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The Dardanup Lions Club and the Dardanup and  
Districts Residents Assoc. invites you to

**Dardanup's Australia Day Breakfast**



on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January, from 8am @  
Carramar Park, adjacent to the Dardanup  
Community Centre.

**Gold coin donation Cooked breakfast  
(breakfast served between 8am – 9.30am)**

The Dardanup Lions and Residents Assoc encourage  
families to bring their own cutlery, plates, cups and  
mugs. There will be a small supply of the above for  
those who forget to bring their own. **BYO chair or rug**

**Entertainment and children's games provided**

**FERGUSON CHURCH ST AIDANS  
CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT**

Wednesday 21st December,

6.30 pm,

Followed by a `social supper`

at St. Aidan Wines,

courtesy of Phil and Mary.

All carol singers welcome.

A plate to share would be  
appreciated.



Nina Johnston Is Shown Resuscitation Techniques By A  
St Johns Trainer. 15 locals have recently completed this  
course held at OLOL Hall and coordinated by Mary  
Smith on behalf of the Dardanup Residents Assoc

## Dardanup Heritage Forum and Heritage Trail Opening

The 2022 Dardanup Heritage Forum was held at Thomas Little Hall in Dardanup on Sunday 20 November, featuring the displays “Women of Charlotte St & Beyond” and “The History of Four Schools”.

The new Dardanup Heritage Trail signage was officially opened on the day, unveiled by local resident Gwen Wells along with the Hon. Reece Whitby, Minister for Environment and Climate Action. Les Wallam gave the Welcome to Country, and speakers during the ceremony included Richard Offen, John Giumelli, the Dardanup Shire President, Mick Bennett, member for Collie-Preston, Jodie Hanns and Minister Whitby.

With fine mild weather on the day, an enjoyable day was had by residents and visitors who moved between the Forum, the SW Veteran vintage car display and the Ferguson Valley Visitors’ Centre Christmas Market being held at the Old State School.

A speaker program was held in the afternoon, with guest speakers Norm Flynn covering the Fee Diaries and migrants from the ship “Travencore”, while Richard Offen spoke about society’s changing attitudes towards built heritage.

The Dardanup Heritage Collective was formed in 2020, with the purpose of documenting and promoting the history and heritage of this very interesting region of Western Australia.

As a group, we knew immediately that with so many stories and sites of significance in Dardanup, adding signage for our already established heritage trail was a top priority. With the help of the Shire of Dardanup, we applied for and were successful in being awarded funding from the Heritage Council of WA. Shortly afterward, through the efforts of Jodie Hanns, further funding was committed to the project by the State Government. A further grant from Wespine Industries was the final step and we were able to get the project up and running.

From the outset, the Shire of Dardanup committed very strongly to the goals of the Collective, and has been tireless in helping us apply for and manage the funds that were received to bring the Heritage Signage project to completion as well as to support the work of members of our group wherever they were able.

The Dardanup Heritage Collective hopes you will all enjoy the Heritage Trail around the townsite and localities. Pamphlets are available from the F.V. Visitor Centre that accompany the trail if you don’t want to use the QR codes.

### Dardanup Senior Citizens

Hello everyone and welcome to Senior Citizens news. A couple of good activities this month starting with our first Bingo session in quite a while. In fact, so long for most of us (first time for me) that we didn’t realise we were very short of counters. We elder folk are a resourceful lot though and within a short time button jars and tins were brought along to make up the numbers. We finally got off and running and Irene, Graham, Faye, Gwen, Valerie, Pat B and Judy were our lucky winners.

Our Christmas lunch was once again held at Dardanup Heritage Park. Jill, and her small team of family members, once again put on a wonderful 3 course lunch. Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School choir sang festive songs to open proceedings. The children looked as though they were enjoying the chance to sing as much as we enjoyed listening to them. John Guimelli (aka Luigi) entertained us with stories of life as only Luigi sees it. We sincerely thank all our sponsors, the Shire of Dardanup, Doral Mineral Sands, Dardanup Lions and Jill Brooks for making it a special day. Grateful thanks also to Sheila Butcher & Denise Hough for donating the door prize.



George Fee wrote the “Diaries” documenting life in Dardanup and surrounds from this very desk which we believe he made from local Wellington Mills jarrah. The desk has now been presented to the DHC by George’s grandson John Mudford, 2<sup>nd</sup> from the right and he is seen here with his wife Marjorie, daughter Jodie and Norm Flynn who transcribed the original diaries which are available at the Dardanup Library. The Mudford family travelled from Perth to attend the Heritage Trail Opening.



**Gwen Wells and Minister Whitby Unveiling One of the Heritage Trail plaques at the Opening with Shire President Mick Bennett, Jodie Hanns MLA Collie Preston on left and Julie Pelliciarri representing Wespine**

Our last meeting of the year will be on 20<sup>th</sup> December at the Wells Recreation Centre starting at 9.30am. We’re having a very Christmas themed event. All seniors are welcome to join us – please bring a plate of your favourite seasonal fare.

We will take a break in January and be back for bigger and better things in February.



