



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK...



As I type my report this morning I can't believe that I have been your Shire President for almost one year. The position, while not really a job, is more like a vocation and totally consuming. For someone with mainly a business background it has been a real challenge to work within such a rigid framework of rules and regulations that sometimes I find thoroughly confusing. I know that many of you find this in your day to day dealings with the Shire but the rules are there and they have to be adhered to fastidiously. I am very fortunate at this time in my life to have been given such an honour to serve my community and I hope that I am effective in much of what I do. Every day brings a new challenge and without the incredible staff we would not be able to maintain the high standards that our citizens enjoy. It has been well documented that our Shire has been the beneficiary of some large amounts of funding of late and mostly on the coast. However, the agricultural areas have also had some great wins with some of the Dandaragan agri-businesses being featured in the press for the high standards they bring to their work. Moora Citrus and Dandaragan Camel Farm, Moora Men's Shed and the Moora Residential College were visited by The Premier on his recent Cabinet Visit to Moora. Many of you may not know that Moora Citrus is in our Shire even though it has the Moora name. Dandaragan Organic Beef is constantly winning accolades for its superior products. We have the AAA Egg Company Pty Ltd's free range poultry farm at Badgingarra and continued interest in the Agaton Road horticultural area. In the coming years more and more success will flow from this highly productive region. The Dandaragan CRC works hard to promote business in their area and are currently working on improving connectivity to the internet which is currently not good enough for businesses operating in a global marketplace.

Together with Shire CEO, Tony Nottle, and the West Midlands Group, we are working very hard to secure the Badgingarra Research Station for the community. We have been a bit derailed with the recent resignation of the Minister of Agriculture but with the new Minister now sworn in we will be first on his doorstep. I am fortunate to have some great contacts in the right places, especially in tourism, and this has really helped to push our case when we are trying to highlight our needs and get them in the front line ahead of all the other towns after the same funding and grants. Together with the Turquoise Coast Chamber Alliance (TCCA), which is a joint Chamber's of Commerce initiative between Jurien Bay and Cervantes, and the Shire's Economic Development Coordinator, Alison Slyns, plenty of planning and important work is taking place to continue the cycle path to Cervantes which will give so much opportunity to grow our region. Alison is now managing the Turquoise Coast Visitor Centre and soon we will be opening on the weekend with some new staff and our regular great volunteers. More and more visitors are coming in for information and a chat and we are able to showcase this wonderful region.

You may have also read recently that at last the Cervantes Community Recreation Centre has managed to get some grant funding for the upgrading of its tired old hall and facilities. Thanks to Kaye McGlew for not giving up the ghost when we kept getting knocked back, we are now able to begin this much anticipated project. This is an important project that will benefit the whole community and allow Dianne Knight and her Cultural Committee to have the space they need to operate the Art Exhibition to become even better than before. We hope to get started soon so watch this space for all the updates. For anyone who has not been to Cervantes lately, RAC are ploughing ahead with the rebuilding of the Pinnacles Caravan Park. The pool is in place and the massive commercial and camp kitchen are being constructed. Stage one of this large project should be completed by Christmas and the Cervantes Men's Shed group have been engaged to create some interesting artwork to be placed around the park. The deep sewer project, while costing a fortune, is now in place and will allow some lovely new cabins which are badly needed in Cervantes. This project will change Cervantes for the better and create many new jobs and opportunities. The whole plan is so exciting; I cannot wait to share it with you. There are plans in place as well for a major rebuild at the Lobster Shack, mainly being driven by the market of overseas visitors. How lucky we are to have this major tourism attraction in our Shire. David Thompson recently addressed the Premier's Tourism Conference in Jurien Bay. In his usual heartfelt and driven presentation he let the gathering know how difficult it has been to start a new business in a small town with all the restrictions that catering has around it.





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He also talked about the importance of the proximity to the Pinnacles and being able to leverage from our closeness. The Premier must have taken this all in because the weekend after he made an unscheduled visit to the Pinnacles to see it all for himself.

