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Ideal Weather Attracts Art Lovers to the Dardanup Art Spectacular Weekend

130 people enjoyed the Opening night where the awards were presented and drinks and savouries served by OLOL P&F and Dardanup P&C. The judges commented on the very high standard of art this year with 28 Primary and Secondary school students entering, 9 emerging artists who reside in the Shire of Dardanup entering and 99 artists in the Open section entering all vying for \$9000 in prize money generously supported by corporate sponsors and the Shire of Dardanup. The number of artworks entered, 245, was an increase on 2022.

2 new venues on the art trail, The Old Convent in Dardanup and Diana Neggo's studio in Ferguson Valley proved very popular this year and it was great to see the Peppermint Lane Lodge Sculpture trail back again after an absence last year. The wineries and cafes in F.V. were all busy.

Details of art works sold over the weekend, winners of the raffle and the Viewers Choice Award and funds received by the 2 schools from the Friday night Opening and gold coin door entry will be advertised in next months Dardanup Times as this information wasn't available at time of printing.

Of course this event would not be possible without the generous support from the following sponsors listed in the table below. Particular thanks to the Shire of Dardanup for their ongoing support and that of the major corporate sponsor, Quantum. A small gift of appreciation was presented to Mick Bennett, Shire President who has supported this event over 19 years as he will be retiring from Council in October.

The wineries and breweries of Ferguson Valley generously donated wine and beer for the Friday Night Opening and Bunbury Farmers Market generously donated all the food for the supper.

See List of winners pg 13











You are invited to The Dardy Party

The party celebrating 100 years since Dardanup was gazetted is well on the way to being organised. About 20 Community groups, schools, local businesses and industry have all put their hands up to participate in the street parade commencing at 10.00am on Saturday 13 May. Junkadelic, that zany band from Perth will be leading the parade through the town. Remember the roads will be closed for the street parade from 9.45am til about 10.45am so if you want to watch the parade you must park by 9.30am.

Then from 11.00am – 2.00pm there will be festivities around the Dardanup Hall and Carramar Park including musicians (OLOL Choir, Festive Brass, Elise Payne and Stigwood) performing on the stage in the Park as well as John Guimelli telling a few Dardy tales, childrens activities such as free bouncy castle, facepainting, old fashioned games, bubble workshops, Corenne, the Fairy entertaining the very young children, best decorated birthday hat competition, 100^{th} birthday cake cutting and historical displays and photo booth in the lesser hall, SW Veteran Car Club display and food trucks and coffee vans. The daytime activities have been funded by the Shire of Dardanup.

Then in the evening there will be a Great Gatsby themed ball in the Hall with music supplied by Whiskey Dogs who play 50s and 60s music. Cuprum Distillery are creating a special centenary cocktail, the Dardanup Lions are running the bar stocked with all your

favourite drinks, delicious supper and there will be a Commemorative bottle of wine to purchase as well as your commemorative entry ticket provided on arrival. Tickets on sale now, see the poster this edition for details. Tickets are limited so get in early to avoid disappointment as this is bound to be the social event of the year. Cost: \$50 ea (more information on how to purchase tickets can be found at www.dardanup.wa.gov.au)

"This milestone event is about celebrating the unique community and history of the Dardanup Town site which has grown and evolved so much in the 100 years since its gazettal." Shire President Michael Bennett explained" "The community in Dardanup have always been a wonderfully connected community and the whole town have really come together to make sure this is a party to remember. We are so happy to partner with them on delivering this celebration." concluded President Bennett.

If you have any queries please call me on 0418 281 201 or email dardanupresidentsassociation@gmail.com or check out the Shires website – info on their Home page- easy to find.

See you at the Dardy Party! Spread the Word! Share the posts on the local facebook pages!

Jill Cross Chairperson DDRA

Dardanup Heritage Collective Puts on History Lesson For the Centenary

For Dardanup's 100th year celebrations, the <u>Dardanup Heritage Collective</u> has prepared a display about the town's history featuring key dates and some never before seen photos. The Collective will also have on display the "Women of Charlotte St & Beyond" stories prepared for the 2022 opening of the Heritage Trail signs. There will be a continuous slide show featuring some of the Collective's photos and the DVD "Memories of Dardanup" showing.

