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A Dardy Party To Remember

The Dardanup townsite was gazetted on 11 May 1923, so celebrating 100 years this May. The town of course is a lot older than 100 years but for some reason gazettals took some time to organise. Anyhow what that means is "Its Party time!"

The Dardanup and Districts Residents Assoc with funding and support provided by the Shire of Dardanup is organising a party to remember on Saturday 13 May 2023. We want to celebrate everything that is wonderful about living and working in this area and invite you to join us as you have been an important contributor to life in this town and localities.

The 100th birthday party has 3 elements. A street parade which commences at 10.00am. Departing the Wells Recreation Park the parade will travel down Ferguson Rd turning left into Charlotte St, left into Doolan St, left into Little st and then right into Ferguson Rd and back to the Wells Recreation Park. There will be road closures and traffic controllers in place from 9.45am – 10.45am. If you wish to travel through Dardanup during this time then this will be via Hayward St, following the detour signs.

We encourage sporting and community groups, local businesses, schools and industry to participate in the parade as this is your chance to be a part of a community celebration and the street parade will showcase your sporting and community group, school, industry or business to the wider community.

Information about the street parade will be provided by emailing dardanupresidentsassociation@gmail.com

Then from 11.00am – 2.00pm there will be festivities around the Dardanup Hall and Carramar Park including musicians performing in the park, childrens activities such as free bouncy castle, facepainting, old fashioned games, best decorated birthday hat competition, cake cutting and historical displays and photo booth in the lesser hall, food trucks and coffee vans, etc

Then in the evening there will be a Great Gatsby themed dance in the main Hall. Tickets for this will be advertised shortly. Bound to be the social event of the year by the sounds of the effort being put into decorations and food by the organising Committee. Tickets will be limited so don't delay once they are advertised.

If you have any queries please call me on 0418 281 201 or email dardanupresidentsassociation@gmail.com

See you at the Dardy Party!

Jill Cross
Chairperson
DDRA

SAVE THE DATE!

100 Year Celebration

Dardanup is turning 100 this year and we are planning a party to remember!

SATURDAY 13 MAY 2023

Street parade | Entertainment |
Activities at Carramar Park

Great Gatsby Dance at Dardanup
Hall | Tickets on sale soon

Shire of Dardanup | Dardanup & Districts Residents Association

If you would like to be part of the planning or are interested in how you can be part of the celebrations, please contact Jill Cross 0418 281 201 or dardanupresidentsassociation@gmail.com



Remember This!

Its Time to Help Organise the
**20th Dardanup Bull and Barrel Festival
 AGM on Wednesday 8 March, 7.30pm
 at the Wells Recreation Park Clubrooms.**

Lots of small jobs for all.

Any enquires to Clare 0435 930 018, Jill 0418 281 201



Locals, Save the Date, Explore the Art Trail And Artists Get Cracking

\$10,000.00 in prize money will be awarded to winning and highly commended artists in this years Dardanup Art Spectacular to be held over the weekend of the 29 and 30 April. \$1000 awarded to the individual major prize winners plus cash prizes of \$100 and \$200 awarded to Primary School and Secondary School students in the general art category and photography. Categories for adult artists are Open, Emerging (Shire of Dardanup resident only), Portrait, Theme(Identity), 3D and Photography.

In 2022 the Art Spectacular Committee sold over \$12,000.00 in art with a commission received on sales.

The annual Dardanup Art Spectacular is organised by the community of Dardanup and sponsored by the Shire of Dardanup to showcase the work of emerging artists in the Shire as well as art exhibited from the wider community. The Art Spectacular relies on the generosity of our corporate sponsors and local businesses to ensure the success of this annual event.

The Opening Night is a must attend event on Dardanups social calendar, also a fundraiser for our 2 primary schools who cater for the evening as well as supervise the art exhibition over the weekend. In 2022 the 2 schools received \$1700.00 each for their efforts.

Venues confirmed on the Art Trail this year include St Marys Church, Ferguson Valley Visitor Centre, Old Convent and

Thomas Little Hall as well as wineries throughout Ferguson Valley. Some venues have multiple artists displaying their work.

The Dardanup Art Spectacular Committee looks forward to seeing you over this special weekend so invite your friends and family.

Important dates to remember -

Friday 28 April – Art Spectacular Opening Night, 7pm @ the Dardanup Hall. Tickets can be purchased on line for this event. \$20 ea, \$35/couple, \$50/family includes drinks and supper so keep an eye out for this info on the Dardanup Art Spectacular facebook page, website and local posters.

Saturday 29 April and Sunday 30 April, 10am – 5pm, Art Spectacular Art Exhibition @ the Dardanup Hall and Art Trail Open. Venues in town and in the Ferguson Valley

Art entries open 20 March and close on 14 April.



