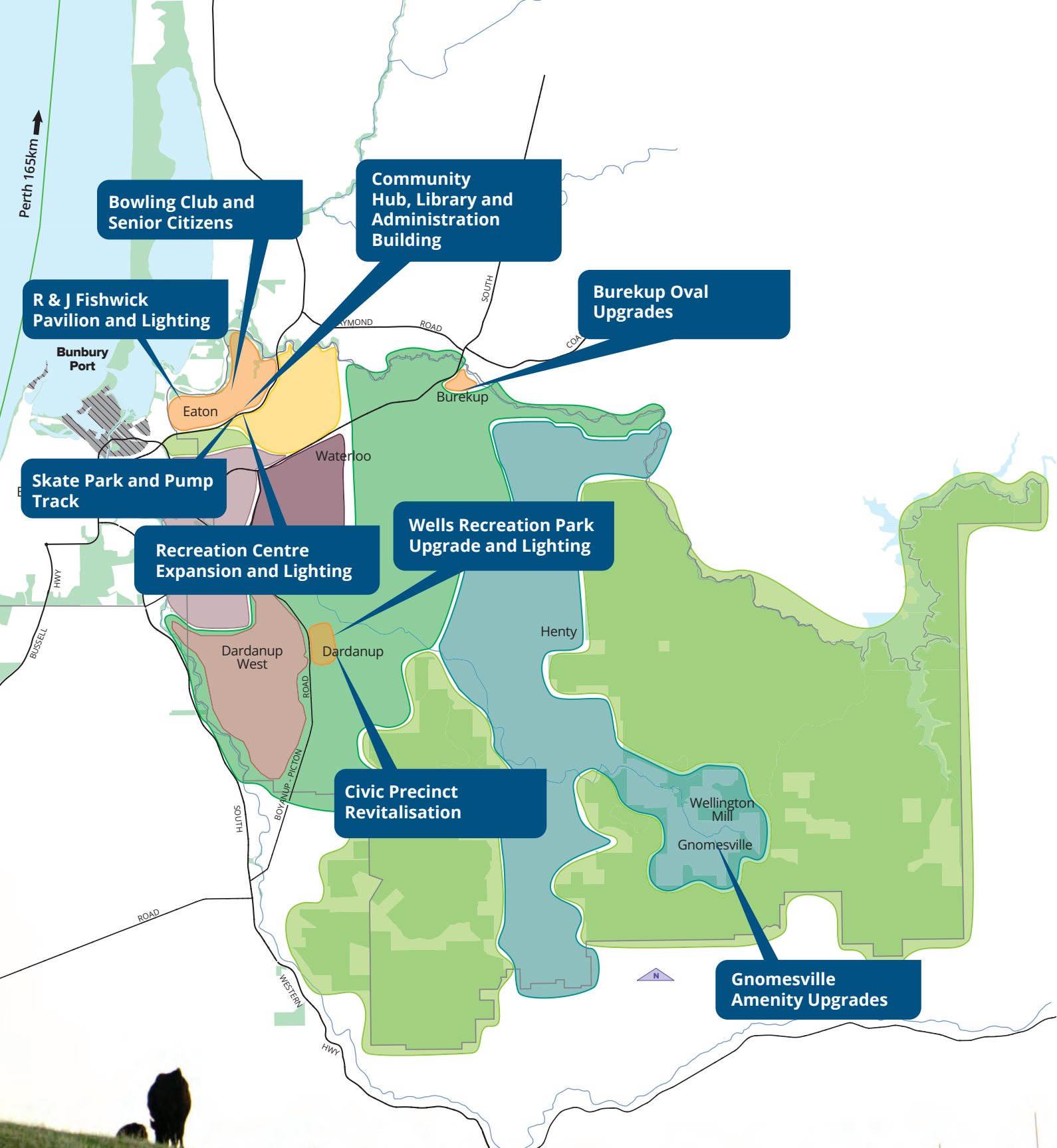




# ***Strategic Projects*** ***2021 - 2026***



# Welcome

## to the Shire of Dardanup

A vibrant, active and engaged community, the Shire of Dardanup is home to approximately 15,000 people, supports over 4,000 jobs and has a strong vision for future growth.