The Dardanup Heritage Collective has produced two books for the day: "Adventures on the Ferguson - Tall Tales and Travel on the Ferguson River" and "Women of Charlotte St & Beyond", the stories from our 2022 display in print form. Sales from books will be used to support activities like sign installation at heritage sites and the collection and storage of significant documents.

Visit the displays and catch up with the members of the Collective at the Dardanup Lesser Hall. If you have photos, documents or journals you would like to share with the Dardanup community, please bring them along for members to see and perhaps discuss scanning them for the Collection.

For more Dardanup stories: https://dardanupheritagecollective.org.au

Jane Tucker on left and Lisa Robinson In their Gatsby Get Up Cant Wait For the Ball With Shire President Mick Bennett Ready With the 100th Birthday Cake



Dardanup Playgroup News

What a wonderful term we had at Playgroup! In the last week of term we were even lucky enough to have the Easter Bunny stop by for an early visit and leave a few special treats.

Playgroup meets every Wednesday 9:30am - 11:30am at the Community Centre, Little Street, Dardanup. If you have moved to town over the holidays or now have Wednesday mornings free come on down and say hi.

For weekly updates and picture of our adventures follow us on Facebook! **Jayde Hewson**



Boyanup Farmers Market News

The Boyanup Farmers Market Committee, Manager, Volunteers and Stall Holders would like to thank everyone that continues to support our Market Day, helping our producers to keep their small businesses going and making our market day always a success.

Our lucky raffle ticket winner in March was our very popular stall holder Joe from Da Silva Seafoods, who always buys \$5.00 worth of tickets and generously donates to the raffle, be sure to purchase a ticket or two at our next market to have a chance to win a great hamper. Locally produced in Western Australia, we have a variety of beverages, including Thomson Brook Wines, Oakway Estate Wines, Fifth Estate Wines, The Cidery, Swan River Distillery, Dean & Angela's Non Alcoholic Ginger Beer, Southern Forest Green Tea and Kuza coffee beans.

Our Market day is always held on the 4th Sunday of each month except the 3rd Sunday in December, our, next market is 28th May, 2023

The Shire of Dardanup's Youth Advisory Group (YAG) hosted their first YouthFest at Dardanup Hall on 14th April.

The event, held to celebrate 2023 National Youth Week, was a great success and was full of activities to celebrate the young people in our community.

Inside the hall was a range of young creators, artisans and entrepreneurs who hosted their own stalls with great success. Local emergency services and volunteers had interactive activities for the whole family, with many exclaiming how great it was to meet the community in a fun and non-emergency environment.

The RAC Helicopter Virtual Reality experience trailer was a popular addition. Parkour demonstrations and workshops in the lesser hall kept people busy.

The YAG team were thrilled to hear the news that a crowd of over 450 people attended throughout the day and provided such positive feedback on their event! Thank you to all who came along to celebrate.



Mens Welfare Group News

The group has been going for over a year now and is designed to get participation from those men who are slightly older.

Ray Bottomley (seen rolling down a carpet bowl) sees to the admin side of things, and the rest of us just try to be his bowling equal or just sit about chatting and shyacking.

We meet on the first and third Tuesdays at 2pm to 4 (roughly) and ask of all that (at least) a gold coin donation is made to pay for hall costs. The venue is the Wells Recreation Ground Clubrooms

Comment from Ray; we have held some 30 meetings at an average of 12 per meeting the participants revolving out of a greater number as many members are serious grey nomads or keen fishers or have outside interests other than the welfare club. Looking forward to have new members over the winter, phone RAY 041709320898.







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May is the second half of the Noongar Season *Djeran*. It is the time when the first rains come

(fingers crossed), listen out for the Moaning frog as they begin to call when rain is on its way. We tend to experience cooler mornings with dew and the winds change to the SW. With the chill in the air, listen out for the melodious chorus of *Koolbardi* (Magpies) their autumn song is beautiful.

There is still time to get your winter vegies in the garden, but be quick! If you have left it this late be sure to purchase some advanced seedlings as they will give you a faster harvest. Check your planting guide before you head to the shops so you don't buy crops that are out of season. Yes, it is a bit naughty but they are still selling summer crops. Don't be tempted...

Now is the time to make sure you have a plan for protecting the winter vegie patch. Mulching your beds has quite a few benefits. It retains soil warmth, reduces erosion and reduces fungal issues from soil being splashed onto leaves. We pop an extra Doona on the bed this time of year and the soil microbes will thank you for keeping them more cosy too.

