



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK...



Home at last.....

It seems ages since I have enjoyed the wonderful outlook from my home in Cervantes. I have only been away for 3 weeks but it was so filled with experiences that it felt like much longer. It is always good to come home to places we are familiar with and to friends and family. The weather seems to have eased off a bit and everyone has told me it is the coldest winter ever experienced here. It always seems cold to me as I am definitely a summer person and try as I may I cannot find one good thing about winter. Still we endure it until the lovely spring weather comes again.

This has been a very busy month for the staff at the Shire of Dandaragan as they race to balance the budget and put the final touches on the revised Strategic Community Plan. It was a great experience going to all our towns and having meaningful conversations with you all regarding our future. The immense changes in the world that are taking place will have a knock on effect on us in

some way and we all hope that is something good that will make our lives easier. It is much easier for young people to embrace change as they are doing it every day of their lives. For us older citizens it is more challenging. To constantly be told that change is the new normal is not enough. We need to be able to see that things will have a good effect on our lives and expect our governments at all levels to help towards that end.

We have so many things going on at the moment it is hard to put them in order of importance so I won't try. The RAC have started the sewerage project at the Cervantes Caravan Park with half the Park closed off and the other still accepting travellers. This is a massive project and it is not easy for us to see our beloved park so bare at the moment. It will be wonderful for the town when it is all finished and new jobs are created with the additional travellers generated from such a big company with so many members. As many of you will know The Pinnacles Caravan Park will be the first link in a newly established chain for the RAC. The businesses in the town are gearing up to be much busier as they will be supporting the extra visitors. With increased amenities a different kind of traveller will appear and that is a very exciting prospect. Jurien Bay Caravan Park is also having a major renovation starting soon and that should give the town a boost as well. The Motel is well under way which should offer another kind of accommodation much needed in our area. We are so fortunate to have developers willing to invest money in The Shire of Dandaragan as there are so many places that cannot attract anyone to spend their money.

One of the most exciting things that happened this week is the news that the Jurien to Cervantes Bike path had pushed through to Hill River. John Bartle, our intrepid aviator from Cervantes, bought me a thumb drive of the path taken from his airplane on Wednesday. It looks fantastic and there are many opportunities to see the ocean from the path. The Premier of Western Australia, Mr Colin Barnett, will be coming to have a look at the progress some time at the end of the month when Cabinet meet in Moora. I am so glad that he will be able to see us getting on with the job which should be open just before Christmas. The path will enable us to hold many events in Jurien Bay attracting more and more visitors to the region.

The Women Wine and Wellness luncheon held last week in Dandaragan was again well attended and the staff from the Shire had a wonderful day. Speakers were very well received and the food delicious. Dandaragan do a wonderful job of hosting such a big event and we are very pleased to be a sponsor.

Recently, the Shire's Economic Development Coordinator, Alison Slyn, organised a tour for volunteers of the Turquoise Coast Visitors Centre out to Badgingarra and Dandaragan so that participants would be able to let visitors know that we are more than just a coastal Shire. I am told that a great time was had by all and that there is now a greater understanding of all that the hinterland has to offer to tourists. With Wildflower Season soon upon us it is very important that we keep the tourists in our region for as long as possible and that means we have to sell ourselves. Having been overseas recently and seen how others do it was impressed on me that we need more product knowledge to be able to inform and get visitors excited about the unique experiences we have to offer. We are a very diverse and exciting Shire and have plenty to be very proud about. Often visitors just pass through due to not knowing where they can go and we are continuing to work on ways to encourage visitors to stop and enjoy what our Shire has to offer.

In the Aged Care space plenty is happening or certainly about to happen. Baptist Care received funding to start the planning process for their proposed 60 bed facility. Even though it is just the beginning, we have to start somewhere and other Wheatbelt towns have been fortunate enough to receive funding for these projects. RSL Care WA (Wheatbelt) have recently secured a number of new Health Care Packages available to clients. They are also awaiting the outcome of their application for funds for their proposed Respite Centre. They are very hopeful that will be announced soon. We are very aware of the importance of making sure we keep lobbying all levels of government on your behalf and will continue to do so. Meanwhile, keep warm and safe in this wonderful part of the world.



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.

Investigation into Salmonella possibly linked to rockmelon

State and territory food enforcement agencies are investigating cases of Salmonella, possibly associated with rockmelon, following an increase in cases in a number of states in Australia.

While we wait for further information, the best advice is that consumers, especially infants, the elderly, pregnant women or people with compromised immune systems, should not consume rockmelon.

FSANZ will continue to work with the state and territory enforcement agencies and the Federal Department of Health and update its advice to consumers. Further food safety advice regarding the safe preparation and storage of rockmelon can be found on the [NSW Food Authority website](#).

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Keep Australia Beautiful's (KAB) latest anti-litter ad promoting the *Bin it, you know it's the right thing to do* message will be on cinema screens in July. The 30 second ad highlights the frustration many community members feel about care-less littering. It was developed with assistance from KAB volunteers.

The campaign includes cinema ads, promotion via GWN TV, posters, and fast food bin and social media advertising. Promotional resources are available for use by local governments, community groups, businesses and schools, so please get in touch if you can assist to get the message out. Communities willing to show the ad at events get free litter bags to complement the anti-litter message. Email binit@kabc.wa.gov.au for more details. [Watch now>](#)

Funding available to reduce litter



Tired of seeing litter around your community and want to create change?

