



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK...

Summer has come at last and all our towns are looking lovely. It has been a very long winter and I know everyone is looking forward to spending more time outside. This has been a very busy and enjoyable month. I spent the first few days of October running a Tennis Australia Junior Tour Tournament at the Reabold Tennis Club in Perth. I do this every year as my family have been very involved in tennis for many years and it is my way of putting something back in the sport. It was a full on 4 days with over 300 players from all age groups. Lovely to see lots of emerging talent. Geraldton, Esperance and Albany bought their best players to have a go

against the city kids.

I had a very interesting morning tea with School Chaplains during their meeting at Jurien Bay. The chaplains came from as far as Geraldton and Moora and many places in between. These dedicated people do a wonderful job looking after the needs of many of our children.

The long weekend in Cervantes, Jurien Bay and Sandy Cape was very busy with reports of visitors spending plenty and having a great time.

CEO Tony Nottle, Scott Clayton and I went to the Dandaragan CRC for a Sundowner and some very valuable conversations were had regarding the concerns of the community in the communications area. The presentations were very thorough and I am sure people will be interested to explore their options further. Thanks to the CRC for the wonderful supper. I tasted camel milk for the first time which was really nice. I am looking forward to making a camel milk laté in the future.

Recently, I had the pleasure of a train trip on the Prospector from Perth to Kellerberrin with the Wheatbelt Development Commission Board. I love trains and even though it was a bit slow due to work on the lines; it was a great way of seeing the beautiful countryside.

The highlight of the month was attending the book launch of Val Carter at Badgingarra. We all had a wonderful afternoon with the community putting on a cabaret with Val on piano. I look forward to reading this most valuable book. Val was a mine of information and told me of her late husband's time as Shire President.

Well done to all the winners in the Ratepayers Incentive Draw and I hope they enjoy their prizes.

I attended the Jurien Bay District High School Farewell function last week. It was great to meet some very switched on young people who I am sure will do well in their future lives. It was a pleasure to chat to the parents and teachers and bought back many memories of my own kids' graduations.

The down side of this month is the running up and down to Perth with a husband who has just been told he needs a new hip. That will take place early November so I will have to brush up on some nursing skills. I don't envy him. I am sure the operation will be great, but the nurse not so good.

The Nambung Country Music Festival exceeded all expectations and I was very honoured to open the event. Gloria and Brian White, along with their wonderful Cervantes crew of helpers, did a sterling job on producing and hosting a great event. We met people from all over Australia. There were around 300 caravans which I am told increased with up to 700 people in attendance over the weekend. Hope this is the beginning of many more to come. Great for tourism.

The recent Cervantes 'Show and Shine' also attracted hundreds on a very nice Cervantes day. What can you say about Kevin Dennis, who bought this amazing attraction to Cervantes? I know this will keep growing and growing. The proceeds were all donated back into the community which will certainly help with some of the major projects.

I am off to the airport now to collect my daughter and grandchildren from Melbourne. I have not seen them for over a year and am so glad we can show them some good weather.



Nambung Country Music Festival - photo credit Alison Kruger



INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATE

Jurien Bay Foreshore – is approximately 75% completed.

Paving and limestone blockwork is complete. Irrigation system is operational and turf has been installed and the area will remain fenced off until sufficient coverage has been attained.

Remaining works to be completed are the installation of street furniture as well as surrounding hardstand areas, plus additional landscaping and associated tree planting.

Roads – the following roads will be undergoing reconstruction works prior to Xmas 2016.

- Rowes Road near Koodjee Road
- Dandaragan Road near Stockyard Hill
- Sandy Cape Road
- Tenders will be issued for town street reconstruction to be undertaken in early 2017
- Maintenance - key activities scheduled between October and Xmas 2016.

Extensive pruning of swales within Beachridge was completed in early October.

Reinvigoration of the Jurien Bay Oval will take place in November. Fertilising of all POS areas within the Shire.

Capital Projects – the following projects are scheduled between October and Xmas 2016.

Further Infill Sewer is being installed along Cook Street and Bashford Street, commencing late October. The next stage of the Beachridge Planter Box rectification works is scheduled.



VISITOR CENTRE & LIBRARY NEWS

There have been lots of exciting changes at the visitor centre and library in the last few weeks and many more to come so it's been great to see local residents and business owners popping in to have a look, say hello and see how the facilities are growing and benefitting our local communities.

The Shire's Economic Development Coordinator, Alison Slyn, is now based full time at the visitor centre and there is a new Visitor Centre / Library Officer who is also full time - we welcome Elyse Fuchsbichler to the Shire team. There is a current advertisement for a casual staff pool to cover weekend shifts on Saturdays, as well as Sundays on long weekends and we are considering other employment opportunities to ensure the visitor centre and library are well staffed during all open hours. It's very satisfying to have so many new employment opportunities being created, as well as seeing the economic benefit of our visitor centre in recommendations to tourists for accommodation, activities, food, services and general supplies, all money generated back into local businesses.

The information given out at the visitor centre is only as good as the information we get in so if you have a local business anywhere in the region please let us know your opening hours, what you offer, any specials you are running and anything else a visitor to our area might need to know. Local businesses are also welcome to display brochures or business cards in the centre. Elyse is establishing a weekly 'What's On' guide so visitors can see what events are happening, what nights each restaurant has a special on, what tours are available and what the weather forecast will be. If we don't know about it we can't promote it – our contact details are below so please keep in touch.

