



## ***FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK...***



At the time of writing this I am very pleased to announce that I have been elected as President of the Shire of Dandaragan for another two year period. I am both excited and humbled by the support my peers have in the job that I do. I shall continue to work hard and support all residents of the Shire.

We have just completed Local Government Elections and I am pleased to welcome Councillors Jason Clarke, Rob Shanhun, Anne Eyre and Darren Slys. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Judy Kulisa for all her hard work and support during her 4 years as a Shire Councillor. I look forward to working with this group and know that we will achieve some new vitality to council in the coming years.

Our CEO, Tony Nottle, who has been with us for over 7 years, has recently resigned to take up a new position in Busselton. Tony has been a great leader for change and prosperity in the Shire and has been instrumental in some real improvements that we are now all enjoying. He will be sadly missed by staff and councillors and we all wish him, Jo and their children a wonderful life "down south"

I have thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity of working with a man of such integrity and passion for his work and am immensely proud of what we have achieved together.



The search for a new CEO begins and hopefully we will be able to secure someone who will be in place next year to continue the good work. Our Shire is so diverse with the coastal communities and the inland farming communities; we will need a very talented person.

Over the next two years I will be working closely with our Community Development Officer, Michelle Perkins, to create the opportunity for you all to have a much greater say in your future. We will be seeking to reach out to people who do not necessarily belong to the local groups, who are perhaps feeling marginalised and not heard. We are not looking to form committees but to start a conversation that will allow us to capture your thoughts and hopes. Watch this space for further developments!

This month has been very exciting in the Shire with an amazing events calendar starting with the Cervantes Festival of Art. Many thanks to Dianne Knight and her wonderful band of workers for bringing us this unique event every two years. The quality of the art this year was wonderful and we thank Darren West MLC for opening the event and staying to enjoy the fun.

At the same time the Cervantes Show and Shine which has become another popular event in the Cervantes calendar attracted some fabulous exhibits and a great crowd. Thanks must go to Kevin Dennis for his passion and efforts in coordinating this popular event.

I had the pleasure of opening the Nambung Country Music Muster on Friday night and once again congratulate Gloria and Brian White on presenting this premier event. There were over 1000 people there on the night and I am told numbers swelled over the weekend. What a great chance to showcase this region with caravaners' from all over Australia enjoying country music at its best. Much of the money made from this event goes to charity which is so generous of the Whites.

Saturday bought the first 'Clouds to Coast Triathlon'. Six elite athletes in 3 teams of males and females. The six elite athletes in 3 teams of two were Team Ray White - Jonney Sammut & Rosie Farrell, Team Skydive Jurien Bay - Beau Waters & Kerry Morris, Team WA Country Builders - Guy Crawford & Kate Bevilaqua. The athletes started with a sky dive to Boullanger Island, a swim across to the bike path, cycle leg, followed by a run ending up at the jetty where all the competitors jumped in to finish. This event is the brainchild of David Lantzke from Ardross and Pete Lonnon from Jurien Bay Skydive. It attracted many visitors to Jurien Bay and hopefully will be an annual event. The competitors praised the path saying that when it is completed to Cervantes it will attract world class events. We are so fortunate to have people with the passion and ideas to make these things happen. We will have amazing drone footage of the whole event that will be shown all over the world. Keep a look out for it. The film crew were at Sandy Cape yesterday doing some more filming and will be around town for the rest of this week.

Finally last week Council held its October Council meeting in Dandaragan which allowed the new and existing Councillors a tour of the town which took in the pretty Aggie's Cottage showing all the great work they have done with the retaining walls and new grass areas. We are proud to be helping with this great community project and look forward to its completion. We also went to the Dandaragan Community Resource Centre for a tour of their great facility. The staff do a fantastic job and it really is a beautifully managed small business for the community. We support them and hope that they will be able to continue with the good work that they do. Well done Dandaragan.



