

# Dardanup Advisory Group Meeting

Thomas Little Hall

Wednesday, 1 September 2021, 5.30pm – 7.30pm

## NOTES

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### Attendance

#### Elected Representatives

Cr. P Robinson	Chairperson
Cr. T Gardiner	Advisory Group Member
Cr. P Perks	Advisory Group Member [6.00pm]

#### Community

Mr. Brendan Putt	Community
Ms. Jo-Anne Pope	Community
Mr. Alan Norman	Community
Mr. Wayne Cross	Community
Ms. Jill Cross	Community
Ms. Roslyn Ruland	Community
Ms. Jennifer Trigwell	Community
Mrs. Darlene Morgan	Community
Mr Keith Patterson	Community
Mr. Anthony Wood	Community

#### Staff

Mr. Andre Schönfeldt	Chief Executive Officer
Mr. Luke Botica	Director Infrastructure
Mr. Nathan Ryder	Manager Infrastructure Planning & Design
Ms. Vicki Pretorius	Landscape Design Officer
Ms. Lucy Owen-Conway	Manager Place & Community Engagement
Ms. Peta Nolan	PA – Director Infrastructure

#### Apologies

Cr. M T Bennett	Shire President
Mr. Chris Ruland	Community

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### Meeting Open – 5.30pm

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#### Welcome

Welcome and Acknowledgment of Country by Chairperson, Cr. Peter Robinson.

## Disclosure of Interest

The following members declared a proximity interest:-

Roslyn Ruland  
Anthony Wood  
Wayne Cross  
Chris Ruland

The following members declared an impartiality interest:-

Roslyn Ruland	Dardanup Soccer Committee/Dardanup Sporting Club
Chris Ruland	Dardanup Soccer Club/Dardanup Cricket Club member
Keith Patterson	Cricket Club Members
Jill Cross	Secretary Sporting Club/Bull and Barrel Festival
Wayne Cross	Dardanup Central Fire Brigade
Brendan Putt	Dardanup Central Fire Brigade
Jenny Trigwell	Dardanup Heritage Collective Committee Member

It was agreed that members would participate in all discussion.

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### **New Dardanup Central Bushfire Brigade**

#### ***Nathan Ryder - Manager Infrastructure Planning & Design***

- Mr Nathan Ryder advised that unfortunately a site visit could not be arranged due to the builder currently sealing the floor. He presented some photographs of the internal features of the building to the group.

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### **Community Engagement Projects**

#### ***Lucy Owen – Conway – Manager Place and Community Engagement***

##### ***Interpretive Sign Project – address Mrs Jill Cross***

- Mrs Jill Cross informed the group that the Dardanup Heritage Collective Group has been formed to preserve the number of buildings within the Town. There is a committee of 12 members. The group has become Incorporated and is currently developing a policy. The community will be asked to provide any historical records and these will be digitised so that the Dardanup history will be in the one place. A Heritage Forum was held in April at the Thomas Little Hall. Since this time the Group has applied for funding with the Heritage Council and were successful in obtaining \$20,000 to be applied to several projects including interpretive signs. Furthermore an additional \$30,000 was delivered through the SWDC from the state government. The Shire is helping with managing this funding and the projects. Dardanup Town site is stage one of the project. There will be community consultation and the group will need to work with the Shire to obtain permissions. The signs will include some text, a photo and there will be a QR code on each sign. A website is being built to compliment the signs via the QR code. The website will allow the group to build on the information. There will be 13 signs in the town.
- Cr. P Robinson stated that it is a very exciting project. He asked when the community will see the first signs.
- Mrs Cross advised that there will be the tender process and community consultation and information gathering so it will take some time. At least six months
- Mr Anthony Wood asked if the QR codes are written or oral? Mrs Cross advised that the group will look at including audible information. She also advised that the information will be about the people and the place. There is so much information and stories eg. Thomas Little.