The library is also humming along with plenty of regular borrowers and a few new ones each week, including visitors to the town. Elyse is the new coordinator of the Better Beginnings program for 0-3 year olds on Thursday mornings from 9am – 9.30am during school terms and she had a record crowd last week, with great songs and stories enjoyed by the children and parents. We look forward to more songs, more laughter and more entertaining toddler fun in the coming weeks!

The visitor centre and library are open from 9am to 5pm weekdays and the visitor centre is also open 10am to 3pm on Saturdays (the library will be opening on Saturdays in the near future as well). Find us at 67 Bashford Street Jurien Bay or we can be contacted by phone (08) 9652 0870, email tmc@dandaragan.wa.gov.au or find us on Facebook @TurquoiseCoastWA.



SHIRE MATTERS

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Meet Elyse Fuchsbichler - Turquoise Coast Visitors Centre / Library Officer

I have recently joined the team at the Shire of Dandaragan in the new role of Turquoise Coast Visitors Centre / Library Officer.

I grew up in the small farming community of Bruce Rock, 2.5 hrs east of Perth. As a child we spent many family holidays in Leeman and I have loved seeing the growth and development of this area over the years.

After finishing school I completed a Certificate III in events management whilst working part time in the hospitality and events industries. I then followed my interests in the agriculture industry and worked for Kalyx Australia as a research accounts manager coordinating the GRDC trials. After completing work there I worked in the mining industry for 9 months before travelling Europe, South Korea, America and Canada over 2 years.

Whilst overseas I worked on an irrigation farm in Alberta, Canada for 6 months and a Bagel Café in Fernie, BC, where I learnt about a range of nationalities and what triggers their interests. On our return to Australia my partner Angus Padfield and I moved to Jurien Bay earlier this year. Here I have been able to follow my dreams of promoting Western Australian Tourism as I commenced work at Lobster Shack Cervantes. Whilst working for the Lobster Shack I gained knowledge in the local crayfishing industry, promoting local business and our rapidly increasing tourism industry.

The Turquoise Coast has so much to offer for a vast range of tourists, having been a traveller in many places myself I look forward to passing on my knowledge and I am extremely enthusiastic about small community development and helping promote Jurien Bay and its surrounds.



The Gift of Rhyme



Share the wonder
Share the time,
Give your child
The gift of rhyme.



Give her words that hold a beat,
Fun to remember, fun to repeat.
Give him words that always flow,
Spoken fast or spoken slow.

Give her friends that entertain,
Give him words that never
change.



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



Please be advised, as of the **1 November 2016 up to and including the 28 February 2017** 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.

ARE YOU PREPARED FOR THE BUSHFIRE SEASON?



All residents are reminded that **FIREBREAKS & FUEL HAZARD REDUCTION** work must be installed by 1 November 2016 and maintained (clear of inflammable materials) up to and including 30 April 2017, in accordance with the Shire's Firebreak and Fuel Hazard Reduction Notice 2016 / 2017. Notices were sent out with your Rates Assessment or a copy can be obtained from the Jurien Bay Administration Centre or their website www.dandaragan.wa.gov.au. Rangers will be carrying out inspection of properties from 1 November 2016 for non-compliance.

SHIRE OF DANDARAGAN COUNCIL MEETINGS IN THE MONTHS AHEAD

DATE	VENUE	TIME
24 November 2016	Cervantes	4.00pm
15 December 2016	Jurien Bay	4.00pm
25 January 2017	Cervantes	4.00pm



VISITOR CENTRE OFFICERS & LIBRARIANS - CASUAL POOL

(Located Jurien Bay)

The Shire of Dandaragan is setting up a casual pool of Visitor Centre Officers & Librarians for rostered weekend work for an immediate start located in Jurien Bay and is now calling for suitable applicants to apply. The successful applicants will have demonstrated experience providing prompt, friendly, courteous and professional service in a similar environment.

The position is responsible for providing an efficient and friendly public library and providing visitors to our region with the necessary advice and assistance to ensure they are well informed to experience all that our region has to offer.

An Information Package outlining details of the position is available by contacting Gemma Richardson on 9652 0800, or via e-mail to grichardson@dandaragan.wa.gov.au or off the Shire's website 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 - VISITOR CENTRE OFFICER & LIBRARIAN - CASUAL POOL" to the Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Dandaragan, PO Box 676, Jurien Bay WA 6516. **Applications close at 4.00pm Friday 18 November 2016.**

The Shire of Dandaragan is an equal opportunity employer.

2016 RATES PRIZE WINNERS

Congratulations to the following winners of the 2016 / 2017 Rates Incentive Prizes:

1st Prize



One \$500 Savings account from the Dandaragan Coorow Community Bank® Branch G & SK Brown of Carnamah

2nd Prize



One 2-night weekend stay for 2 people including full buffet breakfast each morning, at the Perth Ambassador Hotel in a Premium Deluxe Room
D E & M J & D G Thompson of Cervantes

3rd Prize



Two lucky winners received a Double Pass to the West Australian Symphony Orchestra's performance of "Asher Fisch & WASO: Stuart Skelton Sings Wagner" on Saturday, 26 November 2016.
S J Taylor of Cervantes



BETTER BEGINNINGS

Early Literacy Program

0 - 3 years old



Take advantage of our Early Literacy Program here in the Jurien Bay Library.

Enjoy singing song, rhymes and story times.

Sessions are free and parents are encouraged to join in.

Where: Jurien Bay Public Library, Shire Office, Jurien Bay

When: Thursdays (except school holidays)

Time: 9.00 am til 9.30 am

For further information please phone the
Jurien Bay Administration Centre on 9652 0870



NOTICE TO ALL PET OWNERS

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