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Record Number of Artworks as Dardanup Art Spectacular Celebrates its 20th Year.

With 290 entries from 170 artists, the Dardanup Art Spectacular Exhibition showcased the largest ever number of artworks in its 20 year history. The exhibition now in its 20th year has become a widely recognised and highly respected artistic event in the region.

The Exhibition Opening and Awards Night held on Friday 19th April saw more than \$10,000 prize money awarded over 10 categories with Andy Dolphin taking out the major prize for his painting 'Evening Walk'. The Dardanup Arts Spectacular Exhibition is open to artists statewide and encourages emerging and young artists who reside in the Shire of Dardanup to enter.

The Dardanup Art Spectacular Art Trail held on 20th & 21st April attracted hundreds of art lovers to venues in Dardanup, Ferguson Valley and Crooked Brook. Historic buildings, home studios and wineries hosted 32 artists giving visitors the opportunity to meet the creators behind the many mediums on display. In addition, a trail of more than 30 sculptures as part of the Ferguson Follies Sculpture Trail was coordinated by Peppermint Lane Lodge on their idyllic property as part of this annual event.



A Record Crowd At Friday Night Opening

**Hon. Nola Marino MLA presents
Georgie Addison with her Prize**



Dardanup Art Spectacular Chairperson Kerry Lowe said the exhibition provided a great opportunity for not only established artists but for those wanting to build confidence in exhibiting their work.

"The Dardanup Art Spectacular was created to encourage our local young and emerging artists to enter a competition and to provide a platform for them to have their art recognized," Kerry said. The Dardanup Art Spectacular Committee thanks the Shire of Dardanup for financially supporting this event for 20 years and our major corporate sponsor Quantum Underwriting Agencies. This event would not be possible without our other sponsors; Professionals DAD Realty, JW Cross Maintenance, Simcoa Operations, Evedon Lakeside Retreat, Piacentini and Son, Ferguson Valley Marketing, DBC, Hon Nola Marino MP, Wild Bull Brewery,

TJ Depiazzi & Sons, Dardanup Post Office, Tronox and Jodie Hanns MLA Collie Preston.

Bunbury Farmers Market provided the delicious food with our local wineries and breweries supplying the wine and beer for the Friday night opening all served by the P&C and P&F. The 2 schools benefited from the proceeds on the Friday night, raffle and the gold coin entry over the weekend raising approx. \$5000.00.

\$16,000.00 in art was sold from the hall over the weekend. Another record for the art Spectacular Committee. People who completed the Viewers Choice slips recorded their postcode and 82% of those were from outside the Dardanup postcode.



**Shire of Dardanup President Tyrrell
Gardiner presents the Open Prize to
Andy Dolphin**

(Photos courtesy of Sure Shot Photography)

Biggest Crowd Yet Turned Out For Dardanup Anzac Day Service

Around 150 people attended the dawn service emceed by Jill Cross with the Last Post and Reveille played by Stuart Hair whilst the flags were raised by Dardanup West Bushfire Brigade members Rob Allen, Wayne Morris, Charles Mc Meeken and Neil Dyer. Rob also delivered the Ode. Nikki Hair organised the music for the Anthems and Fr Wayne gave the prayer. The number of people attending this service is growing each year and it is pleasing to see so many children also in attendance at that early hour, most still in their pj's.

The mornings service saw a huge crowd of easily 300 people attending. The service was emceed by Warren Gunning with Dardanup Shire President Tyrrell Gardiner and Jodie Hanns MLA Collie Preston in attendance. Lia Giumelli, Our Lady of Lourdes P.S. Student recited "The Soul of Australia", the Dardanup Community Choir community choir sang "In Memoriam" and Adam Pover Dardanup Primary School Student recited his original Anzac Day poem. Many beautiful wreaths were laid, Mitch Golding recited the ODE and the highlight was Alexander Humphreys playing the Last Post and Reveille whilst the flags were raised by the 2 schools, Leschenault Scout Group and Shane Griffiths, Dardanup West Bushfire Brigade member. The Anzac Day Address was delivered by Danny Harris and was marked by the unveiling of the Enlisted Soldiers Wall constructed to recognise Men and Women who served our country during WW1, WW2, Korea, Borneo and Vietnam and who lived or worked in our Dardanup Shire. Fr Wayne delivered a prayer to the Enlisted Soldiers and blessed the Wall. John Rodgers, born in Dardanup and served in the Vietnam conflict carried out the unveiling. John is the 3rd of his family to serve our Country, the son of Eileen (Bub) Rodgers and Len Rodgers WW2 and grandson of George Foster WW1 & WW2. All three family members are on the Wall.

