A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Cr Leslee Holmes

Shire of Dandaragan CEO Brent and I recently attended the launch of the Northern Growth Alliance (NGA) in Chittering by the Minister for Regional Development, the Hon. Alannah MacTiernan. The Shires of Dandaragan, Chittering and Gingin, with support from the Wheatbelt Development Commission, had worked for some time on discovering similarities between the Shires’ and maximising the growth opportunities coming from private and public investment, and population growth north of Perth. It was discovered that we also have great synergies with the City of Wanneroo and we all continue working with them on a range of initiatives to promote this high growth area.

The advantages of this area is the access to metropolitan Perth, ports and airport (enhanced by State Governments Northlink investment), strong intensive agriculture, alternative energy and tourism industries with capacity to grow. The Minister acknowledged the strength of collaboration to best maximise the region and its icons for tourism and agribusiness. She told the invited guests that the region was already a recognised significant contributor to the State with the NGA sub region economy valued at $2.2billion in 2016/2017. We will continue to work closely with the other Shires to enhance our opportunities in the Shire of Dandaragan.
The Cervantes Ratepayers and Progress association very proudly erected the final shade sails at the park in Catalonia Street. The sails complete the project providing much needed shade to the park and just in time for all this very hot weather. This has been a project started many years ago and it was with great pride that the group were able to finalise their efforts.

The Shire has recently received a petition from concerned community members regarding the level of service being provided at the Jurien Bay Medical Centre. We certainly take these concerns seriously and are working with the Medical Service Providers to increase customer satisfaction and appointment availability. With that, we welcome Dr Ashish to our community who is now working alongside Dr Yuri in a full time capacity. The Providers are also working hard to secure a female GP to add further value to the service however we understand with over 102 currently advertised positions in regional WA it is a challenging employment market.

By now most of you will be familiar with the Envision program in all its different phases. We have been to all four towns now with our convener Carmel Ross managing to get the very best from the communities on their hopes and aspiration for our future. We have been very heartened with some of the great ideas coming from this process. It is also pleasing to see how many of you are very happy with how we are performing on your behalf. We will be having a meeting this coming Thursday to look at all the results and see how to proceed. I have to mention the amazing work that Michelle Perkins has put into this process. As our Community Development Officer, Michelle has devoted many hours both in and out of worktime to make sure that everyone has had the opportunity of being heard. We will be publishing the results soon for public comment so keep your eyes and ears open for results and comments.

NORTH HEAD RADAR STATION MANAGEMENT PLAN OPEN COMMENT PERIOD

The Shire of Dandaragan has commissioned Heritage Detection Australia to create a Conservation Management Plan for Radar Station 48 and other heritage sites at North Head.

The Shire is seeking public input for the Plan and requesting submissions. If you have a view on how North Head should be managed for the future this is your opportunity to contribute.

Submissions should:
- be in writing or by email
- be sent to council@dandaragan.wa.gov.au
- contain details of the author, including: name, address and contact details
- be received by 4pm Tuesday 5 March 2019

Public submissions may be included as an Appendix in the Conservation Management Plan.

Photo credit: ABC Midwest and Wheatbelt*

ENVISION 2029 DIY KIT

Were you unable to get to the recent community workshops to see what ideas have been suggested to us by the community for the coming years? If so, drop in to the Jurien Bay Administration Centre or email cdo@dandaragan.wa.gov.au to get a copy of one of our DIY Kits. The kits go through the main suggestions and priorities that the community identified as important to them and you still have time to let us know what you think about them.

The DIY Kit is designed for small groups of people - playgroups, resident groups, environmental groups, arts and sporting groups, parents and citizens groups, chamber of commerce groups - any group of people that would like to add weight and feedback to what we’ve been told.

If you are unsure whether a DIY Kit will be suitable for you, feel free to contact Michelle on 9652 0800. Kits are due back by the end of February.
I finally managed to have a break even though it was a little belated. I have been in Melbourne for a week and then to Tasmania to link up with family there. I am a great fan of Tassie and get there whenever I can. However, I can only go when the weather is warmer as it can be very challenging in winter. As beautiful as it is and as popular at the moment with tourists from all over the world they have had the most dreadful fires which have impacted on their tourist season with many businesses.

We wish them all the best in their efforts to bring the fires under control and get back to normal. We also are deeply saddened by the awful floods in Queensland and just watching people who have lost their homes on the news every night gets to the heart of what a harsh country this can be and how fortunate we are in this region. Farmers have had a great season and we hope that our economy continues to flourish bringing much needed money into our economy.

On Tuesday night this week we headed to beautiful Dandaragan for the Citizen of the Year and the Young Citizen of the Year award evening. Following a record number of very deserving nominations this year it has been a very competitive field to determine the year’s winners. May I take this opportunity to congratulate all those nominated; you are all winners and just being nominated is an honour. My hearty congratulations to Miss Tamarin Noble on winning Young Citizen of the Year and Mr George Mostert for being awarded Citizen of the Year.

CONGRATULATIONS GEORGE MOSTERT - 2018 CITIZEN OF YEAR WINNER

George was nominated by Cervantes Community Recreation Centre, Cervantes Football Club, Cervantes Men’s Shed, Cervantes Playgroup, Cervantes Ratepayers and Progress Association.

George is the “Go to” person for any issues with young people in Cervantes and together with his wife Veronica he has fostered children for the past 20 years. They currently have two boys who have been with them for some time and he has introduced them to sport and activities within the area. He treats these boys just like his own family and it has enhanced their lives and given them a great start that they would not have had otherwise.

