

# Shire News

Shire of Dardanup Newsletter



The Shire of Dardanup is calling for community input into its proposed traffic management changes to Eaton Drive. The online survey is open until Thursday, 4 July 2024.

## Call for community input Eaton Drive

The Shire of Dardanup is inviting community feedback on proposed changes aimed at improving traffic flow and safety on Eaton Drive. Key components of the proposed changes include:

- Installation of new traffic signals at Glenhuon Boulevard.
- Creation of a new intersection with Cudliss Street that includes right-hand turn lanes onto Eaton Drive, a separate left-hand turn lane, and the closure of the Hands Avenue intersection on Eaton Drive.
- Development of a cul-de-sac at the end of Watson Street and a new pedestrian crossing over Eaton Drive.
- Implementation of a left-out treatment at Hamilton Road and Ann Street.

Shire President Cr Tyrrell Gardiner emphasised the importance of community input in shaping these traffic improvements.

Cr Gardiner said Council moved a resolution at its February 2024 meeting to progress with its proposed intersection and complementary road treatments for Eaton Drive.

"Your feedback is crucial to ensure these enhancements meet the needs of our community and improve safety and efficiency on Eaton Drive," Cr Gardiner said.

"The Shire of Dardanup has undertaken extensive studies and consultations since 2020 to identify the most effective solutions for Eaton Drive.

"We have liaised extensively with Main Roads WA to ensure proposed changes meet State Government requirements and are the best possible outcome for our community.

"These proposals are the result of thorough traffic modelling, feasibility studies, and engagement with stakeholders."

The community can have their say online via <https://connect.dardanup.wa.gov.au/proposed-changes-to-roads-in-eaton-2024> or scan the below QR code until 5pm on Thursday, 4 July 2024. Hard copies of the survey can be requested from the Shire's Customer Service Team on (08) 9724 0000 or email [records@dardanup.wa.gov.au](mailto:records@dardanup.wa.gov.au)



### Updates:

**Fight the Bite survey open**  
The Shire of Dardanup is calling on the community to share their thoughts on the effectiveness of the "Fight the Bite" mosquito awareness program.

Your feedback is crucial in helping us ensure the program is effectively protecting our residents from mosquito-borne diseases.

The Shire is working with the City of Bunbury, Shire of Harvey, Shire of Capel and City of Busselton.

The Shire of Dardanup, in liaison with the WA Department of Health and neighbouring local governments, operates a comprehensive mosquito management program.

Taking part in the survey is simple and quick. Go to the survey link here: [www.surveymonkey.com/r/JWVWH56](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JWVWH56)

### Restricted Burning Period

The Shire's Restricted Burning Period ended on 7 June after several extensions due to the unseasonal weather conditions.

Permits to burn are still required all year round in the townships of Dardanup, Burekup and Eaton and can be obtained from the Fire Control Officer of your area.

Prior to commencing ANY burn, the Department of Fire and Emergency Services Communications MUST be notified on (08) 9395 9209.

You are responsible for any burns on your property, please check out the DFES Burn Smart webpage:

[www.dfes.wa.gov.au/hazard-information/bushfire/planned-burning](http://www.dfes.wa.gov.au/hazard-information/bushfire/planned-burning)

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# Eaton Community Library members increase

The Eaton Community Library has welcomed 167 new members since it opened the doors to the new Library, Administration and Community building in March.

Our new space offers the opportunity for people to study or read in comfort with our new couches and window seats. We also have free wi-fi!

### Joining the Library

Community members are welcome to request a new membership by visiting the Eaton Community Library or Dardanup Public Library in person or by signing up online. Bring along your identification (drivers license).

You can also complete an online registration via [www.dardanup.wa.gov.au/our-community/library/our-library/join-the-library.aspx](http://www.dardanup.wa.gov.au/our-community/library/our-library/join-the-library.aspx)

Please note you will need to retain your temporary ID number shown on the confirmation screen and visit the library in person with your temporary ID number and identification to complete the registration.

**Opening hours:** Monday to Friday: 9am -5.30pm, Saturdays: 9am-1pm.

For more information, email [library@dardanup.wa.gov.au](mailto:library@dardanup.wa.gov.au) or call (08) 9724 0470.



The Eaton Community Library has welcomed 167 new members since it opened the doors in its new location. Pictured are Library Officers Ruth Clifton (front) and Julie Sheppard.

## Council Meeting dates for 2024

The 2024 Ordinary Council Meetings for the Shire of Dardanup will be held from 5pm on the following Wednesdays:

- 26 June 23 October
- 24 July 20 November
- 28 August 18 December
- 25 September

The next Bush Fire Advisory Committee meeting will be held at 7pm on Wednesday, 9 October.

The next Audit and Risk Committee meetings will be held at 2pm on Wednesday, 11 September and the 11 December.

Copies of agendas and minutes can be accessed on the Shire's website at [www.dardanup.wa.gov.au](http://www.dardanup.wa.gov.au) or contact the Customer Service Team on (08) 9724 0000.

## Shire recognised for best-practice financial reporting

The Shire of Dardanup has been recognised by the Department of Local Government as a Best Practice entity for the 2022/23 financial year.

Shire of Dardanup President Cr Tyrrell Gardiner said the accolade comes from the Office of the Auditor General's annual Local Government 2022-23 Financial Audit Results report, highlighting the Shire's exemplary financial reporting practices.

Cr Gardiner said the report summarises the final results of annual audits conducted on 137 of 147 local government entities for the year ended June 30, 2023, as well as one remaining audit from 2021-22.

"The Shire of Dardanup is proud to be listed among the top 20 Best Practice entities, a testament to the diligent efforts of our entire team, especially the Corporate and Governance department," Cr Gardiner said.

"This is the result of its commitment to maintaining high standards in financial management and reporting.

"This is the second consecutive year that entities have been rated on their financial reporting practices, and the Shire of Dardanup is honoured to be acknowledged among the best."

According to the Office of the Auditor General's website, the criteria used to measure the quality of financial reporting included:

- Timeliness of CEO-certified financial report.



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- Quality of financial report (financial statements and notes).
- Quality of working papers that support the financial report.
- Management resolution of accounting matters.
- Key staff availability during the audit.
- Number and significance of management letter findings.
- Clear audit opinion.

The full report can be accessed on the Office of the Auditor General's website at

<https://audit.wa.gov.au/reports-and-publications/reports/local-government-2022-23-financial-audit-results/>

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