Peter Streames of Quantum Underwriting Agencies Congratulates Penelope Elliott Winner of the Ferguson Valley Art Prize

Dardanup Playgroup News

What a wonderful start to 2023 we have had! A few new families have joined us as well as our familiar faces from 2022. Playgroup is a lovely way to meet other parents and watch your child grow and develop new skills and see friendships blossom. We meet every Wednesday from 9:30am to 11:30am, Little Street, Dardanup at the Community Playground Centre.

Each week we incorporate an activity station where the children can complete a set activity, like the Valentine Bees, as well as free play inside and outside and fruit time.

If you have a little one from age 0 to 5years old, please come along for a cuppa and some delicious morning tea. All you need to bring is a piece of fruit, your child's water bottle and hat. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to message us on our Facebook page or email Dardanupcpg@gmail.com



Ferguson Valley Visitors Centre News

The Visitors Centre has been very quiet over the last few weeks now school is back & it's hot!!

It is a great time for locals to pop in to find 'things to see & places to go' very close to home! The murals & beaches (yes beaches) around Collie for instance. The traditional pools (Minninup, Honeymoon, Black Diamond) have been joined by an old mine that has become Lake Kepwari & it's great for camping, swimming, canoeing & fishing.

You'll find pamphlets & brochures on all sorts of local places & activities, with which many of you are probably not familiar.

We also have several books written by locals past & present. Some are the history & stories of our area & the pioneers who came before us. Others are extremely helpful books about leaving school, & dealing with difficulties in childhood that affect our future. They are well written & easy reading. And there are books for children.

And have I mentioned before, there are many lovely gifts, craft & artwork to be purchased?

Libby Pardoe

Eds Note; a must visit to Lake Kepwari- wonderful waterway and facilities on our doorstep.

Rural Residents Encouraged to Cleanup Their Verge During the March Long Weekend

Sunday 5th of March is the official National Cleanup Australia Day. Mary Smith, Committee member of the Dardanup and Districts Residents Assoc and local Coordinator of Cleanup Australia Day encourages rural residents to clean up the verge along their boundary. Mary says "This does not necessarily have to be done on the 5th March but can be done as soon as you collect a bag from the Shire Office or use your own bags and before Shire Council pick up from Tuesday 7th March. Bags can be collected from the Shire the week prior to the cleanup. The Dardanup Shire will collect the bags along Crooked Brook Rd, Ironstone Rd and Ferguson Rd from Tuesday 7 March. If you live elsewhere such as Henty, West Dardanup or Wellington Mills then please advise the Shire of Dardanup in Little St and they will arrange collection or alternatively dispose of the rubbish in the usual manner."

For your information Clean Up Australia's 2022 National Rubbish Report reveals that plastics account for 63% of the rubbish items removed from our parks, schools, bushland, creeks, beaches and roadways, indicating a 17% increase from 2021. Bringing to the forefront one of the great challenges facing Australia's

recycling industry, soft plastics rose by 7%, hard plastics by 5% and polystyrene by 5% compared to 2021, with single-use plastics such as plastic bottles, takeaway containers, food packaging and lids making up 25% of all reported rubbish.

During 2022 Clean Up Australia continued to encourage volunteers across the nation to clean up, fix up and conserve the environment by taking to their streets, beaches, parks, bushland and waterways to remove accumulated rubbish. An estimated 934,433 Australians registered 12,474 Clean Up sites, donating around 1,868,886 hours of their time and effort across the nation.

Amid the country's current soft plastics crisis and after the halt of REDcycle collections, the current plastic waste challenges in Australia are concerning. A report by the Minderoo Foundation found Australia generates the most single-use plastic waste in the world per capita, with the equivalent of 60kgs of waste for every Australian per year.



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March is the second month of the Noongar Season *Bunaru* (Second summer) and one of my favourite times in the garden. The mornings are cooler but the days are still warm and the vegie patch is a riot of produce. Keep harvesting and getting creative in the kitchen. Every little bit of preserving counts and there are plenty of recipes to freeze, dehydrate, bottle, pickle and ferment your harvests.

As some Summer vegetable crops reach their peak, others are showing signs of finishing, and there are beginning to be a few gaps. These give us room to start planting our autumn and winter crops. You don't have to wait until all the crops are finished, when you pull something out, plant something in its place. That way you will always have something to eat! The only crops that I plant in their own beds are garlic and onions.

Preparation of your soil is important as many winter crops require specific conditions. The Brassica family are 'hungry' crops so will need the addition of some well rotted, good quality compost. They also prefer slightly more alkaline conditions (pH 6.5-7) so add Lime or Dolomite as needed. Your beetroot and pea crops will also thank you.

