

Shire News

Shire of Dardanup Newsletter



A concept plan of the Eaton Fair Expansion from the Eaton Fair Activity Centre Plan. Picture source: Citygate Properties.

Council Drive closure paves way for Eaton Fair expansion

A section of Council Drive in Eaton is now closed to make way for the \$80 million Eaton Fair Expansion by Citygate Properties.

Shire of Dardanup President Cr Tyrrell Gardiner said the road closure marks a pivotal step towards enhancing the precinct with the Citygate project set to boost the community infrastructure and amenities.

Cr Gardiner said the partial closure of Council Drive, initiated on 10 July, is to allow for the demolition of the old Shire of Dardanup administration building, followed by construction of the Eaton Fair expansion.

“The Eaton Fair Expansion project, scheduled to commence later this year and expected to be completed by December 2025, promises to transform Eaton Fair into a dynamic town centre,” Cr Gardiner said.

“The development will introduce new retail outlets, a cinema, a children’s playground, and new residential apartments, catering to the growing needs and preferences of our residents

“We are excited about the opportunities this expansion brings to our community.

“This project represents a significant investment in urban planning and will contribute positively to Eaton’s vibrancy.”

Cr Gardiner encouraged the community to be patient and take care during the works and construction.

“This collaborative approach between the Shire and shopping centre developers Citygate Properties has been a long time coming and involved significant consultation periods with key stakeholders – we’re excited to see the project progress,” he said.

“The development had been guided by the Eaton Fair Activity Centre Plan, which was first endorsed by the WA Planning Commission in 2017 and amended three years later with updated concepts.

“A Design Review Panel reviewed the design and provided input prior to Citygate lodging its Development Application with the Shire in 2023, which was approved by the Joint Development Assessment Panel, ensuring a significant and positive contribution to the community and vibrancy of Eaton would be achieved.”

For more information on the history of the expansion visit the Eaton Fair website at <https://eatonfair.com.au/growth/>

Hard Waste Collection

22-27 July:

Eaton and Millbridge

29 July - 3 August:

Burekup and Dardanup

Hard Waste Collection

The Shire’s Hard Waste Collection starts on 22 July, are you ready?

We will collect:

- Washing machines and dryers.
- Fridges, freezers and air-conditioners that have been de-gassed (fridge doors must be removed).
- Please note that our contractor will de-gas however doors must be removed.
- General junk, lounges, cupboards, furniture, bedding.
- Garden furniture, barbecues.
- E-Waste.
- Material less than 1.5 meters in length.

We can’t collect:

- Bricks and rubble.
 - Household food waste.
 - Flammable liquids, hazardous chemicals.
 - Cars, car tyres or batteries.
 - Asbestos products.
 - Oils, paints, solvents or liquids.
- Maximum length: 1.5m.
Maximum amount: 2 cubic meters per property applies.

Important reminders:

- Place your items on the verge no more than one week before collection to avoid litter issues, especially with winter storms.
- All items must be out by 6am on the first collection day.

Find out more at

www.dardanup.wa.gov.au/our-services/waste-recycling/waste-recycling.aspx

Shire advocates for future funding in Canberra

Shire of Dardanup President Tyrrell Gardiner, Deputy Shire President Ellen Lilly and CEO André Schönfeldt, embarked on a productive week-long visit to Canberra recently.

Cr Gardiner said their focus was to advance the interests of the Shire by engaging with Federal Ministers and Shadow Ministers, as well as key departments, to secure vital funding for upcoming projects.

He said central to their agenda was the promotion of the Shire’s strategic projects outlined in the recently adopted Advocacy Plan and Strategic Community Projects documents, approved by Council in March this year.

“Highlighting these key initiatives served as a cornerstone in discussions aimed at garnering support and investment for the community’s future,” Cr Gardiner said.

During their stay, the delegation participated in significant events including the Local Government Association Conference and the Australian Council for Local Government meeting, underscoring their commitment to advocacy at both state and national levels.

Cr Gardiner emphasised the importance of such opportunities, with 1350 delegates from around Australia, including 130 from Western Australia.

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Shire of Dardanup President Tyrrell Gardiner and Deputy President Ellen Lilly met Prime Minister Anthony Albanese in Canberra recently.

Council Meeting dates for 2024

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

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

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 or contact the Customer Service Team on (08) 9724 0000.

Shire adopts Budget, includes \$506,000 surplus

The Shire of Dardanup adopted its 2024/25 Annual Budget at its Ordinary Council Meeting on Wednesday, 26 June 2024.

A budget that Shire President Tyrrell Gardiner said reflects responsible financial management and community benefits, including a \$506,000 surplus.

Cr Gardiner said the budget features a 5.5% general rate revenue increase, equating to an average increase of \$133 for residential properties.

He said the rate increase has been kept in line with Council’s Long Term Financial plan, with Council adopting a new Differential Rates Method from 1 July, a significant step towards a fairer and more equitable rates system.

“Our budget reflects a balanced approach to managing our financial responsibilities while investing in projects that improve the quality of life for our residents,” Cr Gardiner said.

“We are committed to providing essential services and maintaining our infrastructure in a way that supports the growth and sustainability of our community.

“The impact of the rate increase will be softened for many residents through a reduction in the average Eaton Landscaping Specified Area Rate, which will be phased out entirely over the next four years.

“Each year, the Council is required to raise sufficient rates to meet its total expenditure.



The Shire of Dardanup adopted its 2024/25 Budget at its Ordinary Council Meeting on 26 June 2024.

“This year’s budget takes into account various factors such as the growth of the Shire, the need for additional facilities and services, and the rising cost of labour, utilities, and materials.

The 2024/25 budget includes several key projects aimed at enhancing the Shire’s infrastructure and community services:

- \$3.59 million for the upgrade and renewal of roads, pathways, and drainage.
- \$1.25 million for capital building construction projects.
- \$839,821 for parks and reserves upgrades.
- \$461,559 for community grants, donations, and events.

To view the 2024/25 Shire of Dardanup Annual Budget, please visit the website at:

<https://www.dardanup.wa.gov.au/documents/295/annual-budget-2024-2025>

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