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We wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and good health for 2023 and beyond.  
**Sylvia Maunder**  
President



The Completion to the Dardanup War Memorial Renovation was Officially opened by Dardanup Lions Club Member David Wells and Jodie Hanns MLA Collie Preston

## DARDANUP LIONS CLUB NEWS

For the teen years plus a bit the youth of our area have been restricted in adventures. There's a list of epidemic factors but mostly in the last couple of years I suggest Lockdowns, travel restrictions and maintaining a distance from everyone else. Through prices

## Dardanup Veterinary Centre News

Dardanup Veterinary Centre has been fortunate enough to employ Jamie as a Veterinary Technician & Senior Veterinary Nurse while she is on Working Holiday Visa. We enjoy having her here and Jamie tells us about some of the differences between the practices in Canada and Australia. You may not be aware Australia is very short in Vets and Vet Nurses and Jamie is a great team member. Jamie, Vet Tech/Nurse – came from Canada to Western Australia. It was a big change, not only in climate but also in what we are seeing our patients for. Being from a city just outside Toronto the craziest things we had come into the clinic were small dogs that had been attacked by coyotes. Most of the time we were able to stitch the little guys up if the puncture wounds weren't too bad. Rabies awareness was another thing we had to deal with at the clinic. Some of our wildlife, such as raccoons, foxes, skunks, and coyotes can have the virus. We always made sure our patients were vaccinated against it and the clients were well informed of the dangers of rabies. Coming to Western Australia I have noticed there are different things you

Inflation caused or by interruption parents haven't the wherewithal to send their up and coming generation on outward looking adventures. Lions want to take back the initiative, even if in a small way in facilitating those of them in this our south west corner of the state. Providing some options here in the rural Dardanup catchment. We have awarded our first scholarship for a week long sailing ship adventure and set another applicant on a recommended sponsorship quest – so that they may both sail from Busselton to Albany. To Hannah Elliot congratulations on being awarded a full scholarship on the Leeuwin Sailing Ship. To Ella Johnston we endorse you in your seeking a sponsorship to join Hannah on the adventure and we are convinced of and will back your initiative in applying. The club wishes to reassure the unsuccessful applicants that they only just missed out and if they continue to be based in the towns of Dardanup Burekup or Waterloo they would be in with a chance next year.

The completion of the renovation to the Dardanup War Memorial with the soldier statue erected was officially opened on Sunday 20 November by David Wells representing the Dardanup Lions, also person responsible for organising the new seating and statue and Jodie Hanns MLA Collie Preston who provided the funding for this final stage of the renovation.

**Phil Ottrey**

have to watch out for, such as snakes. Coming from a country that doesn't have poisonous snakes it was a little bit of a shock when I found out that in the summer at the clinic a lot of our emergencies will be for snake bites. Learning how severe these bites can be was a shock and knowing what we needed to get ready in clinic was a learning experience as well. I can't say I have ever had to do a snake venom detection test in Canada, but it was interesting to see how fast everyone must work in these situations. I also never got the chance to try any large animal practice in Canada, which has been one of the areas that are interesting to me. Working at the Dardanup Veterinary Centre gave me the opportunity to experience how large animal practices work. Doctor Liz has taken me on a few farm calls with her and I got the chance to work beside farmers and their Heifers and sheep. I am looking forward to experiencing a Summer/peak Veterinary season in Australia and all of the learning that comes with it!

Dardanup Veterinary Centre wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year!



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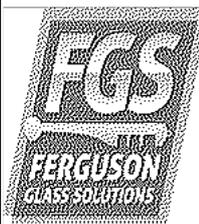
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- please bring a plate of finger-food to share.

**Christmas Day - Sunday 25 December**

**BOYANUP:** Mass of Christmas Day

☆ 9:00am: Christmas Mass

**St Aidans Church Christmas Service**

Sunday 18th December, 10.30 am Anglican Service : Nine Lessons and Carols

**Dardanup and Districts Residents Association AGM Presidents Report**

This year our small Committee has continued to organise activities that have become an important part of community life in Dardanup, such as the Dardanup Times and the Australia Day Breakfast and Xmas Carols organised in conjunction with the Dardanup Lions Club as well as liaising with Council on issues of importance to this community.

Mary Smith initiated our 18th Clean Up Dardanup Day on the long weekend in March. Rural residents of Ferguson Rd and Crooked Brook Rd collected rubbish from outside their properties, the Dardanup Shire assisted by collecting all the rubbish bags. Our Assoc will organise this important event again next year with Mary's assistance.

Our Anzac Day Service was organised this year featuring the story of the postcard sent from Walter Marriner on 2 May 1915, serving in Egypt during WW1 to George Mountford, Dardanup. Speakers were Kim Gosling - Walter Marriner's grandson; Stephen Mountford - George Mountford's grandson and Cecil Mountford, George Mountford's son.

We then organised the 2nd Remembrance Day service as the Shire had the Poppy project in full swing again. About 30 people attended and then we shared late morning tea in the Hall - very successful and looks to be an annual event.

The St John Ambulance 1<sup>st</sup> aid course is being held this week and next with 15 locals attending and a waiting list to boot. Thanks Mary for coordinating.