March and April are busy planting times. Seedlings (instead of seed) for slower growing crops such as Broccoli, Cabbage, Kale and Silverbeet are a great way to get a head start. Successive plantings of fast growing salad and stir-fry greens will also help to fill the gap between the summer veg and your winter crops. Remember that it is best to plant your seedlings out late in the afternoon / evening so they have a good chance to settle in before the heat of the next day.

Toward the end of the month it will be time to consider planting your Garlic. They are a crop that doesn't like too much competition so grow it in a dedicated bed if possible. Prepare the bed a couple of weeks before planting by adding a light sprinkling of lime, some good organic compost and a few

handfuls of rockdust. Hold off planting until after the Autumn equinox (21st) and the days are consistently below 25 degreesC. When ready to plant, make sure the soil is moist and work out how to fit the most cloves into your space - neat rows or block planting. Plant the cloves 10-15cm apart so they have room to grow and there is less space for weeds.

For block planting, you can use an old 'garden' muffin tray as a guide. Press down on the tray to imprint the circle pattern onto the damp soil. Continue the pattern to cover your entire planting area. Then use a stick about as thick as your pointer finger (*not very technical but it works*) to make a hole twice the depth of the garlic clove in every second space along the row of holes. The holes in alternate rows should be offset so that you plant a clove in between each 'square'. Plant one clove per hole with the pointy end up. Lightly rake the soil surface and water in gently. Garlic is a low maintenance crop - Feed them once a month until October, water when it doesn't rain, pull the odd weed and in 8 months time, harvest. *Easy...*

What to plant in March:

Leaf crops Asian greens, Celery, Chicory, Cress, Endive, French sorrel, Lettuce, Mustard greens, Orach, Radicchio, Rocket, Spinach, Silverbeet and Watercress. Brassica crops * (plant Seedlings) Broccoli, Broccoli Raab, Brussel Sprouts, Cabbage, Cauliflower, Collard greens and Kale. Root crops Beetroot, Carrot, Celeriac, Daikon, Kohlrabi, Parsnip, Radish, Salsify, Scorzonera, Swede and Turnip. Legume crops Broad Beans and Snow peas. Onion family Garlic, Leeks, Spring onions, Shallots and Salad onions. Herbs: Bay, Caraway, Chives, Chervil, Coriander, Fennel, Lemon Balm, Mint, Rosemary, Oregano, Parsley, Sage, Thyme, Salad Burnett, Strawberry runners

The next Sustainable Living Workshop is on Thursday 9th March at the Dardanup Hall.

Topic: **Introduction to Seed Saving.** What are the differences between Heirloom, Open pollinated and Hybrid seed? Why is diversity important? Come along as we delve into the wonderful world of seeds and learn how to get started saving your own. Bookings essential ph: **9724000** or on the website dardanup.wa.gov.au/events

Want to Keep Bees?

Couple of things you must do first

1. Register with DPIRD (Dept of Primary Industries Research and Development)

You will need to download this form [DPIRD application for registration as a beekeeper](#).

You will then need to find an available brand. A hive brand is made up of a combination of 3 letters and numbers and can be chosen by you (so long as it has not already been taken). A [hive brand search](#) can be done on the DPIRD website to search for existing brands. If it shows that no records have been found then you're on a winner and you can write it on the form! The form can then be posted, presented in person at any DPIRD office, or scanned and emailed to the address listed at the top of the form. Once registered you will receive confirmation of your hive brand. Your brand must then be applied to your livestock. Luckily we are not required to brand every bee!

Just every box of our hives. Some also choose to brand their lids, bases, and frames.

Please note that simply painting (or writing) the brand on your hiveware is not sufficient. There are certain standards that must be met. The WA Apiarists' Society has a great section on what these standards are on their [Legal Obligations](#) page.

2. Register with the Shire of Dardanup. The Council has a policy and form to complete but no fee. Speak to Michelle Dennis at the Shire who is very helpful and knowledgeable.

Also there is a local branch of the WA Apiarists Soc (website too and newsletter) who meet regularly at the Edith Cowan Uni, see add this edition. Wealth of info there.



E-waste Collection Service

The Shire of Dardanup are throwing their support behind the passionate work of shire resident Matt Meijer to divert from landfill more e-waste and other recyclables not permitted in your yellow-lidded bin.

Council has committed funds to help Matt Meijer of E-Recovery with providing a regular and convenient e-waste collection service for residents.

Collections are provided at Carramar carpark, off Little Street, 9.00am to 11.00am, first Saturday of every month.

What can you drop-off?

• All e-waste – Matt says anything with a powercord or battery-powered like kitchen and household appliances, tvs and audio, landline and mobile phones, toys, tools, computers and accessories. (Please empty vacuum cleaners and provide clean items only.)

- All types of metal
- x-rays
- prescription glasses
- Nescafe branded coffee pods
- candle stumps
- Bread bag clips

What can't you drop off?

