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THE DARDANUP TIMES

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Festivals Fashion Show and High Tea A Big Hit

The Dardanup Bull and Barrel Festival Committee hosted the 6th Thrift Shop Fashion Show and High Tea recently in the Dardanup Hall with 140 people attending. The clothes modelled by our fabulous team of locals came from the Humble Jumble Thrift Shop in Timperley Rd Bunbury run by Salvos SW. Salvos SW were one of the beneficiaries of the day along with Solaris Cancercare and the Festival Committee. The parade compere was the fabulous Filipa Shepherd with the models looking even more beautiful thanks to makeup artists Shanae Depiazzi from Lash Loft in Victoria St, Bunbury and Elinor Cross from Elle Louise Beauty in Nedlands, Perth. We even had a mock wedding much to the delight of the crowd and a category of upcycled garments made by locals Merinda Smith and Lenore Fairfield. The high tea and complimentary bubbles was a big hit with food prepared by the Festival Committee with assistance from Festival friends Jenny Gardiner and Norma Hurst. Thankyou to Wendy Perdon who donated the beautiful high tea sets for future community high tea events. Raffles and guess the weight of a parcel and guess the numbers of sweets in a jar were drawn. The Hall looked fabulous with pretty fabric bunting adorning the Hall and lace and vintage tablecloths and flowers on tables. The Festival Committee estimates \$2500 was made on the day.



**Tracey Moyle Made a Beautiful Bride
Accompanied by Bridal Party Attendants Coby Moyle and Riley**



**Libby Pardoe Strutting
Her Stuff In the Active
Wear Category**



**L to r Madeline and Elouise Griffin and Jessica Humphries Get
Ready to Model**



Lynne Mitchell Art Exhibition Opens



Experienced mixed media artist and printmaker Lynne Mitchell, a Ferguson Valley local, will be having a mini exhibition titled TIME CAPSULE in the studio gallery at Collie Art Gallery. This exhibition will run concurrently with the Collie Cash and Carry Exhibition in the main Gallery.

The Time Capsule exhibition will feature a selection of artworks from LynneArt studio archives and include a mixture of older and newer pieces, but with a common thread speaking of the passage of time in the landscape using a variety of media and printmaking techniques.

The Time Capsule Exhibition runs from Friday 6th September until Saturday 12th October, gallery opening times 10am -4pm Thursday to Monday.

Dardanup Lions Club News

A TEST OF YOUR LOCAL KNOWLEDGE.

QUESTION: Name a project run by the Dardanup Club in each of the following categories;

Health ___ Humanitarian ___ Helping recycling ___ Heritage ___
 Help ___ General Youth representing our town (dollars help for travel costs for sport)



Lions at our twice monthly meeting weighing up candidates for our support

We lost 5 members through attrition and gained 10.

ANSWERS

Children's vision screening, Aortic Aneurism screening – Cash to Flood victims relief fund ---Cans for cash, used eyeglasses collection --- Refurbishment of the war memorial with help of local & state governments - - - grants helping travel to state and national events for local riders and canoeist.

Phil Ottrey

Boyanup Farmers Market News

What a surprise, that so many people ventured out on probably one of the wettest days I have experienced in 5 years at the Boyanup Farmers Market. The puddles were popular with the children and even some stall holders too, playing in bare feet. Thank you for supporting our wonderful market.

Hayley of Carey Park was our lucky raffle winner who had previously won in 2022, so it has paid off being a loyal customer buying a ticket when she visits the market. Great prize to win with lots of goodies and vouchers donated by our stallholders.

We have some great new stalls including Skipworth Mushrooms, Gibson Country Style Jerky, The Good Goat, Chestnut Brae and Ge-Ge Juices and we are always looking for fresh produce stalls.

Our new produce bags have been popular and are for sale, only \$5.00 (less than cost price), available near the sausage sizzle.

Don't forget if you wish to order products prior to market day, contact our stall holders on social media or the markets and we can put you in touch with them. Market day is the 4th Sunday of each month, September's date is 22nd, hope to see you there.

Hayley from Carey Park
 with Her Boyanup Farmers Market Raffle Prize



Wespine Farewells Retiring MD Patrick Warrand

On Wednesday 31st July the Wespine team came together to farewell our much-loved and respected retiring Managing Director, Patrick Warrand (pictured left). Over a BBQ hot dog, we remembered the **many excellent achievements** as Patrick led Wespine and Staxa over the past seven years. We again thank Patrick for his service and commitment to Wespine. The strong safety culture and continual improvements over the last seven years are testament of his dedication and leadership. I'm sure the Dardanup community join us in wishing him well in his retirement. Charlie Perkins (pictured right), has commenced as Managing Director and **we're excited** about what lies ahead under his capable leadership.