Dynamic urban areas, thriving commercial and industrial developments, evolving rural towns and substantial farming and tourism operations span the Shire's 252 square kilometres.

The commercial and community heart of Eaton is skirted by the significant agricultural and tourism areas of Dardanup, Ferguson Valley and Burekup, the future industrial hub of Waterloo and the City of Wanju.

In addition to valuable wetlands and rivers, a large proportion of the Shire is made up of national park and state forest. As a biodiversity hot spot, the Shire of Dardanup also supports a unique range of flora and fauna.

The Shire of Dardanup's 2050 Vision document sets the scene for a robust future direction underpinned by ambitious plans for the Shire as a progressive, think ahead community, built on the five economic pillars of agriculture, forestry, manufacturing, mining and tourism.

The Shire of Dardanup's investment projects are designed to accelerate a vision and aspiration of delivering healthy, self-sufficient, sustainable, connected and innovative communities. These key projects present diverse opportunities for State and Federal Government co-investment.





# ***Vision*** for the Shire

**In 2050 the Shire of Dardanup will be a healthy, self-sufficient and sustainable community that is connected and inclusive, and where our culture and innovation are celebrated.**



## Community & Economic *Snapshot*

**14,368**  
**PEOPLE**

**52,580**  
**HECTARES**

**24,097**  
FORECAST POPULATION 2041

**814**  
**BUSINESSES**

**MEDIAN AGE**  
**37**  
**YEARS**

**4,045 JOBS**  
**TOP JOBS**  
**PER SECTOR**

**THE LARGEST**  
**LIFE STAGE**  
**GROUP IS**  
**30-64 YEARS**  
44.5% POPULATION

**MANUFACTURING**

**RETAIL**

**HEALTH**

**ACCOMMODATION  
& FOOD**

**EDUCATION**



**Over the next five years, these priority strategic projects will drive economic growth, create jobs, increase local capacity and enhance social amenity.**

**Delivery of these projects will increase the appeal of the Shire of Dardanup as a great place to live, visit, work and invest through the realisation of employment, infrastructure, economic and community benefits.**



### **Employment**

Creation construction and ongoing jobs.



### **Infrastructure**

Amplified regional capacity from new infrastructure and improvements, designed to meet current and future demand.



### **Economic**

Increased visitation and investment provides stability and prosperity for existing businesses and stimulates new business development.



### **Community**

Supports regional sporting, social and youth initiatives through improvement and provision of community facilities.

# Shire of Dardanup

# Major Projects

2021 - 2026

Project	INVESTMENT	
	Total Cost	Funding Sought
Shire of Dardanup Community Hub, Library and Administration Building	\$16.5M	\$4.8M
Eaton Recreation Centre Expansion and Sports Lighting	\$6.37M	\$5.04M
New Eaton Skate Park and Pump Track	\$1.2M	Fully Funded
Eaton Bowling Club and Senior Citizens Building	\$4.6M	Fully Funded
R & J Fishwick Pavilion and Night Lights (Eaton Oval)	\$4.55M	\$2.18M
Wells Recreation Park Amenity Upgrades and Sports Lighting (Dardanup)	\$3.88M	\$1.35M
Dardanup Civic Precinct Revitalisation	\$6.5M	\$5.2M
Burekup Oval Clubroom and Court Upgrades	\$1.95M	\$835K
Gnomesville Amenity Upgrades (Ferguson Valley)	\$550K	Fully Funded
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$46.1M</b>	<b>\$19.4M</b>



## ***Community Hub, Library & Administration Building***

**This community focused building will transform the precinct into a central gathering place. Imagined as a model for the civic destination of the future, this will be a visionary space and a centre for digital culture and innovation in the south west; providing resources and a platform to explore and advance a creative future.**

The building will house a library, makerspace and resource hub for all things youth, art, science, technology and enterprise. It will also provide community services including makerspace, café, multipurpose community spaces, meeting rooms, council service desk and administration.

### ***Vision***

The Shire of Dardanup Community Hub and Library will be a place that celebrates

and reflects the community. By nurturing the region's creativity, the Community Hub and Library will become the engine room for cultural and social engagement.

This project will energise the precinct by becoming the point where community paths intersect, creating a centre of gravity.

This will be achieved by considered co-location of complementary offers and the provision of high quality public spaces for all to enjoy.