A well placed wind break will keep your patch a few degrees warmer and make it a nicer place to pop out for a harvest. Peas tendrils are particularly delicate and won't withstand blustery weather. I plant mine on the prevailing wind side of the trellis, so they are blown onto it, not off it. If you are using thick mesh panels for a trellis, it is helpful to run extra lines of jute twine to help the peas 'hold on'.

Pest management becomes a priority. Rabbits and the odd rouge chook can usually be kept on the right side of a well constructed fence. However, the colder weather sees some unwanted visitors to the garden. Birds, Rodents and other Insects can be a real problem and need some targeted management strategies.

Exclusion nets are really helpful to keep out adult moths, birds and some rodents. These nets are also helpful in protecting frost tender plantings. You can make a simple hoop structure to cover the entire bed or place individual 'cloches' over pots or separate plants. Purpose made net can be purchased from various outlets or they can be made with small gauge bird netting, mesh or even old netted curtains. Get creative with your up-cycled materials.

One of the main winter pest insects is the Cabbage Moth. Early planting of Brassicas can be susceptible to attack and the best defence is an exclusion net. Covering the entire bed may not always be practical, however, issues can be reduced with a regular 'caterpillar patrol'. Moths generally lay their small yellow/white eggs on the underside of the leaves. These hatch into little green caterpillars, voracious eating machines, so I suggest a quick check/patrol of your crop each morning and manually remove them. I pick them off and then dispose of them by putting them into a container of soapy water.

Rodents have been a huge problem and generally get worse during the cooler, wetter months. Be mindful of pets and wildlife if you are using baits. Ensuring you have your fertilisers and chook food stored in sealed containers helps reduce the population. Another area to watch out for them is in your compost heap and worm farms. Don't forget to check the engine area of your ride on lawn mower before you start it up - they like to make a nest in there too!

It's Pruning time. Don't forget to remove any suckering growth on your fruit trees as this reduces tree health and yield. Give your Passionfruit a haircut, trim it back by 1/3. Kiwifruit and Grapevines can be done now or when they are dormant.

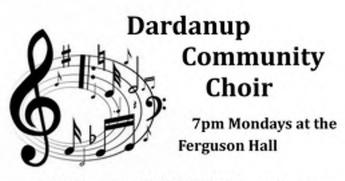
To keep your patch looking its best, fertilise your garlic and winter veg every couple of weeks with a soluble Seaweed or Fish emulsion tonic. Remember that higher Nitrogen % is good for leafy vegies but not your root veg. Check your labels carefully.

What you can plant now:

Leaf crops - Celery, Cress, Collard greens, Chicory, Endive, Lettuce, Mizuna, Choi Sum, Gai Lan, Pak Choy, Chinese Cabbage, Mustard greens, Rocket, Spinach, Silverbeet, Radicchio, Witlof and Corn salad. Brassica crops (seedlings only*) -Broccoli, Broccoli Raab, Brussel Sprouts, Cabbage, Cauliflower and Kale. Root crops - Beetroot, Carrot, Radish, Daikon, Celeriac, Kohlrabi, Salsify, Swede, Turnip. Legume crops - Broad Beans, Snow peas and Peas. Onion family - Garlic, Leeks, Spring onions, Onions, Potato onions, Tree onions and Shallots. Herbs - Artichoke, Bay, Chives, Coriander, Fennel, Lemon Balm, Mint, Rosemary, Oregano, Parsley, Rosemary, Sage, Thyme and Burdock.

Happy Gardening!

The next Sustainable Living Workshop is on Thursday 11/5/23 at the Dardanup Hall. Topic: **Bountiful Berries.** Sweet juicy and best picked ripe from the bush. There is a huge range of berries that we can grow in our backyard. Come along as we discuss the best varieties to choose and how to keep them happy and healthy. Bookings essential ph: 9724000 or on the website dardanup.wa.gov.au/events



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NEW MEMBERS WELCOME



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Welcome to Wespine's 2022 Community Update

Wespine 2022 In Review

Wespine has released its latest community update which provides an overview of our business in 2022.

Highlights this year include the support we provided for a range of local community programs, welcoming a significant number of new

employees to the Wespine team, and record sales for structural timber through our sales and marketing division of Staxa.