EOI Shopper Bus

Dardanup Shire has asked me to gauge interest in having a "Shopper" bus from Dardanup to Eaton Fair, initially this will be on trial probably once a week for 6-7 weeks. I have been given a sheet to record: Name, Preferred Day and Time for bus and Contact Number.

If you are interested in this service could you contact me asap by either emailing patriciaenglish347@gmail.com, or mob 0421 458 274

. I have also left a record sheet at Dardanup Post Office and Library.

Pat English, President, Dardanup Senior Citizens

Brian Wells – A Life Well Lived

Brian Wells was born at St Rocks Hospital Bunbury on 12 May 1928 – his parents Elizabeth and Frank were living in Wellington Mills at the time.

When he was three his parents moved to a house in Teede St Bunbury as his father obtained work as a mechanic at Langhands Garage. His sister Sylvia had also been born by this time. The family moved from Bunbury to Dardanup in the early 1930's where his Dad worked on trucks, with the Main Roads and later the local Dardanup Roads Board(pre Dardanup Shire Council) and later buying a farm called Caringa on Recreation Rd, Dardanup in 1935.

Brian attended the Convent School in Dardanup from 1935 and all his school life he only had two teachers who were Sisters of Mercy; Sr M. Kieran and Sr M. Peter. He left school in the May holidays when he turned fourteen.

As his parents farm was close to Dardanup Brian used to walk to school each day and walking home for lunch each day. As a young lad Brian would help with the milking which was all done by hand before going to school and after school as well. He also helped in the house doing chores like washing up and laundry – boiling the copper and using the scubbing board. His mother suffered from dermatitis so was unable to put her hands in water.

After leaving school he helped run the dairy, growing vegetables and general jobs such as digging drains and clearing the land by hand with no means of mechanical help like today. Horse being the only mode for heavy work and the means of transport.

By 1940 Brian had a baby sister Connie and twin brothers Ron and Neil.

During the War years 1939-45 Brian contributed to the war effort by knitting scarves for the soldiers in the front, organising fundraising events such as dances and socials, training the children at the 2 schools in air raid drill as well as instructing them to observe strange planes in the sky and what to do if one appeared.

Brian joined the Voluntary Defence Corp at about the age of fifteen, being too young to join the Army. Later he joined to Air Training Corp or Airforce, learning to identify different planes.

Finally he was accepted for a period of two years in the Australian Navy as a Seaman serving in the South Pacific and Papua New Guinea. The war was over by that stage but ships were still being engaged in mine sweeps, blowing up mines when detected thus preventing damage to other ships in peace time. Brian was discharged from the Navy and came home to Dardanup and together with his Dad worked the farm and in 1949 he purchased Linden Farm with the help of his deferred Navy pay.

In 10 years he worked really hard on the farm getting it all ship shape with fencing completed and farm sheds built. On 30 January 1960 he married Gwen and together they continued farming, rearing calves and pigs later progressing to a milking machine. The milk was separated into cream and sent off to the factory in Bunbury by truck. Later a whole milk license was obtained and milk was picked up in cans by trucks and taken to the factory. Later still refrigerated vats were the go and milk tankers collected the milk directly from the farm. Brian retired from milking at 65 without any regrets.

Brian enjoyed his sport in between all the hard work on the farm travelling to towns a way off like Donnybrook and Bunbury to play cricket as well as coaching junior boys in cricket at Dardanup as part of the Bunbury competition. Brian was on many Committees in the Bunbury Cricket Assoc and was awarded Life Membership for his contributions to cricket in the SW. Brian was also Life Member of the Waterloo Cricket Club(pre Dardanup Cricket Club) and a member for many years.

Brian became Vice President of the Bunbury Hockey Assoc and was responsible for the juniors, taking boys to Narrogin carnivals and even to Tasmania. Eventually also serving as President of the Bunbury Hockey Assoc, responsible for many changes in the Assoc and receiving a Certificate of

Merit for his services.

Brian also played football for the Dardanup team travelling to neighbouring towns for games.

Badminton was enjoyed in the early years with Brian winning quite a few competitions, being the inaugural Secretary of the Dardanup Club and later on coaching and running for many years a night competition for the local juniors. Brian was awarded a Life Membership for his services to Badminton.