The new photocopier is getting a good work out. The Dardanup Times distributed monthly for 23 years has been for the last 8 years produced in house using our photocopier housed at the Shire office. The Dardanup Bull and Barrel Festival and Dardanup Arts Spectacular use it for all their photocopying needs which saved their volunteers time and money. 17 community groups have access to the copier and are charged for the toner used. The Dardanup Times is

available online on the Shire of Dardanup website. Out of towners have to pay postage for the year if they wish to receive the Times and there is about 15 of those. Andrea is volunteering her time to present the Dardanup Times which is a huge effort and much appreciated. Chris Commons and Ron Farr have continued to fold the Dardanup Times mostly unaided. A big job and much appreciated. The Times features 3 1/2 pages of business card size ads and 1/4 page supplied by Dardanup Rural Supplies. The advertising in the Times has been well received by local businesses. Dot has done a great job in organising, invoicing and receiving the advertising money which funds printing costs. The Shire of Dardanup have given us an annual grant of \$1100 to assist with the purchase of paper. Wespine has funded 4 coloured pages for 3 years - front, back and front and back inside which means we can place all the coloured posters and photos on these pages. Great effort Wespine and the Shire. Well done to all involved in the production of the Dardanup Times - a very valuable and professional looking newspaper. We value the regular news supplied by Dardanup Seniors, SW Rose Soc, The Dardanup Shire Council, The Boyanup Farmers Market, Phil Ottrey ( Dardanup Lions Club), Dr Liz Suter-Dardanup Vet, Wink Lyndsay- Gardening with Wink, Lizzy Cox (Dardanup Playgroup) and the 2 primary schools. Special thank you to Terry for distributing the Dardanup Times through the Post Office and to Amar and Kirin distributing the Times at the General Store on our behalf.

Australia Day in Dardanup saw the Dardanup Lions Club and the Residents Assoc Committee join in coordinating the 18th Australia Day Breakfast. This was very successful, and we look forward to again assisting the Dardanup Lions with this project.

Dot Tyrrell our Treasurer has done an excellent job in keeping our financial side in good order. Well done Dot.

Cathy Miller, Darline Morgan, Maureen Ward, Mary Smith, Jenny and Ian Trigwell and Christine Commons continue to support the Association and offer invaluable advice at meetings and via emails.

**Jill Cross**

**President, Dardanup and Districts Resident's Assoc**

**Dardanup Playgroup News**

The First 1000 Day Project has now been running for 5 weeks and we have had a great turn out of amazing mums to be/parents. This session is aimed at creating a comfortable place for everyone from conception through to about 1 yr of age to meet and support each other, whether that means just simply chatting to each other while enjoying a cuppa and some morning tea or bringing in outside persons/companies that may be able to assist parents in their new journey. So far we have had a nutritionist visit, we have a first aid course booked in, carseat checks and also a physio. If this sounds like something you might be interested in, please come down. We run every Tuesday from 9.30 until 11.30 or alternatively we have a playgroup session for the slightly older children to school age children which is run Every Wednesday from 9.30 until 11.30.

**Toni Cole**

**Participants In The First 1000 Day Project Organised By Dardanup Playgroup**



The Noongar season of **Birak** begins in December. It is known as the first summer and in a 'normal' year we can expect less rain and warmer weather. The wind patterns are predictably Easterly in the morning and Westerly in the afternoon. I am not a fan of the

hot dry winds and neither are my plants...

As the weather heats up, our gardens can begin to dry out. It is a good idea to check your irrigation regularly to make sure it is watering where you want it to. If you are planting out seeds and seedlings, try doing it late in the afternoon so that they have longer to settle in before the heat of the next day. Remember to water them in well with seaweed solution to reduce transplant shock. *Slip, Slop, Slap* works in the garden too! Capsicums, Tomatoes and Cucumbers are particularly susceptible to sunburn. A way of making sure your plants can keep their cool, is to erect some 30% shade cloth. It can be a bit tricky to find and I source mine from Jaylon Industries in Malaga. Alternatively, an old beach umbrella can help during the heat of the day, just make sure your plants get some good sunlight exposure in the cooler parts of the day.

*Things to do...* To avoid an unruly summer patch, keep tying up your climbing vegies as they grow. Fan out your tomatoes on their trellis to make harvesting easier. This also aids in air flow which helps to lessen powdery mildew issues. Keep 'hilling / mounding' your potatoes and trim your sweet potato vines regularly so they focus on creating good sized tubers. You can eat the sweet potato greens steamed/stir-fried or feed them to your worms.

We wait for what seems like an age for our homegrown tomatoes to ripen. They are most tasty when picked in the afternoon - warm and juicy. When you take them into the kitchen, store them on the bench *not the fridge*, to keep that luscious flavour. If you have too many to eat at once, but not enough to make tomato sauce, a good tip is to bag them whole and put them in the freezer. Once you have enough frozen to make a batch of your favourite tomato preserve simply defrost the bags and use as you would fresh ones. They will peel very easily.