Cr. P R Perks left the meeting (6.00pm)

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### ***Dardanup Heritage Collective Project – address by Mr Danny Harris***

- Mr Danny Harris presented the information about the Dardanup Heritage Collective. He advised that this project requires a museum and the Dardanup Office would be an excellent space for this purpose. Permission has been received from the Shire to co-locate in the front rooms for the purpose of research. It is suggested that the Library and the front counter be retained and for the groups to work together.
- It was acknowledged that the building will need an upgrade inside and out to create the right environment to store documents. Contact has been made with Heritage WA, the local member and the Bunbury Museum to research funding opportunities and best practice. The Dardanup Museum would add an ideal entry to the Ferguson Valley.
- The Collective is seeking the Advisory Group support to assist them in reaching this goal.
- Mrs Darlene Morgan advised that it is a wonderful idea.
- Mr Keith Paterson advised that it is a great idea and provides more interest to attract people to come to town.
- Mr. Harris advised that the group is working very well and is very keen to progress this project.
- Cr. P Robinson advised that the current plan is to retain the Dardanup Office.

### ***Dardanup War Memorial Project – Stage 3***

*Lucy Owen-Conway – Manager Place and Community Engagement*

Ms Lucy Owen-Conway presented the plans for this Project. The group discussed various options for the layout and considered accessibility as well as requirements for the Anzac day Service.

#### ***Shade Shelters (approximately 2.2m square)***

- Dark red has been planned for the roof colour. It was agreed that the red roof would be suitable.
- The T Junction design was agreed as the most suitable option.
- The shade shelter to be placed for two orientations to allow for the shade.

#### ***War Memorial***

- The Group agreed that the war memorial structure is very good.
- Ms Owen-Conway advised that lighting is being also investigated.
- It was advised by Mr Danny Harris that there is a Jarrah plaque of all the names of service men in the Dardanup Office – extra names need to be able to go on and complete the plaque.
- The red wall where the Diggers memorial is will be constructed. This is being built by volunteers so will be completed as time permits.

### ***Update on upcoming events and how the community can get involved?***

Ms Lucy Owen-Conway presented the coming events

- The Lost and Found Festival is on 9 to 12 September 2021. This includes events for all interests and ages including markets at Ferguson Farm Stay, open day at Roelands Village, Hoe-down at Wild Bull, long table lunches, and more. Tickets online.
  - Bull and Barrel is on 9 October 2021.
  - Dardanup Art Spectacular is due to return 1 and 2 May 2022.
  - Spring out Festival (Eaton) – for children and families on Sunday 24 October 2021. The Shire has received funding from Tronox which has allowed additional displays, one of which is the Scitech tent. There is also a literacy and learning tent and Giant Dodgeball.
  - Movies by Moonlight – Cr Gardiner is donating a truck to be used as the stage.
  - Poppy Project – The project provides an opportunity for community members to knit or crochet poppies which will be displayed around the Shire on Remembrance Day. RSL Poppy ladies are in the library this Saturday. There are packs that can be picked up for the Dardanup Office. There will be a remembrance service this year at the Dardanup War Memorial at 11am.
  - Ferguson Valley Art trail concept plan – The Shire has been successful in obtaining funding for this project that has previously been presented to the Group. An amount of about \$60,000 will
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be used for an artist is residence to work with the community.

- Enlighten Festival involving digital animation where community can be involved by preparing animation that will be displayed at the Eaton Skate Park on 18-19 March 2022.

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## 2021/2022 Budget – Projects

### Nathan Ryder - Manager Infrastructure Planning & Design

#### ***Request from Lions Club to use Dardanup Central BFB***

Cr. P Robinson advised that correspondence has been received from the Dardanup Lions Club as follows and is provided for discussion at the Advisory Group :-

*Since the transfer of the Dardanup Fire Station to the new location at Wells Reserve; we have become aware of the vacant nature of the old site at the Shire Hall building. We are requesting that our Lions club be granted permission to use this vacant facility. If our Lions Club was granted permission to utilize this facility we could continue the great community work we undertake. This location would enable our Club to continue its close association with the Shire and help us to continue our major projects such as Australia day Breakfast; Christmas carols and ANZAC Day. If we were granted permission to utilize this building, we could vacate our current shed on Wells Reserve; enabling another sporting club access to a shed.*

Cr. P Robinson advised that Council has endorsed the Dardanup Community Facilities Plan (DCFP). He asked the Group if they felt that the Shire should keep to the existing plan.