Items classified as Household Hazardous Waste such as paint, medicines, pesticides. All HHW can be taken to the Stanley Road Waste Management Facility in the Shire of Harvey.

Banksia Road Transfer Station - Under the trial, E-waste items listed above can also be dropped off at our Banksia Road Transfer Station at no cost.

Community Recycling Stations- Another way we're making it easier for you to recycle is via our 5 handy Community Recycling Stations.

Drop off batteries, plastic bottle tops and bulbs to one of the locations:

- Administration Centre, Eaton
- Eaton Community Library

Dardanup Office

Batteries and bulbs fall into the category of Household Hazardous Waste and if not disposed of correctly, pose both a health and environment threat. They don't belong in your Red-lidded general waste bin.

And plastic bottle tops can be recycled but not by the processors who collect your kerbside yellow-topped recycling bin. They need to go to a different processor so drop them off at one of our Recycling Stations.

Where does it end up?

- E-recovery works to re-home and reusable items.
- Most E-waste is being dismantled by E-Recovery and the materials are recycled through the metal recycle industry.
- Unfortunately plastics from e-waste are not being recycled and go to landfill, although Matt has purchased a shredder with the hope of providing shredded plastics like ABS to recyclers in the future.
- Coffee pods are recycled by Nescafe
- Bread tags go to "Bread tags for wheelchairs"
- Prescription glasses go to the Lions Club
- Candle stumps are melted down to make new candles
- Bottle tops go the Precious Plastics in Margaret River

Congratulations to

Shirley Wells celebrated her 60th Birthday

Sheila Butcher celebrated her 93rd Birthday

Carly Wells and Alexander Fleay celebrated their marriage in February

Rhys Gelmi and Tarren Sherrington celebrated their engagement

Shaynon and Sarah Isbister welcomed a son Spencer Edwin

Chris and Candice(nee Gelmi) Bashall welcomed a daughter Morgan Sloane

Dardanup Rural for winning a 'Rural Store of the Year' Award

Hackersley Estate Winery and Restaurant celebrated their 20th birthday with a big bash

The Leschenault Biosecurity Group for organising the release of the calicivirus- hope to see fewer rabbits around



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Travelling with your pet-some major problems/diseases to watch for.

Heartworm

Heartworm is a parasite passed by mosquitoes and affecting mostly dogs and occasionally cats.

It has been predominately in tropical Australia but spreads to Perth, Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide and the South West of WA (to a very small extent) approximately 30-40 years ago. The boom in domestic travel around especially the North of WA, NT and QLD has seen an increase again.

Ensure your dog has heartworm prevention (as monthly tablets, yearly injections or monthly backline) and continue to treat for 5 months later (if not always).

2. Ehrlichiosis – See below article

Paralysis Tick

This tick mostly lives in bushland close to the east coast of Australia (QLD, NSW, possibly Northern Victoria Coast). Again use tick control and check your dogs. It will paralysed your dog over a period of several days. Watch these things and enjoy travelling with your pet.

EHRlichiosis.

Pronounced Ur-lik-ee-oh-sis.

Ehrlichiosis is a disease that is transmitted by Brown Ticks, or Brown Dog Ticks. Ehrlichiosis positive ticks can transmit the disease as quickly as 3 hours after first attaching to the dog's skin.

Ehrlichiosis was first recorded in the top of Northern Territory WA in 2019. Since that time, the disease has expanded, now reaching into the North of South Australia, the middle of Western Australia, the Northern Territory and Queensland. Ehrlichiosis cannot be transmitted from dog to dog and is only spreadable by ticks.

How will I know if my dog has Ehrlichiosis?

Some dogs may not look sick while others will look really sick really quickly. There is a period where your dog may not show any signs of infection, and that is common. Signs of Ehrlichiosis are as follows:

- A fever or high temperature
- They may be lethargic and not move around us much as normal,
- May go off their food,
- Weight loss,
- Cloudy eyes,
- May have swelling around the head and neck,
- They may develop a runny nose or eyes,

They may have unusual bruising or bleeding and their gum colour will be usually pale or yellowed.

If your dog has any or some of these signs, contact your veterinarian, and they will tell you what to do. It may mean taking your dog to a local veterinary clinic or hospital.

How do I look for a tick?

Ideally, if you are travelling in the area's mentioned in this article, you want to be checking your dog daily. Looking for a tick is simple. Start by running your fingers through the dogs coat, so your fingers are touching the skin, and feel for abnormal bumps. The ticks are approximately 3-5mm in size, however, when they first bite and attach to your dog, they can be smaller, compared to a tick that has been feeding on the dog for a few hours.

Pay particular attention to the head and neck, inside the ears, on the check, between the toes, and around their mouth and gums. Ticks prefer places that are warm and tucked away, and they can hide well, which is why veterinarians suggest checking the skin daily.

What do I do if I find a tick?