Brian also enjoyed many years in the Junior Farmers movement, being an inaugural member, excelling in the debating teams and being awarded Life Member. Brian won a trip to the Sydney Royal Show in 1953 as an outstanding Junior Farmer and in later years was an adult advisor to local Dardanup youth. Junior Farmers being the precursor to Rural Youth.

In addition to all his sporting activities he had time to bring up and nurture 10 children supporting them in all their sporting and school activities.

In 1983 Brian received the Australia Day Citizenship Award for outdancing contributions to the local community over the many years of his life in Dardanup. This award was presented to him in the Dardanup Hall by his Excellency the Governor Rear Admiral Sir Richard Trowbridge on behalf of the Dardanup Shire.

Brian was a self taught carpenter having little training but has been responsible for building and renovating many houses, sheds and dairy buildings. Brian always enjoyed wood craft in his workshop and helping his sons in any of their projects and business operations. Brian enjoyed farm life, be it fixing fences or growling at the cattle when they got out.

All in all Brian unconditionally loved all of his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren and was eager to help them out whenever he could, enjoyed all the family celebrations be it weddings, birthdays, sport events or new arrivals.

Brian and Gwen were married for 64 years and he was 96 when he passed away, still living at home on his farm at Dardanup.

Eds note; In 1955 when the Dardanup Hall was partially built the builder absconded. The community wouldn't be deterred and a 'Welfare Committee' was set up to find a way through and complete the hall construction. Brian was the Secretary of that Committee and they set about raising funds and completing the build. The following is an excerpt from the Dardanup Heritage Collective website with regards to the construction of the Dardanup Hall by the community.

"Brian personally spent many hours on the seemingly never-ending solid wandoo floor. The boards are 4.6 meters long and were only 65mm wide. He recalls "they needed to be drilled and then the nails could be hammered through to the joists, as wandoo is so hard". Even on the day of the opening Brian was frantically working to finish the floor with only a few hours to spare. His will to finish this beautiful floor had been driven by the determination to be the first to dance on it. That night at the opening Gala Ball as Jack Bartlett's 5-piece orchestra limbered up, Brian partnered with Gwen Harris, ready for the first music beat on which they stepped across the floor, indeed giving Brian his reward of 'being the first to dance a lap' upon his seeming nemesis, the dance floor. This floor remains one of the Halls finest features almost 70 years later."



Brian certainly loved Dardanup and our community has been better for all his years of service, in particular the work he did shaping our young people through his involvement in sport and community groups.

Thankyou to Gwen and the Wells family for sharing Brians life story

Dardanup Shire News

Concept Plans for Burekup, Dardanup Community Upgrades Available for Viewing From the Shire website

The Shire of Dardanup has unveiled comprehensive concept plans outlining proposed upgrades to the Burekup and Dardanup community precincts, marking a significant milestone following extensive community consultation.

Shire President Cr Tyrrell Gardiner said Council endorsed the final concept plans for the Burekup Community and Sporting Precinct upgrade and the Dardanup Community Cultural and Heritage Precinct upgrade at its June Ordinary Council Meeting.

Cr Gardiner said these concept plans will now serve as strategic roadmaps, outlining the future community facilities and projects aimed at enhancing local amenities.

"Council has actively engaged with both communities, incorporating valuable input from Working Groups and a recent community survey which garnered nearly 140 responses," Cr Gardiner said.

"Over the past few years, we have worked closely with residents to identify their priorities, particularly focusing on enhancing community amenities."

Cr Gardiner said both concept plans proposed new skate parks and pump tracks to provide local youth with recreational opportunities. "With the Burekup Cricket Club having more than 10 teams, including juniors and women's teams featured in the local competition, there are a lot of youth in the community and surrounding areas that will benefit from the precinct upgrades.

"The Burekup concept plan includes new changerooms and a functions facility in addition to the Burekup District County Club.

"The Dardanup concept plan celebrates the community's heritage with the proposed hall upgrades and related buildings, which also establishes facilities for youth.

"Refurbishing the Dardanup Hall will not only bring this community facility up to standard, but allow the hall to be the Shire's primary evacuation centre."

Cr Gardiner thanked all community members and Working Groups who contributed their insights into the development of these two concept plans.

"This feedback is instrumental in ensuring that these proposed upgrades align effectively with the evolving needs and aspirations of our community," Cr Gardiner said.

"The concept plans not only streamline strategic project planning but also aim to bolster advocacy efforts for securing necessary funding to bring these visions to fruition."