Summer vegie patches are a time of abundance, produce and occasionally 'problems'. Two common problems I am asked about are Stink bugs and Blossom end rot.

*Why are my tomatoes all blotchy?* The Green Vegetable Bug (*Nezara viridula*) or Stink bug are active in summer and lay eggs in 'rafts' (50-100 eggs!) on the underside of leaves. Juveniles are small round black bugs with a few yellow dots, then mature as the distinctly shield shaped, green Stink bug (1.5cm long). Unfortunately, they are keen on a variety of vegetables, favouring tomatoes and beans. They pierce the fruit with their needle-like mouthparts, sucking out the juice. This leaves behind a pale, shrivelled section or 'corky' area. When they feed like this on beans, it makes the seeds and pods shrivel.

*Dealing with Stink bugs:* I find the best way is to pick them off whenever I see them, depositing them into a small bucket or

container half-filled with soapy water. You can use a gloved hand if you prefer, *they are called 'stink bugs' for a reason!* This works for most of the unwanted 'bugs' without needing nasty chemical sprays. Check your washing up liquid is safe to use on the garden. If so, you can then 'compost' the bucket contents after a few days and refresh. If not, simply dispose of down your laundry drain.

*Help!! My tomatoes have a black leathery spot on the bottom.*

Blossom end rot is a disorder that is often caused by a calcium deficiency and it is exacerbated by erratic watering. A dark leathery patch appears at the base of the fruit (the blossom end) and browning around the base of the leaves. This is one of those disorders where prevention is best, prepare your beds well, adding calcium before planting. *What can I do?* If you find that you do have some damaged fruit, all is not lost. In some cases you can just chop off the effected end and still use the fruit. To remedy the problem, remove and dispose of the damaged fruit, then add some calcium (Lime) to your soil. Ensure you water regularly and the next lot of fruit should ripen normally.

You can still plant more of your summer crops. Most crops will tolerate the heat, however you will find that some don't like it too hot. Lettuce seeds tend not to germinate when temperatures are above 25 degrees C and Beans can drop their flowers when temperatures get above 27 degrees C. Shade any newly planted seedlings for at least a week or sow in a cooler more shaded part of your garden.

*What can I plant in December and January?*

Leaf crops: Amaranth, Lettuce, Mustard, Silverbeet, Fennel, Celery, Watercress, Purslane, Rocket, French Cress, Sorrel, NZ spinach, Chicory, Cabbage and Chinese cabbage. Root & onion crops: Beetroot, Radish, Kohlrabi, Carrot, Parsnip, Scorzonera, Potato, Leeks, Spring Onions, Yacon, Yam/Oca and Jerusalem artichokes. Legume crops: Climbing Beans, Dwarf Beans and Asparagus pea. Curcubit & Solanum family: Choko, Cucumber, Luffa, Sweetcorn, Melons, Pumpkin, Squash, Marrow, Zucchini, Tomato, Capsicum, Chilli, Tomatillo, Eggplant, Rosella and Sunflowers. Herbs: Basil, Strawberry plants, Dill, Borage, Nasturtium, Oregano, Sage, Cape Gooseberry, Mint, Tarragon, Lemon Balm, Edible Chrysanthemum, Parsley, Rhubarb, Rosemary, Summer savoury, Horseradish and Chives.

Wishing you a very Merry Festive season and Happy New Year. I hope you take time to enjoy your summer garden and cook up a storm with your homegrown produce. Until next year, Happy Gardening!

**Eds Note; Thankyou Wink for all your wonderful gardening advice in 2022 and im sure our readers join with me in wishing you a very Merry Christmas and we look forward to more of your gardening tips in 2023**

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Our local vigneron and breweries produce the best wines and beers that would make a perfect Christmas gift or why not a voucher to our local restaurants, the Tavern and cafes.

A get away weekend at one of the many local accommodation venues will also make a perfect gift. The Ferguson Valley Marketing website is the place to go for the list of wineries, breweries, cafes and accommodation.

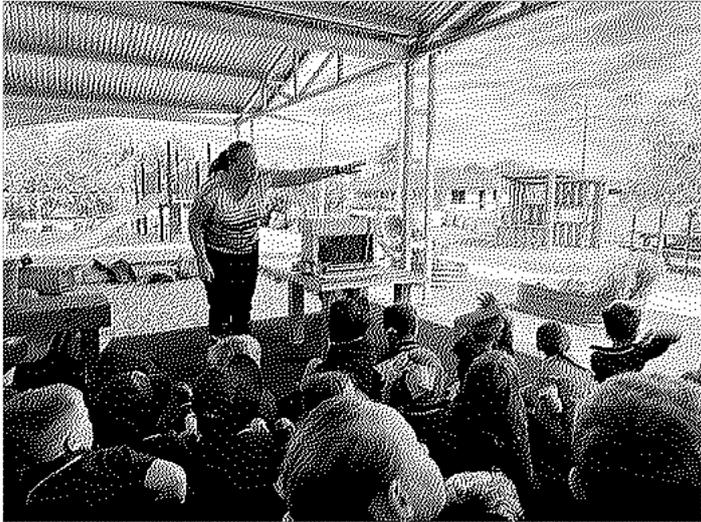
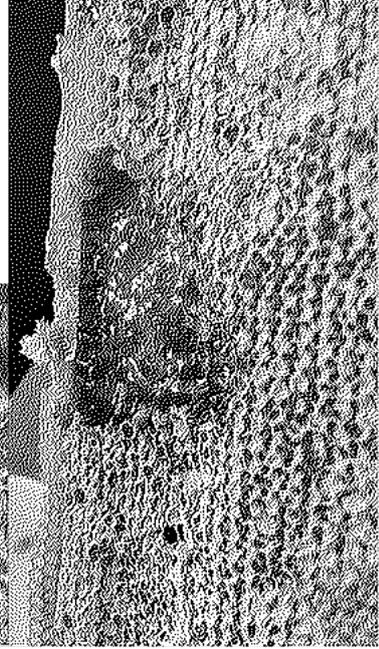
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And if you don't want to spend local then think about staying local with a picnic at Crooked Brook Forest or visiting the new Dardanup Heritage Trail.