If you do find a tick on your dog, don't panic. Finding a tick on your dog may be scary, but there are things you can do if you find one. The first thing to do is to contact your local veterinarian, they can suggest ways of getting the tick out easily and completely. If you were to try and remove the tick yourself, you may end up leaving the head of the tick, or causing the tick to administer more of the disease.

How can I prevent Ehrlichiosis?

Ehrlichiosis can be prevented through careful monitoring and using prevention methods in conjunction with your local veterinarian. Effective/Registered dog tick control provide the major layer of protection. Prevention is always better than a cure. If caught early enough, Ehrlichiosis can be treated, but if left, it can become fatal.

For more information, go to <https://www.agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity-trade/pests-diseases-weeds/animal/ehrlichiosis-in-dogs>.



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Shire of Dardanup News

At the Dardanup Shire Council's February meeting, Cr Janice Dow submitted her resignation. Cr Dow commenced in 2017 and was elected for a second four-year term in 2021. The next WA Local Government election will be held in October this year. Dardanup Shire President Mick Bennett said Council would consider at its March meeting whether to hold an immediate Extraordinary Election or seek permission from the Electoral Commissioner to leave the seat open until the Ordinary Election in October. Cr Bennett thanked Cr Dow for her committed and passionate service to the community living in all areas of the shire.

Project Update: New Library, Administration & Community Centre

The fenced construction site of the Shire of Dardanup's new Library, Administration and Community Building will spring to life in coming weeks as our contractors move in to begin piling and excavation works in preparation for installation of footings.

Road users accessing Council Drive will encounter minor traffic management conditions.

Shire contractors Perkins Builders took possession of the 4,450 sq m site adjacent to Eaton Fair in December, installing fencing and a site office.

Construction start marks a new chapter in the history of the Shire of Dardanup and its community with completion set for early 2024.

Dardanup Shire President Mick Bennett said the project would deliver a community hub of the future providing an engine room for collaboration, connection and innovation while showcasing the potential for leading sustainable timber construction.

The new building will comprise Library, Council Chambers, Administration Centre, Makerspace plus mixed-use of community spaces – it is a modern two-storey, L-shaped building clad predominantly in stringy bark with charred jarrah timber as accents. It will be a landmark demonstration building for the Shire as a mass timber structure made with Cross Laminated Timber columns and beams, timber floor cassettes and light timber framing. Its L-shape will allow for a civic courtyard space, accessible from the Library and Council Chambers. The library courtyard space will allow for an outdoor play area for children and seating for patrons to read a book or linger and share a coffee with mates from the coffee hub in the library.

First Art Trail Stop On Its Way



Renowned South West multi-disciplinary artist Andrew Frazer has won a bid to design and install the first spectacular stop along what will become the Shire of Dardanup's Ferguson Valley Art Trail.

The full art trail concept includes 15 proposed public art installations throughout the shire and will give more local artists an opportunity to contribute their creative flair to the region through a variety of mediums including sculpture, mural painting, photography and more.

A number of community consultations and artist workshops have been conducted over the past 12 months to inform themes, locations and inspiration for the larger trail concept.

Dardanup Shire President Mick Bennett said: "We are happy to give our local arts community opportunities to develop their skills and also be seen and celebrated by visitors and locals to the region."

"Andrew's sculpture responds to the theme of 'Grow' which we hope is exactly what this project will continue to do."

The first piece, located at the Pile Road pull-in bay and scenic view point will be a circular steel sculpture, inspired by the community, lifestyle and site itself.

Mr Frazer said he design process began with a study of the site and surrounds. "Being a South West artist, this site spoke to me personally and my connection with this community on a deeper level," Mr Frazer said. "The lifestyle, community and celebration of the Ferguson Valley is represented in the art and sculpture - a nod to the growing wine industry within the Ferguson Valley and a nod to the life blood of growth – water. "I want to represent both of these forms and give the community an interactive piece that serves as a frame for photos and the beauty of the valley itself."

Mr Frazer's sculpture installation started this month. Stay tuned for further updates...

This project has been achieved with thanks to the Department of Local Government, Sport & Cultural Industries Covid-19 Recovery Program.

Wells Recreation Park works

Following completion of the \$1 million Wells Recreation Park changerooms in Dardanup back in October, the old public toilets have now been permanently closed ready for demolition. Public toilets are now available for use in the new changeroom facilities.

Have Your Say On New Planning Scheme

The community is invited to have its say on draft Local Planning Scheme No. 9.

The Shire of Dardanup has developed Local Planning Scheme No. 9 to replace current Town Planning Scheme No. 3. The Scheme is a document used to control land use and development in the Shire of Dardanup. It specifies how the land may be used (zones) and developed and outlines the processes to be followed before development can occur. Our expert Planners, apply the Local Planning Scheme to applications and proposals in conjunction with Scheme Maps, State Planning Policies and the applicable Local Planning Policies and Strategies. Under State Planning Laws, Local Governments are required to review their Schemes every 5 years.