Dardanup Senior Citizens Inc News

Our AGM meeting was held today 20/8/24. Attendance 17, Apologies 6.

Maureen Ward was our Chairperson for the AGM.

President- Pat English, Vice President- Olive Kirkpatrick, Secretary- Revely Gardiner,

Treasurer- Pat Britza. Committee - Ann Kirkpatrick, Eunice Bailey, Alan Rowson & Robert Gardiner.

Our Guest Speakers were Deputy Shire President Ellen Lilly & Will Tuck from the Shire of Dardanup

Discussions were held about the possibility of a bus service between Dardanup & Eaton Fair. How many residents would use the service, type of bus to be suitable for the elderly residents? Residents are able to contact Pat English, see notice this edition.

A luncheon after our Meeting was enjoyed by members. A good opportunity to have a catch up.

Our next meeting is on the 17th September. Weather permitting a barbeque or Bingo at the Hall.

Revely Gardiner 0408833761

Vale

Peter Jas; sincere sympathy to sons Steven and Matt. Peter was a past Dardanup Shire Assistant Clerk and local volunteer bushfire brigade member for many years

Amelia Kalaf; ex longtime Dardanup resident, life member of the Dardanup Residents Assoc, strong advocate for Dardanup, sincere sympathy to Nick and family

Congratulations to

The Shire of Dardanup Youth Advisory Group has been named as a finalist in the WA Youth Awards

"The YAG actively plan and organise events to improve the quality of life for young people in the Shire of Dardanup. This nomination is a well-deserved acknowledgement of their commitment and hard work in fostering a supportive and engaged community for their peers. We are incredibly lucky to have such fantastic youth showing outstanding leadership in our community." **Comments attributed to Member for Collie-Preston Jodie Hanns MLA**

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St Johns 1st Aid Course – Take 2

Not enough takers for the course in July has meant we have rescheduled to warmer weather!

Mary Smith, Dardanup and Districts Residents Assoc Committee member has rescheduled the a St Johns 1st Aid Course to be held on **Tues 29/Wed 30 October** of an evening at the Wells Recreation Park Clubrooms. Cost per person - \$190. Time - 5:30pm -9:30pm.

If you are interested could you please register with Mary as places will be limited. Its very important that members of our community have 1st aid training when we are some distance from medical assistance. The DDRA is subsidising the cost to bring the St Johns trainer to Dardanup.

Register with Mary by emailing smithpm@iinet.net.au



The last two months have been busy. July brought the finalisation of our membership renewals and the subsequent updating of the Ferguson Valley tourist map and brochure. Printing of the updated

documents is underway and we expect to have them ready for distribution by early September.

We have begun to look at securing another batch of Ferguson Valley number plates. The original batch of 100 plates has almost gone with just a handful of numbers remaining. There is a steady stream of enquiries about the distinctive green and white FV plates which are a great way to support our fabulous valley. Ebony Harding (marketing@fergusonvalley.net.au) is the key contact for these number plates.

Gnomesville had a steady stream of visitors over the school holidays. Volunteer availability has been boosted by helpers from the Dardanup Primary School P&C. We are also looking forward to volunteers from the Wellington Mills Citizen Association also joining the team. The pop up continues to be busy and is proving very effective in welcoming day trippers and directing them to Dardanup township, the valley for food and drinks and to tourist hot spots within the region.



Sue Williams and Breanna Welsh Manning the Pop Up

The Lost and Found Festival 2024 has gone live on Facebook with 50 venues and 25 events running across 3 days. Additionally, several more events and locations are promised but not yet booked in. Tickets for this very popular event are already selling so please don't wait, you might be disappointed as numbers are limited. The Festival date is October 12-13th and you can find the festival schedule at www.Lostandfoundfestival.com.au

Another date for your diary is the Ferguson Valley Marketing Annual General Meeting on the 19th September. Details for the AGM will be finalised and circulated shortly. If you are interested in assisting the Board to grow the marketing presence across the Shire and beyond we would welcome your nomination for the Board. The Board meets every third Thursday of the month for about 2 hours and we would be very happy to have you join us and share your ideas and suggestions.

A big shout out to Dardanup Removals. Will, Jasmine and their team continue to go out of their way to help the Visitor Centre pick up stock orders from Perth. Dardanup Removals did another fantastic job for us in July and FVMB cannot thank them enough for their cheerful help and support.

