



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK...



Well winter is here at last. It seemed to happen overnight and now we are all complaining of the cold. However, I hope the much needed rain is getting to all the places in need now. It is vital that we not downplay the importance of the rain to farmers. If they are not able to survive then the 'knock-on' effect to us is dire. We need a strong agricultural sector in our Shire as farmers put so much back into the communities; so much that we need to grow and prosper.

Two weeks ago we officially opened the Turquoise Walk Path and Stage 2 of the Jurien Bay Foreshore Redevelopment project. The Honourable Mr Darren West MLC, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Regional Development and Mr Shane Love MLA, Member for Moore, together with Mr Clinton Strugnell, President of the Jurien Bay Chamber of Commerce braved the elements to open the path. It was a pleasure to meet Mrs Lesley West

who accompanied Darren and enjoyed the celebrations. The Shaw family from Wedge Island, Charlie, Marg and Annie, came to join the ceremony which was fantastic given that Annie is planting all the native plants along the path for us. That said, I have to take this opportunity to remind you all that this is YOUR path. To date there have been many near misses with people driving on the path in cars and motor bikes. This is so irresponsible and if it does not stop someone will lose their life. The culprits are not all visitors either. I ask all people using the path to take note of vehicle registration numbers and to let the Shire Rangers know. Let's take ownership of this wonderful path so that all can enjoy it. We are working hard to impress all levels of government to get the path through to Cervantes and then it will become truly iconic. The experience will not only attract many visitors from everywhere but also events that are badly needed for our economy.



Last weeks end of financial year is a very busy time for Shire staff and our very able Finance Guru Scott Clayton is working hard to balance the books and prepare the new annual budget. It is becoming harder and harder every year, with increased expectations from our ratepayers, as to the level of service they would like. Shire CEO, Tony Nottle, myself, together with Scott Clayton, Michelle Perkins and Julie Rouse, all had the pleasure of going to all our towns to have conversations with the communities. We are very heartened by the great and encouraging comments we received and have taken note of all of the points raised. We thought that coming to talk with you was a far better option than just sending out the surveys. The surveys are also available online for those who were unable to attend the 'Meet and Greet sessions and the link can be found at the Shire's website. Hard copies are also available from all the Shire libraries. Cervantes had the highest number of attendees with an encouraging amount of young people and children. We will be coming to speak to you more in the future so that together we can continue to build a sound future for the good of all people living in the Shire.

Mid-June I attended the West Midland Group's 'Women, Wine and Wellbeing' event in Dandaragan which was very well patronised and a great day. Well done to all the hard workers making the event such a success. It was a very poignant moment for me doing the closing speech as Kim Tyrer from Galafrey wines, one of the speakers, has been a friend since she was a little girl. Kim's father Ian was a very celebrated wine maker and great friend of ours who tragically passed away when Kim was 25 years old. Together with her mother Linda they have continued Ian's legacy and taken Galafrey to great heights. The food and ambience at the event were just beautiful and the speakers very interesting. I am sure everyone enjoyed themselves.

As most of you will know Ian Rennie is retiring this month from the Shire and he has made it one of his ambitions to make sure that I see the entire shire that I have the honour to be President of. We have been out and about for some months now weaving around the back roads and making me understand the size and placement of some of the iconic farms in the Shire. I had the pleasure of seeing Yathroo for the first time and sitting under a tree by the entrance tried to imagine it when it was in full swing. Hopefully the new owners will restore it to its former glory with some much needed masonry restoration on the front walls. It reminded me of some of the loveliest parts of England. I was impressed by the quality of the roads and also blown away by how many we have to look after within the Shire. I know our teams are doing the best they can to keep on top of the maintenance. The highlight of the day was a visit to the Camel Farm and seeing two newly born little ones. How leggy and fragile they are, and also in need of hourly attention as the weather is getting so cold. What an impressive and professional operation this is and we wish them all the best in their business venture. Camel milk is in the news at the moment for its great nutritional properties.

I addressed the Jurien Bay Chamber of Commerce last week and it was good to see so many members interested in the future of Jurien Bay and its business future. I hope I gave them some ideas and information that was useful to them.