Well done to the Dardanup and Districts Residents Assoc Committee for coordinating the ANZAC Service, the Dardanup Lions Club who supplied the complimentary sausage sizzle and everyone who brought a plate for morning tea.

A special part of the mornings programme was the screening in the Lesser Hall organised by the Shire of Dardanup of a video tribute commemorating the lives and history of local ANZAC heroes. 'Saluting Their Service', is a short film that recounts the lives and heroic stories of residents who lived in the Shire of Dardanup and surrounding areas during the late 1800's to early 1900's.

Local historians Danny Harris, Jeff Pierce and Darren Foster uncover the sacrifices, achievements and struggles of six Shire of Dardanup residents, William and Joseph Harris, Mervyn and James Ross, John George Foster, and Elma Mary Linklater in this moving memoir.

The narrators share memories, personal anecdotes, and family heirlooms throughout the short film to recount the story of what life was like for people living in Eaton, Dardanup and surrounds during the turbulent times of World War 1.

Saluting Their Service is a multi-media project created by the Shire of Dardanup and produced by local video production company, Lomax Media. The project was funded under the Commonwealth Government's Saluting Their Service Commemorative Grants Program.

Shire President Cr Tyrrell Gardiner said that by sharing their stories, history and ordeals during the war, their sacrifices are never forgotten and are recognised as an integral testimony to the spirit of the Dardanup community.

(Photos courtesy of Heather Keley and Tom Cross)

"We hope that the Salute Their Service project will provide further evidence to the rich past of Dardanup and memorialise these important stories, sacrifices and achievements for many generations to come," Cr Gardiner said.

To access the Saluting Their Service video, please visit the Shire of Dardanup website



The Anzac Day Parade led by Shane Beattie arrives at the Hall after departing from the Old Convent



John Rodgers Unveiled the Enlisted Soldiers Wall



Alexander Humphreys, 11, played his grandfathers bugle at the Anzac Day Service. Alexander's grandfather purchased the bugle in the 1970s and it is stamped 1916 Massachusetts. US Army issue.



515 Cadet Unit Catafalque Party Guarding the Memorial



The Shire of Dardanup officially opened its news Library, Administration and Community Building today, which was opened by former Shire President and Honorary Freeman Mick Bennett (fourth from left), pictured with (from left) Shire CEO André Schönfeldt, Chairman of the State Library Board the honourable John Day, Member for Collie-Preston Jodie Hanns, the Honourable Nola Marino MP and Shire President Tyrrell Gardiner.

The Shire will host a Community Open Day on Saturday, 4 May from 10 am-1 pm, which will include guided tours of the new building, a sausage sizzle, face painting, engaging library activities for children, and dynamic Make-It Space activations.

Dardanup Heritage Collective News

The Railway in Dardanup

As an active rail line through Dardanup is being considered once again, how many current residents realise that Dardanup was once an important station for passengers on their way to Bridgetown or Busselton? It was also a major hub for agricultural freight to and from Ferguson as well as timber from Wellington Mills destined for Bunbury port.

The railway was opened to steam engines in 1891, and a station and goods shed built in 1893, opposite where the Dardanup Hotel stands today. The building of the railway caused dramatic change in Dardanup as several businesses set up in town to take advantage of the increased passenger and commercial traffic, finally establishing a town site.

For more information and photos of Dardanup's era of rail, go to dardanupheritagecollective.org.au/. Use the Search button (top right), and type in "Railway".



Dardanup Railway Station 1928



April was another productive month for the Ferguson Valley Marketing board, with focus on the Lost and Found Festival 2024, the membership package for 24/25 and the

Gnomesville Pop Up.

FVM and Atelier (our event manager) made an afternoon presentation to the Executives of all Shires within the BunGeo plus Australia South West, Bun Geo Chamber of Commerce, Bun Geo and SW Development Corporation. The presentation was very well received and there were many well considered questions from the audience. A great deal of anticipation and excitement was generated within the stakeholder group for the event.



The Executive presentation attended by representatives from all Shires throughout Bun Geo

A more informal presentation to FVM members, past and future event participants was conducted in the evening. It was hosted by Bush Shack Brewery and we had a very large number of attendees. The presentation also generated questions from the floor and a great deal of enthusiasm for the direction of this year's Festival and beyond. Representatives from Atelier, Caroline and Lynzie, were busy meeting and speaking with each individual participating business and left the evening with a huge number of activities to follow up.

