our Rural Rate base created the Coastal Development;
- It is evident from recent communications and survey throughout the Shire that the only people concerned enough, with responsible aforethought, to forward their support for return to WARDS, are rural people who feel dislocated and left out of Administrative contact, which has been seen to be good but restricted due to the Coastal Workload, regardless of Councillor constant support;
- How many other Councillors have recently discussed the issues of the Dandaragan Plateau rising water table increasing salinity, or even heard of alternative methods of attacking weed control with slashing, where Chemical treatment is failing. Another issue is how to maintain economic benefits from farming with returns not keeping pace with rising land prices occasioned by Foreign Investment and whilst intensive agriculture is seen as a positive it may cause water supply issues in the future? There are actually existing disputes currently going on concerning superficial waters;
- Not all Farmers in the Shire are flush with cash flow, even though they may be land rich, many work off farm to ensure education for children and their own retirement, thus with larger farms with heavier workloads they just cannot attend Community discussions and often find it not possible financially, being too proud to admit it;
- It is thus we have created division of feeling.

With the above considerations I refer you to the attached plan for a **Two Ward Shire**, using the figures of 1,476 Electors in the North ward and 1,015 Electors in the South Ward, with 277 electors to one Councillor this gives 5 Councillors in the North and 4 in the South, thus allowing benefits of less area to cover whilst maintaining an absolute dedication to the whole Shire in Council.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Shire of Dandaragan submits an application to the Local Government Advisory Board for the creation of TWO WARDS (North and South per map GEN 037-1).

NOTE: Further word smithing is up to Administration for consideration.

Gemma Richardson

From: Ian Rennie
Sent: Monday, 23 February 2015 1:31 PM
To: Gemma Richardson
Subject: FW: Ward system

Importance: High

And another submission.

Ian Rennie
Deputy Chief Executive Officer

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-----Original Message-----

From: Tony Nottle
Sent: Wednesday, 18 February 2015 5:16 PM
To: Ian Rennie
Subject: FW: Ward system
Importance: High

-----Original Message-----

From: pjo61584@bigpond.net.au [mailto:pjo61584@bigpond.net.au]
Sent: Wednesday, 18 February 2015 5:02 PM
To: Tony Nottle
Subject: Ward system
Importance: High

Hi Tony

I have just found out about the public comment on the change to the ward system. I don't see the need for a change to the current system as I feel if people want representation, they will make sure there is someone from their town to do this on their behalf.

As a rate payer I would like to comment on the way information on these matters is communicated to rate payers. Not everybody follows the Shire website or Facebook page or reads the local paper. Surely a letterbox drop would ensure that rate payers know about important issues that Council is making decisions on.

This is not the first time that I have found out about such things from talking to other people after the event, as I am involved with four organisations and work part-time and often don't get time to read the paper or follow the internet.

I hope that you will take my comments into consideration when issues arise in the future.

Yours sincerely

Pam Johnson
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Jurien Bay
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0409171327

Gemma Richardson

From: Ian Rennie
Sent: Monday, 23 February 2015 1:30 PM
To: Gemma Richardson
Subject: FW: Wards

This is a submission from Mike Sheppard.

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From: Mike Sheppard [<mailto:michael-sheppard2@bigpond.com>]
Sent: Sunday, 15 February 2015 10:45 AM
To: Wayne Gibson; Darren Slyn; Judy Kulisa; Kaye McGlew; Laurie Short; Leslee Holmes; David Kent; Tim Bailey
HOME
Cc: Tony Nottle; Ian Rennie
Subject: Wards

Councillors.

As I will not be at the next Forum on the 19th Feb. when discussion of the Wards will take place, I would like to offer my views on the subject.

I will be quite happy to support a 4 Ward system with 4 Councillors from Jurien Bay, 2 from Cervantes and Dandaragan and 1 from Badgingarra, but with certain qualifications regarding the Ward Boundaries.

I would propose the following changes.

1. The northern boundary of the Cervantes Ward go from the Hill River mouth to the Hill River Bridge on the IOD, following the river. From the bridge it would go due east to Munbinea Road, then north along Munbinea Road, Cockleshell Gully Road as per existing.

The land that would be transferred from Cervantes to Jurien is 50% Reserve, with the balance being relatively undeveloped private land with, as far as I'm aware, few if any dwellings.

2. The Cervantes Ward to follow the above changed northern boundary to Munbinnea Rd, south along Munbinnea to Wongoderrah Road then southeast to the corner of Meadows and Mimegarra Roads then following Mimegarra Rd to the Shire boundary.

This would put Grey and Wedge into the Cervantes Ward not Dandaragan.

Again, most of the land that would change wards is Nature Reserve, National Park and relatively undeveloped freehold land and, outside of the Wedge and Grey settlements there are very few dwellings.

It seems logical to keep the three coastal settlements in the same ward

Change #1 above would make very little, if any change to the ratepayer numbers while change #2 would see Cervantes Ward increase from 450 to 598 (Councillor ratio 1: 249) while Dandaragan fall from 565 to 417 (Councillor ratio 1: 208)

Jurien Bay with 4 Councillors, would have a ratio of 1:300 and Badgingarra 1: 275.

If we did decide to go to a Ward system, I can't see any solution other than a spill of Council.

I will be at the Council Meeting on the 26th

Regards
Mike S

PURCHASE ORDER AUTHORISATION AND AUTHORITY FOR PAYMENT

Delegation No:	103
Delegate:	Chief Executive Officer
References:	<i>Local Government Act 1995</i> (Sections 5.42 and 6.10) <i>Financial Management Regulations</i> (Regulations 12 and 13)
CEO delegates to:	Deputy Chief Executive Officer - Level 2 Executive Manager Corporate & Community Services - Level 2 Executive Manager Infrastructure & Major Projects - Level 2 Manager Building Services - Level 2 Manager Planning - Level 23 Manager Environmental Health - Level 2 Operations Supervisor Dandaragan - Level 3 Operations Supervisor Jurien Bay - Level 3 Mechanic - Level 4 Coordinator Infrastructure Operations Engineering Technical Officer - Level 3 Senior Ranger - Level 6 Building Maintenance Coordinator - Level 7 Infrastructure & Major Projects Support Officer - Level 6 Tourism & Marketing Coordinator - Level 4 Executive Assistant / HR - Level 7 Council Secretary / Personal Assistant - Level 7

DELEGATION:

The Chief Executive Officer is delegated authority to issue and sign purchase orders and approve payments for expenditure included in the Municipal Fund budget or the Trust Fund. Each payment from the Municipal Fund or the Trust Fund is to be noted on a list compiled for each month showing:

- the payee's name;
- the amount of payment;
- the date of the payment; and
- sufficient information to identify the transaction.

The list referred to above is to be presented to the Council at the next ordinary meeting of the Council following the preparation of the list and is to be recorded in the minutes of the meeting at which it is presented.

Conditions - Purchase Order limits on amounts

Limits on amounts:

- a) Level 1 (applies to Chief Executive Officer) - ~~\$100,000~~ unlimited excluding the purchase of freehold land and real estate. Issue of purchase orders above \$100,000 are permitted provided a prior decision of Council authorises such a purchase.
- b) Level 2 - up to \$100,000 excluding the purchase of freehold land real estate
- c) Level 3 - up to \$10,000 ~~excluding capital items~~
- d) Level 4 - up to \$5,000 ~~excluding capital items~~
- e) Level 5 - up to \$2,000 ~~excluding capital items~~
- f) Level 6 - up to \$1,000
- g) Level 7 - up to \$500

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