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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Cr Leslee Holmes

Today I am typing this from the other side of the world visiting family and friends. The weather is hot and when I left home it was freezing and raining, however we really needed the rain for our farmers and to fill up our tanks. The rain and weather pattern has been very severe, even for winter, with closures of the Pinnacles Desert and the Stockyard Gully Caves. The severe coastal events have made shacks at Wedge Island even more precarious and caused plenty of erosion in Jurien Bay and Cervantes. To find out more about what effect this will have on the way we live I urge you to have a look at our website for further information relating to the Shire’s Coastal Hazard Risk Management and Adaption Plan. Future planning for our valuable coastline is something that the Shire of Dandaragan is taking very seriously and we have been very keen to enlist good ideas and thoughts as we work through this process to the benefit of all the communities in the Shire. We need...
to become leaders in behaviour change and awareness campaigns, deliver planning policies for erosion and sea level rise, and policies protecting and increasing our urban tree canopy. Effective response toward climate change requires all levels of government to act. WALGA are advising the State Government that communities have shown their interest in reducing their impact through local government supported programs such as the ‘Switch Your Thinking!’ energy efficiency program. In addition to this we are now seeing businesses and insurers shift towards energy efficient and renewable technologies, and with government support these actions can be accelerated. One of the things I notice in other countries is the importance people are placing on recycling. Over the next few years the State Government will be putting together strategies to make sure we take more responsibility for our waste disposal. We have all started with the total ban on plastic bags which is a really important move and I hope that we will go further and ban... cont on page 4

BADGINGARRA ART TRAIL

Exciting to see the grading and gravel has gone down as part of the Shire’s support of the developing Dandaragan Shire 4 Arts art loop. The Shire has been working with the Badgingarra arts community over the past 18 months - this component will be a walk/bike trail with art sculptures dotted along the way. They are such a pleasure to work with and always willing to work collaboratively with the Shire, as well as putting in so much time and effort to improve their community independently - a living example of asset-based community development. We can’t wait to see how this project continues, and how the four towns combine for the larger art loop.

It is going to be great to bike ride, jog or walk on.
DISPLAYING RURAL ROAD NUMBERS FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES

We recently received feedback from local emergency services about the challenges they face in responding to emergency call-outs in (semi) rural areas when they either are not given, or cannot see a displayed Rural Road Number (RRN).

A Rural Road Number is different to a Lot number, and RRNs allow the emergency responder to know how far the driveway is from the closest main intersection. A lot number does not allow responders to find the property quickly. For the family involved, this can be the difference between getting to someone in time, or not.

We would like to remind people living in areas such as Jurien Bay Heights, Alta Mare, Marine Fields and rural areas around the Shire to apply for, and display, their RRN. Applications can be made through the Shire Administration Centre in Jurien Bay and the $150 fee covers the cost of your signage and ensures your RRN is registered in both Lands and Emergency Services online systems.

For those people who will be applying for a building permit in these areas, a Rural Road Number application will be included in the documentation and will be a compulsory component of being issued a building permit.

CERVANTES OVAL PLAYGROUND

Productive meetings have been held recently between the Shire of Dandaragan and local representatives from Cervantes Playgroup, Cervantes Community Recreation Centre and the Cervantes Tiger Sharks about replacement of the playground adjacent to the Recreation Centre. The groups have been working together with the Shire’s Community Development and Infrastructure staff to develop a new vision for expanding the usability of the area for families and user groups and to create an effective flow for families and children between the new Centre extensions, the oval and playground. The design and exact location will be revealed soon.

NEW WATER FOUNTAIN & SHOWER AT THIRSTY POINT

Great to see the new additions to Thirsty Point in Cervantes being used - although it might have been a tad chilly for a shower. Thanks to these lovely visitors who were happy to feature.

LEEUWIN SCHOLARSHIP

Each year the Shire of Dandaragan offers a fully funded scholarship for a voyage on board the STS Leeuwin II, for young people aged between 15 and 18. Congratulations to this year’s recipient, 17-year-old Cervantes resident Lailah Woodford. Lailah is hoping to gain experience to assist her in future career aspirations within the Department of Fisheries. We are currently in discussions with Lailah about a date for her voyage and look forward to hearing of her experience upon its completion.
lots of other products which are contributing to endangering the environment in the coming years. I am happy to see the Cervantes Community Centre progressing and starting to look really good. All groups have met and decided the location of the new adventure playground which will complete the project and make the area safer for children during football days. When communities work together there can be some great outcomes achieved. Recently the Dandaragan CRC hosted a Happy Healthy Aging Expo in Dandaragan as a way of celebrating seniors and showcasing a stay at home lifestyle for aging residents and relevant community services available to them. Up to 15 exhibitors supported the event with approximately 80 attendees which was a great turn out for this inaugural event. I look forward to seeing this event continue to grow about the region in years to come.

Please note that the next Ordinary Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 26 July 2018 at 4.00pm so please feel free to come along as all Council meetings are open to the public.

This project is located on Dandaragan Road approximately 2km South of Yathroo. This was completed in late February and is approximately (3 KM) in length. The original bitumen seal was six meters wide and now that works have been completed the bitumen seal is eight metres wide with a 10.4 metre pavement.

We are pleased to share that the Shire of Dandaragan, working in partnership with the Jurien Sport and Recreation Centre, have been successful in the latest round of the State Governments’ Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund (CSRFF), and received a $16,271 grant for the construction of a storage shed adjacent to the centre. The shed will assist with storage for the multiple groups that utilise the JSRC. For further information, contact them on 0474 496 462.

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