From this point onwards, Atelier will be the primary co-ordinators of Lost and Found thus allowing FVMB to further focus on driving membership value. This will come through as on-going streamlining and enhancement of the FVM web site and managing the significant opportunity to the valley from tourists that come directly to Gnomesville and stop at the Pop-Up Visitor Centre.

Our thanks to the Shire of Dardanup who have now approved our application for a renewed trading permit at Gnomesville. Approval came through just in time for us to operate the Pop Up for Easter. We opened on Easter Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Each day we met many visitors who were either returning to Perth, day tripping from Bunbury, visiting from overseas or holidaying in the region. It was a very busy few days, Easter Sunday in particular, when we were able to guide many to the valley for lunch and refreshments. There is no doubt that Gnomesville is a force unto itself and the many visitors are there thanks to word of mouth or by simply driving past and stopping to see what it is all about. Over the next few weeks FVM will be looking to engage a team of volunteers from community groups within the Shire who are interested in helping us welcome visitors who would otherwise pass by the valley and miss all that our businesses have to offer. The Pop-Up Visitor Centre operates for just 4 hours per day at weekends, school holidays and public holidays.

Lastly please keep an eye on your inbox for this years FVM Prospectus. We have streamlined the document for easier reading while retaining service offerings. We have reintroduced a membership category of Friends of Ferguson Valley in recognition and support of the many emerging micro and small businesses in the region whose requirements differ from those of our more established business members. Thank you to all our hard-working board members who, as an effective team are raising and strengthening the FVM reach. More to come next month.

Sue Williams



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Wespine News New apprentices

Candeece Howley and Callan Wyatt (pictured) were the successful applicants for the new apprenticeships offered at Wespine for 2024. Wespine will be supporting both Candeece and Callan as they are trained in their respective areas.

Callan started at in the business as a Timber Processor in mid-2020, then transitioned to a Trades Assistant position in late 2022. He has now secured a position as an Apprentice Mechanical Fitter. Candeece commenced working at Wespine in late 2023 as a Timber Processor and has now moved into the role of Apprentice Saw Doctor.

Congratulations Candeece and Callan!

Eaton Recreation Centre Feature

Discover the Joy of Pickleball and Badminton!

Calling all sports enthusiasts in the Dardanup community! Have you been searching for the perfect blend of fun, fitness, and friendly competition? Look no further! Join us for social games of Pickleball and Badminton at Eaton Recreation Centre.

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Location: [Eaton Recreation Centre]

Contact us for more information:

[phone: 9724 0400]

[email: sports@dardanup.wa.gov.au]

Eds Note; Big welcome to the new Eaton Recreation Centre Manager Michael Gibbings



Leschenault Biosecurity News



Insights on a few of our summer weeds from our local Recognised Biosecurity Group

Not surprisingly, anything green in the paddock that's non irrigated at this time of year is a weed. This despite a 40% drop in average rainfall last year which didn't seem to affect summer weeds. That said, any Blackberry outside of creek lines underwent moisture stress, leading to an early end to the chemical spray window for this highly invasive weed due to the plant entering premature dormancy! However, this didn't deter many concerned community members from reaching out to the Leschenault Biosecurity Group (LBG) over the summer and well into March for resources and services for blackberry control support.

The same cannot be said for the usual summer suspects, namely Fleabane (*Conyza sp.*) and Stinkwort (*Dittrichia graveolens*) both of which colonise roadside reserves, firebreaks & disturbed soil areas. The obvious difference between the two species is Fleabane is tall with a creamy white flower and a small spherical fluffy seed head whereas Stinkwort as the name suggests is pungent when crushed and leaves a sticky residue on your hands.

Fleabane is a common sight just off the bitumen on the roads shoulder all over the Southwest. It disperses at the same speed as your car with up to 100 000 seeds per plant being sucked into the low-pressure cell as you drive down the road. Repeated spray programmes by LGA's employing drive by contractors has led to some herbicide resistance of this species. The adage here is "when you're onto an effective product don't stick with it, mix it up". Control of Stinkwort is important prior to its seeding (April) as it tends to dominate your paddocks in summer. It is unpalatable to stock, disperses widely usually in unmanaged landscapes. The good news here is it relatively easy to control with seed viability in the seed soil bank up to 3 years.

A couple of other usual suspects worth mentioning are the melons. Prickly Paddy melon (*Cucumis myriocarpus*) are in seed and should be hand rolled like a carpet and disposed of reducing your headache for next summer. Similarly, Afghan melon (*Citrullus lanatus*) ideally should be hand-picked and shipped off property to landfill. These summer weeds in particular go unchecked as we tend to focus our limited time on weed management in the winter/spring months giving ourselves a break for the hotter months.