Dardanup will be hosting more than 150 interstate visitors on Saturday 19 October as part of the 44th National Conference of the Sydney-based Australian Garden History Society (AGHS) being held in Bunbury. As part of their coach tour, they will be visiting Dianne Webster's garden at Crooked Brook (containing hard to find species as well as trees of historical interest) as well as stopping in Dardanup for several hours for lunch at the Dardanup Hall and exploring the town at their leisure.

This visit is a wonderful opportunity for Dardanup to showcase its heritage. Jenny Gardiner and the ladies from St Adian's Church will be co-ordinating and serving lunch. Thomas Little Hall will be open and the Visitors Centre will be staffed with three volunteers as well as Margaret Giumelli with her deep knowledge of Dardanup history. We anticipate the Historical Society and Rose Society will be represented on the day as well.

This is a wonderful opportunity for Dardanup township and we are endeavouring to get media coverage of this event. Additional volunteers on the day would be appreciated so if you can be available to help set up and/or pack away after the lunch, please contact Sue Williams on 041 883 4455.

For our local gardeners, the full three-day conference starts on Friday 18th October 2024 and continues on Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th October. The conference format consists of morning lectures which will explore the cultural landscape of the Bunbury region followed by afternoon coach tours to regional historic venues and gardens. The conference is open to all and conference details can be found at <https://www.gardenhistorysociety.org.au/product/aghs-conference-registration-2024/>

Until next month....

Sue Williams – Chair, Ferguson Valley Marketing Inc.

Catholic Parish of Dardanup~Boyanup

An outdoor evening Mass commemorating

All Souls Day will be held in the Dardanup Pioneer Cemetery on Saturday 2nd November at 5.30 pm

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Family Stem Challenge 2024 – Anything but a Backpack

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Care, Respect, Responsibility

The Children's Book Council of Australia is a non-profit organisation that aims to enrich young lives through Australian stories. Book Week celebrates Australian authors and illustrators. Each year the Children's Book Council creates a theme for Book Week. This year's theme is Reading is Magic. Our students were inspired by the books they had read and dressed as characters to celebrate Book Week.





Gardening with Wink

September is the second month of the Noongar season *Djilba* and as the month rolls on cool nights and mornings make way for warmer, sunny days. The wildflower show begins and in the garden we need to

Prepare ourselves for an invasion of weeds, pests and an overwhelming urge to plant...

Spring sunshine makes the garden smile and thankfully the recent rains mean we can plan our summer gardens with more confidence. The soil is still a bit cold, so I find it useful to take my cues from the garden. Self sown annual and perennials (Chicory, Calendula, Borage, Silverbeet etc.) begin to pop up when the conditions are right. If the self sown ones happen to be in the wrong spot, I simply transplant while they are still small and water them in with a seaweed tonic to reduce transplant shock.

There are plenty of online guides on *when to plant what* in your garden, however it is useful to note that there are timing differences within our region. Bunbury is generally 6 weeks later than Perth, with Dardanup and the Ferguson another 2 weeks later again. If you are prone to frost, then keep an eye out for the overnight forecast and be prepared to protect new plantings from late frosts and cold snaps. Use frost cloth, cloches or even upturned pots. More than once I have been the crazy plant lady out in the garden at night, headlamp on, putting frost protection over my tender seedlings ;)

Take the opportunity while you wait for warmer weather to get a few jobs in the garden.

Weeds, glorious weeds... We all have them and with a bit of warm weather they will start to appear everywhere! The old adage is "One year of seeds equals seven years of weeds" so try to get on top of them now before they go to seed. Why not utilise them to create home grown, low-cost fertility! You can make weed tea, build compost piles or simply feed them to your chooks *Greens equal yellow yolks*. A great way to reduce your workload is to sheet mulch, smother the weeds with a thick layer of wet newspaper or cardboard and mulch over the top. The weeds die down and compost in-situ.

Uninvited guests... As the weather warms up we often see an influx of pests such as caterpillars, snails, slugs, moths and aphids. Don't be too hasty with the sprays, often a small container of soapy water or a gloved hand (squishing) are better, safer and cheaper options.

Be Prepared. We expect a lot from our plot, growing vegies requires fertile soil so add compost, manures, blood & bone, rock dust etc where necessary. Check the wetting ability and pH levels if you have had difficulty growing recently. Now is the time to make all the necessary amendments for an abundant summer crop and to ensure you avoid problems such as blossom end rot. Make the most of your growing area by including some vertical space. Beans, cucumbers, zucchini and pumpkins can all be trained on a trellis. They can give you shade and a crop - *Win, Win!* Installing the trellis structures prior to planting limits root damage and having some ideas for creating shade will save you time and heart-ache mid summer.