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We had a special buzz this week when Mrs Humphreys visited our school to share her wonderful world of bees with us. The students learnt about the worker bees and their role and the life cycle of a bee. The students got to see the Queen bee in action and got to try on the special bee suit. They also got to see the bees working in their hives and the students were lucky enough to try some honey and honeycomb. Thank you for teaching us all about bees.





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# Our Lady of Lourdes School Happy Christmas!



Thank you to all of our families for another wonderful year.  
Wishing everyone a wonderful Christmas and holiday break.

Our Community Carols and Family Picnic is a highlight of the year for us.  
Celebrating together on the oval, and having all our staff and students involved is so much fun. Thanks for supporting our school this year. See you in 2023!



**Dardanup Environmental Action Group News**

**Cleanaway Fine an Absolute Joke**

It will have been noticed by many that Cleanaway were recently fined a measly \$18,000 for a Licence Breach at Banksia the Banksia Road Waste Management Facility in Crooked Brook for accepting 20,450.73 tonnes of hydrocarbon contaminated waste from Wren Oil without relevant documentation.

If you get caught using your mobile phone while driving in WA you will be fined \$1000. What Cleanaway did was equivalent to getting caught 3 times a day for approx. 300 days a year. You or I would be fined \$900,000. On the figures above Cleanaway would get fined about \$14 for the same offence.

The purpose of an EPA Licence is to regulate industrial emissions and discharges to the environment. The Cleanaway Licence for Banksia Road is a 54 page document containing sixty eight (68) conditions.

From what was reported and a review of the Licence it appears that this breach could have been for either Condition 1, Condition 60 or both.

Condition 60 requires that the Licence holder must ensure that a record is made of:

- i. the time and date of each waste delivery;
- ii. the name and licence number of the carrier;
- iii. the weight of the waste;
- iv. a detailed description of the type of waste;
- v. the determination of the waste type as defined in Condition 1, Condition 2 and Condition 3;
- vi. all supporting documentation related to waste acceptance and classification;

If they were not determining the type of waste they were also in contravention of Condition 1 which specifies the waste types which can be accepted and how they are to be processed.

So how does the penalty compare with the penalties allowed by the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*?

The Environmental Protection Act 1987 classifies contravening a Licence Conditions as a Tier 2 Offence with the penalty for Bodies Corporate being:

Section	Penalty Body corporate	Daily penalty
58(1) Contravening licence conditions	\$125,000	\$25,000

Even if the 20,450 tonnes was considered as a single breach of just Condition 1, a penalty of up to \$125,000 may be imposed. However, there were actually 1250 truckloads delivered, and the Licence conditions refer to “**all waste loads**” and “each waste delivery” which would indicate 1250 breaches each of \$125,000, or a whopping \$156m!!

If the daily penalty is applied then allowing for delivery on 300 days a year (4 loads per day) the fine could be \$7.5m  
In June 2022 the same Magistrate also imposed an \$18,000 fine in July for using unauthorised type of waste cover at the facility in early 2020.

On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November ABC South West WA reported that “*WA's largest regional city is grappling with a multi-million dollar waste problem, after environmental regulators all but shut down its overflowing local tip*” (the Stanley Rd Tip at Australind).

The ABC went on to explain “*Meanwhile, the City of Bunbury is spending \$44,000 a month to truck household waste to a privately-operated facility out of town*” (Banksia Rd Tip, Dardanup – the very same tip Cleanaway found guilty of accepting contaminated waste at.)

In July 2021 the Bunbury Harvey Regional Council was issued an Environmental Protection Notice which restricted operations of the Stanley Road Tip which has been classified as a contaminated site due to the as Groundwater beneath the site being contaminated by seepage from the landfill waste which contains ammonia, metals (including aluminium and iron), hydrocarbons (such as from oils, greases, humics and fatty acids) and per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS)

It is hard to comprehend how that after the experience at Stanley Road and the powers the regulator has to prosecute in accordance with the Licence and EPAct, that the disposing of 1250 truckloads containing 20,450.73 tonnes of hydrocarbon contaminated waste at Banksia Road is not taken more seriously.