I am very much looking forward to my second year in this important job and hope that some, if not all, of the great initiatives we have been working on come to fruition. Thanks to my Councillors for all their support in the past 12 months, especially those in the inland towns. The enormous amount of travel they do in their roles is very time consuming. I am glad I live close to Jurien and the Shire offices as it would be impossible to do what I do from any further away. I have to thank the staff in Jurien Bay for all their help and encouragement. I know that I can be frustrating, being so keen and such a busy bee, but I never like to miss a chance for our Shire.

NOTICE TO ALL OWNERS AND OR OCCUPIERS OF LAND WITHIN THE SHIRE OF DANDARAGAN RESTRICTED BURNING PERIOD

Please be advised, the Shire of Dandaragan has entered the **Restricted Burning Period**. As of 1 October 2016 and up to and including 30 October 2016, permits to burn **ARE REQUIRED**.

A permit to burn must be obtained from your Local Fire Control Officer during the restricted burning period. Permits are subject to a number of conditions but will NOT be issued for burning on Sundays or public holidays, unless approved by the Chief Bush Fire Control Officer.

If you cannot make contact with your closest possible Fire Control Officer to arrange a permit, please call the Community Emergency Services Coordinator on 9652 0800 or 0428 114 221.

Please take all necessary precautions when burning, ensure you read and understand the conditions of the permit before commencing. The Shire of Dandaragan must be notified of all permit burning before commencing. Ensure you notify all your neighbours including the Department of Parks & Wildlife if your property adjoins their land.

If the fire danger forecast for the day issued by the **Bureau of Meteorology** is forecast for **VERY HIGH** or above, all permits are cancelled and the burn cannot be implemented.

Matthew Dadd, Community Emergency Services Co-ordinator

NOTICE TO ALL PET OWNERS

Pet owners are reminded that dog & cat licences expire on 31 October in each year. Renewal notices will be out shortly for all Registrations expiring on 31 October 2016. Please remember that as of 1 November 2015 all animals are required to be micro-chipped.



Ever thought of being a Visitor Centre volunteer?

**TURQUOISE COAST
VISITOR CENTRE**



If you live anywhere in or around the Shire of Dandaragan, please consider becoming a Turquoise Coast Visitor Centre volunteer. It's fun! We have a great group of volunteers but need to fill in a few more gaps in our roster. Assorted shifts are available Monday to Saturday, full training and support provided. If you'd like to know more, even if you're not quite sure it's the right volunteering role for you, please phone Alison on 08 9652 0800 or email aslans@dandaragan.wa.gov.au.



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2016 YOUNG CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD

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

Nominations this year are to be lodged online by going to www.citizenshipawards.com.au and following the links. Important information and selection criteria is outlined on this website.

NOMINATIONS CLOSE MONDAY 31 OCTOBER 2016

The awards ceremony will be held at the Cervantes Community Centre in 14 February 2017 commencing at 7.00pm. Supper and refreshments will be provided.

AN INVITATION IS EXTENDED TO THE PUBLIC TO ATTEND

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2016 - 2026 STRATEGIC COMMUNITY PLAN

As per the *Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 regulation 19D*, it is hereby notified for public information that Council at its meeting held on 28 August 2016, resolved to adopt the Shire of Dandaragan's 2016 - 2026 Strategic Community Plan as a result of a major review of the Plan having taken place.

A copy of the Plan may be obtained by contacting the Shire office during office hours on 9652 0800, or at the Shire's four public libraries or by downloading off the Shire's website at <http://www.dandaragan.wa.gov.au/documents/publications>.

Tony Nottle

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

SHIRE OF DANDARAGAN

NOTICE OF FEES AND CHARGES

Under section 6.19(b) of the *Local Government Act 1995*, notice is hereby given with respect of the intention of the Shire of Dandaragan to introduce a new fee and charge effective 1 October 2016 for the disposal of waste derived from the Department of Parks and Wildlife managed areas of Wedge and Grey squatter shack settlements at a fee of \$50 per cubic metre or part thereof.

