

SHIRE MATTERS



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NEWSLETTER TRIAL PERIOD

Shire Matters, Over the months of April and May, the Shire has trialled distributing the Shire Matters into your mailbox.

We would appreciate it if you could provide your feedback by completing this short survey by scanning the QR code.

We are trialling new ways to inform our community about news and information from the Shire.

During the months of April and May, we will be conducting post office box drops and publishing in local newspapers to determine the most efficient way for you to access our Shire Matters.

Additionally, we will begin an E-newsletter in April. To subscribe to the E-newsletter, please sign up on our website or complete the form at the back of this Shire Matters edition and return to our Shire Administration Office, or email it to council@dandaragan.wa.gov.au.



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Cr Tony O'Gorman
Ph. 0407 799 620

April and May has been a very busy time across the Shire with Easter, School Holidays, the Jurien Bay WA Open Fishing Competition, Spray the Grey, Dandaragan Repertory Group production of How Does Your Garden Grow and of course the announcement of the funding to fix the Jurien Bay Marina.

Jurien Bay Marina Funding

The State Government has allocated a \$165m Adventure Tourism Package to upgrade boating facilities, campgrounds, trails and tourist attractions across the state. By far the biggest winner from this funding initiative is the Jurien Bay Marina project.

A total of \$17.5 million has been allocated to extend the northern breakwater, improving water quality at the marina.

The improvements to the marina area will allow for the commercial development of the land to the south of the marina into a caravan park, function centre and an additional jetty for sea lion tours.

This has been an ongoing issue for many years. The Shire and the community combined to ensure that the government were aware of the issues with the continual weed rack blocking the

mouth of the marina causing fish kills in the marina precinct. The Shire met with the relevant Ministers and then the Premier.

We are very happy with the announcement prior to the state budget.

An additional \$1.5m has been allocated to create a new 25 site campground at Kangaroo Point near Cervantes. This will bring more tourists to the area and is in keeping with the Shire's Economic and Tourism Development Strategy.

Post Budget Briefing

Minister, the Hon David Michael presented the post budget briefing to a packed house at Meraki Café in Jurien Bay. This is the first time that Jurien Bay has hosted such an event.

The event was jointly hosted by the Jurien Bay Chamber of Commerce and the Wheatbelt Development Commission.

The Minister spoke about the priorities that the government has laid out in this year's budget. He spoke of the Marina Project and the many other outdoors and tourism opportunities across the regions.

The Shire took the opportunity to showcase the town and highlighted to the Minister some of the issues we are facing as a growing region.

Councillors from surrounding local governments also took the opportunity to visit our Shire to hear from the Minister but they also had the opportunity to see some of our most recent improvements to the town.

Doctor Update

Since February the Jurien Bay Medical Centre has been operating with just one doctor as we all know well. Although the Shire does not recruit doctors directly, we have been in constant contact with Spectrum Health to make them aware of the difficulties of having only one doctor in town servicing such a large region.

Spectrum Health have been actively recruiting not only in WA but across the country and internationally.

They have now secured several doctors that will be commencing at the Jurien Bay Medical Centre. The first is Dr Alan Roustami who currently practices in Two Rocks. Dr Roustami will be starting in early June. Dr Roustami has been practicing in Australia for ten years and has worked in both rural, regional and suburban practices.

Dr Lily is due to commence at the Medical Centre in July and Dr Santos should be arriving in August/September. In addition to that Spectrum Health inform us that a further doctor is due to arrive in Jurien Bay also in August.

So great news for our Health Services at last we will be back up to full strength and access to appointments should be significantly improved.

It is great to note that two of the new doctors are female which is very welcome news.

I would like to thank Dr Rudy Wee for his stellar efforts in keeping the Medical Centre functioning during the time since Dr Yuriy left.

He has embraced the situation and did everything within his power to ensure patients were seen as short a time as possible under the circumstances.

The nurses and reception staff have done an excellent job ensuring that any spaces available due to cancellations were promptly filled so that as many patients as possible could be accommodated at the Medical Centre.

I would also like to thank the community for their patience while the new doctors were recruited.

Former APEX Camp Site

The operators of the APEX Camp in Jurien Bay went into liquidation in 2020. The Shire has been liaising with the appointed liquidator and following the transfer of title back to the State, the Shire have continued to liaise with the Department of Planning, lands and Heritage to have the site cleaned up.

The Department sought tenders for the removal of the buildings and cleanup of the site in November and December 2023. No suitable tenders were received.

The Department then commenced negotiations with a suitable contractor in early 2024. These negotiations are in their final stages, and we hope to hear in the very near future that a contract has been issued to clean up the site.

The Shire has at all times impressed upon the Department the urgency of the clean up, since the site is in the middle of town and detracts from the otherwise pleasant streetscape that is presented across the town to residents and visitors.



COASTAL RECREATION TRACKS MASTERPLAN FOR THE SHIRES OF COOROW, DANDARAGAN & GINGIN

Survey of recreational track use and management on the coast.