Community members are encouraged to reach out to the LBG for guidance and support for weeds management on their private properties, including property-specific guidance, site visits, free loan of a wide range of equipment and more. Contact the group on 0477 049 967 or by e-mail at info@lbginc.org.au



May is the second half of the Noongar Season *Djeran*. It is usually the time when the first rains come - I think we all have our fingers & toes crossed for some rain!! We begin to experience cooler mornings with dew and with the chill in the air,

listen out for the melodious chorus of *Koolbardi* (Magpies) their autumn song is beautiful.

Ordinarily this is the time when I would be encouraging you to be planting your winter veg patch with urgency. *But, this year is a bit different*. Yes, there is still time to get your winter vegies in the garden, this continued warmer weather gives you time for your seedlings to get established. *However*, I have been chatting to a large number of people who are struggling with water - their gardens aren't being planted because their rainwater tanks are very low or the bores are dry.

How do we navigate the dry winter, tighter household budgets and rising food costs? *I certainly don't have all the answers*, but here are a few ways to help us garden smarter and be thoughtfully thrifty.

1. Focus on your Staples - There are a variety of reliable, easy to grow and nutrient dense crops for your winter veg patch. These staples will help bulk out your meals and most can be grown in very little space. Parsley, Silverbeet (Swiss Chard), Kale, Watercress, Spinach, Mustard Greens, Rocket, Spring Onions and Broccoli are easily grown and considered to have high levels of essential nutrients (Vitamins, Minerals and Macronutrients). ** This will vary depending on the quality of your soil*. Most of these are cut and come again vegies so you can continue to harvest them for the entire season. Great value crops. Spring onions are the fastest producing onion variety. Seed to harvest is only 8 weeks, far less time if you buy seedlings or even plant the extras from your store bought bunch. They can be cut just above ground level and will grow back in about 2-3 weeks. 3 or more bunches will keep a family in constant supply.

2. Substitutions - Some crops require a large amount of space, specific growing conditions or can be fiddly/time consuming to process. Here are a few good substitutions: Spring onions instead of Onions, Garlic chives instead of Garlic, Silverbeet instead of Spinach, Parsley instead of Celery and Kale instead of Cabbage. *Eating/Growing Kale is almost as divisive as Coriander...* so if you like cabbage another alternative to try are Collards, they are sweeter in flavour, fast growing and you don't need to wait for them to form a head before harvesting. By choosing more robust, cut & come again varieties you can get a larger and longer harvest from each plant. Grow the more expensive crops and buy the cheaper staples.



3. Make the most of your space - with a bit of careful management, you can have a constant supply of vegetables. *Succession planting* is your key for success.

Essentially, whenever you harvest a plant, pop another in its place, preferably with a different growth habit. For example, if you harvest beetroot, plant lettuce/spinach in its place, or vice versa. *Tip*: Most of the asian greens are best planted as seedlings. They are quick growing so great fillers. Other leafy greens such as rocket and lettuce are easy to scatter as seeds, just remember to repeat so every few weeks for a continual supply.

4. Don't forget herbs! Why pay \$4 a bunch when you can buy a plant for the same and grow it? Most grow equally well in a pot as they do in the ground. Focus on water wise Mediterranean herbs such as Sage, Rosemary, Thyme & Oregano, they provide lots of flavour and can handle a bit of neglect.

5. Stretch your Harvest - Many of our common Autumn/Winter vegies have edible leaves making them useful additions to salads, stir-fries and stews/curries. These include Beetroot, Carrot, Celery, Choko, Broccoli, Onion, Radish and Sweet Potato. Another way is to Create a "*Stock bag*" This is a container or ziplock bag that you keep in the freezer. Each time you trim your onions, carrots or other veg put the trimmings in the container. You can use the trimmings to make the base for a stock or soup, just add water.

Gardens provide us with much more than just food, so if you can still plant out your winter garden, then here is what you can plant now:

Leaf crops - Celery, Cress, Collard greens, Chicory, Endive, Lettuce, Mizuna, Choi Sum, Gai Lan, Pak Choy, Chinese Cabbage, Mustard greens, Rocket, Spinach, Silverbeet, Radicchio, Witlof and Corn salad. **Brassica crops** (seedlings only*) - Broccoli, Broccoli Raab, Brussel Sprouts, Cabbage, Cauliflower and Kale. **Root crops** - Beetroot, Carrot, Radish, Daikon, Celeriac, Kohlrabi, Salsify, Swede, Turnip. **Legume crops** - Broad Beans, Snow peas and Peas. **Onion family** - Garlic, Leeks, Spring onions, Onions, Potato onions, Tree onions and Shallots. **Herbs** - Artichoke, Bay, Chives, Coriander, Fennel, Lemon Balm, Mint, Rosemary, Oregano, Parsley, Rosemary, Sage, Thyme and Burdock.