The purpose of Local Planning Scheme No. 9 is to:

- Set out planning aims and intentions for the Scheme area;
 - Set aside land as local reserves for public purposes;
 - Zone land and define its purpose;
 - Control and guide development;
 - Set out procedures for the assessment of development applications;
 - Set out procedures for contributions made by land developers toward the cost of providing infrastructure connected with their developments;
- Make provision for the administration and enforcement of the Scheme.

The resulting document is a more contemporary land use planning scheme and has been prepared in accordance with latest amendments to the Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015.

Submissions must be lodged on or before 4:00pm, 23 May, 2023.

Plans and documents setting out and explaining the planning scheme are available for inspection at the Shire Council Offices – 3 Little Street, Dardanup and 1 Council Drive, Eaton and at the Eaton Community Library – 2 Sanford Way, Eaton or can be viewed online via the below links. Submissions on the planning scheme may be lodged in writing to the Chief Executive Officer, PO Box 7016, EATON WA 6232 or via email to submissions@dardanup.wa.gov.au Submissions should include the name and address of the person making the submission and the property affected.

Shire of Dardanup Events

YouthFest

14/04/2023 – Save the Date

Cost: FREE

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Save the Date for this year's YouthFest event proudly hosted by the Shire of Dardanup's Youth Advisory Group! Friday 14 April at Wells oval in Dardanup. Keep an eye on the socials and our website for more details coming soon!

Little Jigglers*

Cost: FREE

A magical world of discovery! Let your child explore their creativity, imagination and social skills with weekly Little Jigglers sessions presented by Jo Jingles. Bookings essential. Visit <https://www.dardanup.wa.gov.au/events/> to reserve your spot today!

Dardanup Hall

Monday, 20 March

10:30am – 11am

Burekup Hall

Monday, 13 & 27 March

10:30am – 11am

Live at the Library

6 - 7.00pm, Thursday 2 March

Eaton Library Gardens

Bring a picnic, relax and enjoy the family-friendly environment to the tunes of award-winning musician *Codee-Lee*. This event is FREE for all ages.

Craft, Lego, and more for all ages and abilities!

Cost: FREE @ Eaton Community Library, 9.30am – 11.30am

- Friday 3rd March 2023
- Friday 10th March 2023
- Friday 17th March 2023
- Friday 24th March 2023

Friday 31st March 2023

This craft and freestyle Lego session is a wonderful opportunity for people to meet and develop relationships with others. The meeting table will have a variety of crafts and Lego to suit everyone's abilities.

Special Storytime

Dardanup Library (3-5 years)

Wednesday, 22 March

10am – 10:30am

Come join us at Dardanup Library for a special storytime event! Celebrate Harmony Week with your child with stories about acceptance and understanding. Bookings are essential. Visit <https://www.dardanup.wa.gov.au/events/> to reserve your spot today!

Chair Yoga

Cost: FREE

Tuesday 7 March, 1.00pm – 2.00pm, Eaton Recreation Centre
Tuesday 14 March, 1.00pm – 2.00pm, Dardanup Hall

Chair yoga is a gentle form of yoga that is practiced sitting on a chair or standing using a chair for support.

Yoga can help slow down the ageing process by maintaining muscle softness and flexibility, keeping the mind alert and awake, encouraging relaxation and strengthening muscles and joints.

Classes are free to join and no online registration is required.

Sustainable Living Workshop:

Introduction to Seed Saving

Cost: FREE

10.00am – 11.00am, Dardanup Hall

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What are the differences between Heirloom, Open Pollinated and Hybrid Seed?

Why is diversity important?

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Limited spaces available and bookings are essential. Visit <https://www.dardanup.wa.gov.au/events/sustainable-living-workshop-introduction-to-seed-saving/403> to reserve your spot today!



Dardanup Environmental Action Group News

Just prior to Xmas DEAG met with DWER staff from Perth and the Bunbury office plus Jodie Hanns MLA to discuss the ongoing concerns about Cleanaways Banksia Rd Landfill site and the adjoining Bunbury Harvey Regional Council Composting facility. Yes, we are still fighting on behalf of the residents of Dardanup to stop Cleanaways expansion of this site, to ensure it is operating as per the licence and to move the composting operations to Stanley Rd where it belongs. Residents who live in close proximity to the Composting facility have had enough of the putrid odours from this site.

Recently Cleanaway organised an Open Day of the Banksia Rd landfill site with locals and some from the wider community filling 3 buses visiting at different times. Some of the attendees had backgrounds in metallurgy and mining and were disappointed that some of their technical questions couldn't be answered as Cleanaways Regional Manager John Mulholland, leading the tour, had no professional qualifications in waste management, engineering or mining. John's knowledge of radiological requirements as per the licence was also limited.