## DESIGNATED BUSH FIRE PRONE AREAS

From December 2015 certain areas within the State, including the Shire of Dandaragan have been designated as bushfire prone by an order made by the Fire and Emergency Services Commissioner. The designated 'bush fire prone areas' are identified on a Map published by DFES, which can be viewed at: - <https://maps.slip.wa.gov.au/landgate/bushfireprone/>

If you are proposing to build or develop in a bushfire prone area as designated on the [Map of Bush Fire Prone Areas](#), then you may be required to undertake a Bushfire Attack Level (BAL) assessment before you can commence development. The map acts as a trigger to determine if additional bushfire planning and building consideration is required. This is integral to the application of *Australian Standard 3959 - Construction of buildings in bushfire-prone areas*.

In Western Australia, building work is required to comply with the performance requirements of the Building Code of Australia (BCA). The BCA has adopted the above Standard AS3959. The BCA contains specific bush fire construction requirements for certain residential buildings in designated bush fire prone areas that aim to reduce the risk of ignition from a bush fire.

This Standard contains two methods for determining the potential intensity of bush fire attack on a building, also known as a Bushfire Attack Levels (BAL). A BAL assessment is used for planning and building purposes to determine whether a building or development requires additional bushfire risk management measures to address the threat of bushfire to the development.

There are six BAL ratings, as set out in the standard, with corresponding construction requirements: BAL – LOW; BAL - 12.5; BAL – 19; BAL – 29; BAL – 40; and BAL – FZ. More information can be obtained by visiting the Building Commissions website: <http://www.commerce.wa.gov.au/search/site/BAL%20assessment>

*In addition the Local Planning Scheme Amendment Regulations 2015 also provide the requirements for a Bushfire Attack Level (BAL) assessment and the need to seek development approval for sites classified as BAL-40 or BAL-FZ.*

A BAL assessment is generally carried out by a Level 1 BAL Assessor or Bushfire Planning Practitioner. You can find a list of BAL Assessors at the Fire Protection Association ([FPA Australia's website](#)).



## DISABILITY BEACH ACCESS SURVEY

"If you completed a disability beach access survey last year and would like to provide some further feedback on the issue, please get in contact with our Community Development Officer by emailing [cdo@dandaragan.wa.gov.au](mailto:cdo@dandaragan.wa.gov.au), indicating your interest. We would also like to make contact with members of the public, or the families of people, with disability or mobility issues that prevent them from utilising local beaches. Please contact our Community Development Officer on [cdo@dandaragan.wa.gov.au](mailto:cdo@dandaragan.wa.gov.au) or 9652 0800"

## 2017 RATES PRIZE WINNERS

Congratulations to the following winners of the 2017/ 2018 Rates Incentive Prizes:

### 1st Prize



One \$500 Savings account from the Dandaragan ~~Coorow~~ Community Bank® Branch  
**C W & L A White of Kalamunda**

### 2nd Prize



One 2-night weekend stay for 2 people including full buffet breakfast each morning at the Quality Hotel Ambassador Perth, in a Premium Deluxe Room.  
**C J & R M Motter of Derby**

### 3rd Prize



Two lucky winners will receive a Double Pass to the West Australian Symphony Orchestra's performance of "Asher Fisch Conducts Schumann" on Saturday, 18 November 2017.  
**G R Taylor & L M Lyttleton of Iluka**  
**F C & R H Wybrow of Badgingarra**

## HEASHAN FONSEKA

Congratulations go out to Heashan on securing a full-time position with the City of Karratha as their new Engineering Technical Officer.

Heashan has worked part time for the Shire for the past year helping out with architectural work .

Councillors and Staff from the Shire of Dandaragan wish him and his family all the best in their new endeavours.



## My Leeuwin Adventure - by James Wasley

I set sail on the Leeuwin II on the 27<sup>th</sup> of September for an adventure I will never forget. Over the next six nights and seven days, I participated in an array of different activities some of which I'd not done before.

We departed from B shed Victoria Quay, Fremantle and I was allocated a watch along with nine other participants from diverse backgrounds. The bunkrooms slept six, two lots of triple bunks were to be our place of rest. The meals were delicious and kept us well fed.

The crew and volunteer staff, briefed us on what sailing is and the basics of sailing. Team work was an essential part of the experience. To help sail and maintain the ship, we learnt about eco-friendly living and how to get along with people from different backgrounds. We were rostered throughout the week on different watch times. These watches ranged between two hours and four hours. I found the night watches very long and enduring, cold and dark.