Fingers crossed for replenishing rain in the near future. Happy Gardening!

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

Topic: **Productive Perennials** - What if I told you that you could Reduce your workload and increase your food production by growing a few different perennial vegetables? Continuing on the theme of Gardening Smarter not harder, come along as we learn What crops thrive in our climate, How to fill in the gaps in your existing garden and Create a more nutritious year round harvest. Bookings essential ph: 9724000 or on the website dardanup.wa.gov.au/events

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Dardanup Veterinary Centre News Increasing Heartworm Risk

Heartworm disease is caused by a parasitic worm known as *Dirofilaria immitis*, which is transmitted through the bite of an infected mosquito. Once inside a host, typically a dog or cat, the larvae mature into adult worms, residing in the heart and lungs. If left untreated, heartworm disease can lead to severe health complications and, in some cases, death.

Previously in the Southwest we have not been particularly worried about Heartworm Disease. However, recently a dog from Perth who **HAS NOT** travelled outside of Perth tested heartworm positive. Around the time of the dogs heartworm diagnosis it had travelled around the Rockingham, Yokine and Subiaco areas. The risk of your pet contracting heartworm is still low. However, it is increasingly important to ensure your pets are up to date with their heartworm treatment and it is essential if your pet has travelled to Perth or further North. We need to be aware this disease could already be in the Southwest.

Prevention:

Prevention is the cornerstone of heartworm control. Veterinarians recommend year-round prevention to ensure pets are adequately protected. Several preventative options are available, including monthly oral medications or yearly injectables.

Regular Veterinary Check-ups:

Annual veterinary check-ups are essential for monitoring your pet's health and ensuring they remain free from heartworm disease.

During these visits, veterinarians can assess your pet's risk factors, recommend appropriate preventative measures, and conduct heartworm tests if necessary. Early detection is key to successful treatment and preventing the progression of the disease.

Environmental Management:

In addition to preventative medications, pet owners can take steps to reduce their pet's exposure to mosquitoes. This includes eliminating standing water around the home, using mosquito repellents, and keeping pets indoors during peak mosquito activity times. These measures can help decrease the likelihood of mosquito bites and lower the risk of heartworm transmission.

Community Awareness:

Raising awareness about heartworm disease and the importance of prevention is crucial in combatting this potentially deadly condition. Educating pet owners about the risks, symptoms, and preventative measures empowers them to take proactive steps to protect their furry companions.

In conclusion, heartworm disease is a serious threat to pets, but with the right preventative measures and timely veterinary care, it can be effectively managed. By prioritizing year-round prevention, regular veterinary check-ups, environmental management, and community education, pet owners can help safeguard their beloved companions from this silent killer. Come into Dardanup Veterinary Centre if you would like to discuss which treatment option is best for you and your pet. Remember, a little prevention today can save a lot of heartache tomorrow.

Important Info From The Shire

Ban on Burning Extended to 10 May

Dowdells Line Upgrade commenced on 30 April and will take about 3 weeks. Use the newly opened Discovery Rd.

GREEN WASTE collection Monday 13th May – Saturday 18th May. Green Waste is to be placed out for collection by 7.00am on Monday 13 May and no earlier than Monday 6 May.

Shire of Dardanup Events

Adult Programs

Digital Connection Program. IT Blackspot Workshops*

If you want to learn more about how to use your mobile phone, laptop, home internet and other tech-related topics, come along to an IT Blackspot Workshop! The experts from local technology support company IT Blackspot will be leading these workshops covering a range of helpful topics. There is also a free bus service running between workshop locations in Eaton, Burekup and Dardanup. Free for all, bookings essential. To book call Will on 9724 0323 or visit our website www.dardanup.wa.gov.au

Connecting your Device

Thursday 9 May 12pm - 1pm – Dardanup Hall

Online Connection

Tuesday 14 May 10am – 11am – New council building, Eaton

Thursday 16 May 10am-11am- Dardanup Hall

Safety and Connecting in the Digital World

Tuesday 21 May 10am -11am – New Council building, Eaton

Thursday 23 May 10am-11am – Dardanup Hall

Sustainable Living Workshops. Productive Perennials*

Reduce your workload and increase your food production by growing only a few different types of perennial vegetables. Help your crops thrive in our specific climate, fill in gaps and create a more nutritious yield in your garden by gardening smarter, not harder! Bookings essential.