Growing your own is a great way to save money but it is important to be clever with your space and crop choices. Self sufficiency is a term often only used for people who grow most or all of what they need - however

this is rarely possible and a huge amount of work!! Instead, perhaps we should look for one or two things that we could be self sufficient with - for example Herbs and/or Salad greens. Could you grow enough of these so you didn't need to buy them? They take up very little space, can be grown in pots and give you value for money. Rationalise what you grow. Whether you are limited with space, time or water you can still grow some of your own food and save money. Fruit trees are a bit of a luxury, they require a good amount of space and water only cropping over a fairly short period. If you are limited on space but still keen to grow trees in a pot then a Lemon or Lime is a good choice, as they are expensive to buy in the shops.

Are you keen to have tomatoes for Christmas? Well now is the time to get organised! Selecting the right variety can make a big difference. Not all varieties have a decent yield so it is worth doing a bit of homework on the varieties you are keen to plant. When planting from seed take note of the number of days to harvest. My favourite early maturing red variety is 'Stupice' as it starts fruiting at 50-60 days from transplant and I am also trialling another early variety 'Kotlas' this year. Pink Egg and Apollo, Sweetie and Black Cherry are other early varieties at 65 days. You still have time to plant seeds (indoors) for these or you can speed up the process by purchasing seedlings. The small 6-8 punnet types are usually 4-6 weeks old and the potted ones about 8-10 weeks. They generally get a bit of a shock when you plant them out and may take a week or two to settle in. Mid fruiting varieties (70-80 days) include Tommy toe, Black Russian, Mortgage Lifter and Amish Paste. The latest fruiting ones are generally the Beefsteaks and sauce making varieties such as Gross Lisse and Roma (80 days as a seedling and 100 days from seed!) If you are limited on space, I would suggest growing a Cherry type as they have high yields (10kgs +) over a long period and the best disease resistance.

Itching to get planting... Be mindful of the soil temperature and if you can wait until next month to plant out summer crops...

What can I plant in September?

Leafy crops - Amaranth, Lettuce, Mustard, Silverbeet, Choi Sum, Gai Lan, Mibuna, Mizuna, Pak Choy, Fennel, Celery, Watercress, Purslane, Rocket, French Cress, Sorrel, NZ spinach, Chicory, Endive, Cabbage, Chinese cabbage, Corn Salad **Brassicas** - Cabbage, Kale, Spinach **Roots & onions** - Beetroot, Radish, Kohlrabi, Carrot, Parsnip, Salsify, Scorzoneria, Turnip, Celeriac, Daikon, Potato, Leeks, Spring Onions, Jerusalem Artichokes **Legumes** - Broad Beans, Dwarf beans, Climbing beans, Snow peas, Asparagus pea **Curcubits** - Cucumber **Herbs** - Globe Artichoke, Asparagus, Basil, Buckwheat, Coriander, Strawberry plants, Dill, Borage, Nasturtium, Oregano, Sage, Cape Gooseberry, Mint, Tarragon, Lemon Balm, Edible Chrysanthemum, Parsley, Rhubarb, Rosemary, Summer savoury, Fennel, Horseradish **In the Greenhouse** - Capsicum, Chilli, Eggplant, Luffa, Tomato, Tomatillo, Sunflower, Rockmelon, Pumpkin, Watermelon, Zucchini

Happy Gardening!

The next Sustainable Living Workshop is on Thursday 12/9/24 at the Dardanup Hall. **Topic 3 in the Homesteading Series: Maximising your garden harvests**

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Dardanup Veterinary Centre News

Pet Health Tips for Traveling around Australia

Traveling with pets in Australia can be rewarding but requires extra vigilance due to specific health risks. Here's a concise guide to keeping your furry friends safe:

1. **Parvovirus:** This severe viral illness affects dogs and can be fatal. Ensure your dog's vaccinations are up-to-date and avoid high-traffic dog areas.
2. **Leptospirosis:** Spread through contaminated water or soil, this bacterial disease can be serious. Avoid stagnant water and ensure vaccinations are current.
3. **Heartworm:** Transmitted by mosquitoes, heartworm is common in Australia. Use preventative medications as advised by your vet.
4. **Ticks:** Ticks can transmit diseases like Tick Paralysis. Use tick preventatives, check your pet regularly for ticks, and avoid grassy or wooded areas.
5. **Fleas:** Fleas are prevalent and can cause itching. Use flea prevention treatments and check your pet frequently.
6. **Heatstroke:** Australian heat can be intense. Provide fresh water, avoid walking during peak heat, and ensure your pet has a shaded area.

