

Dardanup Advisory Group Meeting

Thomas Little Hall

Wednesday, 6 April 2022

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Attendance

Elected Representatives

Cr. Ellen Lilly	Deputy Chairperson
Cr. T Gardiner	Advisory Group Member – Deputy Shire President

Community

Mr. Alan Norman	Community
Ms. Jill Cross	Community
Ms. Roslyn Ruland	Community
Ms. Jennifer Trigwell	Community
Mrs. Darlene Morgan	Community
Mr Keith Patterson	Community
Ms. Ann Cowen	Community
Dr. Taneta Kerr	Community

Staff

Mr. Andre Schönfeldt	Chief Executive Officer
Mr. Theo Naude	Director Infrastructure
Mr. Nathan Ryder	Manager Infrastructure Planning & Design
Ms. Lucy Owen-Conway	Manager Place & Community Engagement
Ms. Suzanne Occhipinti	Strategic Planning Officer
Ms. Peta Nolan	PA – Director Infrastructure

Apologies

Cr. M T Bennett	Shire President
Cr. P Robinson	Chairperson
Cr. P Perks	Observer

Meeting Open – 5.30pm

Welcome

Welcome and Acknowledgment of Country by Chairperson, Cr. Ellen Lilly.

The Shire of Dardanup wishes to acknowledge that this meeting is being held on the traditional lands of the Noongar people. In doing this, we recognise and respect their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the life of this region and pay our respects to their elders, past, present and emerging. The Shire of Dardanup also respects and celebrates all cultures of all our residents and visitors to our Shire.

André Schönfeldt provided an overview of the formation of the Advisory Groups, Terms of Reference and Confidentiality Agreement.

André Schönfeldt explained the types of disclosure of interests as provided in the documentation to the group and called for any declaration of interests from the group.

Declaration of Interest

The following members declared a proximity interest:-

Roslyn Ruland
Taneta Kerr
Keith Patterson

The following members declared an impartiality interest:-

Roslyn Ruland	Dardanup Soccer Committee/Dardanup Sporting Club
Keith Patterson	Cricket Club Members
Jill Cross	Secretary Sporting Club/Bull and Barrel Festival

It was agreed that members would participate in all discussion.

Introduce Strategic Community Plan

André Schönfeldt - Chief Executive Officer

André Schönfeldt advised the group that the Shire is undertaking a full review of the Strategy Community Plan (SCP) which is a requirement of the Local Government Act 1995 and Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 every 4 years. He advised that the Shire has changed its approach to the SCP and the Shire will bring present the Strategic Community Plan and the Corporate Business Plan document for consultation.

The Strategic Community Plan has the broad strategies and objectives of what the community wants to achieve and the Corporate Business Plan is the set of activities to deliver the Plan.

Consultation will commence in May to obtain feedback about both documents.

The Shire would love to have your feedback please.

Dardanup Community Facilities Plan (CFP) – Projects Update - See Presentation attached.

Nathan Ryder - Manager Infrastructure Planning & Design

Nathan Ryder referred to the CFP as tabled for member's information. The bottom of the table shows the completed items being the Dardanup Central Bush Fire Brigade Station and the Charlotte Street Pedestrian Crossing.

Nathan Ryder reported that the new toilets were intended to be on Charlotte street however the location has now been moved to the information bay on Boyanup-Picton Road since a suitable location was not available on the Charlotte St side of the railway reserve. The Scope includes a toilet block with two toilets and the project will include a caravan dump point which is grant funded. The toilet lights will be solar powered since there is no site power. There is a water connection point on site with good pressure. The Water Corporation has agreed to the Shire extending the existing service from the church for the sewerage. The toilet building was ordered in November 2021, however its manufacture has been delayed and delivery is now expected in early June 2022.

There was discussion about extending the new footpath to the toilet facility however this is not in the scope of work.

Wells Recreation Reserve New Change rooms –

Nathan Ryder provided the following information about this project:-

- The detailed design is 90% complete;
- Mobilisation of the contractor is scheduled to commence on 26 April 2022. In May 2022 anticipated completion of the new Cricket nets, building slab, footings, walls, roof and windows. During June-August 2022 mostly internal fit out to be completed;
- Project completion is currently anticipated mid-September 2022. It is noted that the Bull and Barrel Festival will be held shortly after and therefore the project needs to be kept on track.
- The old toilet block is being demolished and the area will be cleaned up. In the future, the plan is for this area to include a new playground subject to new clubrooms being constructed. The Dardanup Play Group has expressed interest to operate from the Wells Clubrooms in the future and the playground would complement this use.

André Schönfeldt advised that the car parking upgrade came in significantly over budget and therefore was not

proceeding at this point in time. The Shire will consider options for carrying out the work using in-house resources, however, if this is possible, it will not occur in the current financial year.

The group agreed that the car park is currently useable however the goal is to improve this facility as soon as possible.

Civic Precinct Landscaping -

The draft Landscaping Civic Precinct Concept Plan was tabled.