Keep Australia Beautiful Community Litter Grants open on July 1 and grants of up to \$10,000 will be available for projects that address litter prevention. If you have a good idea to reduce litter and change littering behaviour, we want to hear from you! Grants are open from 1 July to 15 August. [Apply now>](#)

2016/17 CPI increase in Building Act fees

The Building Commission advises that new Building Act fees will come into operation on 1 July 2016. 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 \$96.00 plus BSL of \$61.65 making the standard Building and Demolition application \$157.65



SHIRE MATTERS

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ADVICE OF PLANNING PROPOSAL

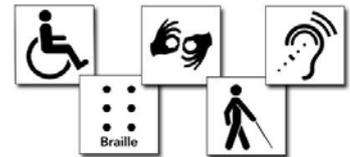
JURIEN BAY RSL SUBCENTRE – PROPOSED BUILDING

Council is in receipt of a preliminary proposal for the establishment of a sub-centre building on portion of Reserve 28541 known as Federation Memorial Park, Hasting Street, Jurien Bay.

A copy of the information is available on Council's website or by emailing robyn@dandaragan.wa.gov.au, or calling 9652 0800.

Comments are requested in writing and to be with the undersigned by 24 August 2016.

Ian Rennie
ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



DISABILITY ACCESS AND INCLUSION PLAN

After extensive community consultation Council adopted the reviewed and updated Shire of Dandaragan Disability Access and Inclusion Plan 2016 – 2020 (DAIP) at the Ordinary Meeting held on the 28 July 2016. A copy of the DAIP can be obtained from the Shire office or downloaded from the Shire's website at <https://www.dandaragan.wa.gov.au/>

HOME CARE PACKAGES

Council has been advised that RSL Care has had approved twelve (12) Level 3 Home Care Packages.

The levels refer to the amount of support a person may require in order to remain at home, and this is determined by an assessor from ACAT. A level 1 or 2 approval means that a person is deemed to have low level needs, and a level 3 or 4 approval is given to people who have greater care needs. Basically, the higher the number, greater the level of support you require in order to remain at home.

So somebody who has approval for a Level 3 or 4 Consumer Directed Care Package (following review by a member of an Aged Care Assessment Team) can receive services from RSL Care by way of packages, which may provide assistance with a range of tasks including personal care such as showering and dressing, domestic assistance by way of housekeeping support, meal preparation, shopping assistance and / or transport, for example. The aim of these packages is to provide ongoing support for people who want to remain at home, but are struggling with everyday tasks. These packages are aimed at providing a higher level of assistance on a more regular basis than HACC is funded to provide to individuals.

The RSL Care, Home Care Co-ordinator is Sarah Munns and can be contacted on 9652 0492.

RESIGNATION AS A COUNCILLOR

The Shire of Dandaragan wishes to advise that Mr Chris Carey has resigned from his position as a Councillor effective as of 26 July 2016. Council wishes him well in his new endeavours.



Cheers to Volunteers: Celebration grants open

Applications are now open for the Liberal National Government's

“Thank a Volunteer Day Celebrations Grants Program”

Funding of up to \$1000 is available for community organisations and local governments to organise events that recognised the contributions of Western Australian Volunteers

Thank a Volunteer Day is celebrated on December 5, 2016

- Regional communities may apply to hold their event in the three months following this date in the event of local issues such as harvest or bushfire season
- For more information, or to make an application, visit <http://www.dlgc.wa.gov.au>
- Applications close at 4pm, August 18, 2016



NOMINATE AN OUTSTANDING WA SENIOR TODAY

Nominations for the 2016 WA Senior Awards are now open and Community Organisations are encouraged to apply for Seniors Week grants

The WA Seniors Awards serves as a reminder of how vital our seniors are as visionaries, role models and champions of awareness and change in modern society. Nominations from the community are essential because it is the public who know the seniors who are out there doing great things. Nominations are open for six categories in 2016 - Community Service Award, Arts and Culture Award, Group or Organisation Award, Business Award, Age Friendly Community Award and the Deborah Kirwan Media Award. The 2016 Juniper WA Senior of the Year is chosen from among the winners of the Community Service Award and the Arts and Culture Award.

The Minister has also encouraged community groups and organisations to apply for funding from the WA Seniors Week Community Grants Program to host events and activities during WA Seniors Week from November 6-13, 2016.

- Individuals who make a nomination automatically get entered into a draw to win a \$500 voucher from Flight Centre Murray Street
- Nominations for the 2016 WA Seniors Awards close at 5pm on September 2, 2016
- Applications for the WA Seniors Week Community Grants program close at 5pm on August 19, 2016
- For more information on the awards and the grants, visit <http://www.cotawa.org.au>



CHANGE OF COUNCIL MEETING START TIME

Council would like to make the public aware that the new start time for Council Meetings in 2016 / 2017 will be at 4.00pm and that Public Forums will commence immediately following the closure of the meeting generally around 5.00pm



SHIRE OF DANDARAGAN COUNCIL MEETINGS IN THE MONTHS AHEAD

DATE	VENUE	TIME
25 August 2016	Jurien Bay	4.00pm
22 September 2016	Badgingarra	4.00pm
27 October 2016	Jurien Bay	4.00pm