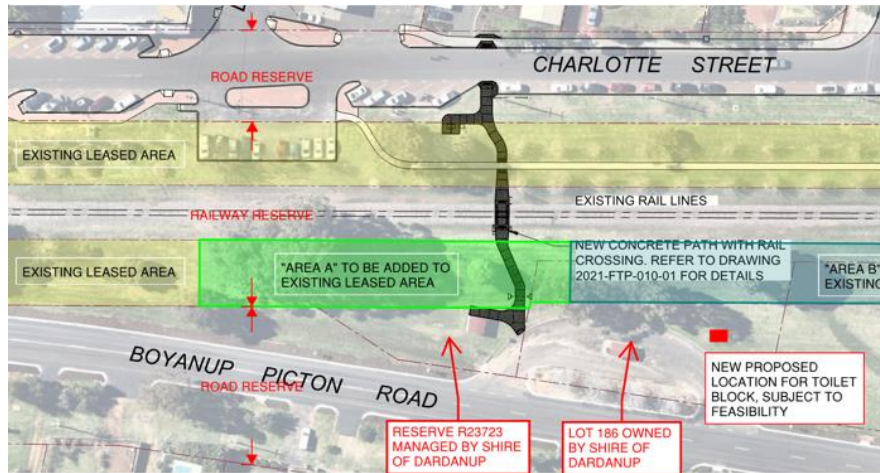
There was discussion from the Group about this item with the following comments coming from members:-

- Yes to keep the current DCFP as keeping old fire station will detract from the plan. If these are important services, the community should look at facilities in the future for an appropriate location. The endorsed DCFP is the best plan for the future of the town.
- Yes to keep with the DCFP as above. The community need to look forward at the “big picture”.
- In response to the question about when work will commence Mr André Schönfeldt advised that there is currently \$125,000 to deliver Stage 1 and the Shire has applied for RAC funding for \$100,000 to do more of the project.
- Leave the building there so it can be used by the community.
- Cr. P Robinson reported that he has spoken to a member of the Lions Club about their ability to pay for the maintenance and upkeep of the building and he was advised the Lions Club cannot afford to take the building on. If the Lions Club were to use the facility they would need to consider these costs.
- The DCFP went out to the whole community for comment on several occasions and this Plan has been thoroughly reviewed and therefore the community supports the current Plan.
- There may be an opportunity for the facility to be used for other purposes such as a gym.
- The plan is to open up the town to Carramar Park. Alternative locations can be looked at for the Lions and the Mens Shed in the future.
- The current plan is ideal and would be very good use of the spaces in Town. It is a beautiful plan.
- The Dardanup Central Bush Fire Brigade members have been a significant part of this planning journey. The members were opposed to moving initially however came to the decision that the move was in the best interests of the whole community and therefore supported the move and the demolition of the old building. It would be a step backwards to now put someone in there. Members had three votes on this and it was agreed that it be moved and the building demolished.
- It is believed that the general community view is to remain with the current DCFP.

In summary, it was agreed by the majority of the group to recommend that Council retain the current Dardanup Community Facilities Plan and that alternative locations for the Lions Club and Men’s Shed be sought to support these Clubs in the future.

## **Charlotte St – New Toilet and Rail Crossing**

Mr Nathan Ryder presented the map outlining ownership and lease arrangements for the railway reserve and proposed location for the new toilet and rail crossing within the railway reserve. He advised that it has taken eight months for PTA/Arc Infrastructure to respond to the Shire and the response was that the toilet facility was not approved. The pathways and railway crossing within the railway reserve have, however, been approved by PTA/Arc Infrastructure, but it is subject to the Shire adding Areas “A” and “B” to its existing Leased Area within the railway reserve. An alternative location for the toilet block is at the Pull-in Bay on the other side of the reserve off Boyanup-Picton Road as shown below.



This location is currently being investigated by the Shire for connection to water and sewer services. Discussion was opened up to the Group and comments were as follows:-