Nathan Ryder advised that the Shire received funding from the RAC (RAC Reconnect "Dardanup Depot Revitalisation Project"), which, will enable work to commence on both stages 1 and 2 this year. The project will include the relocation of the six trees replanted at the depot that were relocated from the Ferguson Road upgrade project two years ago.

There is also a Stage 3 that will be considered for future implementation.

The key elements of Stage 1 and 2 include a turfed area (with some mounds), linking pathways to hall, toilets and Ferguson Road, trees and gardens, nature-based play trail, public seating and an outdoor art gallery.

Lucy Owen-Conway added that there will be two triptych artworks in the project. There will be a community competition for artwork leading up to October 2022 calling for artwork, poems, stories etc. with a connected community theme. These can be used in activations in the space. RAC will provide a prize.

Nathan Ryder confirmed that this stage will include drainage swales. There was general discussion with concerns about drainage issues in the park and also in Brett Place. Nathan Ryder advised that the Brett Place issues are related to Harvey Water Infrastructure, which is different to the drainage concerns at Carramar Park. There was discussion to consider solutions with regard to the Carramar Park drainage however this is another project. The drainage for the current project is being designed so that runoff will not exacerbate the issues in Carramar Park.

The nature-based play trail (which is a grant funding condition), will include some natural features along a trail along the eastern edge of the site, such as log and possible nature-play equipment (subject to available budget). The Advisory Group asked if the community will have input into the design and the Shire confirmed it is possible, but feedback would be required promptly in order to not impact on project delivery. As such, the Advisory Group could provide comment but there would not be time for whole community input.

Action: - It was agreed for the existing Nature Play Plan to be emailed to be the Group for comment.

A question was asked about a new skate park. The future location has been identified on the Community Facilities Plan as in between the old Shire Clerk house and the Community Centre. Note, this is not a currently programmed project.

A question was raised about the existing footpath through Carramar Park, which has been severely affected by tree roots in one location, whether it would be addressed. Nathan Ryder confirmed that the footpath would be realigned in that location around the trees, further into Carramar Park, as part of this project.

There is no barbecue facility planned in this stage of the project. A group member advised there were issues with the current BBQ in Carramar Park.

Action: Request for the Shire to look into the operation of the BBQ in Carramar Park.

It was agreed that there is support for the project, however, the group requested ongoing consideration in the planning to improve the drainage in Carramar Park.

The final location of the Charlotte Street toilets was discussed by the group. It was expressed to the Shire that the current location at the tourist information bay was not supported at the last meeting by the group. The group has been discussing and asking for toilets in Carramar Park for years and it is felt that we should look after residents needs first.

The question was raised if the proposed toilets could be moved from Boyanup-Picton Road to Carramar Park for residents.

André Schönfeldt reported on the decision-making process. The toilets were initially in Carramar Park then this was followed by discussion about moving the toilets to Charlotte Street, which was not possible due to a number of reasons. At the last Dardanup Advisory Group meeting, the group did not object to the toilet and dump point being located on Boyanup-Picton Road. The project has now progressed to the point that a change in location is not possible.

The group requested that the Shire looks at renovating the toilets at Dardanup Hall.

There was discussion about the proposed caravan dump point at the time and that caravans do not have a place to dump and are using the toilets, which is not acceptable, however, the group believes there is still a need for toilets in Carramar Park.

André Schönfeldt confirmed that, once the fence is removed, it should make the Hall toilets more accessible to

The group agreed that the Hall toilets need to be renovated sooner rather than later for use of the residents.

Place and Community Projects

[See Presentation attached](#)

Lucy Owen-Conway - Manager Place and Community Engagement

Lucy Owen-Conway reported on the progress of projects as follows:-

Place and Community Plan progress and 2022/23 key outcomes discussion - The Place and Community Plan and Sport and Recreation Plan was developed in 2020 and there are a number of deliverables coming out of these plans.

Lucy advised that there are currently only 2 members of the Youth Advisory Group in Dardanup so please encourage your young people to join.

Silent Super Hero Campaign – There is \$300 prize available for a club. The Shire is looking at creative ways to promote involvement.

It was commented that there are a number of worthy people who do a lot around Dardanup who are not involved in a club. Lucy Owen-Conway to think about how these people can be incorporated into the campaign.

Sport and Recreation Plan progress and 2022/23 key outcomes discussion - A number of grants have been received as outlined in the powerpoint presentation attached. The Place and Community Development team were commended on their success in receiving grants. Congratulations to Lucy and the Team.

Equestrian Centre workshop – A conflict management workshop is being undertaken for this club. If you have any ideas for targeted workshops in the future please contact the Place and Community team.

Movies in the Park has been very successful and well done to the team.

Summer in the Park was very successful – performers and the set up was great. Next year the area will be revitalised to provide a great space for this event.

Poppys in the Park – thank you to Knits and Knots who provided a lot of the poppys. It was suggested to increase school involvement. 2000 poppys were knitted.

Bush adventure learning program – Applications for young people have now closed. There were 3 submissions received from the Dardanup area.

