



Dardanup Advisory Group Meeting

Thomas Little Hall

Wednesday, 7 September 2022

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Attendance

Elected Members

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

Community

Ms. Jill Cross	Community
Ms. Jennifer Trigwell	Community
Mrs. Darlene Morgan	Community
Mr. Keith Patterson	Community
Ms. Ann Cowen	Community

Staff

Mr. Andre Schönfeldt	Chief Executive Officer
Mr. Theo Naude	Director Infrastructure
Ms Susan Oosthuizen	Director Sustainable Development
Mr. Nathan Ryder	Manager Infrastructure Planning & Design
Ms. Vicki Pretorius	Landscape Design Officer
Ms. Cassandra Budge	Manager Place & Community Engagement
Mr. James Reilly	Project Development Engineer
Ms. Peta Nolan	PA – Director Infrastructure

Apologies

Cr. M T Bennett	Shire President
Cr. P Robinson	Chairperson
Cr. P Perks	Observer
Dr. Taneta Kerr	Community
Mr. Alan Norman	Community
Ms. Roslyn Ruland	Community

Meeting Open – 5.30pm

Ms Susan Oosthuizen introduced Ms Cassandra Budge as the new Manager Place & Community Engagement.

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.

Governance & Disclosure of Interest

Mr André Schönfeldt explained the types of disclosure of interests and called for any declaration of interests from the group. There are three types of declarations - Financial Interest, Proximity Interest and Impartiality Interest.

The following members declared a proximity interest:-

Keith Patterson

The following members declared an impartiality interest:-

Keith Patterson

Cricket Club Members

Jill Cross

Secretary Sporting Club/Bull and Barrel Festival

It was agreed that members would participate in all discussion.

Council Plan Presentation

André Schönfeldt - Chief Executive Officer

Mr André Schönfeldt addressed the group on the endorsement of the Council Plan 2022-2032.

The Strategic Community Plan and the Corporate Business Plan have been combined into one Plan which is now called a Council Plan. Consultation was undertaken in May 2022 and the Plan was adopted by Council in July 2022.

The link to the document can be found on our website at the following link:

[Publications, Reports & Plans » Shire of Dardanup](#)

Dardanup Community Facilities Plan (CFP) – Projects Update

Nathan Ryder - Manager Infrastructure Planning & Design

Mr Nathan Ryder presented an update on the Projects that have been listed in the Dardanup Community Facilities Plan.

- **New Dardanup public toilets and dump station** – the toilet facility is being stored at the depot while preparation work is being undertaken for the installation. The sewerage extension is complete and installation of the toilet building and dump station will start after the Bull and Barrel Festival. There was discussion about the size of the pull in bay and whether it is large enough for the potential use by tourists. There are currently no plans to increase the size of the pull in bay however this can be monitored over time.
- **Wells Recreation Reserve new change rooms and cricket nets** – Mr James Reilly advised that the project is in month 5 of the build and progressing well. It is a timber building and is due for completion at the end of September 2022. Subsoil drainage has been installed around the building which has been effective over the wet season. The Builder has assured the Shire that the Universal Accessible Toilet will be ready for the Bull and Barrel Festival. Cricket Nets will be started this Sunday 11 September 2022 and concrete structure will be finished later next week. David Wells from the Cricket Club has been involved in positioning of the nets.

Mr André Schönfeldt advised that the plan is to demolish the old toilets out the back of the change rooms due to asbestos in the building. He asked if there was any issues from the group regarding the

proposal. It was advised that these toilets are bunted off for the Bull and Barrel Festival. There was discussion about the amount of toilets available and that the clubrooms are not always open. There were no objections to the old toilet building to be demolished.

- **Dardanup Civic Precinct landscaping** – Works were tendered recently and unfortunately prices came in well over budget. The tender and project was considered at the August 2022 Council Meeting and Council awarded the contract to LD Total. Council also provided delegated authority to the CEO to vary the contract down to \$350,000 to meet budget requirements. There are a number of proposed scope reduction measures such as realigning concrete pathways, reducing concrete pathways, reduction in turfing areas and the Shire crew will do some of the work such as demolishing the fencing.

It was advised that the Play Trail scope will also be reduced due to the high prices received in response to the options tendered. The general idea for the revised play trail is to use logs and rocks that the Shire already has in storage at its gravel pit in order to achieve the same general effect within available project funds. Ms Vicki Pretorius tabled a draft overall plan and some indicative photos to provide the group with a concept and general vibe of the play trail. The Shire is still working through the details and what can be feasibly implemented as this stage and this is still subject to internal review and approval. Some items along the play trail will likely be considered for future installation.

Some other aspects discussed:

- ✓ Native plants will be used.
- ✓ Prefabricated play equipment will not be considered for the play trail due to cost.
- ✓ The current playground in Carramar Park will remain at this point in time.
- ✓ The group suggested that community may also wish to donate rocks and logs for the play trail.
- ✓ The existing path through Carramar Park will remain and a new path will connect through to Ferguson Road.
- ✓ The current work does not affect the existing Carramar Park drainage and this will be looked at in the future.
- ✓ Pathway lighting will be considered for future implementation. Solar lighting of the pathway will be looked at as a possible solution.

