

Shire News

Shire of Dardanup Newsletter

Christmas hours, bin collections info

The Shire of Dardanup wishes its residents a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year!

Please be advised of the following Christmas/New Year opening hours:

Eaton and Dardanup

Administration Centres:

Closed from 12pm noon on Tuesday, 24 December 2024 and reopens on Monday, 6 January 2025.

Eaton Community Library and Dardanup Public Library:

Closed from 12pm noon on Tuesday, 24 December 2024 and reopens on Monday, 6 January 2025.

Eaton Recreation Centre:

Centre and Reception:

Closed from 6pm Friday, 20 December 2024 and reopens on Thursday, 2 January 2025.

Gym access: The 24-hour Gym and Cycle Studio will remain open for members only.

Group Fitness: The last day of Group Fitness Classes will be on Friday, 20 December 2024. The regular Group Fitness timetable will recommence on Thursday, 2 January 2025.

Please note, our Ranger Services will operate on an on-call basis only.



The Shire of Dardanup will close from 12 noon Tuesday, 24 December 2024 and reopen on Monday, 6 January 2025.



Waste Transfer Station and Recycling Centre (Banksia Road, Dardanup):

Open as usual on normal trading days and hours, excluding Public Holidays.

Rubbish Collection Service:

Waste and recycling collections due Wednesday to Friday on the week of Christmas and again on the week of New Year's will be shifted back a day.

Collections due on Wednesday, 25 December will occur on Thursday, 26 December.

Collections due on Thursday, 26 December will occur on Friday, 27 December.

Collections due on Friday, 27 December will occur on Saturday, 28 December.

Collections due on Wednesday, 1 January will occur on Thursday, 2 January.

Collections due on Thursday, 2 January will occur on Friday, 3 January.

Collections due on Friday, 3 January will occur on Saturday, 4 January.

For all waste collection enquiries during the Christmas/New Year break please contact Veolia on 1800 260 033.

Updates:

Prohibited Burning Period

The Shire of Dardanup's Prohibited Burning Period has started. In accordance with the Bush Fires Act, the Prohibited Burning Period started on 15 December 2024 and will run until 14 March 2025 (subject to change based on seasonal conditions). This means all burning in the open is strictly prohibited during this time to help protect our community from bushfire risks.

Sign up to SMS notifications

The Shire is here to help you stay safe and in the know! Sign up for our FREE SMS Notification Service to receive instant updates on Total Fire Bans, Harvest and Vehicle Movement Bans, and Restricted/Prohibited Burning Periods. As soon as a ban is declared, you'll get an SMS sent straight to your phone — easy and hassle-free! How to Subscribe: Email your details to records@dardanup.wa.gov.au or call Ranger Services on (08) 9724 0307.

Stay safe on the roads

As a proud RoadWise council, the Shire urges everyone to prioritise road safety during the busy holiday season. Whether you're traveling near or far, take extra care by planning your journey, avoiding distractions, and staying alert behind the wheel. Let's work together to ensure all road users can enjoy a safe and joyful festive season. Remember, road safety starts with you!

FOGO collection changes

The Shire was notified by Bunbury Harvey Regional Council recently that its Banksia Road Organics Processing Facility is temporarily unable to accept FOGO due to capacity and contamination issues. FOGO collection days remain unchanged; however, waste will be diverted to landfill for now. The Shire is committed to working with BHRC to resolve the issues. Stay tuned!

Shire welcomes \$76 million pledge for emergency management

The Shire of Dardanup has welcomed the Nationals WA's \$76 million election commitment to improve emergency management services for local governments.

This includes a \$56.7 million commitment to the Local Government Grants Scheme and a proposed \$20 million allocation over four years to expand the Community Emergency Service Manager (CESM) Program.

The pledge will fund upgrades to fire stations, State Emergency Service (SES) facilities, and additional staffing to support critical emergency management functions, including the creation of 27 new CESM positions, which will serve 54 local government areas through funding from the Emergency Services Levy.

Shire of Dardanup President Cr Tyrrell Gardiner said that such a funding boost would be significant step forward for communities reliant on volunteer brigades and emergency services.



The Shire of Dardanup President Cr Tyrrell Gardiner (left) with Leader of The Nationals WA Shane Love MLA (centre) and Dardanup Chief Bush Fire Control Officer Chris Hynes.