# Benefits

- Showcase the potential of structural timber, sustainable building practices and technology
- Catalyst for regional economic growth, creating new jobs and encouraging business investment
- Enhanced social connection and interaction, inspiring participation
- Provide for current and future needs of the growing shire

## Purpose

The driving rationale for investment in building the Community Hub and Library is the creation of a social asset which will:

- Increase community participation and socialisation and previously isolated groups;
- Increase engagement with knowledge and creativity with a view to opening new horizons and developing curiosity;
- Improve social cohesion with more foot traffic, interaction and serendipitous encounters

## Location

The new building will form the centre of a civic spine that extends from the Eaton Recreation Centre, through Glen Huon Oval and on to the retail precinct of Eaton Fair.

Giving greater energy, presence and connectivity to the precinct through its unique positioning, the location will spark and strengthen connections between destinations.

“Community spaces, facilities and programs form the pulse of the shire, and they are cleverly designed to allow for a variety of uses that attract people and build *community spirit* through interaction”

2050 Vision



**\$4.8m**

Funding Sought

**\$16.5m**

Total Estimated Project Cost



## ***Eaton Recreation Centre Expansion & Sports Lighting***

**The expansion of Eaton Recreation Centre, together with lighting upgrades to the adjacent Glen Huon Reserve, will advance these multi-use facilities to meet the region’s evolving sport and recreation needs now and into the future.**

This project will increase Eaton Recreation Centre’s capacity with the addition of three new basketball courts and an expansion of the fitness centre and 24-hour gym.

As the only FIBA accredited facility in the South West, the additional courts will permit more major basketball and netball competitions to be hosted, realising the South West Infrastructure Plan’s vision to create the South West Regional Basketball and Netball Hub at the Eaton Recreation Centre.

Sports lighting upgrades to the precinct’s football oval and softball diamonds will increase functionality and allow for greater and more diverse community, sport and recreational usage.

Glen Huon Reserve is home to the Eaton Boomers Football Club and Bunbury and Districts Softball Association (BADSA) - the only tee-ball and softball association in the south west.



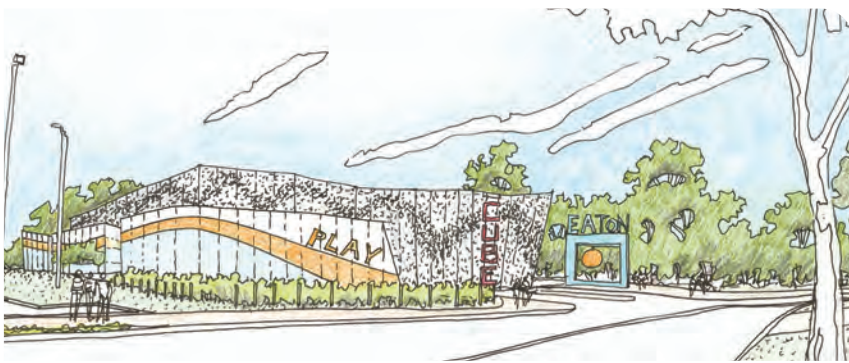


# Benefits

- Creation of South West Regional Basketball and Netball Hub
- Recreation facility improvements encourage active, healthy lifestyles
- Increased capacity for the South West’s only tee-ball and softball association
- Greater playing and participation opportunities for oval and diamond pitch sports

“ We strive to provide a sport that is *family oriented* at an affordable price in the effort to keep kids active in a team environment ”

**Bunbury and Districts Softball Association**



The installation of floodlighting to the diamond pitches and football oval will enable the clubs to grow membership by increasing the times available to train and play and enable new players to join the competition.

Expansion of the Eaton Recreation Centre and lighting upgrades to Glen Huon Reserve will increase the opportunity for community participation in active, healthy lifestyles.

Stage	Timing	Status	Cost	Seeking
Eaton Recreation Centre Expansion	2022 - 2026	Detailed Design: Complete	\$5.5M	\$4.75M
Glen Huon Reserve Sports Lighting	2022	Detailed Design: Complete	\$870K	\$290K

**\$5.04m**  
Funding Sought

**\$6.37m**  
Total Estimated Project Cost



## ***Eaton Bowling Club & Senior Citizens Centre***

**The delivery of the new Eaton Bowling Club and Senior Citizens Centre provides a multi-purpose, multi-generational space which improves opportunity for community connectedness, sport and recreation.**

By integrating the Eaton Bowling Club and Senior Citizens Centre at the site of the bowling club, the new building amalgamates the facilities and delivers associated car parking, at the Pratt Road Reserve.