Dardanup Hall (Adults)

Thursday, 9 May, 10.00am – 11.30am

Discover Your Family History*

Discover Your Family History is a monthly discussion group to help you uncover the secrets of your family and local history. Whether you're a beginner or an experienced genealogist, this is the perfect place for you to explore and learn more about your past.

Eaton Community Library

Thursday, 16 May 5.30pm – 7.00pm

Early Years Programs

Little Jigglers*

A magical world of discovery! Let your child explore their creativity, imagination and social skills with weekly Little Jigglers sessions presented by Jo Jingles. Little Jigglers is designed to introduce kindy and pre-school aged kids to the world of song, dance, rhythm, musical instruments, and playtime activities. Bookings essential.

Dardanup Hall

Monday, 13 & 27 May, 9.30am – 10am

Burekup Hall

Monday, 6 & 20 May, 9.30am – 10am

***Bookings essential. Please visit www.dardanup.wa.gov.au/events for more information or to make a booking.**

Dardanup Senior Citizens News

Our meeting last month saw our President and Secretary unable to attend due to health reasons and we wish them well. The Vice President chaired the meeting.

We had a good discussion about places to visit during the year and a good response from everyone. Anzac day was discussed and the Seniors will be laying a wreath and hope all the members can attend. Our lucky number was not won so has jackpotted to next month's meeting. At the May meeting we will be organising a game of Bingo.

We ended the meeting with a cup of tea and chat. Our raffle was won by Gwen Wells, Heather Rowson and Ann Kirkpatrick.

Our next meeting is on 21st May, 9.30am at the Wells Recreation Park Clubrooms and hope everyone can attend and we welcome new members.

Look forward to seeing you all then. To all members who are unwell our best wishes go to you all for a speedy recovery.

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Dardanup Primary School hosted Harmony Day with Our Lady of Lourdes' students. It was a wonderful celebration of Australian multiculturalism, and the successful integration of migrants into our community. Australia is one of the most successful multicultural countries in the world and we celebrate and work to maintain it! The message of Harmony Week is everyone belongs. Having our two schools work together epitomises the true meaning of belonging!! Photos depict some activities students participated on the day.



Year 3 Playing the Djembe drums from West Africa.



Year 5 Easter Bonnets USA style.



Year 6 Happy Harmony Day Hooligans.



Year 4 Music around the world.



A lovely afternoon with the two schools having lunch together.



Year 4 Friendship bracelets and necklaces symbolising everyone belongs.



Year 3 creating Harmony Day slogans on their wooden jig saws.



Year 1 creating Chinese dragon puppets.



Pre-Primary students created hand- prints with their chosen tribal markings.



Pre-Primary decorating their Faberge Easter eggs. Very sparkly!!



Year 1 with their Irish hats. The pot of gold at the end of the rainbow!!



Year 2 students creating Everyone Belongs mobiles.



Year 5 students honing their soccer skills.



Year 5 students with the Maypole

Dardanup Art Spectacular Winners

AWARD	PRIZE	ARTIST
Shire of Dardanup Student Photography		
Highly Commended	\$50	Zara Stuart
WINNER	\$200	PIA MANGANO
Photography		
Highly Commended	\$125	Trevor Spivey
WINNER	\$500	JODIE DEELEY
Theme Photography		
Highly Commended	\$125	Christine Smith
WINNER	\$500	JILL HARRISON
Packing Room Prize		
WINNER	\$200	Janice Florczyk
People's Choice		
WINNER	\$200	Barbara Maumill
Shire of Dardanup Primary School Student		
Highly Commended	\$25	Ivy Higham
WINNER	\$100	GEORGIE ADDISON
Shire of Dardanup Secondary Student		
Highly Commended	\$50	Cady Doust
WINNER	\$200	BROOKE DOVEY

AWARD	PRIZE	ARTIST
Shire of Dardanup Emerging Artist		
Highly Commended	\$125	Sara Brandli
WINNER	\$500	LEE SNIBSON
3 D - Sculpture		
Highly Commended	\$250	Joanne Floyd
WINNER	\$1000	LINDA GUINNESS
Portrait		
Highly Commended	\$250	Claire Woolhouse
WINNER	\$1000	GEMMA MANGANO
Theme		
Highly Commended	\$250	Dylan Nietrzeba
WINNER	\$1000	ALINA HAYES
Open		
Highly Commended	\$500	Hilly Coufreur
WINNER	\$2000	ANDY DOLPHIN