"This commitment is vital for ensuring our State's dedicated volunteers have the resources and support they need to keep our community safe," Cr Gardiner said.

"Since 2019 the Shire has requested a Community Emergency Service Manager, only to be declined due to insufficient funding. This has left us relying on ratepayer contributions to fill the gap.

"We are open to sharing a CESM with a neighbouring Shire, as we understand the importance of a consistent and coordinated approach to emergency management across local governments.

The Shire already shares a Bushfire Risk Mitigation Coordinator with neighbouring local governments, an arrangement that has proven successful. Cr Gardiner expressed optimism that the CESM program could adopt a similar collaborative model.

Cr Gardiner said the Shire commended the Nationals WA for recognising the need for additional support and urged other parties to follow suit.

"This funding will ensure local governments can have a dedicated CESM supported by the State Government, rather than relying solely on ratepayers," he said.

"It's a fantastic commitment, and we look forward to seeing a similar focus on this from all political parties."

Meeting dates for 2025

The Shire's 2025 Ordinary Council Meetings will be held on the following Wednesdays at 5pm.

29 January	23 July
26 February	27 August
26 March	25 Sept (Thurs)
23 April	19 October
21 May	19 November
25 June	17 December

The Bush Fire Advisory Committee and the Audit and Risk Committee meetings will be held on the following Wednesdays:

Bush Fire Advisory Committee, Wednesdays, 7pm:

12 March	8 October
11 June	

Audit and Risk Committee, Wednesdays, 2pm:

12 March	10 September
11 June	10 December

The Annual Electors meeting will be held 29 January, 6pm.

A Special Council Meeting will be held for the adoption of the Draft Annual Budget at 5pm, 28 May.



Movies by Moonlight Friday, 17 January 2025

Glen Huon Oval, Eaton, 6.30pm-9.30pm:

A special outdoor screening of the iconic Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone. Bring a picnic or grab a bite to eat from the food trucks. Prizes for best dressed characters.

Summer Serenade Friday, 14 February 2025

Carramar Park, Dardanup, 5.30pm-7.30pm:

Live performances from Clay Mildwaters, Tracey Barnett, and Australian Idol finalist, Pheobe Stewart. Bring a picnic or grab dinner from the food trucks. Craft activities too.

X5 Academy Parkour Monday, 13 January 2025

Burkeup Oval, 9.30am-11.30am:

Perfect for kids and teens looking to learn the coolest Parkour tricks. Led by pro coaches and featuring a mix of games, performances and workshops.

Scouts Family Fun Day Monday, 20 January 2025, 9.30am-11.30am Eaton Foreshore

Bring the whole family down for a morning of exciting activities. Challenge yourselves with obstacle courses, knot tying and team problem solving tasks.



With more than 15 free-to-attend events happening in a park near you, scan the QR or jump onto our Summer Series website for more information.



Whitey's Family Fishing Clinic Sunday, 23 February, 9am-11am Eaton Foreshore

Find out all the best tips and tricks in fishing from the teams at Whitey's Tackle and Camping. Discover your perfect cast at this land-based fishing clinic.

Yoga with Gyani Wednesday, 22 January (Eaton Foreshore), 6pm-7.15pm Saturday, 15 February (Carramar Park), 9am-10.15am

Feel the fresh air and good vibes as you flow through this all-abilities yoga class, designed to promote relaxation.

Try Tabata (bookings required) Tuesday, 28 January, 5.15pm-6.15pm Eaton Recreation Centre

Come along to this beginner friendly HIIT exercise class. Meet our trainers, get tips and enjoy a free workshop.

Storytime in the Park Thursday, 19 December 2024, 10am-10.45am (Eaton Foreshore) Thursday, 27 February 2025, 10am-10.45am (Carramar Park, Dardanup)

Enjoy a magical morning with Coreene the Fairy singing songs, sharing exciting stories and sensory play.

Teddy Bears Picnic Thursday, 23 January, 10am-11am Cadell Park, Eaton

Enjoy a Teddy Bears Picnic with games, a teddy bear hunt and lots of fun. Bring a picnic rug and snacks.

Explore more programs at the Eaton Library:

- Tech Bytes.
- Crafty Corner.
- Lego Club.
- Toddler Time.
- After School Art Club.
- Late Night Library.