With this approach it seems only a matter of time before it is declared a Contaminated Site and an Environmental Protection Notice issued.

[L8904/2015/1 - Department of Water and Environmental Regulation \(der.wa.gov.au\)](https://www.der.wa.gov.au/L8904/2015/1-Department-of-Water-and-Environmental-Regulation)

[Environmental Protection Act 1986 - \[04-00-01\].pdf \(legislation.wa.gov.au\)](https://www.legislation.wa.gov.au/Environmental-Protection-Act-1986-[04-00-01].pdf)

**The Dardanup Environmental Action Group wishes everyone a safe and Merry Christmas and thanks the community for your support this year. We have achieved a lot this year and look forward to your further support in 2023 so we can continue the fight to stop expansion of landfill at Lot 2 Banksia Rd and ensure Govt depts hold Cleanaway accountable and compliant.**

**Vale;**

Michael Commons – longtime Dardanup resident. Sincere sympathy to Christine and family

**Missed a Copy of the Dardanup Times?**

The Dardanup Shire have for some time made available the last 3 editions of the Dardanup Times on their website. Just google ‘Dardanup Times’ on the search bar on their webpage. Easy as that. Thanks to the Shire staff for this work.

## SHIRE OF DARDANUP - CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR/S HOURS

The Shire of Dardanup would like to wish you and your family a happy and safe Christmas and New Year. Please be advised of the following opening hours for the Shires Facilities during the Christmas New Year period. Administration Centre at Eaton and Dardanup will be closed from Friday 23rd of December 2022 and reopens again on Monday 9th of January 2023.

Eaton Community Library (2 Sanford Way, Eaton) will be closed from Friday 23rd of December 2022 and reopens Thursday 5th of January 2023.

Eaton Recreation Centre will be closed from Friday 23rd of December 2022 and reopens Tuesday 3rd January 2023. The 24 hour Gym and Cycle Studio will remain open for Members Only.

Waste Transfer Station & Recycling Centre (Banksia Road, Dardanup) is closed Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day. Last loads are accepted at 3:50pm daily.

During this period the Waste & Recycling Collections will remain unchanged and our Ranger Services will operate on an On Call basis only.

For all other information over the Christmas period, please consult our website at [www.dardanup.wa.gov.au](http://www.dardanup.wa.gov.au)  
**MR ANDRE SCHÖNFELDT**  
 Chief Executive Officer



**Fuel to Go and Play Summer Series is returning to your park this summer!**

Parks in the Shire of Dardanup will come to life again this summer with the return of the popular Summer in Your Park Series under a new 'Fuel to Go and Play' theme.

There will be plenty of events to look forward to across the shire such as wellness sessions, Yoga with Gyani, group fitness classes, a Teddy Bear's Picnic and Story time in the Park. Kids are invited to take part in the Youth Basketball Competition, laser tag, water day and the much-loved night walks will return with a special Valentine's Day themed "Date with a Possum" event.

To view the full event program head to <https://www.dardanup.wa.gov.au/fuel-to-go-play-summer-in-your-park-series.aspx>

### Movies by Moonlight Information:

For more information, visit [www.dardanup.wa.gov.au/events/](http://www.dardanup.wa.gov.au/events/)

#### Save the dates:

Saturday 17 December, 6.30- 9.30pm @ Burekup Oval

<https://www.dardanup.wa.gov.au/.../movies-by-moonlight/377>

Saturday 14 January, 6.30- 9.30pm @ Wells Recreational Park, Dardanup

<https://www.dardanup.wa.gov.au/.../movies-by-moonlight/378>

Sat 25 February, 6 – 9.00pm @ Eaton Foreshore

<https://www.dardanup.wa.gov.au/.../movies-by-moonlight/379>

### Summer Sounds Information:

For more information, visit [www.dardanup.wa.gov.au/events/](http://www.dardanup.wa.gov.au/events/)

#### Save the dates:

Friday 20 January, 5.30- 7.30pm @ Cadell Park, Millbridge

<https://www.dardanup.wa.gov.au/events/summer-sounds/385>

Friday 27 January, 5.30- 7.30pm @ Burekup Oval

<https://www.dardanup.wa.gov.au/events/summer-sounds/386>

**Friday 10 February, 5.30- 7.30pm @ Carramar Park, Dardanup**

<https://www.dardanup.wa.gov.au/events/summer-sounds/387>

Fuel to Go & Play Summer In Your Park is proudly partnered by Healthway.

### Laser Tag

**Friday 6 January, 9 - 10am @ Carramar Park, Dardanup**

Ages 6 – 12 years, bookings are essential. Get in quick as this event usually books out fast!

2x Sessions of Laser Tag will be run at Carramar Park, Dardanup at the following times:

Friday 6 January @ 9 – 10.00 AM

Friday 6 January @ 10:15-11:15 AM

Bookings through the Shire for each session are essential.

Please arrive 10 minutes early for your booked session as we cannot guarantee bookings will be held after this.

Visit the Facebook event page, [Laser Tag](#) and click 'going' or 'interested' to stay up to date on announcements about other FREE family and school holiday activities!