Hardcopies will be available from the Dardanup Shire office during April. Alternatively, please contact Reception at Wespine on 08 9725 5777 to have a copy posted.

We are very proud of our team's achievements during the year and thank the Dardanup community for the continued support of our business.

Dardanup Centenary Celebrations

Wespine would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Dardanup community on achieving 100 years and look forward to seeing many of you at the centenary celebrations in May.

Claire Overheu

Executive and Communications Coordinator Wespine

Dardanup Senior Citizens News

Dardanup Senior Citizens held their Meeting on the 18th April with 23 members attending.

Mish from Doors Wide Open was our Guest Speaker & gave in site on Empowering people in recovery from chronic life challenges & how they help families.

All Members enjoyed lunch at the Green Jade Restaurant. Jennifer Gardiner is making our wreath for Anzac Day, thank you Jennifer.

Some Members are attending the Dardanup 100th Birthday celebration on the 13th May.

Our next meeting is on 16th May & new members are most welcome. Revely Gardiner Secretary

LAST CALL Red Cross Calling

Red Cross March/ April calling. This fundraiser is upon us again and anyone wishing to make a donation to the Dardanup Red Cross unit would be very much appreciated. We will be able to accept and issue receipts. Please send your generous donation to Dardanup Red Cross unit, c/o. Gwen Wells, Post Office, DARDANUP 6236. Or donate online.

All donations big and small are much appreciated and we all know the wonderful work that Red Cross does in this country and around the world.

Dardanup Environmental Action Group News

In the last month 4 of the DEAG Committee have had virtual meetings with the Appeals Convenor because of a longstanding appeal DEAG submitted over a review of the Cleanaway Licence. These appeals are costly and very time consuming but it is the only way this community will see stricter licences placed on Cleanaway's Banksia Rd landfill operation.

DEAG also submitted an extensive comment to the EPA who called for a review of Cleanaway's application to construct 3 new cells, 9,10 and 12A. Cleanaway did refer this application to the EPA themselves and now DEAG has submitted a comment to the EPA as well as many of the Committee also sending in their comments. You might think its waste of time all of this commenting but Cleanaway has had a lot of their operations delayed due to having to answer issues DEAG raises and the Govt depts responsible are taking our concerns very seriously and also taking the time to investigate further.

Recently 5 DEAG members met with the 3 planning officers with the Shire of Dardanup to discuss the new Town Plan Scheme no. 9 which has been advertised for public review with submissions for this to be in to the Shire by 23 May. As a result of this meeting DEAG will be submitting some suggestions for improvements to the scheme with a view to tightening the landfill operations at Bankia Rd and hopefully prevent any future landfill on Lot 81 Marginata (current site of Shire transfer station) which is owned by the J&P Corporation or any other lots nearby.

2 of our Committee are also investigating some social media strategies to improve communication between DEAG and all of you. So you can see we have been busy as usual, continuing the fight to oppose any landfill operations outside Cleanaway's current operation, restrict the current landfill operation and ensure this landfill site is complying with the licence.

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Have Your Say On New Planning Scheme

The community is invited to have its say on draft Local Planning Scheme No. 9.

The Shire of Dardanup has developed Local Planning Scheme No. 9 to replace current Town Planning Scheme No. 3. The Scheme is a document used to control land use and development in the Shire of Dardanup. It specifies how the land may be used (zones) and developed and outlines the processes to be followed before development can occur. Our expert Planners, apply the Local Planning Scheme to applications and proposals in conjunction with Scheme Maps, State Planning Policies and the applicable Local Planning Policies and Strategies. Under State Planning Laws, Local Governments are required to review their Schemes every 5 years.

The purpose of Local Planning Scheme No. 9 is to:

- Set out planning aims and intentions for the Scheme area;
- Set aside land as local reserves for public purposes;
- Zone land and define its purpose;
- Control and guide development;
- Set out procedures for the assessment of development applications;

• Set out procedures for contributions made by land developers toward the cost of providing infrastructure connected with their developments;

Make provision for the administration and enforcement of the Scheme.

The resulting document is a more contemporary land use planning scheme and has been prepared in accordance with latest amendments to the Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015.

Submissions must be lodged on or before 4:00pm, 23 May, 2023.