He has so much energy which he devotes to making sure that the youth of Cervantes are busy with sports and other activities which has resulted in the town being a better place for its citizens. George is a great mentor to his children, his foster children and all the young men he employs in his business.

George is an active member of the Cervantes Volunteer Fire Brigade but does not currently hold a position of office. He is always available to fight fires and emergency situations, often using his own equipment and spending many hours away from his business. He is the person that all community groups rely on for advice and help with anything that comes up. George is always available to assist with the setting up of events throughout the year, the first person to arrive and the last to leave, he is a great community man.

He is the organiser of the Cervantes Junior Cricket Club which has run for several years, he does all the roles needed to make this a success and is present at every match.

George is a runner for the Cervantes Football Club and is the person in charge of all the equipment and the setting up of the oval, marquee for home games, he generally does all the maintenance work required to keep the club running smoothly. He is also on the Cervantes Football Club committee. He is the mainstay of the Cervantes Show and Shine which raised much needed funds for the town.
George is a tireless fundraiser and makes sure, in his many roles that everyone is contributing to Cervantes. George holds positions with the following organisations:

- Vice President of Cervantes Community Recreation Club.
- Chair of the Cervantes Show and Shine,
- President of Cervantes Cricket Club
- Board Member of the Cervantes Football Club

George is associated with all the sporting groups in Cervantes and without his incredible energy and enthusiasm the town would not have as many sports as we have. He is currently in charge of preparing a hockey pitch for the latest sport being introduced in town.

George is the linchpin of the football club and takes so much of himself to endure the success of the club. He is an active and valuable member of the Cervantes Fire Brigade. He is a youth leader and mentor to many young people and a successful foster carer of 20 years’ experience.

George is an unsung hero. He is an unassuming man who works hard for his community without seeking recognition or reward. He can be relied upon to help anyone at any time and never puts himself before what he can do to make his community a better place. He is a keen and driven man with a great love for the community and especially wayward young people who he has helped move in the right direction. It cannot be stressed enough how our community is a better place for having his gentle but firm way with young people in trouble. He is a valued member of Cervantes and this nomination is supported by many of the groups in town.

Planning and Building Approvals

Are you planning to build or convert an existing outbuilding into a dwelling? To save yourself complications later it is best to consult with the Shire’s Development Services Department prior to commencing any building work.

Sheds and other outbuildings are defined by the Building Act 2011 as ‘non-habitable’ or Class 10 buildings. As such, the standards required for these structures are significantly less than those for dwellings. By living in a shed, owners place themselves and all those they let occupy these structures at risk.

For this reason, a Class 10 building cannot be lawfully occupied as a habitable building. For occupation to occur, the owner must apply to the Shire for planning and building approvals before it is upgraded to meet the Class 1a building requirements for a dwelling.

CONTRATULATIONS TO ALL THE 2018 CITIZEN / YOUNG CITIZEN OF THE YEAR NOMINEES

Citizen of Year: Gillian McPherson, Glen Auzins, Raelene Hurst, George Mostert, Mac Hewlett, Emma Hancock and Aubrey Panizza
Young Citizen of Year: Neave Mayhew, Dashell Normington, Isabel Chambers, Tamarin Noble, Storm Toomey, Kayla Jones, Lincoln Brown and Jack Brooks. It was great to have so many nominees this year.

The Shire of Dandaragan would like to thank Dandaragan Fundraises for the amazing spread presented at the Citizen of the Year Awards Night held Tuesday 12 February 2019, it was enjoyed by all.
Mobile phones: Know the Law

It is illegal to touch a mobile phone while driving, even if the vehicle is stationary on the roadside, or at a stop sign or traffic light. Touching includes resting on any part of the driver’s body, such as the lap. The vehicle should be legally parked with the motor turned off before the phone can be touched.

Phone calls can be received and terminated using Bluetooth voice activation.

Otherwise, a driver can only touch a mobile phone to receive and terminate a phone call if the phone is secured in a mounting fixed to the vehicle.

It is always illegal to create, send or look at a text message, video message, email or similar communication while driving, even when the phone is secured in a mounting.

Penalty

3 demerit points and $400 infringement
roadrules.rsc.wa.gov.au

This is a simple interpretation of the law and is not intended to constitute legal advice. For further details visit the mobile phone page in above website

CONGRATULATIONS TAMARIN NOBLE – 2018 YOUNG CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Tamarin was nominated by Jurien Bay Emergency Services Cadet Corps, Jurien Bay District High School and Turquoise Coast Badminton Club.
Tamarin is an Emergency Services Cadet who has completed over 80 hours of community service for this year in her first year as a cadet, this is currently the most of any cadet and has included assisting with St John Ambulance, Jurien Bay Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service, Jurien Volunteer Marine Rescue. She represented Cadets across the state by marching at Government House on WA Day, and has participated in all local Memorial Services including delivering an address at the Vietnam Veterans Day service. Tamarin is an active member of the Shire of Dandaragan’s Youth Advisory Council and has attended a number of corresponding events. She has spent numerous hours assisting in the football club canteen on weekends. As a player for the Jurien Bay Hockey team she has also additionally trained and coached hockey for the younger 5-12 year old children. Tamarin is the elected Vice President of the Turquoise Coast Badminton Club has the responsibility for designing, costing and organising the team uniforms, she has also contact a number of national organisation and approached a number of local businesses to acquire sponsorship for the club. She was a member of the Jurien Bay District High School County Week team and assisted in a variety of fundraising activities.
Through her initiative and willingness to participate and assist in all things Tamarin’s community service has been quite diverse, as outlined previously.