### Dardanup Skatepark Clinic with TailTap

**Saturday 14 January, 4 - 7.00pm @ Dardanup Skate Ramps, Wells Oval Dardanup**

FREE Skate Clinic!

### Youth Water Day

**Tuesday 17 January, 10.00AM - 12.00PM @ Burekup Oval**

If you're aged between 12-18 years, a morning of refreshing water games on a lovely warm and sunny day! The day is sure to be a blast! The event is free to attend, no bookings required.

### Scouts Family Fun Day

**Tuesday 24 January, 9.30 - 11.30AM @ Eaton Foreshore**

Take part in a fun filled day run by the Leschenault Scouts Group! The event is free to attend and all ages welcome. No bookings required.

For more information about Fuel to Go & Play Summer In Your Park or to download the full event program visit [Fuel to Go and Play Summer Series](#)

### Yoga with Gyani

**Saturday 28 January, 9 - 10:15am @ Carramar Park, Dardanup**

Enjoy a session of Hatha Yoga in the park with Gyani. free for all, ages 12+. No bookings required.

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**Shire of Dardanup Library Events****Chair Yoga****Dardanup Hall (60+)**

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**Little Jigglers\*****Dardanup Hall**

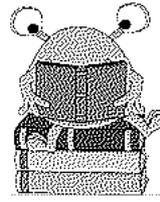
10:30am -11:00am, 5 December

**Burekup Hall**

10:30am -11:00am, 12 December

Action packed session full of fun, music, instruments and lots of excitement for your little one.

\*Bookings with the Shire of Dardanup essential.

**Summer Reading Challenge is Back!  
Eaton and Dardanup Library, All ages**

Registrations begin Saturday 3 December

This year our readers will be challenged to get out of their comfort-zone and discover some great new books, authors, and even new ways to read. There will be some fantastic give-aways just for keeping up your reading over the summer holidays.

So come in and get your Summer Reading kit to be part of the fun!

**What's on In Dardanup**

3 December – E Waste collection at Carramar Park

3 December – Gemma Louise playing at Green Door from 12.45pm, bookings advised

18 December – Ferguson Hall Christmas Tree, see poster this edition

18 December – St Aidan's Church Anglican service, 10.30am

18 December – Boyanup Farmers Market, 8am

21 December – St Aidan's Church Christmas Carols, 6.30pm

24 December – Church of Immaculate Conception Dardanup Carols and Mass, 6.00pm

14 January – Shire of Dardanup Movies By Moonlight, 6.30- 9.30pm @ Wells Recreational Park, Dardanup

26 January – Dardanup's Australia Day Breakfast, 8am

December – February 23 – the Shire has a full programme of free family entertainment organised so check out some in this edition plus more on the Shires website or follow the Shire on facebook.

12 February—SOUTH WEST ROSE SOCIETY INC. GENERAL MEETING 9.45AM FOR 10.00AM START ( WELLS RECREATION CLUB ROOMS) RECREATION ROAD DARDANUP

If you have an event to add  
please email  
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Note; No community Christmas Carols in Carramar Park this year due to lack of attendance at previous. Everyone busy Christmas shopping it seems.

20 March – Dardanup Art Spectacular Entries open

**Dardanup and Localities Clubs and Meetings**

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 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month at the DECDardanup Lions Club – 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of each month, 7:00pm at the Dardanup Tavern

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 Mon 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 –2nd Tuesday of every month, 7.30pm @ the Dardanup Shire Offices

Henty Riding Club – meets Wednesdays and other days at the Dardanup Equestrian Centre

~~Joshua/ Crooked Brook Sundowner – 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month, 7.00pm at the Fireshed- SUSPENDED~~

Knits and Knots Group – Every 1st &amp; 3rd Tuesday of the month, 1.00 -3.00pm @ the Dardanup Shire office

St Aidans Church, every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, 10.30am, all denominations welcome.SW Rose Soc – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month, 10.00am, @ Wells Recreation Park ClubroomsSW Veteran Car Club – 1<sup>st</sup> 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- 3rd Wednesday of the month, 7.30 pm, Wellington Mills Fireshed

Dardanup Central Bushfire Brigade training @ the Fire Station, Recreation Rd, 5.30pm every Wednesday

Ferguson Valley Mountain Bike Club – 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month at the Wells Rec Park Clubrooms, Mark, 0408 331 447Mens Welfare Group – 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 2-5pm at the Wells Recreation Park Clubrooms , Ray 0417 932 898



About 30 locals gathered at the Dardanup War Memorial for the annual Remembrance Day Service. Emceed by Janice Dow, a poem read by Darline Morgan, the Ode delivered by Warren Gunning, the Prayer lead by Jenny Gardiner and the Last Post and Reveille delivered by bugler Ben Welsh. Everyone gathered in the Hall afterwards to share morning tea. The Poppys displayed by the Shire as part of the Poppy Project looked magnificent and thankyou to Diane Gribble for displaying the wreaths dedicated to those that lost their lives in war and the animals that also lost their lives whilst serving in wars



### Official Book Launch – ‘The Christmas Mouse’ Book

A collaboration between two sisters has resulted in the recent publishing of ‘The Christmas Mouse’ book.

