

# Shire News

Shire of Dardanup Newsletter

## MARKYT Community Scorecard



### What do you need in the Shire of Dardanup?

Complete a scorecard today

# More time to have your say: survey

Residents have until this Friday, 21 March to complete the MARKYT Community Scorecard, with the Shire of Dardanup extending the deadline to give more people the chance to share their feedback.

The biennial Community Satisfaction Survey, conducted by independent research company CATALYSE, is an important opportunity for residents to rate the Shire's performance over the past two years and help shape future priorities.

Shire of Dardanup President Cr Tyrrell Gardiner encouraged all residents to take part.

"We know we have a passionate and informed community that wants to see the Shire be a great place to live, work, invest, play, and learn — so we're asking them to tell us what they think," Cr Gardiner said.

"It only takes about five minutes to complete the scorecard, and you can do so online or by filling out the survey that was delivered to your mailbox.

Hard copies are also available at our Council offices and libraries in Eaton and Dardanup, the Eaton Recreation Centre, the Burekup General Store, and the Dardy Café and Convenience Store."

With over 500 responses so far, the Shire is halfway to reaching the 1,000-plus responses received in 2023. The results led to the adoption of key initiatives, as well as expanded program offerings such as the successful Digital Connections program for seniors.

Scan the above QR code today!

### Updates:

#### Calling all young creators

Are you a budding inventor, artist, or tech enthusiast? We're looking for local youth to showcase their creations at the Mick Bennett Make-It Space during YouthFest on 12 April. This Showcase of Possibilities is your chance to exhibit anything from 3D printed objects, textiles, and laser-cut items to digital animations, computer games, and media productions. Email [make-it-space@dardanup.wa.gov.au](mailto:make-it-space@dardanup.wa.gov.au)

#### Free Cyber Aware program

Join our FREE Cyber Aware Program (CAP) to enhance your cyber awareness, recognise potential threats, and protect your personal information. Starting 17 March-28 April, the program runs every Monday from 1-2.30pm at the Eaton Community Library. For all ages and led by experts from IT Black Spot. Learn how to manage online risks, identify and avoid scams, strengthen your online security, and be safe on the internet.

#### Pratt Road works in March

Road works on Pratt Road, between Bobin Street and Foster Street in Eaton, are planned to start 24 March. The closure is anticipated to last around three weeks and will include upgrades to pedestrian ramps, improvements to crossing points, and the construction of a drop-off bay in front of the Eaton Bowling Club and Senior Citizens Centre. Detours will be in place to help minimise disruptions. We appreciate your patience.

#### Prohibited burning period

The Shire's Prohibited Burning Period has been extended by two weeks until midnight on Friday, 28 March, in accordance with the Bush Fires Act. This extension is necessary to help protect our community from the heightened risk of bushfires. This means all burning in the open is strictly prohibited. This includes burning garden waste and any other type of open fire.

# YouthFest 2025 coming to Eaton on 12 April

YouthFest 2025 is set to be bigger and better than ever for the Shire of Dardanup, bringing a day of fun, entertainment, and community spirit to Eaton on Saturday, 12 April.

Held during Youth Week WA, this year's event will take over the Glen Huon Oval and Eaton Skate Park, with additional activities at the Eaton Library and Mick Bennett Make-It Space.

Shire President Cr Tyrrell Gardiner said with this year's theme "Our Threads, This Place, Your Moment", YouthFest 2025 is shaping up to be the biggest and best yet.

Cr Gardiner said visitors can look forward to an action-packed festival with a line-up of interactive emergency services, youth market stalls, delicious food trucks, exciting amusements, demonstrations, and much more.



**This year's YouthFest will take over the Glen Huon Oval and Eaton Skate Park, with activities at the Eaton Library, Mick Bennett Make-It Space, and Eaton Rec Centre on 12 April.**

"We couldn't be prouder of the Shire's Youth Advisory Group (YAG), who have once again taken the lead in organising the event. Our YAG team is simply outstanding," said Cr Gardiner.

"It's a credit to them that this event continues to grow each year and offer such fantastic opportunities for young people to showcase their talents and have fun."

YAG claimed the Active Citizenship Award at the Shire's Australia Day Awards this year, for their mental health initiative, raising funds through a youth op-shop at last year's YouthFest.

YAG member Tyler Brown was also recognised as the Young Citizen of the Year Award.

If you're aged under 24 and have a creative flair, why not register as a stall holder? There's no cost to participate, and it's a great way to share your talents with the community.

Expressions of interest close at 9 am on Monday, 24 March 2025 – head to our website to register as a stall holder.

## Exciting upgrades at Eaton Rec Centre

The Eaton Recreation Centre (ERC) has introduced two significant upgrades designed to enhance the member experience and keep the Centre competitive with other fitness facilities in the region.

ERC has implemented Perfect Gym — a modern leisure management system that streamlines operations and improves member interaction.

The new system allows members to easily manage their ERC membership, update payment details, check payments, and book crèche sessions. It also integrates seamlessly with the upgraded Technogym App, creating a user-friendly digital experience.

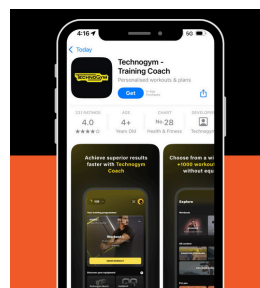
The Technogym App — available on the Apple App Store and Google Play — lets members:

- Book classes and request appraisals.
- View programs, results, and facility info.
- Enquire about Personal Training.
- Link smart watches and fitness apps.
- Access workout routines and Wellness Magazine articles.

ERC's new digital offerings are designed to keep the Centre at the forefront of fitness and leisure. These innovations ensure ERC remains a modern and engaging fitness experience for the community.

Get ready for the Members MOVEs Challenge, kicking off on March 24. Download the new Technogym app, set up your profile, and start tracking your MOVEs through workouts, classes, and outdoor activities for a chance to win a Garmin Watch and weekly prizes.

For more information, contact the ERC at [eatonrec@dardanup.wa.gov.au](mailto:eatonrec@dardanup.wa.gov.au) or 9724 0400.



## February Council Meeting outcomes

Outcomes from the Shire's Ordinary Council Meeting on Wednesday, 26 February 2025:

### Footbridge Replacement

Council resolved to explore alternative options for replacing the timber footbridge between Pratt Road Lookout and Watson Reserve. Staff will investigate designs and costs and report back to Council.

### Strategic Water Tanks Policy

Council endorsed a revised draft policy on strategic water tanks for firefighting in non-reticulated areas after identifying an admin error in the 2024 version. The policy will undergo public consultation.

### Urban Canopy and Landscaping

Council supported the development of an Urban Canopy Strategy for consideration in the 2025/2026 budget. The CEO will also investigate landscaping options for Ferguson Road as outlined in the original 2018-19 road plans.

### Postal Election Endorsed

Council confirmed that the 2025 Local Government Election on 18 October will be conducted as a postal vote, with the Western Australian Electoral Commissioner managing the process.

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, 26 March, at 5 pm.**

### Meeting dates for 2025

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

26 March	27 August
23 April	25 Sept
21 May	19 October
25 June	19 November
23 July	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:	
11 June	8 October

Audit and Risk Committee,	
Wednesdays, 2pm:	
11 June	10 December
10 September	

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

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)