Plans and documents setting out and explaining the planning scheme are available for inspection at the Shire Council Offices – 3 Little Street, Dardanup and 1 Council Drive, Eaton and at the Eaton Community Library – 2 Sanford Way, Eaton or can be viewed online via the below links. Submissions on the planning scheme may be lodged in writing to the Chief Executive Officer, PO Box 7016, EATON WA 6232 or via email

to <u>submissions@dardanup.wa.gov.au</u> Submissions should include the name and address of the person making the submission and the property affected.

Events At Green Door

May 6th - Spanish Cooking Class

Get your tickets for our next Spanish Cooking Class hosted by Food with Passion SW on May 6th at the cellar door! Enjoy our amazing view of the valley while you sip Sangria and learn how to cook authentic Spanish Paella and churros for dessert! Tickets include Sangria, paella dinner and churros. All additional drinks can be purchased through the cellar door on the night. Tickets: \$130.00

May 7th - Paella Sunday

The team from Food With Passion SW will join us at the cellar door where they will cook authentic Spanish Paella right in the cellar door. No tickets required but recommended to make a booking.

May 14th - Green Door Gigs: Gemma Louise Music We've got local acoustic musician Gemma Louise Music will join us on Mother's Day, May 14th for a chill afternoon of grazing, vino and tunes! No tickets required but recommended to make a booking as it's always a very busy day in the valley. First set starts at 12.45.

Shire of Dardanup Events

Chair Yoga

Tuesday 2 May, 1.00pm – 2.00pm, Eaton Library

Tuesday 9 May, 1.00pm – 2.00pm, Dardanup Hall

Chair yoga is a gentle form of yoga that is practiced sitting on a chair, or standing using a chair for support. Yoga can help slow down the ageing process by maintaining muscle softness and flexibility, keeping the mind alert and awake, encouraging relaxation and strengthening muscles and joints.

Little Jigglers*

Tuesday 2 May, 9.30am – 10.15am
Eaton Community Library
Little Jigglers is designed to introduce kindy
and pre-school aged kids to the world of song,
dance, rhythm, musical instruments, and
playtime activities.
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Lego Club*

Tuesday 2 May, 9.30am – 10.15am Eaton Community Library Come along and join the weekly fun, explore your creativity, challenge yourself and meet new friends with Lego Club. Each week we have a different theme or challenge to get kids' minds and hands to explore new concepts and ideas. *Bookings essential

Crafternoons with Kate

Wednesday 3 May, 1.00pm – 3.00pm Eaton Community Library Learn the art of Eco-Weaving with Kate! Learn how to weave soft plastics into baskets and place mats or even bottle tops into earrings and chip packets into clutch bags! Thrifty fashion is in so why not turn your hand to re-usable/upcycled creations!

Sustainable Living Workshops: Bountiful Berries

Thursday 11 May, 10.00am – 11.30am Dardanup Hall

Come along and find out about all the kinds of berries that you can grow at home! Learn the best ways to keep your plants producing the most bountiful berries! *Bookings essential

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Blood Stained Poppies

This hell on earth, This deathly war, Bright poppies, In dark times, At Flanders Fields, Where poppies grow.

We fire bullets, They fire back, Through dropping shells, And eternal pain, We fight, At Flanders Fields.

The early rise, The late rest, When the bugal calls, At Flanders Fields

The cold trenches,
The deafening blasts,
Blood stained muck,
Around poppies and barbed wire,
The only brightness in our dismal lives,
We hear constant screams of death,
We see no end to this war.

Fuelled by pure hatred,
Fighting for our lives,
And the next person in line,
Placing crosses over the fallen,
Seeing the poppies down over the
graves,
As the guns ring out above.

Lest We Forget.

by Thomas Herd Year 6, Dardanup Primary School



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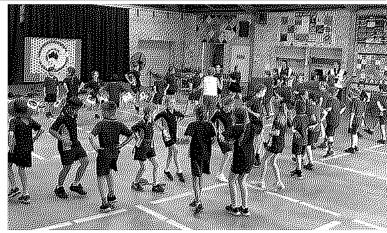
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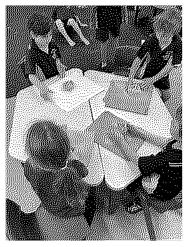


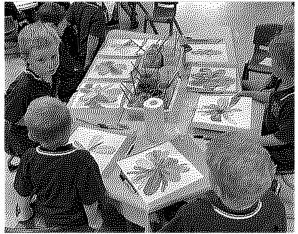
Dardanup Primary School hosted Harmony Day with Our Lady of Lourdes' students. It was a wonderful celebration of Australian multiculturalism, and the successful integration of migrants into our community. Australia is one of the most successful multicultural countries in the world and we celebrate and work to maintain it! The message of Harmony Week is everyone belongs. It is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural or linguistic background, united by a set of core Australian values. Having our two schools work together epitomises the true meaning of belonging!!