The Shires of Coorow, Dandaragan and Gingin are working together to develop a Masterplan for the recreation track use of the coast on the public land under their management.

The purpose of the survey is to gather information on:

1. Key locations and activities on the coast and the associated means of access.
2. Environmental issues on the coast and the management of these issues.

The Masterplan will be developed considering the recreational use and amenity of the coast while managing the environment to benefit current and future generations.

The Coastal environment holds immense natural beauty and offers a diverse range of recreational opportunities, including but not limited to fishing, swimming, surfing, kitesurfing, hiking, camping, four-wheel driving and wildlife observation. As the stewards of this environment, it is essential that we work together to ensure these activities are sustainable, enjoyable, and appropriately accessible.

It would be greatly appreciated if you could take 4-5 minutes of your time to complete this short survey. Your feedback will assist in the development of the Coastal Recreational Tracks Masterplan.

The project is jointly funded by:

- State Natural Resources Management Program
- Shire of Coorow
- Shire of Dandaragan
- Shire of Gingin

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2D8VYH5>

Survey closes 4PM WST, Friday 17 May 2024.

Should you require any clarification on this matter, please contact the Coordinator of Environmental Projects on 9652 0800 or cep@dandaragan.wa.gov.au

Council Meeting

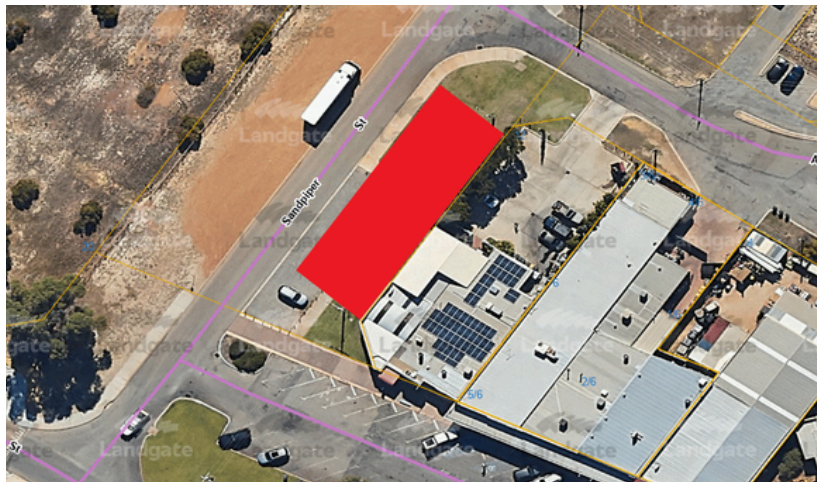
The next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 23 May 2024, at the Jurien Bay Council Chambers, commencing at 4:00pm. Members of the public are welcome and encouraged to attend.



Swearing in of New Councillor

On Monday, 22 April 2024, the Shire of Dandaragan proudly inaugurated Graham Lethlean as its newest Councillor. We eagerly anticipate collaborating with Graham and are confident that his enthusiastic leadership will greatly benefit our community. Welcome, Councillor Lethlean!

PROPOSED ROAD CLOSURE - PORTION OF THE SANDPIPER STREET ROAD RESERVE, JURIEN BAY



Notice is hereby given that the Dandaragan Shire Council on 24 April 2024 resolved to commence the road closure process for a portion of the Sandpiper Street Road Reserve, Jurien Bay to enable the development of an outdoor eating facility (alfresco dining) extension to the adjoining restaurant, Sandpiper Bar & Grill. A reference map of this proposal is shown below.

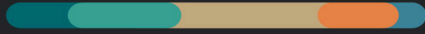
In accordance with Section 58 (3) of the Land Administration Act 1997, the Shire of Dandaragan invites comment on this proposal on or before Friday 7th June 2024.

Should you require any further information or clarification with respect to this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the Shire Development Services on 9652 0800.

JURIEN BAY ADMINISTRATION CENTRE REFURBISHMENTS



Australian Government
BUILDING AUSTRALIA



Shire of Dandaragan Jurien Bay Administration Centre Internal Refurbishments

Fully funded by the Local Roads & Community Infrastructure Program



The Australian Government acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land and pays respects to Elders past and present.

infrastructure.gov.au

The Shire advises that throughout May to July that the Jurien Bay Administration Centre will be undergoing major refurbishments by way of a new entry foyer, reception, central office, central plant roof and replacement of the two decade old air-conditioning throughout the Centre.

If visiting the Centre during this period please follow directional signage to visit our makeshift reception counter within the Jurien Bay Education and Conference Centre next to the Centre. Please note administration staff will be displaced during this period and you may face some delays if seeking in person contact with particular staff. It is encouraged to phone or email head of time to ensure required staff are available on the given day of your visit.