Janelle Cicchillitti and Bethwyn Lorkiewicz are local to the South West, where they have raised families in Bunbury and Dardanup.

Janelle is a first-time author with Bethwyn beautifully illustrating the book bringing to life the story through the character of Miss Mousey.

The story follows Miss Mousey post and pre-Christmas and her subsequent feelings of disappointment and sadness, and then anticipation of the next Christmas coming. The Christmas Mouse book is a story, not only for children, but anyone who loves Christmas!

The book is being well-supported in the local area with its first showing at the annual Dardanup Bull & Barrel Festival. A very successful official launch was held on the 9 November at Bunbury Regional Art Gallery where a presentation of books was made to the Principals of Dardanup Primary School, St Brigid's School - Collie and Grace Christian School - Bunbury for their libraries.

Copies are available at several outlets in Bunbury as well as Dardanup Local Post Office and Ferguson Valley Visitor Centre, as well as contacting Janelle via [TheChristmasMouseBook@gmail.com](mailto:TheChristmasMouseBook@gmail.com) @TheCMBook or @the\_christmas\_mouse\_book.



Janelle & Bethwyn (L to R) with their book  
The Christmas Mouse

### Ferguson Valley Visitors Centre News



Dardanup West Bushfire Brigade members l to r, Neil Dyer, Wayne Morris and Heather Keley organised the sausage sizzle at the FVVC Christmas Fete and did a great trade with George White purchasing several sausages in buns

Happy Christmas Everyone

Wow what a boost to tourism for Dardanup & Ferguson Valley this spring has been!! We've had a host of visitors & although the weather has shown it's usual unpredictability, the sun has shone when needed - for the B&B & now for the amazing day on Sunday November 20th.

Congratulations to all those involved in our Annual Christmas Fete & the Dardanup Heritage Collective who launched the Signage project & hosted the Heritage Forum. The 'new' war memorial was opened & the vintage cars displayed in the school car park were a great hit.

It was a sea of colourfully dressed people (& lots of dogs) strolling among tents & bunting & flowers & trees. Aren't we lucky to live in such a great place!

Our featured artist for the month of December is Diana Neggo whose beautiful oils & watercolours reflect her love of nature & are created in her unconventional (even for an artist!) studio - a converted dental van. Her works are perfect pieces to enhance any art collection but also to start off a young person's love of art & bring nature inside the home. Do come & see & buy lots of Christmas gifts!!

May 2023 be a very happy & healthy one!

Libby Pardoe

### Welcome News For Ferguson Locals

The Ferguson Bushfire Brigade recently took delivery of an automated external defibrillator (AED) thanks to a generous grant from South32.

An automated external defibrillator (AED) is used to help people experiencing sudden cardiac arrest. It's a sophisticated yet easy-to-use medical device that analyses the heart's rhythm and, when required, provides a shock (defibrillation) that attempts to re-establish an effective rhythm.

Sudden cardiac arrest is among the leading causes of death in Australia, and early access to defibrillation significantly increases the chances of survival. In fact, for each minute defibrillation is delayed, the odds of survival are reduced by approximately 10%.

When we identified that the nearest AED units were located in

Dardanup, Ferguson Hall, Wellington Mill BFB and Burekup, we realised that they were too far from the Greenwood Heights and Henty localities to be effective with return trips to most exceeding 20 minutes.

When Jeff Jackson, a long-term member of the Ferguson Brigade, suggested he could approach South 32 for a grant, the idea was widely welcomed. After an application process involving the Shire of Dardanup assisting the brigade, we received the funding used to purchase the new unit.

Ferguson Bushfire Brigade Fire Control Officer Lyndon Skeeres commented, "While we hope it remains unused for a long time, it is reassuring to know that in an emergency, we have good access to this lifesaving technology."

Anthony Congdon

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- Friday 6th January
- Friday 20th January
- Friday 3rd February
- Friday 17th February
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### Bush Adventure Scholarship Program

#### Are you ready for your next adventure?

The Shire of Dardanup is offering residents between the ages of 13 and 18 the opportunity to receive a full scholarship, covering all expenses for a 3-day camping adventure with facilitator Right Foot Forward.

During the 3-day camp based in a new location in the South West, young people hike between campsites and are involved in cooking their own meals, setting up camp and a number of outdoor activities including:

- Team building activities
- Camping
- Hiking

Aboriginal culture sessions

Right Foot Forward WA (camp facilitator) was borne out of Jocelyn Evans' passion and belief in the outcomes gained from adventure-based learning and her desire to see all people have access to opportunities like the Bush Adventure Learning Camps. Jocelyn has 18 years' experience in the Outdoor Education industry, 3 years' experience as a Youth Worker and is passionate about developing programs based on the principles of Bush Adventure Therapy.

Why not expand your horizons and join in on an adventure?

**Applications on the Shire website close on Monday 20 February 2023.**



*Thankyou to everyone who has contributed news and wishing all our readers a very Merry Xmas and safe New Year from the Dardanup Times Team*