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Almost 100 people attended the 'Tough Love' seminar with the incredible Peter Lyndon-James and his lovely wife last month. This was a very interesting and challenging seminar and I am sure that everyone in the room took some information away that would be useful. Thanks to the Jurien Bay CRC for their incredible efforts in presenting the day and the enjoyable lunch provided by the Shire.

My family from Melbourne are visiting for the school holidays and I have my lovely grandchildren here. Although the weather both here and in Perth has been pretty dreadful we are still having a great time. It makes me realise how much there actually is to do here. On that note I must advise anyone travelling on Indian Ocean Drive to be vigilant with their driving especially with the increased traffic on this road due to the school holidays. I have witnessed some alarming driving in the last couple of weeks that I think we will need to have some warning signs installed and to contact car and motorhome hire companies to encourage them to inform their customers of how to travel long distances safely on our roads. Certainly something to be considered in order to help keep our roads safe.



BURN WISE

Wood smoke is toxic. There is no safe level of exposure. If you can see or smell smoke outside, wood smoke is a health risk. If you can see or smell smoke inside your house, your wood heater needs urgent maintenance or replacement. By following these simple steps your wood heater will produce far less smoke. This will have health benefits for yourself, your family and your community.

- Dry, seasoned firewood produces less smoke and more heat for your dollar. Check the wood is dry before you buy.
- Keep your woodpile loosely stacked and under cover.
- Start your fire with dry kindling and the air intake fully open.
- Burn dry, seasoned firewood—never burn green, wet, treated or painted firewood.
- Keep your wood heater burning brightly.
- Regularly check your chimney for smoke. If you are burning a bright fire, your chimney should only produce a heat haze.
- Do not shut the air intake down on your wood heater at any time, including overnight. This causes the fire to smoulder and large amounts of smoke to be emitted from your chimney.



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CHANGES TO CAPS ON REBATES FOR HOUSEHOLDS WITH ONLY A WA SENIORS CARD FROM 2017-18

The State Government announced a range of changes to tariffs, fees and charges on 22 June 2017.

These changes, effective from 1 July 2017, include a new cap of \$100 for each rebate, available to eligible households with only a WA Seniors card. The \$100 cap applies to local government rates, water service charges and the underground electricity connection charge.

The breakdown of the \$100 cap for water service charges is water supply \$18.14, sewerage \$72.69 and drainage \$9.17.

WA Seniors cardholder concessions remain at 25 per cent up to the capped amount.

Local governments and the Water Corporation are required under the *Rates and Charges (Rebates and Deferments) Act 1992* to implement this policy change on behalf of the Government when they issue rates notices to affected WA Seniors Card holders.

For households with Commonwealth concessions cards, the Government will continue to provide the 50 per cent rebates for water service charges capped at \$600 and local government rates capped at \$750, and a 50 per cent rebate on the underground electricity connection charge. These capped amounts remain unchanged from those that applied for 2016-17.



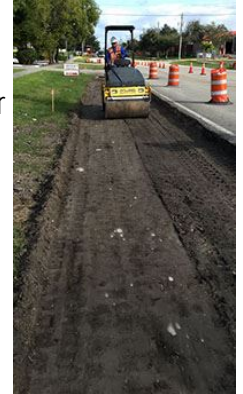
INFRASTRUCTURE REPORT



Shire Capital Projects for 2016 / 17 were completed in June. The following highlights key items undertaken in the final month of the financial year:

Jurien Bay

- Dual Use Path along Whitfield Road funded by Department of Transport Regional Bike Network Grants
- Dual Use Path along Bashford Street near the Caravan Park funded by Department of Transport Regional Bike Network Grants
- Carmella Street reconstruction funded by Roads to Recovery
- Murray Street reconstruction funded by Roads to Recovery
- Sewerage Project final clean up works funded through Royalties for Regions



Cervantes

- Seville Street reconstruction funded by Roads to Recovery
- Cervantes Oval new irrigation tank installation
- Cervantes Landfill finalisation of perimeter fence
- Cervantes Road shoulder grading



Rural Road Projects

- Yerramullah Road gravel resheet
- Cadda Road gravel resheet
- Dandaragan Road tree trimming
- Mimegarra Road signage and drainage
- Jurien East Road shoulder grading and signage

SHIRE OF DANDARAGAN COMMUNITY SURVEY



Currently the Shire's is running a Community Satisfaction and Perception Survey which is open until close of business on Monday, 7 August 2017.

