

Shire News

Shire of Dardanup Newsletter



Shire of Dardanup President Cr Tyrrell Gardiner (far right) and Jodie Hanns MLA (far left) with Citizens of the Year Award nominees and recipients (from left) Josephine Holland, Robert Doherty, Shelby Gray, Chelsey North and Kiara Roworth. Absent: Daniel Fry as he was assisting with the Burekup Australia Day Breakfast Event. Visit Council's website for more photos.

Local citizens' award honours and new citizens

The Shire of Dardanup recognised its Australia Day Award recipients and welcomed 10 new citizens at its three breakfast events held in Eaton, Dardanup and Burekup on 26 January.

Shire of Dardanup President Cr Tyrrell Gardiner said it was an honour to welcome the new citizens and congratulated this year's Community Citizens of the Year Award nominees and recipients for their dedication to community and passion for making a difference.

The award winners were:

Young Community Citizen of the Year, Kiara Roworth: Kiara recognised a need in the community for a dance school that was truly inclusive. Riverside Physie and Dance (RPAD) was created at the Eaton Family Centre home. Physie is a not-for-profit club. Kiara offers "mainstream and "all abilities" classes, catering for those with learning difficulties and/or disabilities. To increase the accessibility, Kiara learnt Auslan. Award nominees who received a Certificate of Appreciation: Chelsey North and Shelby Gray.

Community Citizen of the Year, Robert Doherty: Robert has made an exceptional contribution to the Wellington Mills Volunteer Bushfire Brigade and played an integral role in the brigade's nomination in the 2023 DFES Firefighting Team Achievement Awards. His dedication, commitment, and tireless efforts have been instrumental in the brigade's outstanding contribution to community preparedness throughout the 2022/23 period. Award nominee who received a Certificate of Appreciation: Daniel Fry.

Senior Community Citizen of the Year, Josephine Holland: Josephine was recognised for her ongoing commitment to improving the lives of others. Since 2006, Josephine and her husband started the next chapter of their lives living at Bethanie Fields Retirement Village. Josephine has led the Bethanie Community Fete committee as Chief Organiser. She has enjoyed community service in various country towns and once Josephine and her husband retired, they signed up for Australian Volunteers Abroad and volunteered in Papua New Guinea.

Active Citizenship Award, Dardanup and Districts Residents Association: The group was recognised for its ongoing commitment to Dardanup and surrounding districts. They were the driving force behind the town's Centenary celebrations. This proactive group ensured the town's 100th birthday was a memorable experience for all that attended! The celebration was delivered in three parts: a street parade, Dardy Party and the Great Gatsby Ball, which was a sell-out.

Updates:

Annual Report 2022/23

The Shire of Dardanup's Annual Report 2022/23 was officially endorsed at the recent Electors Meeting, marking a year of significant progress and achievement for the community.

Shire President Cr Tyrrell Gardiner said the Shire was grateful to all members of the community for their contributions to making Dardanup a vibrant and thriving place to live.

To view the Annual Report, visit the Shire's website at

www.dardanup.wa.gov.au/documents/annual-reports

Dog exercise areas info

Did you know there are areas within our Shire where dogs are prohibited, or permitted on-leash, or can be exercised off-leash? You can find out more about the Shire's dog exercise areas by visiting our website at: www.dardanup.wa.gov.au/our-services/animals-pets/dog-exercise-areas.aspx or if you have any questions, please contact our Rangers Team on (08) 9724 0307 (24 hours) or at rangers@dardanup.wa.gov.au. Thanks to all responsible dog owners in our Shire, you're "pawsome"!

Stay up to date with fires

As our Shire experiences regular Total Fire Bans, we encourage our residents to stay informed via DFES updates. The Department of Fire and Emergency Services WA regularly updates its website and social media with the latest news and warnings. DFES has some helpful information so you know what to do when there's a Total Fire Ban. Please visit the DFES website at www.dfes.wa.gov.au/hazard-information/bushfire/total-fire-ban#faq

Call for community input into 2024/25 budget submissions

The Shire of Dardanup is calling on community members and not-for-profit organisations to participate in its budget planning process, by submitting proposals for the 2024/25 financial year.

Shire President Cr Tyrrell Gardiner said this is an opportunity for residents and groups to actively contribute to building a brighter future for the community through their ideas.

“We are enthusiastic about community involvement, and this is a great opportunity to hear from our community on what they see as a priority for the Shire,” Cr Gardiner said.

“Helping develop community ideas into reality is something our Council teams are passionate about, and we are always keen to receive new ideas,” Cr Gardiner said.

“We invite residents and community groups to actively participate in the budget planning process by submitting their proposals. Your ideas play a crucial role in shaping the future of our community.”

All budget funding submissions must be submitted by no later than Friday, 16 February 2024. Any submissions received after this date will be deferred for consideration in the 2024/25 mid-year budget review.

Submissions can be emailed to records@dardanup.wa.gov.au or you can call our Customer Service Team on (08) 9724 0000 for more information.



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Council Meeting dates for 2024

Our 2024 Ordinary Council Meetings will be held on the following Wednesdays at 5pm:

31 January	24 July
28 February	28 August
27 March	25 September
24 April	23 October
22 May	20 November
26 June	18 December

The Bush Fire Advisory Committee and the Audit and Risk Committee meetings for Wednesdays at 7pm:
13 March 12 June
9 October

Audit and Risk Committee, Wednesdays at 2pm:
13 March 12 June
11 September 11 December

A Special Council Meeting will be held for the adoption of the Draft Annual Budget on 29 May at 5pm.

Copies of agendas and minutes can be found at the Shire’s website at www.dardanup.wa.gov.au

Community’s chance to have say at meetings

The Shire of Dardanup will once again host its annual Community Meetings, a series of interactive forums aimed at fostering open dialogue between the community and Council.

The meetings provide a valuable opportunity for residents to share their ideas, concerns, and aspirations directly with Councillors and Council staff.

Residents are encouraged to attend one of the four Community Meetings being held:

- Eaton:** 15 February, Eaton Sports Pavillion - Boomers Club.
 - Ferguson Valley:** 22 February, Ferguson Valley Hall.
 - Dardanup:** 7 March, Dardanup Community Hall.
 - Burekup:** 11 March, Burekup Country Club.
- All meetings held from 5.30-7.30pm.

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