7. **Snakes:** Australia is home to various venomous snakes, including red bellied black snakes, black whip snakes and tiger snakes plus many more. Keep pets on a leash, avoid tall grass, and be cautious in snake-prone areas. If your pet is bitten, seek immediate veterinary help.

Ehrlichia: Ehrlichia is a bacteria that is passed on by infected ticks. Mostly found in tropical and subtropical regions. It has been confirmed in dogs found in the Pilbara, Gascoyne and Northern Goldfields of WA. Ehrlichia causes symptoms of a fever, lethargy, swollen lymph nodes and more. The chronic form of ehrlichia can be fatal. Check your pets regularly for ticks and keep up to date with your tick preventatives.

Travel Tips:

- **Pre-Travel Vet Check:** Confirm vaccinations and overall health.
- **Parasiticides:** Ensure your pet is up to date with flea, tick and worming treatment before travelling. Consider using a flea and tick collar.
- **Pack Essentials:** Include food, water, medications, and a first-aid kit.
- **Local Vet Contacts:** Know the contact information for nearby vet clinics.
- **Identification:** Ensure your pet has a microchip or ID tag.

By staying prepared and informed, you can help ensure a safe and enjoyable trip for both you and your pet.

Shire of Dardanup Events

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

Tronox Spring Out

The Shire of Dardanup is thrilled to announce the return of Tronox Spring Out!

Tronox Spring Out is returning to the Eaton Foreshore, Sunday 20 October, 9.30am – 12.30pm.

As always, Tronox Spring Out is absolutely FREE!

Dardanup Hall

Thursday, 12 September, 10:00am – 11:30am

Toddler Time: Stories, Songs and Smiles

No Bookings required, just come along!

Eaton Community Library (0-5 years)

Thursday, 5, 12 & 19 September 9:30am – 10:00am

Little Jigglers*

Bookings essential.

Dardanup Hall

Monday, 2 & 16 September, 9:30am – 10am

Burekup Hall

Monday 9 September, 9:30am – 10am

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. This month we will look at the different records around Australia that are held by the different State and Federal governments and how you can access them to find where and when your family lived. Book now!

Eaton Community Library (Adults)

Thursday 19 September, 5:30pm – 7pm



Dardanup Community Choir

7pm Mondays at the
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Helen Humphreys | 0422 095 870 | hkhumphs@gmail.com

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME



Mahjong

2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month.
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Contact Revelly Gardiner 0408833761

Regional Pensioner Travel Card Info

The Regional Pensioner Travel Card provides eligible pensioners with up to **\$675.00 a year towards the cost of fuel and/or taxi travel** from participating providers, offering more support for the transport needs of pensioners living in regional areas.

The Regional Pensioner Travel Card is funded by the State Government and administered by the Department of Transport.

Who is eligible to apply for a Regional Pensioner Travel Card?

To be eligible for a Regional Pensioner Travel Card, you must be:

Receiving a [Centrelink](#) (link is external) Age Pension, Carer Payment, Disability Support Pension, or a Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) Service Pension, Social Security Age Pension or Income Support Supplement; and living in an eligible regional location.

How to apply for a Regional Pensioner Travel Card (new recipients)
Obtain a Regional Pensioner Travel Card application form from participating Australia Post offices.

1. Present your Centrelink or Department of Veterans' Affairs Pension Card when submitting your application form at the participating post office.
2. Your name and addresses (residential and postal) on the application form must match your Centrelink or Department of Veterans' Affairs' record. Submit your application form to the post office attendant by 15 May of each year. Note: For administrative purposes, applications are closed and cannot be accepted or processed between 31 May and 30 June each year.