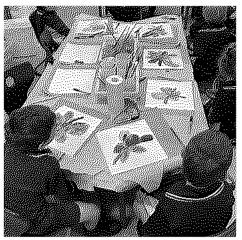




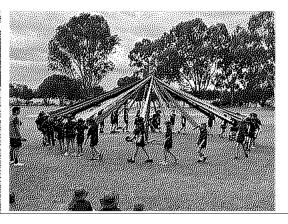
Traditional Italian pastries enjoyed at Easter. Tarantella dance, kept everyone on their toes!!













Our Lady of Lourdes School



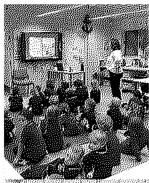




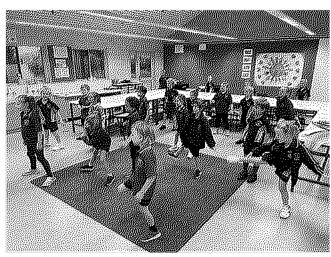




















Looking for a Local Venue To Hold That Function?

Ferguson Hall

Full Day hire (8 hours) or evening function \$350 (local resident hire \$250)

Half Day Hire (up to 4 hours) \$175 (local resident \$125) Multi-session User Rates negotiable

Trestles, chairs, BBQ, gas heater and table cloths available for hire A Bond is required for all Bookings. (18th and 21st Birthday celebrations not accepted)

Contact for Hiring is Robyn Jones on 0468 576 950 or bse7@bigpond.com

Thomas Little Hall

This iconic building is available to the community to hire for suitable functions, eg - meetings, wedding receptions, art exhibitions, musical recitals/events, conventions etc. A fully functioning kitchen is an integral part of the hall.

Inquiries and bookings should be directed to Leanne Depiazzi at Our Lady of Lourdes School on 97282200 or mobile 0418781121.

Wells Recreation Park Clubrooms

\$150 for private evening functions plus bond, available for meetings - daytime or evening, 100 people max, limited catering facilities (microwave, fridges, pie warmer)

Crockery and cutlery for 60, aircon, trestles and chairs, whiteboard. Enquires to Jill Cross, Sec, DDRA, jill.cross@bigpond.com

What's on In Dardanup

2 May – Mens Welfare Group – 2pm at the Wells Recreation Park Clubrooms

3 May – Dardanup Heritage Collective meeting, 1pm at Thomas Little Hall

5 May- Ferguson Hall Sundowner and AGM 5pm, See ad this edition

6 May – E Waste collection, 9-11, Carramar Park

11 May - The next Sustainable Living Workshop at the Dardanup Hall. Topic: Bountiful Berries. Bookings through the Shire

13 May- Dardanup's 100th Birthday Celebrations, 10am – 2pm

13 May – Great Gatsby Ball@ the Dardanup Hall, 7.30pm, see poster this edition for details

16 May – Dardanup Senior Citizens meeting, 9.30pm at the Wells Recreation Park Clubrooms

16 May - Mens Welfare Group – 2pm at the Wells Recreation Park Clubrooms

17 May – WA Apiarists Soc meeting, 6.30pm at ECU, see add this edition

23 May – Shire of Dardanup Town Planning Scheme 9 Submission close

28 May - Boyanup Farmers Market, 8am

7 October – Dardanup Bull and Barrel Festival

If you have an event to add please email jill.cross@bigpond.com

Dardanup and Localities Clubs and Meetings

Dardanup Community Choir- every Monday, 7pm @ the Ferguson Hall, Helen 0422 095 870

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 4th Sunday of the month at the DEC

Dardanup Lions Club – 2ndand 4th Tuesdays of each month, 6:30pm 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 Thursday of every month, 6pm at a nominated location. More info

contact <u>marketing@fergusonvalley.net.au</u>

Henty Riding Club – meets Wednesdays and other days at the Dardanup Equestrian Centre Joshua/ Crooked Brook Sundowner — 2nd Friday of the month, 7.00pm at the Fireshed.-SUSPENDED Knits and Knots Group – Every 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month, 1.00 -3.00pm @ the Dardanup Shire office

St Aidans Church, every 3rd Sunday, 10.30am, all denominations welcome.