There were concerns raised about the fencing around Carramar Park blocking the pathway for residents to access, during the construction phase. The Shire will manage this and provide alternative routes for thoroughfare where possible and minimise disruption. The plan is for the project to be completed by Christmas.

Mr André Schönfeldt advised that the six mature trees that were removed from Ferguson Road were proposed to be planted within this site as part of Stage 1 works, after they have been cared for at the new Shire depot. Costs for the replanting is quite significant at approximately \$5,000 per tree. To save costs it was suggested that the Shire does not transplant the trees at this time and instead plant alternative mature trees to save on costs. A 300 ltr size tree is the most mature tree that can be purchased and this was considered a good option. This proposal was neither confirmed nor rejected by the group.

- **Carramar Park masterplan – including new playground and Skate Park** – This project will be informed by the outcomes of the Place Plans which is still to be finalised. There will also be consultation with the local youth that will occur later this year. The next stage will then be the design of an upgrade to Carramar Park.
- **Dardanup Hall, Office and Community Centre repairs** - \$100,000 in total has been allocated in the 2022/2023 budget for immediate repairs to these three buildings. Building condition reports have identified a number of structural concerns, therefore a structural engineer will be engaged to assess the plans and advise what action is required to rectify. The Wells Reserve Clubrooms will also be assessed at the same time. Once all of the information has been received conversations and decisions will need to be made.

There was discussion about the need to maintain facilities on an ongoing basis. André Schönfeldt suggested that there may be another significant opportunity to approach state government for royalties for region funding in 2 years' time. The group agreed that the Dardanup Hall is very significant to this community and must be kept.

- **Venn Road resurfacing** – resealing will occur this year including a second coat seal on section of road that was upgraded last year.

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- **Ferguson Road** - \$50,000 has been allocated this year for a consultant to assess and investigate the defects in the road works that were undertaken a few years ago (between Charlotte St and Little St).
 - **Dardanup Bypass** – André Schönfeldt commented that there has been discussion about revisiting the idea of a bypass to alleviate trucks from Ferguson Road and divert these trucks out of the town centre. This will be considered as a longer term project.

Dardanup Master Plan and Place Plan Project
Ms Susan Oosthuizen – Director

[See Presentation attached](#)

Ms Susan Oosthuizen delivered the presentation as attached.

The Bike Plan will be added into the Place Plan at the appropriate time. The Plan is a living document and can be updated as projects are evolve and are completed.

The Plans will be presented to the October 2022 Council meeting and then will go out for comment and will be sent out to Advisory Groups at this time. Staff are available to meet with the groups to discuss further if requested.

Place and Community Projects

[See Presentation attached](#)

Cassandra Budge - Manager Place and Community Engagement

Ms Cassandra Budge reported on the presentation attached including the progress of projects as follows:-

- Up and Coming Events and Programs for 2022/2023
- Ferguson Valley Public Art Trail Concept Plan update
- Dardanup Heritage Collective Project
- Dardanup War Memorial Project – follow up some lighting of the soldier

Cassandra Budge presenting the forthcoming events in Dardanup and across the Shire. These events can be found on the Shire's website at:-

[Events Calendar » Shire of Dardanup](#)

At the recent Burekup meeting it was advised that there were concerns that the food vans were very expensive for families. It was suggested that community groups from Dardanup provide a food stall like sausage sizzle or burgers for Burekup and Burekup do the same for Dardanup. The events team will contact and offer this to the groups. The group agreed this was a good idea.

- **Community Grants** – schools are able to apply. Speak to Mel Ring before you make an application. \$ for \$ to a maximum of \$5,000. For further information visit [Community Grants » Shire of Dardanup](#)

Round the table Updates

The following comments were made by members :-

André Schönfeldt advised the Shire recently discovered that Dardanup was gazetted as a town on 11 May 1923 which means the town will turn 100 next year. Ideas are needed for the celebration in May 2023 and after discussion the following ideas were put forward:-

- ✓ A working group would need to be formed
 - ✓ Heritage forum or a Back to Dardanup day
 - ✓ A Ball at the Dardanup Hall is a good idea. Great Gatsby theme
 - ✓ Time capsule
 - ✓ Possibility to look at a weekend celebration
 - ✓ Does not necessarily need to be May and could possibly be held in April
 - ✓ Target community groups to attend and be involved in the planning and on the day
 - ✓ Include history – there are a lot of photos on the website.
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Ideas can be forwarded to Cassandra Budge.

It is also 50 years since all of the little schools closed down and came into Dardanup. There is going to be a display of memorabilia for this occasion.

Congratulations to the Shire for the information in the rates and also the work that the Shire is doing with the schools for Waste Education.

There was discussion about Plans for Wanju and Waterloo. André Schönfeldt advised that Integran Pty Ltd have been engaged to deliver Consultancy Services to prepare Development Contribution Plans for Wanju and Waterloo.

Close 7.04pm