For more information please contact Mr Garrick Yandle, Executive Manager Infrastructure, via email to emi@dandaragan.wa.gov.au or 08 9652 0800.

Tony Nottle

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SHIRE OF DANDARAGAN COUNCIL MEETINGS IN THE MONTHS AHEAD

DATE	VENUE	TIME
27 October 2016	Jurien Bay	4.00pm
24 November 2016	Cervantes	4.00pm
15 December 2016	Jurien Bay	4.00pm



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SPRAY THE GREY YOUTH FESTIVAL 2017 VOLUNTEERS

Are you aged between 13-22 and interested in events for young people?
 Do you want to have a say about the next youth festival?
 Do you know someone who might want to get involved in the Shire's biggest youth event?

The Community Development team are looking for young people interested in helping to plan and coordinate the next Spray the Grey Youth Festival which will be held next April. We want this one to be bigger and better than ever and we know young people have all the best ideas.



Maybe you've got some cool ideas, maybe you want to help on the day, or maybe you want to be involved in coordinating the whole event - you choose. If you, or someone you know is keen, contact Michelle on 9652 0800 or via email cdo@dandaragan.wa.gov.au, or drop in to the Shire office anytime.

COMMUNITY GRANTS SHIRE OF DANDARAGAN

The successful applicants for the Shire Community Grants Program for 2016 / 17 have now been released. The following community groups received funding this year:

- Advance Dandaragan for Dandaragan Community Carols & Dandaragan Quiet Achievers Dinner Events, \$800
- Badgingarra Community Association for Wildflowers Photography Workshop, \$450
- Badgingarra Community Association for Step into Badgi Stepping Stones Project, \$430
- Cervantes Community Recreation Centre for School Holiday Sports Workshops, \$300
- Cervantes Cultural Committee for Art Workshop, \$1,500
- Cervantes Playgroup for Petting Zoo, \$926.55
- Cervantes Primary School P&C for Indigenous Cultural Workshops, \$860
- Cervantes Ratepayers & Progress Association for Mural Artist Fees for General Store Wall, \$1,500
- Dandaragan Community Resource Centre for Workshop & Facilitator for Dandaragan Way Tourism Trail, \$1,500
- Dandaragan Shire 4 Arts Group for two art workshops, \$1,200
- Jurien Bay Community Men's Shed for Oktoberfest Event, \$1,200
- Jurien Bay Progress Association for Concept Plan, Feasibility Study & Land Survey - Jurien Bay Interpretive Complex, \$1,500
- West Midlands Group for Women, Wellbeing & Wine Event, \$1,500.

The successful applicants for the Shire & Tronox Sporting & Recreation Facilities Fund Grants Program for 2016 / 17 are:

- Advance Dandaragan for Gym Flooring, \$958.70
- Badgingarra Community Association for Cupboards/Sink to Bar Area in Function Room of BCC, \$2,590.91
- Canover Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade for Mobile Communication Booster & Fridge, \$950
- Cervantes Bowling Club for Reticulation for Synthetic Green, \$4,500
- Cervantes Community Recreation Centre for Bain Marie & Chair Trolley, \$314.95
- Cervantes Cultural Committee for Lectern Signage at Windvane Art, \$625
- Cervantes Ratepayers & Progress Association for Shade Cover over Playground at Catalonia Park, \$7,500
- Cervantes Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade for BBQ, \$399.50
- Dandaragan Bowling Club for Perimeter Seating around Green, \$1,398.50
- Dandaragan Golf Club for Concrete Shed Floor, \$4,000
- Jurien Sport & Recreation Centre for PA System, \$13,761
- Jurien Sport & Recreation Centre for Fridge, \$935
- Lions Club of Jurien Bay for Gazebos, \$1,152
- St John Ambulance Dandaragan for iPads, \$3,295
- Turquoise Coast Netball Association for Courtside Shelters, \$6,500

We congratulate all successful recipients and look forward to seeing these projects come to fruition. We encourage community groups who weren't successful to try again in the 2017 / 18 program round.