



## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK...



Greetings to all our Shire residents and current visitors that are staying in our wonderful regions at this time. By now, our new CEO, Brent Bailey, will be firmly installed and taking over the reins of running our large, diverse and challenging region. I would also like to welcome our two new Youth Development Trainees, Brooke Hearle (Community Development) and Danielle Campbell (Tourism/Library), as well as our new Operations Supervisor Jurien Bay, Michael Rouse. We have a fantastic and committed staff both in the office and outside keeping our Shire up to the standards that you would all want to enjoy.

Jurien Bay recently hosted the Wheatbelt Conference where up to 97 delegates attended our region to get together and share their experiences on living and working in the Wheatbelt. This conference was attended by a number of State Government

parliamentarians including the Minister for Local Government; Heritage; Culture and the Arts, the Hon. David Templeman as one of the guest speakers. Also attending as the keynote speaker was Barry Urquhart, Managing Director of a company named Marketing Focus whose focus is on developing service excellence across Australasia.



I have recently had a week off for family birthdays in Bali. The holiday started well and I am always reminded of what a unique destination it is but also how fragile. We stayed at a lovely villa in Berawa which is near Canngu and very quiet compared to the rest of Bali. It is a surf mecca and early each morning we would walk down to the beach to watch the locals and expats surfing before work. There are no hawkers in this area and so you can walk around relatively quietly. The raft of amazing new restaurants opening in Bali is unlike anywhere else in the world. They are all healthy choices, with bowls being the latest craze. They decorate the food so it looks like a work of art. I mention this because I am constantly hearing people compare WA tourism to Bali and the comparison is always about money, with Bali being so much cheaper. Unless you opt for an all-inclusive holiday in Kuta I don't think the money comparison is that relative any more. The Hotels, Villas and food are not dissimilar to anywhere in Australia in price.

The thing for me that separates Bali from Australia is SERVICE. The service is genuine and world class. There are no staff on their phones or talking to each other so you have to wait when you go into a hotel, café or shop. They are so friendly and interested in you as a customer that the warmth really shows. Gone are the days when staff in Bali could hardly speak English and looked after you as if their lives depended on it and it did. These young baristas, waitresses, chefs and front of house people are highly skilled, well trained professionals. I mention all this because we are currently experiencing a down turn in visitors from all over the world and interstate. Of course cost is a consideration in WA and the vast distances that you travel between icons, but that is not all of it. Many surveys will tell us that service is considered very poor both in Perth and in the regions. We simply have to get better at it or our core customers will find somewhere else to go. This all takes specialised training and attracting workers who are genuinely interested in hospitality and it takes some well-designed courses for young people who can gain serious skills that will take them all over the world in their chosen field. Not everyone is cut out for university but many find it hard to get training and mentoring in hospitality especially outside of cities. We need to raise the profile of this work and highlight some young high achievers who may inspire others. Many people who have chosen to give up their work as accountants, lawyers etc and open a small café have proven that it can lead to real success because they are committed to what they are doing. They are becoming the new artisans in Australia. The Bacon makers, the brewers, the wine makers etc are inspiring others to do what brings you joy which will in turn bring joy to others and hopefully earn a living.

I am writing this report to you from Hobart where I will be for the next four days attending the C2C2018 Coastal Conference. This is a unique opportunity to see how other States and Territories cope with committing to a sustainable future for our precious coastal and marine areas. We are working together with all groups represented to bring about a turning point in the Australian nations relationship with its coastline. We have enjoyed some of the world's leading experts on climate change and coastal adaptation and all of what we have heard is relevant to our region. This is a very important conference for the next 4 days where all the elements of coastal living will be presented and discussed. There are many places in Australia experiencing the same problems we are having with erosion etc. I hope to be able learn a lot and bring back some useful knowledge that will help us. The Shire's Executive Manager Development Services, David Chidlow, is accompanying me here so we will be able to cover the whole conference by attending different segments.

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I have just finished having morning tea with Jacqui Lambie, an Independent Politician who is waiting for the next election following her resignation from federal parliament as part of the parliamentary eligibility review. She is completely different from what I had expected and the way the press present her. She is a very passionate lady who has an agenda for the people of Tasmania that voted for her. Amazing where you meet people. Jacqui is coming to Perth to speak at the WALGA Convention in August where I hope to catch up and keep the conversation going. Every state has its own problems but the constant is that politics is a dirty business that takes no prisoners as we are finding out in our regions.

I hope everyone had a fantastic time at the Spray the Grey Youth Festival, it is a fantastic annual event and I'd like to thank all the organisations and individuals who contribute to its success.

Leslee Holmes— 0408 419 468

## Youth Week Supports Shire of Dandaragan's Youth Festival

The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Drug Aware Spray the Grey Youth Festival was held in Jurien Bay this week, attracting local young people and holiday makers into the Shire. A skateboarding clinic ensured everyone was able to give skateboarding a go. The crew at Skateboarding WA gave youngsters tricks and tips to help improve their skateboarding skills.