The building's design includes a dedicated function room and kitchen upgrade. Importantly, the community hub will provide new disability access which has never before been available at these facilities. Provision of accessible facilities will enable participation for those who were previously excluded due to access issues.

Eaton is a growing suburb with an increasing number of young families moving into the area, living alongside an ageing population of existing residents. Establishing this integrated centre in Eaton provides flexible, shared facilities and enables local clubs and social groups to gather and connect.

The \$4.6 million new facility for the Eaton Bowling Club and Senior Citizens Centre has been made possible with funding from Shire of Dardanup and the State Government of Western Australia.



## ***Eaton Skate Park & Pump Track***

**The new skate park and pump track is integrated into the Eaton recreation precinct and co-located with the playground. This family-friendly activity zone benefits youth and young families by providing new opportunities for social interaction and participation in an active lifestyle.**

Strategically located, the skate park site is adjacent to the proposed new community hub and library, opposite the site of Eaton Recreation Centre's future expansion and in-between the football and softball club rooms.

Accommodating different mediums - skate boards, BMX bikes and scooters - the course's design focuses on posing significant challenges for advanced users, whilst remaining welcoming for beginners and intermediate patrons. The design incorporates many sought-after features including the main bowl, taco, wave ramp and quarter pipe with hip, box and volcano.

The skate park and pump track's design, including its location, exclusive elements and distinctive features, delivers a major recreation, sporting and fitness attraction and will provide the opportunity for people of all ages to be active or become more active.

The \$1.2 million skate park and pump track project has been made possible with grant assistance from Lotterywest, the Australian Government, and the Department of Local Government, Local Sport and Culture, in addition to the Shire of Dardanup's own funds.

***FULLY FUNDED - COMPLETED***



## *R & J Fishwick Pavilion at Eaton Oval*

**Constructing the new multi-sports R & J Fishwick Pavilion at Eaton Oval will provide a fit-for-purpose facility for the highly engaged junior football and cricket clubs.**

Since the mid-1970s, the facilities at Eaton Oval have served over three generations of junior footballers.

The current facility does not make provision for both male and female change rooms, nor does it comply with standards for access and inclusion. Upgrading the facilities and providing universal access change rooms will ensure inclusion and safety for all participants.

Replacing the fifty year old building with a modern, fit-for-purpose, multi-use structure also aligns with both Shire of Dardanup and Department of Local

Government, Sport and Culture's key principles for facility provision.

The Eaton Junior Football Club provides AFL football, including the Auskick program, with a total membership of 270. The Eaton Cricket Club has steadily grown over the past few years with a good influx of juniors coming into the club. It currently comprises over 20 boys and girls participating in the Blasters program and three additional junior teams with 15 female and 40 male players, ranging in age from 15-55 years old.



# Benefits

- Fostering junior sport at a grass roots level supports active and engaged youth
- Equitable access to change rooms ensures inclusion and safety for all participants
- Upgraded facilities assists clubs to grow membership by attracting new players
- Increased opportunity to train and play promotes participation in community sports

“ Increasing the capacity of grounds and pavilions and the development of facilities that *welcome* all participants and umpires has never been more important ”

**West Australian Football Commission**



The final stage of the infrastructure upgrades to Eaton Oval is the provision of sports night lights. Upgrading the lighting to suitable lux with optimal configuration will increase the opportunity for usage of the grounds and participation in an active, healthy lifestyle.

Both the Eaton Cricket and Junior Football Clubs have strong targets in place to grow their membership base by attracting new players. The upgraded infrastructure will support these progressive participation targets, ensuring the club rooms and facilities provide for current and future members.