Others were disappointed that John didn't seem to place any importance on vegetating the front face on the Landfill. As this is the view that all residents of the town, tourists and other locals view every day we found this concerning to say the least.

Currently the most southern side of the western face(the raised portion) is sitting at 122m and the entire front face will before too long rise to 128m so the landfill will become a lot more visible. Yes and you thought you could easily see the landfill now! Even though Cleanaway have applied to the Shire and DWER to extend the height of some areas of the landfill to 152m John advised that he didn't think Cleanaway will pursue this. DEAG isn't so sure.

We were also concerned when during the bus tour John stated that they had commenced the capping of Cells 1,2 and 3 when we know that DWER have not approved an amendment to their Licence as we have been advised by DWER that a number of issues (many raised by DEAG) have still not been resolved. He also stated that the closure and rehabilitation plan for the first Tronox Cell had been completed and ready to proceed, this however has been contradicted by DWER who (when we requested a copy) advised DWER has not yet assessed the Rehabilitation and Closure Plan for the TDS Cells. We have since been advised that *The document forms a component of a larger EPA approval application that Cleanaway will be releasing later this month and so would like the package released as a whole where it can be read in context.*

It all sounds like a heap of rotting compost to us!

Those passengers on bus 1 also witnessed a huge cat ambling across the site and we all wondered how the threatened fauna in the adjoining Dardanup Conservation Park were managing. Very poorly more than likely.

All of the waste from City of Bunbury and Shire of Harvey is now coming to Cleanaways Banksia Rd landfill site as the Bunbury Harvey Landfill site at Stanley Rd is now closed for landfill until further notice. This is on top of the rest of the SWs and Perth metro area waste.

DEAG is expecting the CEO of the Conservation Council of WA to attend 1 of our meetings in the near future so we can discuss the refinery tailings being landfilled at Cleanaways Banksia Rd Landfill site and the impact that this landfill site has on the neighbouring Dardanup Conservation Park and the threatened flora and fauna that live there.

Huge thankyou to Fiona Moriarty who was the DEAG Secretary for some years and is moving to Margaret River. Fiona has been a passionate supporter of DEAG, not afraid to ask the hard questions and will be missed.



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- 1 March - Dardanups 100th Birthday meeting, Wells Recreation Park Clubrooms, 7.30pm
 3 March – Ferguson Hall Sundowner, 6pm, see add this edition
 4 March – E Waste collection, 9-11, Carramar Park
 5 March – Cleanup Dardanup Day, see more info in this edition
 7 March – Mens Welfare Group – 2pm at the Wells Recreation Park Clubrooms
 8 March – Dardanup Heritage Collective meeting, 1pm at Thomas Little Hall
 8 March – Dardanup Bull and Barrel Festival AGM, 7.30pm at the Wells Recreation Park Clubrooms
 9 March – Shire of Dardanup Sustainable Living Workshop @ the Dardanup Hall.
 Introduction to Seed Saving. Bookings essential ph: 9724000 or on the website dardanup.wa.gov.au/events
 12 March – Charlee Jones playing @ Green Door, 12.45pm
 19 March – Waterloo Cricket Club Reunion, 12pm, see add this edition
 21 March – Dardanup Senior Citizens meeting, 9.30pm at the Wells Recreation Park Clubrooms
 21 March - Mens Welfare Group – 2pm at the Wells Recreation Park Clubrooms
 20 March – Dardanup Art Spectacular Entries open
 26 March – Boyanup Farmers Market, 8am
 7 April – Ferguson Hall AGM, 5pm
 14 April - Save the Date for this year's Youth Fest event hosted by the Shire of Dardanup's Youth Advisory Group
 @ Wells Rec Park
 28 April – Dardanup Art Spectacular Opening Night
 29-30 April – Dardanup Art Spectacular Art Exhibition and Art Trail
 13 May- Dardanup's 100th Birthday Celebrations
 23 May – Shire of Dardanup Town Planning Scheme 9 Submission close

If you have an event to add
 please email
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Dardanup and Localities Clubs and Meetings