SW Rose Soc – 2nd Sunday of each month, 10.00am, @ Wells Recreation Park Clubrooms

SW Veteran Car Club -1^{st} 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 – 1st Wednesday of the month at the Wells Rec Park Clubrooms, Mark, 0408 331 447

Mens Welfare Group – 1st and 3rd Tuesday, 2-5pm at the Wells Recreation Park Clubrooms, Ray 0417 932 898

Congratulations to Jasmine White celebrated her 50th

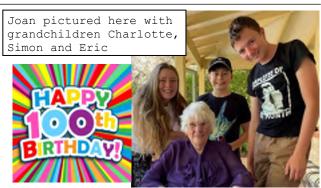
Jasmine White celebrated her 50th birthday

Brian Wells celebrating his 95th birthday on 12 May

Don Baskott celebrated his 96th birthday in March

Joan Lantzke celebrating her 100th birthday on 5 May.

Joan was a longtime resident of Dardanup and Wellington Mills and now resides in Bunbury.



Big Crowd Turned Out For Dardanup Anzac Day Service Despite the Weather



Photo compliments Jodie Hanns Photographer

Around 200 people were in attendance at this years morning service with around 50 people attending the dawn service emceed by Mike Milligan with the Last Post and Reveille played by Stuart Hair whilst the flags were raised by Brigitte Milligan, Warren Gunning, Pieter Den Boer and Wayne Morris. Nikki Hair organised the music and Fr Wayne gave the prayer.

The mornings service was held in the Hall due to the bleak weather and the march was cancelled. The service was emceed by Ellen Lilley, Dardanup Shire Councillor with Jodie Hanns MLA Collie Preston and Mick Bennett Shire President addressing those in attendance. Madeleine Rose, Our Lady of Lourdes P.S. Student, recited "Sir" by Damian Morgan, our community choir led us in singing 'I am Australian' and Thomas Herd, Dardanup Primary School Student recited his original poem 'Blood Stained Poppies, a copy of which you can read below.

Many beautiful wreaths were laid, Warren Gunning recited the ODE and Graham Martinson played the Last Post and Reveille whilst the flags were raised by the 2 schools and Leschenault Scout Group. Unfortunately as you see in the photo the flag raising party got wet. Well done to the Dardanup and Districts Residents Assoc Committee for coordinating the ANZAC Service, the Dardanup Lions Club who supplied the complimentary sausage sizzle and everyone who brought a plate for morning tea.



Shire President Mick Bennett Announces Retirement Dardanup Shire President Mick Bennett has announced his intention to retire from Council at the October, 2023 Local Government elections following 28 years of service to the community.

Cr Bennett was first elected to Council in 1991. He has served five years as a Councillor, three as Deputy Shire President and two 10-year stints as Shire President separated by a four-year break from Council between 2005 and 2009.

Deputy Shire President Tyrrell Gardiner said Cr Bennett was a passionate believer in the value of local government and had led the community through a period of exponential growth.

"Cr Bennett's skills as an advocate, mediator, collaborator and communicator across various levels of government and community have resulted in the realisation of many significant community facilities including the Eaton Recreation Centre, Eaton Football and Softball Pavilions, new Eaton Skatepark, Eaton Bowling Club & Senior Citizen's Centre, Wells Recreation Changerooms, plus the Library, Administration and Community Centre currently under construction," Cr Gardiner said.

Cr Bennett has also been active in formal planning processes for the new City of Wanju and contributed significantly to a vision for the area as a state-leader in sustainable living.

"His high level of commitment to Council, the community and his duties over an extended period of time is without question," Cr Gardiner said.

With his "make it happen" attitude, Cr Bennett has been the driver of an enormous variety of initiatives ensuring the Shire, its community and the surrounding region have benefitted from opportunities as they arose. Cr Bennett has also served on various regional groups and demonstrated his passion across the broader South West with a particular focus on the Bunbury Geographe area.

Eds Note; Mick has put in an enormous effort over 28 years serving this community and we sincerely thank him and his wife Di for this commitment.

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