

Shire News

Shire of Dardanup Newsletter



Young Community Citizen of the Year Award Winner 2024, Kiara Roworth surrounded by family and friends after receiving her award at last year's Australia Day event at Eaton.

Australia Day fun at three events

The Shire of Dardanup invites residents to come together to reflect, respect, and celebrate by participating in one of three local breakfast events on Australia Day, 26 January.

These events, supported by the Australian Government through a grant from the National Australia Day Council, are organised and run by dedicated volunteers.

Shire President Cr Tyrrell Gardiner said Australia Day provides an opportunity for unity and celebration.

"This day allows us to reflect on our shared journey, respect the diverse stories that shape our nation, and celebrate our achievements, culture, and the people who make our communities strong," Cr Gardiner said.

"The Shire is proud to support local organisations and clubs hosting breakfast events.

I want to thank these groups for their hard work and passion in creating meaningful celebrations for our residents.

"For a gold coin donation, community members can enjoy a delicious breakfast to kick-start the day."

Cr Gardiner said the Eaton event will feature a special Citizenship Ceremony, where seven new residents will be officially welcomed to the Shire of Dardanup, marking the beginning of their journey as Australian citizens.

The event will include the Community Citizen of the Year Awards, honouring individuals and groups who have made outstanding contributions to the Shire.

Events details - Dardanup: Carramar Park. Breakfast starts at 8am. Entertainment: Choir, live music, bouncy castle, and games for the kids.

Organised by: Dardanup Lions and the Dardanup & Districts Residents Association.

Burekup: Burekup Country Club Outdoor Area. Breakfast starts at 7.30am. Entertainment: Music, face painter, bouncy castle, and magician. Organised by: Burekup Country Club.

Eaton: Eaton Foreshore, Pratt Road. Breakfast commences at 7.30am. Presentations: Citizenship Ceremony, WA Community Citizen of the Year Awards. Entertainment: Live music, Old McDonald's Animal Farm, face painters, bouncy castle, and magician. Organised by: Eaton Lions Club.

A gold coin donation is requested for breakfast at each event.

Attendees are encouraged to bring reusable cutlery, cups, plates, and a picnic rug or chair to promote a sustainable celebration.

Updates:

Community grants open

Do you have an exciting project idea for your community group or sporting club, but need funding to make it happen? The Shire's Community and Event Grants are open until 10 February. The funding supports projects that activate public spaces, build community skills, and promote inclusivity. Visit our Grants page for details or contact Kylie Tucker on (08) 9724 0000 for assistance.

Dardanup tree maintenance

The Shire of Dardanup will soon conduct essential maintenance on the gum trees outside the Dardanup Office to address safety concerns. The work will involve minor pruning by a trusted local contractor, and will be overseen on-site by the Shire's Parks and Environment Supervisor. These efforts aim to ensure the trees remain safe, healthy, and preserved as part of our community's heritage. For more information contact the Shire.

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.

Community survey coming

The Shire's 2025 Community Scorecard Survey launches in early February, and we're inviting you to have your say! This is your chance to rate the Shire's performance over the past two years and guide our future priorities. Look out for hard copies in your mailbox or complete the survey online. Your feedback is essential in helping us meet the needs of our community. Stay tuned for more info on our website and socials.

Exciting changes happening at Eaton Recreation Centre

The Shire of Dardanup is pleased to announce refurbishment works at the Eaton Recreation Centre are underway.

These long-anticipated upgrades will refresh the main changerooms, toilets, and showers, improving the centre's facilities for all users.

The project is expected to take about three months and the Shire appreciates everyone's patience during the works.

Temporary access arrangements

During the refurbishment period, the main changerooms and universal access toilets will be unavailable.

Instead, members and visitors will use the east end changerooms and toilets, which have been equipped with 24/7 access to ensure convenience outside the Centre's staffed hours.



Refurbishment works are underway at the Eaton Recreation Centre. They are expected to take about three months.

Entry to the temporary facilities will be through an internal door on the courtside of the gym. Security measures including sensors and upgraded CCTV will be in place to manage security.

Members are reminded to scan their cards individually and refrain from allowing others to enter.

What to expect from the refurbishment
The works will deliver a refreshed and modernised experience, including:

- Upgraded changerooms, showers, and toilets.
- Improved accessibility, with universal accessible toilets access shifted to hallways outside the main toilets.
- Removal of the existing wall in the entry to enhance the space's functionality.

These upgrades are part of the Shire of Dardanup's commitment to providing high-quality, accessible facilities for the community.

We appreciate your patience and understanding during this time and look forward to unveiling the improved facilities soon. Please stay tuned for updates as the project progresses.

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
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. All welcome.

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.



Scouts Family Fun Day

Monday, 20 January 2025

Eaton Foreshore, 9.30am-11.30am

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

Whitey's Family Fishing Clinic

Sunday, 23 February

Eaton Foreshore, 9am-11am

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



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.

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

Eaton Recreation Centre, 5.15pm-6.15pm

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

Storytime in the Park

Thursday, 27 February 2025

Carramar Park, Dardanup, 10am-10.45am

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

Teddy Bears Picnic

Thursday, 23 January

Cadell Park, Eaton, 10am-11am

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.