This project is funded by the Federal Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program and the Shire is proud to acknowledge that it has procured the services of the following local contractors for the project:

Central West Building | Breakwater Builders | Neptune Builders | J & R Carter's Fine Furniture | Ignite Electrical | Innes Air & Electrical | Coastal Digging



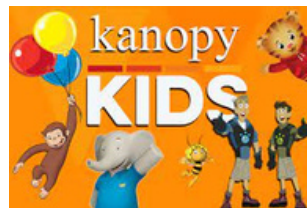
WHATS ON AT THE LIBRARY



ONLINE LIBRARY SERVICES

Are you interested in discovering how to utilise your device and library membership to borrow books, graphic novels, movies and more at no cost?

Speak to your local Library Officers for more information



NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME

National Simultaneous Storytime at the Jurien Bay Library and Badgingarra Library will be Wednesday, May 22 at 9am.



SAVE THE DATE

22 May 2024 - 9.00am

Better Beginnings Rhymetime at Jurien Bay Library

Enjoy Rhymetime from 9.00am at the Jurien Bay Library.

For further information please contact the Jurien Bay Library on 9652 0810 or email jblibrary@dandaragan.wa.gov.au



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEWS

GROW YOUR BUSINESS

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

The Shire of Dandaragan hosted two very informative 'Grant Writing for Businesses' workshops this month, along with a 'Grants Networking Sundowner'. Thirty-two people from local businesses spread across the Shire, plus staff from the DBCA, Jurien Bay CRC and the Shires of Dandaragan and Coorow, participated in the workshops, expertly facilitated by Tara Whitney of Whitney Consulting.



Day two participants from Innes Electrical, Elizabeth Creations, Coastal Firearms, Cervantes Coast Yoga, Warrunga, Innes Air and Electrical, Prime Private, Ignite Electrical, Jolin Consulting, DBCA, and the Shire of Coorow, along with Tara Whitney.



Pictured L-R: workshop participants Anthony Seymour, Shire of Dandaragan; Sharryn Spencer, Badgingarra Motors; Peter Hammond, Scene Brewing; and Jackie Pilcher, Lobster Shack



Pictured L-R: Carolyn Lawler, Prime Private; Steph Krakowiak, Innes Electrical; Rose Glasfurd, 'Warrunga'; Allison Carnegie-Smith, Cervantes Coastal Yoga; and, Brad and Belinda Trist, Jurien Bay Panel and Paint, winners of the 2024 RED grant.

EVENTS COMING SOON

Digital Marketing CANVA Workshops

The Basics of Canva – For Beginners (and great as a refresher).
Mon 20/05/2024 at 12:30 pm

Canva for Digital and Print
Mon 20/05/2024 at 2:30 pm

Canva for TikTok and Reels
Tue 21/05/2024 at 10:30 am

Limited places - REGISTER NOW via Eventbrite. Search for Shire of Dandaragan events.

Don't miss out! Come and join the fun at the Jurien Bay foreshore skate park for the **Revolve Skate Series on 18 May**.

Coaching for beginners, Event details on the Shire website. Register now via: <https://www.infinityskate.net/revolve>

WHEATBELT REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (RED) GRANTS

The Regional Economic Development (RED) Grants are now open for applications! The RED Grants program is a State Government initiative designed to help sustain long-term economic development in regional Western Australia.

Up to \$250,000 is available (on a co-contribution basis) for individual projects that will contribute to:

- Increasing or sustaining jobs
- Expanding or diversifying industry
- Developing skills or capability
- Increasing business productivity
- Attracting new investment to the region

Previous successful projects come from a range of industries, including agri-tourism, construction and engineering, manufacturing, Aboriginal economic development, and the food and beverage sector.

To learn more about the Wheatbelt RED Grants program, view the guidelines and start an application, visit the Wheatbelt Development Commission website: <https://www.wheatbelt.wa.gov.au/.../regional-economic.../>

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Grant Name	Grantor	Focus	Min / Max Grant	Closes
Rebates to Improve Digital Connectivity for Farmers	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, and the Arts	A rebate of up to \$30,000 to cover up to 50% of the cost of eligible digital farming technology.	\$3,000 - \$30,000	31 May 2024 AEST
Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR)	FRRR Foundation	Community led initiatives, which may include: delivering programs, purchasing equipment, community infrastructure projects, capacity building, and more	Up to \$10,000	5 June

COMING SOON

The Shire of Dandaragan is transitioning to provide its communications to ratepayers, residents, community groups and local businesses in a digital format. While Shire Matters will continue to be available in hard copy, we have introduced a new 'Community Matters' e-newsletter, and we'll soon start a digital 'Business Matters' e-newsletter providing regular updates for local businesses.

There are many benefits of digital communications. Put simply, it saves money, creates a timelier distribution of important information, enables inclusion of digital links to a range of relevant information for those that want it, and enables the Shire to provide critical information direct to a key audience, rather than everything being sent to everyone.

FEEDBACK AND REQUESTS

Your feedback is always welcome. Should you have any economic development related questions, suggestions or updates, please email edm@danddaragan.wa.gov.au or call Trish Slee, Manager Economic Development on 9652 0800

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