Results of the Art Spectacular
Dardanup P&C/P&F Raffle-

1st Prize - Fox Folly Photography, 1 Hour session + 5 images Value \$475: Emma (from the Dardanup General Store), Orange C30
 2nd Prize - Framed Aboriginal Painting by Meg.C.Art Value \$200: Rhonda, Purple D61
 3rd Prize - Dardanup Health & Wellness Centre Voucher \$150: Linda Guinness, Black B28
 4th Prize - Ciao Bella Clothing Voucher \$50 & Evedon Lakeside Retreat Meal Voucher \$50 : Maggie Austen, Green E34
 5th Prize - Holistic Health & Wellness, 45 minutes Reiki Session: Robbie Coe, Red C77
 Lolly Jar: Thomas Wood, 268 Lollies

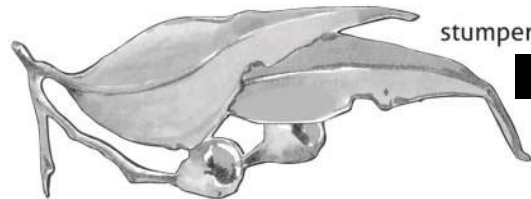


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Boyanup Farmers Market

Our March market day was successful as always with our very excited raffle winner Chad the great helper to our French Baker (Fre-Jac Bakery). I am sure his parents would have loved some of the goodies too.

I would like to welcome our new stall holders who have joined us in 2024 including Blue Tractor Eggs, Boyanup Botanics Just 4 You, Runamuk Cider Co, Sage and Stone, Skipworth Mushrooms and Vasse Valley. There has been several requests for Pea Straw, which Straw Bales 4 You are currently selling.

We may have a new stall joining us soon with a delicious camembert cheese and seedless mandarins should be back soon if not in April, follow our socials for updates.

We have fundraising wood raffles booked for June to August markets, if any other club is keen for our May market, please contact us.

Look forward to seeing you at our next market on 26th May, 2024 or any fourth Sunday of the month.



What's on In Dardanup

3 May – Ferguson Hall AGM and Sundowner, 5pm

4 May – Shire of Dardanup Open Day, 10am – 1pm, see the Shire website or facebook page for info

7 May – Mens Welfare Group – 2pm at Wells Rec Park Clubrooms

8 May- Dardanup Bull and Barrel Festival meeting, 7.00pm at Wells Rec Park Clubrooms

9 May- Sustainable Living Workshop at the Dardanup Hall. Topic: Productive Perennials - Bookings essential ph: 9724000 or on the website dardanup.wa.gov.au/events

13-18 May – Shire of Dardanup Green Waste collection

15 May – Mahjong at the Shire office, Little St 1.30-3.30. Beginners welcome

21 May - Mens Welfare Group – 2pm at Wells Rec Park Clubrooms

21 May – Dardanup Seniors, 9.30am at Wells Rec Park Clubrooms

26 May - Boyanup Farmers Market, 8am

29 May - Mahjong at the Shire office, Little St 1.30-3.30. Beginners welcome

20 July – Community Dance @ the Hall organised by the Dardanup and Districts Residents Assoc

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Dardanup and Localities Clubs and Meetings

Dardanup Community Choir- every Monday, 7pm @ the Ferguson Hall, Helen 0422 095 870

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 – 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month, 6:30pm 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 Fri of the month @ 5pm, prior to the sundowner. For Hall booking Robyn Jones, 0468 576 950, email bse7@bigpond.com

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- 3rd Thursday of each month, 5.30pm at the Thomas Little Hall

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.

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, 9am, 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

Mahjong - Every fortnight on Wednesdays 1.30pm to 3.30pm at the Dardanup Shire office in Dardanup Revelly 0408 833 761

DARDANUP CAMPDRAFT

The weekend of the 14th & 15th April, Dardanup Campdraft Club held its annual Campdraft at the Equestrian centre. Our competitors travelled from as far away as Fitzroy Crossing in the north, Esperance in the south & everywhere in between to compete on our wonderful grounds & cattle. Vicki Evans flew in from NSW to judge our Open age events alongside Steve McKinvin who judged our youth.