What's on In Dardanup

- 33 September – Mens Welfare Group – 2pm at Wells Rec Park Clubroom
- 6 September – Ferguson Hall Sundowner, “Curries Around the World” 6pm, see poster this edition
- 6 September – Crooked Brook Forest BYO Casserole night, J/CB fire shed, 0417 948 913
- 6 September – Lynne Mitchells art exhibition opens, see details this edition
- 7 September – High Tea in the Valley, see save the date poster on back page
- 12 September - Sustainable Living Workshop, 10am-11.30am at the Dardanup Hall - Topic 3 in the Homesteading Series: Maximising your garden harvests. Bookings essential ph: 9724000 or on the Shire website dardanup.wa.gov.au/events
- 11 September - Dardanup Bull and Barrel Festival meeting, 7.00pm at Wells Rec Park Clubrooms
- 11 September – Mahjong at the Shire office, Little St 1.30-3.30. Beginners welcome
- 17 September - Mens Welfare Group – 2pm at Wells Rec Park Clubrooms
- 17 September– Dardanup Seniors meeting, 9.30am at Wells Rec Park Clubrooms
- 22 September - Boyanup Farmers Market, 8am
- 25 September - Mahjong at the Shire office, Little St 1.30-3.30. Beginners welcome
- 5 October – Dardanup Bull and Barrel Festival
- 12-13 October – Lost and Found Festival
- 20 October – Tronox Spring Out Festival, 9.30-12.30
- 29/30 October – St Johns 1st Aid Course in Dardanup, see info this edition

If you have an event to add
please email
jill.cross@bigpond.com

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 Environmental Action Group – 1st Tuesday of the month, 5.30pm, contact Sec for further details 0418 281 201
- 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 Aidsan 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- Please get in touch with the Secretary for meeting details. Gina 0407238485
- 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 Revely 0408 833 761

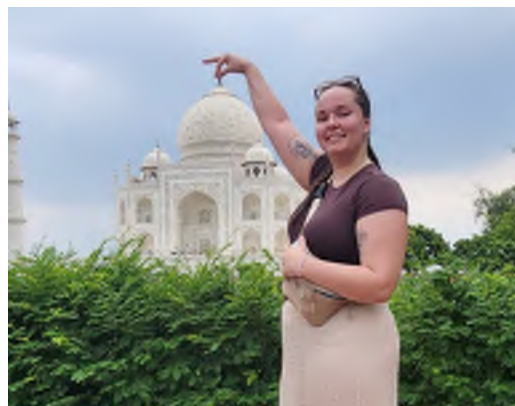
Elavina's Amazing Trip to India

Hi, my name is Elavina Williams and you may know me as an singer/songwriter/guitarist who has performed at the Dardanup Bull and Barrel and at many venues and festivals in Western Australia.

Yes surprise...I don't study music at university. If you didn't already know I am in my final year of a double degree studying Forensics and Biomedicine.

As my part of my Forensic studies at Murdoch University I applied for a New Colombo plan to join 9 other students and the world's leading Forensic Entomologist Paola Magni, on a trip to India to learn about the advances in AI technologies and fingerprint analysis. The trip went for two weeks and we were hosted by Geeta University in the small town of Panipat, about 2 hours north of Delhi. Here we learnt about the new studies commencing at the University and how the Forensics Sector works in India. As well as lots of study, we were deeply immersed in the culture. We visited countless local temples, ate the most amazing food and got to meet all the incredible people that call India home. One of the highlights of the trip for myself as a Forensic student was being able to visit the mortuary and watch a post mortem examination being done, which is something I would not have the opportunity to do here with my level of experience.

To finish off the trip we stayed for a few days in the Capital city of Delhi and visited local markets, ate plenty of food and even visited the Taj Mahal. The Taj Mahal is located a few hours out of Delhi in a place call Agra and I can tell you that it is just as amazing in real life as in photos. It truly was a sight to be seen and something I will never forget. I would never have thought of going to India myself, but after this incredible experience I would definitely return, however not in the monsoon season though!



Eds note; thanks Elavina for sharing your interesting story with us and you will be seeing Elavina performing at the Festival this year



Remi McKenzie
With Her Special Dinosaur

Dardanup Playgroup News

****Join Us for Fun and Creativity!****

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We are excited to invite you and your little ones to our weekly playgroup sessions, where creativity and outdoor fun come together! Join us every Wednesday during school terms from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM at the Dardanup Community Centre, located on Little Street.

****What's Been Happening this month?****

****Ink Painting Crafts:**** We have Unleashed the kids creativity with our ink painting activities. We provide all the materials, and children had the opportunity to explore their artistic side while creating beautiful and unique pieces of art.

****Outdoor Play:**** we have enjoyed fresh air and let the kids burn off some energy with our fun outdoor activities. Our play area is perfect for running, climbing, and making new friends.

We look forward to seeing you and your little ones at our next session. Don't forget to bring a piece of fruit to share and come down for a play.

Warm regards, The Dardanup Playgroup Team



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Leila Cooper 0418 247 780

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WE ARE ALSO LOOKING FOR NEW SPONSORS TO THE CLUB
SO WE CAN SUPPORT OUR NEW JUNIOR TEAM AND BUILD
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