I climbed to the first platform on the fore mast which helped me overcome my fear of heights. I climbed the bow spread and this I enjoyed as I was able to relax for a little while. We spent most of the days hauling on lines (ropes for the sails) and hoisting and pulling down the sails. Some lines required nearly twenty people to work together to pull them in.

Seeing whales, seals and plentiful birdlife was a daily sight that I felt privileged to be a part of. One morning an Albatross lost its bearings and crashed into the portside of the hull. It lived to see another day but looked pretty embarrassed by its lack of judgement.

Overall, I enjoyed my experience aboard the Leeuwin II it taught me that the simple life is the best life because you are away from all the luxuries and technology available at home, being self-reliant and working in a team. I wasn't able to achieve all my goals I set for myself due to seasickness but I would highly recommend this voyage to people looking for an adventure. I would like to thank the Shire of Dandaragan for giving me this great opportunity that I will keep with me forever.



### NOTICE TO ALL OWNERS AND / OR OCCUPIERS OF LAND WITHIN THE SHIRE OF DANDARAGAN

Please be advised, as of the 1 November 2017 up to and including the 28 February 2018 the Shire of Dandaragan will be in **prohibited burning**, permits to burn will not be issued, **NO CAMPFIRES** are allowed not even for the purpose of camping & cooking. **Strictly no burning is permitted.**

Please remember to maintain all firebreaks on your properties and hazard separation zones around dwellings throughout the prohibited period. Also ensure you clear around electrically powered pumps including stationary internal combustion engines. Fire prevention saves lives, reduces damage to property, livestock, crops and protects the environment.

## SHIRE OF DANDARAGAN COUNCIL MEETINGS IN THE MONTHS AHEAD

DATE	VENUE	TIME
23 November 2017	Jurien Bay	4.00pm
21 December 2017	Jurien Bay	4.00pm
25 January 2018	Jurien Bay	4.00pm



# SHIRE MATTERS

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## 2017 YOUNG CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD and 2017 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Shire of Dandaragan is again inviting nominations from clubs, organisations and citizens within the Shire for the abovementioned awards.

Nomination forms may be obtained from the Shire office in Jurien Bay or off the Shire of Dandaragan's website [www.dandaragan.wa.gov.au](http://www.dandaragan.wa.gov.au).

### NOMINATIONS CLOSE FRIDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2017

The awards ceremony will be held at the Badgingarra Community Centre on 13 February 2018 commencing at 7.00pm. Supper and refreshments will be provided.

AN INVITATION IS EXTENDED TO THE PUBLIC TO ATTEND

## NOTICE TO ALL PET OWNERS

Pet owners are reminded that dog & cat licences expire on 31 October in each year. Renewal notices have been posted out for all Registrations expiring on 31 October 2017.

Please remember that as of 1 November 2015 all animals are required to be micro-chipped.



## LOCAL GOVERNMENT ORDINARY POSTAL ELECTION NOTICE OF RESULTS Shire of Dandaragan

The result of the Ordinary Election conducted as a postal vote on Saturday, 21 October 2017 is as follows

WARD	POSITION	CANDIDATES	VOTES	TERM OF OFFICE
District	4 Councillors	SHANHUN, Rob	663	4 year term
		KULISA, Judy	423	
		CLARKE, Jason	818	4 year term
		EYRE, Ann	551	4 year term
		DAWSON, Keith (Jerry)	491	
		SLYNS, Darren	524	4 year term

Jason Phillip CLARKE is elected as Councillor for the Shire of Dandaragan and will hold office until 16 October 2021.

Robert William SHANHUN is elected as Councillor for the Shire of Dandaragan and will hold office until 16 October 2021.

Annette Elsie EYRE is elected as Councillor for the Shire of Dandaragan and will hold office until 16 October 2021.

Darren Albert SLYNS is elected as Councillor for the Shire of Dandaragan and will hold office until 16 October 2021.

Peter LYONS  
RETURNING OFFICER  
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