This year we were informed of the tragic news from our club life members, Michael & Peta Gelmi about their granddaughter. Morgan has been diagnosed with Sandhoff Disease, that comes with no treatment or cure. Our club decided to run an event in honor of Morgan and our campdraft community pulled together on the Saturday afternoon to raise over \$6000 to go towards making memories with their beautiful family. Special thanks to all of our donators, competitors as well as Wedderburn Transport, Justin Harris, Johnny Parra, Mooreland's Grazing, M Partridge and Dardanup Health & Wellness centre, your kindness knows no boundaries

In other events, Vice President, Tim Prosser won the Maiden event on his home bred horse, "Taunton Vale Rose". He also won the club High Point on a score of 91/100 on his other horse "Cassette". A new member to our club and community, Matilda Patten won the juvenile event on Sunday, riding "Son of an Acre".

Matilda & Tim also got the highest "Top Cutout Score" in their events for the weekend.

Once again, we were had the backing of many return loyal sponsors and even some new ones. Local sponsors where Peninsula Downs & LS Rural Enterprises, Tom Foster from 540 Mechanical, Don Ratcliffe from Brampdon Park Cattle Cartage, Peter Harris from

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Our sport also requires the support of our cattle suppliers and cattle cartage and without them we wouldn't be able to run our events. Thank you to Brampdon Park, Wedderburn Transport and Monark Transport for carting all weekend. Our cattle suppliers are the life blood of our events and a big thanks goes to the Woodhouse & Twomey families, Justin Harris, Johnny Para, Mooreland's Grazing, M & S Weldon.

Ruve Tyler



Pictured are the top 5 place getters all returning their winnings to the fundraiser.

L to R Standing - Vicki Evans, Ruve Tyler (secretary), Michael Gelmi, Michael Della (president), Peta Gelmi. Horseback - Jim Daley, Tim Prosser (VP), Brett Lacy, Keith Anderson, Sam Johns

DARDANUP LIONS CLUB NEWS

Solaris Cancer Care Charity in Carey Park



Pictured above is a group of Lions mingling with and enjoying

fellowship with men fighting off the effects of cancer. The mens walking group meet at Solaris Cancer Care on Monday's to walk (I think 2 klms, I walked it too) to help their general fitness and enjoy the camaraderie of relaxing afterwards with a coffee. Our group of visiting Lions enjoyed sharing cream scones as well. There's been the formation of a womens group with their meeting on Tuesdays.

Both these groups will benefit from the 16 lightweight stackable chairs and 4 tables presented to them from Dardanup Lions. They were purchased from Barbeques Galore Bunbury at a very good price and I can attest to their great utility.

Eight of our members assisted by serving lunches to many of the 135 riders on the recent Black Dog Ride that terminated at the Dardanup Hall. The club donated \$2000 to the cause as well.

Phil Ottrey



Latest new member Chris Morgan being inducted by President Adrian Tyrrell.

Vale; Rex Piggott,
sincere sympathy to Anne and families on the passing of Rex

Dardanup Playgroup News

At Dardanup Playgroup, Easter was a time of joy and excitement as we embraced the holiday spirit and welcomed new families into our community. Our little ones got their hands busy with Easter crafts, making everything from colorful eggs wreaths to bunny garlands. Their creativity filled the play area with vibrant decorations, adding a festive touch to our space. The Easter egg hunt was a hit, with kids eagerly searching for hidden treasures. Laughter and cheers echoed as they discovered each egg, bonding over the thrill of the hunt.

Hayley Panzich

Indie Marinoni With Her Easter Basket



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Ferguson Valley Visitor Centre News

The Visitor Centre was involved with the Dardanup Art Spectacular with Sara Brandli & her wonderful whimsical Zentangle Inspired Art (ZIA) as our artist in residence. We hope lots of you called in to see her at work. If you missed Sara, her cards & decorative pieces are always a feature of the lovely art & craft for sale at the VC.

Our artist for the month of May is Denise Gillies, see her profile below, so do come & see her lovely inspired designs. Denise lives locally with her husband in the beautiful area of Burekup in the Ferguson Valley Tourist area.

Printmaking has become her primary passion in recent years. Collographs and monoprints feature strongly in the art work that she undertakes. However, mixed media work is becoming increasingly important in her art practice.

Themes she pursues are often of the environment & our influences upon it.

Her prints are in many Western Australian and interstate collections. Two of her linocut prints are archived as part of 'Animalia' exhibitions in the National Gallery in Canberra.

Denise doesn't have a website but there is a lot of information on the internet about her there as well as examples of her art (including those pieces where she has collaborated with Lynne Mitchell.)

Besides unframed, matted and framed art she also has accessories, cushion covers, bags and jewellery – all based on her art.

Libby Pardoe



Denise in Her Gallery At Burekup



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