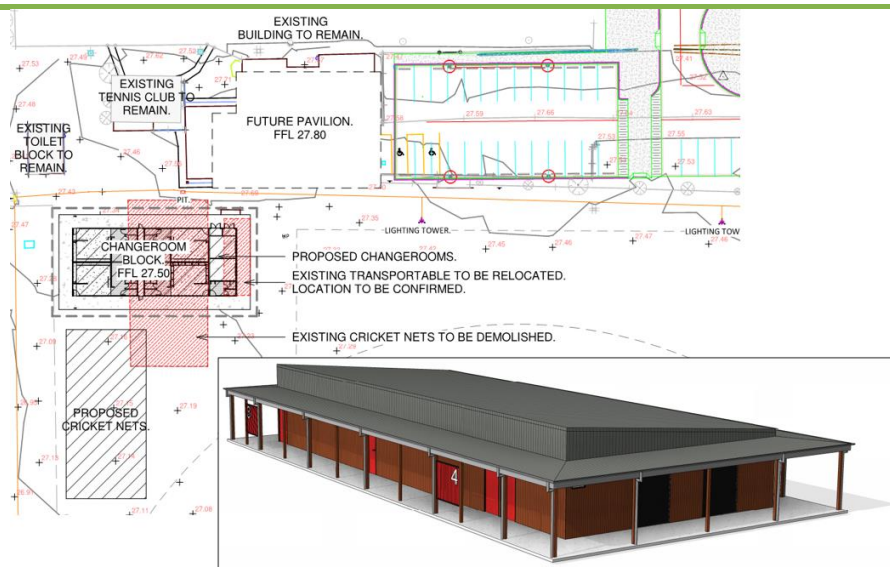
- The recent toilet signage has helped to direct visitors to the toilets at the Dardanup Hall;
- It will be an expensive exercise to connect sewer and water to the proposed location. Should it be continued to direct visitors to use the current facilities;
- The current facilities will be upgraded in the future however the toilets on the main street are still supported;
- Mr N Ryder advised that, to expedite the project, it is proposed to order the toilet in kit form now and continue to investigate the location in parallel;
- It was agreed that the concept for the new location should include the provision of a black waste dump point;
- It was agreed that the toilet colour scheme be the same as the new toilet block at Gnomesville. Colours to include Mangrove, Woodland Grey, Evening Haze and Surfmist.

## **New Wells Recreation Changerooms and Car Park**

Mr Nathan Ryder presented the details of this project. The change rooms and the car park are included in the 2021/2022 budget. This includes relocation of the cricket nets to the south.

Consideration needs to be given to the existing “donger” change rooms. Mrs Jill Cross advised that she will email the members of the Wells Sports Committee for consideration about the needs while construction is underway.

There was discussion about allowing access for larger vehicles to the oval and also to include in the design an access track across the swale near the BFB concrete apron, with removable bollards, for occasional use.



## Burekup and Dardanup Recreational Vehicle Stop-Over Sites Policy

Cr. P Robinson advised that the current status of RV stopovers consists of allowance for stopovers of 3 nights in Burekup and 1 night in Dardanup. He asked if the group thought that the two towns should have the same requirements. For the 3 night stays there is a need to have a permit that is obtained from a local contact on arrival. The General Store manages the issuing of permits in Burekup.

The following comments were made by the group:-

- Dardanup should change to 72 hours to attract more tourists.
- There is no problem with providing the 72 hour stopover however there is an issue with the location of the stays being in front of the Dardanup Hall.
- What if there are events at the Hall? A permit would not be issued.
- If there is an event at the Hall can they be referred to Little Street. It needs to be more agile to welcome visitors.
- Are there options at Carramar Park?

The majority of the group recommended that Council consider the RV stopover should be considered by Council to increase to 72 hours however the location needs to be considered.

## Carramar Park Landscaping Stage 1

**Vicki Pretorius - Landscape Design Officer**

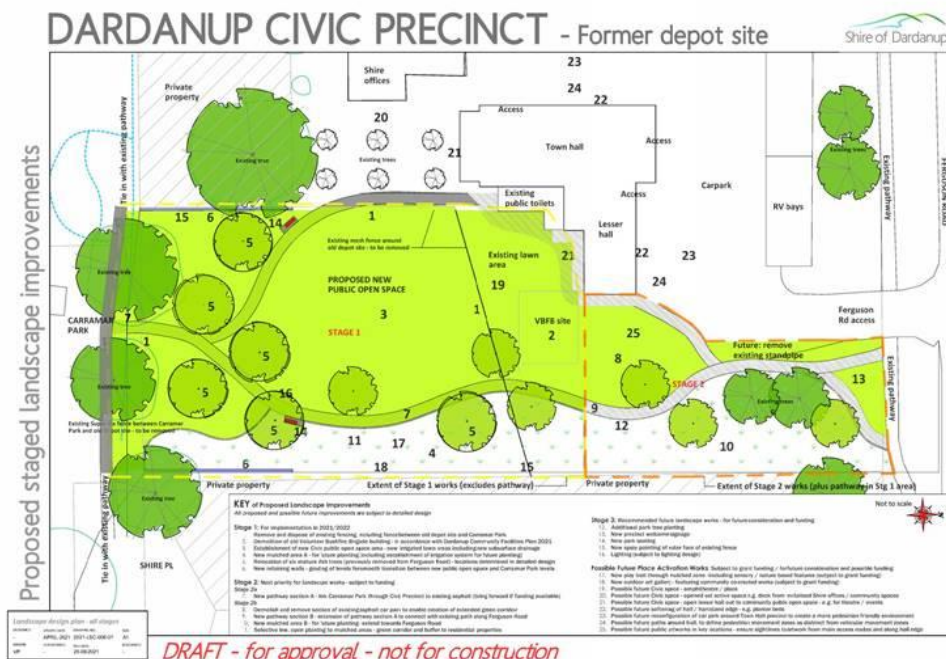
Mrs Vicki Pretorius presented the landscape concept plans for this project and provided details on the proposed staged landscape improvements:

- The plan focuses on the former Shire depot site and on opening this up to create an open space linkage between Carramar Park and Ferguson Road
- Plans for Carramar Park will be addressed separately at a later stage
- The Shire has recently applied for a RAC grant which is for specific place activation projects, included on the plan in 'Possible future works' – this includes an outdoor community art feature (proposed art panels, co-created by the community) plus an outdoor 'play trail' which could include nature based elements
- The Shire will find out in October if it has been successful; if so, this will take the overall Stage 1 project budget up to \$250k
- If the Shire is not successful in obtaining the grant, then funding for Stage 1 works is set at \$128.8k and priorities will focus around opening up the former depot site and making it useable as community open space
- Based on the endorsed Dardanup Community Facilities Plan, the old volunteer bushfire brigade building would be removed and the area opened up

- Any gravel / hardstand would need to be removed and compacted ground ripped, then free draining soil installed to allow for lawn and planting areas to be created
- Due to ground level changes (Carramar Park is slightly lower than the former depot site) some retaining walls are proposed along property boundaries, with the ground to grade down towards Carramar Park
- In response to Advisory Group member concerns about the drainage: this would require a site drainage design to be prepared, which may include directing some of the groundwater into a swale in the planting area
- The replacement of compacted gravel with turf and mulched planting area over free draining soil should assist with drainage concerns; further consideration will be given to this in detailed design
- Irrigation would be installed for the Stage 1 lawn areas, which would be established with kikuyu stolons, plus for the planting areas within Stage 1
- Mulch would be placed in the area shown within the Stage 1 area as 'planting area', with planting to follow later
- Six mature Ash trees which were removed from Ferguson Road are proposed to be planted within this site as part of Stage 1 works, after they have been cared for at the new Shire depot
- The Stage 1 budget on its own is unfortunately not enough to cover a pathway from Carramar Park through the former depot site; this has been marked as the first priority for Stage 2 (shown as Stage 2a on the plan)
- Ideally, a pathway would be installed all the way from Carramar Park to Ferguson Road but this would require additional funding
- In response to an Advisory Group Member query on how much this would cost to install the pathway – Just the pathways proposed within the Stage 1 areas are estimated to cost around \$26.2k with the pathway extension to Ferguson Road to cost around an additional \$17k
- Future works that could be added over time, as funding can be sourced, include a possible plaza or amphitheatre connecting the Town hall / Lesser hall to the new public open space, plus elements such as seating, public art and additional planting
- Works are proposed to commence around April next year. Once we know whether the grant funding application has been successful or not, we can proceed with confirming Stage 1 inclusions and move into detailed design

The Carramar Park Landscape Plan was supported by the Group.

**Plan 1 – Dardanup Civic Precinct: overall staged plan for Former depot site – including connection through to Ferguson Road**



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## Round the table Updates

- There is a request for more bins on Charlotte Street.
- The efforts to improve parking through the signage has been quite successful.
- The 15 min parking outside the Dardanup General Store is working well during the week. The issue remain on the weekend however it is difficult to resolve.
- Members are encouraged to make a submission to Council opposing the Cleanaway development application by the 23 September2021. It is about the visual appearance which will severely affect the amenity of the town. The application can be found on the shire website at <https://www.dardanup.wa.gov.au/council/public-notices-2/>
- Soccer - 12 players have been selected for country week teams which is very positive. This year there were 9 junior teams and 1 senior team and going forward the Club is trying to get a women's team. Thanks to Shire staff who have assisted with the fields.

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**Close 8.15pm**

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