- Edible Gardening Group – 2nd Saturday of the month at 9.30am, ph Ros 0408949160 or Leanne 0418781121
 Cardinal Junior Football Club - winter
 Dardanup Bull and Barrel Festival Committee – 7.30pm, 2nd Wednesday of every month, Wells Recreation Park Clubrooms
 Dardanup Cricket Club(Junior and Senior) - summer
 Dardanup Horse and Pony Club – meets 4th Sunday of the month at the DEC
 Dardanup Lions Club – 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month, 7:00pm at the Dardanup Tavern
 Dardanup Playgroup – every Wednesday of school term, 9.30am – 11.30am @ Dardanup Community Centre
 Dardanup Shire meetings – every fortnight on Wednesday @ Eaton. ph 97240000
 Dardanup Senior Citizens – 3rd Tues of the month @ the Wells Recreation Park Clubrooms, 9.30am – 11.30am.
 Dardanup Social Dance – 1st Saturday of each month, Dardanup Hall, 8pm, \$12 ea, supper to share.
 Dardanup Sporting and Community Clubs – 7.00pm, bimonthly at the Wells Recreation Park Clubrooms
 Dardanup Tennis Club – every Saturday from 9.00am, beginners welcome
 Eaton/ Dardanup Football Club(Soccer) – winter season
 Ferguson Hall Committee– 1st Mon of the month @ 5pm, prior to the sundowner. For Hall booking Robyn Jones, 0468 576 950,
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 Ferguson Hall Sundowners – 1st Friday of the month @ 6.00pm, BYO drinks and nibbles.
 Ferguson Valley Visitor Centre Volunteers- 1st Tuesday of each month @ the VC Centre, 9.30am.
 Ferguson Valley Marketing – 2nd Thursday of every month, 6pm at a nominated location. More info
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 Henty Riding Club – meets Wednesdays and other days at the Dardanup Equestrian Centre
~~Joshua/ Crooked Brook Sundowner – 2nd Friday of the month, 7.00pm at the Fireshed. -SUSPENDED~~
 Knits and Knots Group – Every 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month, 1.00 -3.00pm @ the Dardanup Shire office
 St Aidans Church, every 3rd Sunday, 10.30am, all denominations welcome.
 SW Rose Soc – 2nd Sunday of each month, 10.00am, @ Wells Recreation Park Clubrooms
 SW Veteran Car Club – 1st Tuesday of the month, 7.30pm at the Wells Recreation Park Clubrooms.
 Wellington Mill Sundowners – last Friday of the month, 6 – 8pm @ the Fireshed
 Wellington Mills Community Association- 3rd Wednesday of the month, 7.30 pm, Wellington Mills Fireshed
 Dardanup Central Bushfire Brigade training @ the Fire Station, Recreation Rd, 5.30pm every Wednesday
 Ferguson Valley Mountain Bike Club – 1st Wednesday of the month at the Wells Rec Park Clubrooms, Mark, 0408 331 447
 Mens Welfare Group – 1st and 3rd Tuesday, 2-5pm at the Wells Recreation Park Clubrooms , Ray 0417 932 898

Summer in Your Park Series

Congratulations to the Shire of Dardanup who delivered a very successful Summer in Your Park Series promoting the ‘Fuel to Go & Play’ health message.

At parks in Burekup, Eaton and Dardanup from December 2022 to February 2023 we have enjoyed at least 23 free events.

From “Movies by Moonlight” to “Summer Sounds” featuring two hours of live, local music to wellness sessions - Yoga with Gyani, Tai Chi, group fitness classes, a Teddy Bear’s Picnic, story time in the park, youth basketball competition, laser tag, water day and night walks with the possums.

The event series was funded by Council with additional support from Healthway through ‘Fuel to Go & Play’. The event concept, launched in 2020 by the Shire of Dardanup is designed to draw community members into their local parks to foster social connection and engagement and the events definitely achieved that.

Eds Note; How good was Summer Sounds and Tai Chi in the new part of Carramar Park



Tai Chi in the new area of Carramar Park

Dardanup Senior Citizens

Hello everyone and welcome to Senior Citizens news.

In December, we had our Christmas party in which members painted reindeer, robins, angels and gifts. Some excellent artwork was produced with glitter and sparkles adding to the colour. Members all brought a plate and we enjoyed our lunch after the hard work of painting. We also celebrated Anne’s 80th birthday (photo below) as well as Faye who unfortunately couldn’t attend.



After a good holiday break, it was all back to the Wells Recreation Centre on 21 February. A good number of members attended, including three birthday girls – Olive, Leonie and Ann (pictured). Sheila Butcher turned an amazing 93 years of age on the day and was naturally busy with family. Congratulations Sheila.

There was a presentation on the various scam phone messages, calls and emails doing the rounds at the moment and that was well received. A major message being “Don’t feel guilty about hanging up!”

We are considering our role in the Dardanup 100th birthday celebrations, including some members to take part in the parade.

At our next meeting on 21 March, we are having an Easter bonnet competition and bingo. Looking forward to seeing the amazing creations.

Contact: Revely Ph: 0408 833 761.

Sylvia Maunder
President

Boyanup Farmers Market News



Boyanup Farmers market has a regular group of producers, many who have attended for many years, our seasonal stall holders and new stallholders joining our wonderful market monthly. We proudly boast a devoted clientele that attend every market, new clients

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Our Market day is always held on the 4th Sunday of each month, except the 3rd Sunday in December

Wespine Celebrates 150 Safe Days

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