Due to its increasing popularity, the event was moved to the new foreshore park, where hundreds of young people and families enjoyed free rides, workshops and entertainment.

Locals took up the opportunity to comment on the concept designs for the proposed new Jurien Bay youth space/skate park which is currently in early planning phases.

The numerous rides and amusements were a blast. Entertainment from local DJ MONDii and young Perth busker Mitch Ballardin was music to the ears of everyone - it was smiles all round.



The youth festival was made possible by funding from Lotterywest, the Shire of Dandaragan, Iluka, Healthway 'Drug Aware' message and the Department of Communities. Many local groups and businesses offered their support this year - the Lions Club of Jurien Bay, Jurien IGA, Northern Agricultural Catchment Council, Jurien Bay CRC, Mid Coast Hydraulic Services, RDI Transport, Dandyman Images and individual community members donated their time, services and equipment.

Thank you all for your support and participation.





## NEW TRAINEESHIPS WITH THE SHIRE

Congratulations to Brooke Hearle on the commencement of her Certificate III in Community Services and Danielle Campbell on commencement of her Certificate III in Tourism with [Shire of Dandaragan](http://www.shireofdandaragan.wa.gov.au)

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## PLANT OPERATOR

(Location - Dandaragan)

Applications are invited from interested persons for the position as Plant Operator located in Dandaragan.

The Plant Operator position operates from Council's Operations Centre in the Dandaragan townsite. The successful applicant will work within a team that is engaged in a variety of tasks involving the construction and maintenance of Council's roads and other assets. The applicant should have sound skills and experience in heavy plant. The position of Plant Operator is required to hold a HC licence.

The position is classified as a Level 4 with an annual salary of up to \$50,822 per annum plus superannuation and entitlements. The salary will be dependent upon qualifications and experience and is paid in accordance with the Local Government Industry Award 2010. Housing is available within the Dandaragan townsite at a subsidised rent amount and a water subsidy.

An Information Package outlining details of the position is available by contacting Gemma Richardson on 9652 0800, or via e-mail to [hr@dandaragan.wa.gov.au](mailto:hr@dandaragan.wa.gov.au) or off the Shire's website [www.dandaragan.wa.gov.au/employment](http://www.dandaragan.wa.gov.au/employment).

Applicants must provide details on previous work experience, relevant personal details together with the name and phone numbers of two recent referees. Applications are to be addressed and marked "PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL - PLANT OPERATOR" to the Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Dandaragan, PO Box 676, Jurien Bay WA 6516.

Applications close at **5.00pm Friday 18 May 2018**.

The Shire of Dandaragan is an equal opportunity employer.

Brent Bailey

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

## 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.



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## CERVANTES COUNCIL MEETING - THURSDAY 24 MAY 2018

The Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held at the Cervantes Pinnacles Motel on Thursday 24 May 2018 commencing at 4.00pm.

Should you have any items requiring Council's attention please email Robyn Headland, [robyn@dandaragan.wa.gov.au](mailto:robyn@dandaragan.wa.gov.au) at the Jurien Bay Administration Centre by Monday 14 May 2018.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Brent Bailey,  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**



## ADDITIONAL RECYCLE SERVICE ~JURIEN BAY

The Shire would like to remind residents that the additional recycling service will continue to run through to and include Monday 30 April 2018. Normal services will resume as of the week beginning Monday 7 May. The Recycling Waste Collection schedule is shown below.

During this time the Shire and its waste collection contractor, Avon Waste, will be collecting data. If there is sufficient demand for these additional services the Shire will investigate the merit of continuing the additional weekly recycling collection services within Jurien Bay and potentially across other parts of the Shire over the busy tourist periods of Christmas, New Year and Easter.

Should any commercial operators within Jurien Bay, potentially require an additional weekly normal waste collection service (i.e. bi-weekly with an additional service on a Friday) during this period, please contact the Shire's Executive Manager Infrastructure to discuss these potential additional services and subsequent commercial arrangements.

Week Beginning	Normal Recycling Collection	Proposed Easter Recycling Collection
30 April 2018	Jurien Bay East, Alta Mare, Jurien Bay Heights, Marine Fields, Hill River, Cervantes, Badgingarra, Dandaragan	Jurien Bay townsite (all), Alta Mare, Jurien Bay Heights, Marine Fields, Hill River, Cervantes, Badgingarra, Dandaragan
7 May 2018 – Return to normal	Jurien Bay West	Jurien Bay West—Normal Service

## REPORTING FAULTY STREET LIGHTS



If you happen to see a street light not working in your neighbourhood report it by going to the link below <https://www.westernpower.com.au/power-outages/report-a-faulty-streetlight/>



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## SHIRE OF DANDARAGAN COUNCIL MEETINGS IN THE MONTHS AHEAD

DATE	VENUE	TIME
24 May 2018	Cervantes	4.00pm
28 June 2018	Jurien Bay	4.00pm
26 July 2018	Jurien Bay	4.00pm