Stage	Timing	Status	Cost	Seeking
R & J Fishwick Pavilion	2022	Detailed Design: Complete	\$3.2M	\$1.07M
Water Quality Improvements	2022	Design Completed	\$1.0M	\$1.0M
Oval Lighting	2023	Detailed Design: In Progress	\$350K	\$115K

**\$2.18m**  
Funding Sought

**\$4.55m**  
Total Estimated Project Cost



## *Wells Recreation Park Redevelopment*

**Multi-purpose and highly utilised, these hard-working facilities not only serve as an emergency evacuation centre, they also support eight different sporting codes including cricket, basketball, tennis, football, soccer, mountain biking and numerous other special interest groups.**

The redevelopment includes a new pavilion, plus two tennis and two basketball courts. Replacement of the existing temporary and outdated facilities will ensure that safe and appropriate shelter can be provided during emergency response, and that the increasing participation rates of female players across a number of sporting clubs is supported.

The delivery of both male and female change rooms will have a pronounced, positive impact on users of the grounds given that there are currently no change rooms for females at Wells Recreation Park.

The Eaton Dardanup Football Club currently has six senior teams, including two women's and one veteran's team, plus 15 junior teams comprising of both girls and boys. The Dardanup Tennis Club play social tennis and provide junior coaching to a membership base across Dardanup, Ferguson, Bunbury, Eaton, Burekup and Donnybrook. The Dardanup Cricket Club also use the grounds for their mixed gender junior and senior teams.

Other hirers of the clubroom include the 160 member strong South West Rose Society, the Dardanup Senior Citizens and







# Benefits

- Building regional opportunity for sporting involvement, developing youth talent and increasing participation for all age groups
- Supporting Dardanup's strong culture of activity, health and community involvement
- Cultivating resilient community connections and empowering belonging via sporting, special interest and social group membership

the South West Veteran Car Club. The Bull and Barrel Festival, which draws visitation of over 20,000 people, also use the facilities, along with a host of other local groups and associations.

The final stage of the infrastructure upgrade to Wells Recreation Park is the provision of sports night lights. Upgrading the lighting increases the capacity of the grounds and encourages greater sporting participation.

Catering for all users of Wells Recreation Park will inspire healthy, active lifestyles and build community through sporting, recreational and social engagement.

“

We are a strong and proud club that has played finals every year since joining the first grade competition. We are a *community* and family club that looks to promote youth, yet still strives towards success on and off the field”

Dardanup Cricket Club

Stage	Timing	Status	Cost	Seeking
Change Rooms	2022	Detailed Design: Complete	\$1.35M	\$450K
Sporting Hard Courts	2024	Concept Design: Complete	\$280K	\$100K
Oval and Court Lighting	2024	Detailed Design: In Progress	\$350K	\$125K
Multi-use Pavilion	2025	Detailed Design: Complete	\$1.9M	\$650K

**\$1.35m**  
Funding Sought

**\$3.88m**  
Total Estimated Project Cost



## ***Dardanup Civic Precinct Revitalisation***

**Revitalising the Dardanup Civic Precinct will enhance the town's tourism appeal as the gateway to the Ferguson Valley - a burgeoning visitor destination for the greater Bunbury Geographe area.**

The Dardanup Administration Building was officially opened in 1950; the hall followed in 1956. While the red brick and cream hall fascia remains iconic, the amenities are in dire need of modernisation.

This project will increase the recreational, cultural and historic values of the area; establish the necessary standards for the hall as an emergency evacuation centre; and enhance community connection through the revitalisation of the ex-depot site in the heart of the precinct.

Historically considerate renovations of the current hall building, including new kitchen

and toilets will be undertaken. These upgrades will integrate with the refurbished administration and library building, which sits adjacent to the hall.

The new skate park, co-located within an upgraded and expanded playground at Carramar Park, will provide essential facilities for isolated regional youth. The revitalised park will provide much-needed facilities for the growing population of young families, while drainage improvements will allow for year-round use.

A new, flexible community space in the centre of the precinct will be created by





# Benefits

- Showcase Dardanup’s tourism appeal as the gateway to the Ferguson Valley
- Link destinations, enrich and support opportunities for community connection
- Ensure contemporary recreational facilities are available for regional youth
- Provide a welcoming environment, capable of hosting diverse groups of people during emergency response

“

The town enjoys a wonderful sense of *heritage and history*, deeply important to its community identity”

2050 Vision



repurposing the council owned ex-depot site. By re-imagining the concept of urban laneway renewal in a regional setting, the space will be invigorated with a play trail, pathways, outdoor art gallery and landscaping.