We want to hear what you think about the Shire of Dandaragan! How do you rate our facilities and services? Where are we doing well? What areas can we improve on? What are your priorities for our community?



Please take 5 minutes to complete this survey either by hard copy or online

at www.surveymonkey.com/r/SoDCommunitySurvey.

The results will be used to inform how we can continuously improve our facilities, service delivery and plan for our future.



Make sure you have your say.

If you can't access the survey online, please contact us on (08) 9652 0800 or visit the Shire Administration Centre at 69 Bashford Street, Jurien Bay, or our community libraries for a hard copy. All responses will be confidential and collated at an overall level so that no individuals can be identified.

SHIRE OF DANDARAGAN COUNCIL MEETINGS IN THE MONTHS AHEAD

DATE	VENUE	TIME
27 July 2017	Jurien Bay	4.00pm
24 August 2017	Jurien Bay	11.00am
28 September 2017	Dandaragan	4.00pm



AGE FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES NEWS


In March 2016, after an extensive community engagement and participation process with seniors and other stakeholders, the Shire of Dandaragan adopted an Age Friendly Community Plan (AFCP). This Plan became one of the informing strategies when preparing the 2016-2026 Strategic Community Plan.




One of the steps in developing our Age Friendly Community Plan was to do an 'age friendly' audit of the facilities and services around the Shire to determine what areas of improvement would make life easier for older people who live and visit our towns.

Our community development staff will be making contact with community groups throughout the Shire over the coming weeks to discuss the audit and ways that both the Shire and groups can work together to improve quality of life and accessibility for older people in our community.

2017 / 18 CPI increase in Building Act fees



The Building Commission advises that new Building Act fees will come into operation on 1 July 2017. The fee changes have been included in the Building Amendment Regulations (Part 5) 2015 (the Amendment Regulations).



The Amendment Regulations increase prescribed fixed fees in the Building Regulations 2012 to reflect the increase in the Consumer Price Index.

Building Fees for Buildings valued under \$20,000 will now be \$97.70 plus Building Service Levy (BSL) of \$61.65 making the standard Building and Demolition application \$159.35

LOCAL ELECTIONS

Are you an Owner or Occupier of rateable land within the Shire of Dandaragan? If so, you may be entitled to be enrolled to vote at the Council elections being held in October 2017.

If you are enrolled on the State electoral roll at the relevant address in the Shire of Dandaragan, then you are automatically included on the Local Government roll. If you need to update your details for the State roll please go to www.elections.wa.gov.au or call 13 63 06.

However, if you are an owner or occupier and you are enrolled on the State roll as living outside the District, you will need to lodge an enrolment form at the Shire of Dandaragan's Jurien Bay Administration Office no later than 4pm 31 August 2017.

For any further information, please contact Kelli on 9652 0800, Wednesday to Friday.



SHIRE OF DANDARAGAN ON FACEBOOK

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

Like us on Facebook for local events, promotion or information. Interact with other community members and Councillors. Stay informed with Shire specific information and environmental warnings. Share your photos and experiences within our Shire.



FOOD POISONING LINK TO EGGS



Salmonella infection has been increasing in WA since 2015 but had accelerated since late last year. Eggs are a good source of vitamins and minerals but like many other foods they can be contaminated with bacteria. Eggs contaminated with *Salmonella* bacteria can cause food poisoning. It is important you handle and prepare eggs safely to reduce the risk of **food poisoning**.

Buy eggs in cartons that clearly identify the supplier; eggs should be clean and free from visible dirt and feathers; never buy eggs with cracks.

Safe handling and preparation of eggs reduces the risk of food poisoning; cooking eggs until both the white and yolk are solid will kill any *Salmonella* bacteria. If possible, it is best to avoid any uncooked foods or dishes that contain raw egg. This is because it is impossible to guarantee the safety of eating raw eggs and dishes that contain unpasteurised raw egg products.