EcoCon Conference - YAG are currently very focused on sustainability and therefore have organised a conference. Registrations are still open for this event.

Youth week event – Skate Park event will include a Skate and BMX workshop, Headspace and Happiness Co, Melo Velo bike workshop and Australind police will visit.

Dardanup Heritage Collective Project – Jill Cross advised that this has been a huge project that has quite a lot of funding. People can visit <https://dardanupheritagecollective.org.au/> for more information. There are 14 signs in the current project and there is a QR code that can be scanned which is connected to the website that has photos and text supporting the site. The project is going very well. The Shire is helping with the installation and signs will be placed on the buildings. Signs will also be at Wellington Mills, Ferguson Church and Ferguson and Waterloo Halls. The Group hopes to continue on and add to the project.

Congratulations were extended to this Group and the Shire who has managed the grant and the Traditional Owner consultations. This has been a great partnership.

Dardanup War Memorial Project – This project is now ready for Anzac Day. It has been a huge commitment from many community members. Future project thoughts to add to the memorial are around lighting and a rammed earth wall with names of returned servicemen.

Ferguson Valley Public Art Trail – Community consultation and school visits have now been completed. Clear themes have come through and there are 12 potential locations. There has also been Traditional Owner consultation. The content criteria is that it must have strong connection to the community. The next steps are to consult with Shire staff and a plan will be formed to deliver the project.

Jill Cross advised the Group that Lucy was leaving the Shire of Dardanup and thanked her for all the work she has done on the many projects delivered.

Ms Suzanne Occhipinti delivered the presentation as attached.
Members will be kept informed about the project.

Round the table Updates

The following comments were made by members :-

Entry to Dardanup from West Dardanup – the area on Boyanup Picton Road is unsightly and needs cleaning up. Shire staff will assess and undertake work as required. Main Roads WA will also be contacted.

Charlotte and Hayward Street Footpath – the drainage and the uneven concrete at this location is an issue. It is requested that Shire staff investigate and repair as necessary.

Southern Dardanup Entry Statement – a proposal for consideration.

Request Footpath Audit - footpaths in Dardanup need to be assessed and repaired. Ferguson Road in particular.

Meetings – there was a request for the group to meeting quarterly. André Schönfeldt advised that there are currently 10 groups in total that meet and the staff time needs to be considered in any additional planning.

Charlotte St Building work between the Store and the Tavern – there are concerns about the ongoing traffic management and parking attached to this development both during the build and once the development has been completed. It was suggested that the parking should be realigned as there is school buses and with the new child care centre there will be drop offs and a lot of traffic going across the footpath. What safety considerations are in place?

Theo Naude advised that the Shire has written a letter to the builder to ensure that the proper traffic management is in place during construction. A Traffic Management Plan was not provided by the builder in this case. Shire staff will be keeping an eye on this project with regular inspections taking place.

André Schönfeldt advised that before the business was approved there would have been a planning approval and we can provide information on the requirements of the development approval.

Expressions of Interest – Community Centre – it was advised that this was a surprise to the expression of interest when there had been discussion about this building being a part of the future of Carramar Park.

As goodwill to the members of this group it was disappointing that the Shire did not consult with the members or advise of the expression of interest. The members of the Group are those who are asked the questions about such matters. This way the issue was dealt with felt like a bit of a side swipe and it is felt that this was not giving respect to the group.

André Schönfeldt advised that at the time of the extension of the lease agreement with the Montessori School it was advised that they no longer intending to continue with the lease. It was taken to Council for consideration and the Council resolved to call for the expressions of interest for the use of the building.

The Council considered that a building cannot be left unused. Andre advised that he had met personally with members of the play group to discuss the matter and apologise that they were not aware of the expression of interest and assistance would be provided to seek an alternative option.

André Schönfeldt apologised that this communication breakdown had occurred and advised that the Shire will advise the members about these types of matters in the future.

Waste Disposal Request – Can we have more rubbish bins provided around town? Particularly on Charlotte Street and Mitchell Way to encourage people to dispose of their rubbish.

Charlotte Street Parking – there is an uneven distribution of requirements for businesses to provide parking in Charlotte street. A request is for the parking to be addressed and the requirements for businesses. Flow of traffic is on the opposite side of the parking. Suggest to look at the design of the parking.

André Schönfeldt advised that a petition had been received from residents on Hayward street for the installation of speed bumps to slow traffic down.

There was discussion that this is a thoroughfare street and people need to stick to the speed limit. People do speed along this street and it is a dangerous spot and therefore this petition is warranted.

It was also suggested by a member that Hayward Street may need resurfacing.

André Schönfeldt advised that there are still discussion about the train line reactivation. If discussion go further this will be brought back to the group.

Cr. Ellen Lilly advised that Cr. Bennett has received feedback that some community members are not feeling informed, particularly those not on social media. A newsletter has been developed and will be delivered to Bethanie facilities and the post offices in each town for those residents as a trial.

Close 7.45pm