Providing modern, social and recreational facilities will connect the town and activate the entire precinct as Dardanup’s flagship, multipurpose community zone.

Stage	Timing	Status	Cost	Seeking
Depot Revitalisation	2022	Detailed Design: In Progress	\$250K	\$125K
Carramar Park upgrade including skate park, drainage	2024	Pending	\$4M	\$3.85M
Civic Building	2026	Concept Design: Completed	\$1.1M	\$550K
Hall Renovations, including kitchen and toilets	2027	Concept Design: Completed	\$1.15M	\$650K

**\$5.2m**  
Funding Sought

**\$6.5m**  
Total Estimated Project Cost



## ***Burekup Oval Clubroom & Court Upgrades***

**Providing the local Burekup community with modern sporting infrastructure will foster talent at a grass roots level and enable club revenue to be focused on players and community outcomes.**

While Burekup is one of the smaller centres in the shire, the proportion of children aged 0-14 is the equal highest at 28% (ABS Population Data 2016). This demographic profile underscores the planning of projects aimed at providing quality sport and recreational facilities for youth.

Existing sport and recreation facilities include the Burekup Oval and cricket pitch, three tennis courts, one basketball/netball court and a concrete slab which serves as a skate park. The project includes a multi-sport clubroom, skatepark and tennis court upgrade. While the plan for the upgrades

may seem modest in comparison to other projects in the shire, the positive impact of these improvements on the community will be significant.

The new club room and court upgrades at Burekup Oval will cater for junior football, basketball, tennis and cricket. The upgrades also include a new skate park which will result in the delivery of an integrated youth, sport and community area within the existing Burekup Hall and Oval Precinct.

The creation of clubrooms and upgrade of playing courts will support local sporting





# Benefits

- Supporting regional youth, sport and social groups by providing facilities that assist them in nurturing strong community connections
- Fostering regional sporting talent at a grass roots level
- Supporting local sporting clubs to encourage participation and attract new players to the competition

clubs and attract new players to the local competition. The contemporary facilities will also support all users via the provision of universal access amenities.

The Burekup Oval currently draws district cricket players from across the Wellington Catchment. The club itself is strongly supported by the community, with two senior teams and three junior teams represented. The complete lack of any changing facilities at the oval has an adverse impact on the club's ability to cater for the needs of their mixed gender membership base.

As a growing rural township, improvements to Burekup's sport and recreation facilities will support regional youth, sport and social groups, encourage participation and foster strong community connection.

“

In the 2020/21 season we had two senior teams and three junior teams representing the club, as well as providing the entry-level Woolworths' Blast Program to help develop the *local talent* and to continue the tradition of the Burekup Cricket Club well into the future”

Burekup Cricket Club

Stage	Timing	Status	Cost	Seeking
Clubroom Building	2023	Concept Plans: In Progress	\$1.35M	\$450K
Skate Park	2025	Pending	\$500K	\$350K
Courts Upgrade	2026	Concept Plans: Complete	\$100K	\$35K

**\$835k**  
Funding Sought

**\$1.95m**  
Total Estimated Project Cost



## ***Gnomesville Amenity Upgrades***

**Gnomesville is a major tourist destination within the Bunbury Geographe region, it attracts thousands of visitors every year. The Shire of Dardanup has been developing and investing in the Gnomesville site for the past three years.**

Infrastructure upgrades at Gnomesville have improved the visitor experience and amenity of this iconic attraction, additionally accruing indirect benefit to a large number of local businesses.

Provision of a bus bay plus kerbing and sealing of the access driveway has been completed. Works are also now complete for stage two which has provided public toilets. This was made possible with funding assistance from Tourism WA.

The final stage of the project progressed the Gnomesville Master Plan through the

development of boardwalk and pathway network to the upper display areas. This has significantly increased accessibility and safety, allowing visitors of all abilities to experience Gnomesville equally.

In addition to supporting and creating new jobs in the tourism sector, the project strategically positions Gnomesville as a significant tourism destination and maximises visitation to Ferguson Valley and the greater Bunbury Geographe region.



## ***Invest***

The Shire of Dardanup is an attractive investment option for prospective partners.

We invite interested parties to engage directly by contacting us.

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