

## Dardanup Advisory Group Meeting

Thomas Little Memorial Hall, Dardanup

Tuesday 5 September 2023 | 6pm - 8pm

### Notes

#### Attendance

##### Elected Representative Members

Cr. Ellen Lilly

Elected Member – Deputy Chairperson Advisory Group Member

Cr. Tyrrell Gardiner

Elected Member – Advisory Group Member

##### Advisory Group Members

Mr. Alan Norman

Community

Ms. Ann Cowen

Community

Ms. Darline Morgan

Community

Dr. Taneta Bell

Community

Ms. Jenny Trigwell

Community

Mr. Keith Patterson

Community

Ms. Roslyn Ruland

Community

Ms. Ruby Trevathan

Community

##### Staff

Mr. André Schönfeldt

Chief Executive Officer

Mr. Theo Naudé

Director Infrastructure

Mr. Ashwin Nair

Director Sustainable Development

Mr. Phil Anastasakis

Deputy Chief Executive Officer Corporate and Governance

Mr. Nathan Ryder

Manager Infrastructure Planning and Design

Ms. Joy Welshman

Manager Operations

Mrs. Cassandra Budge

Manager Community Development

Mrs. Suzanne Occhipinti

Strategic Planning Officer

Ms. Stacey Patterson

Personal Assistant to the Director Infrastructure

##### Apologies

Cr. Peter Robinson

Chairperson – Advisory Group Member

Cr. Michael Bennett

Shire President

Ms. Susan Oosthuizen

Director Special Projects and Community Sustainable Development

Ms. Jill Cross

Advisory Group Member - Community

##### Absent

Ms. Gabrielle Golding

Community

Ms. Jo-Anne Pope

Community

#### Meeting Open – 6:05pm

#### Welcome

Welcome and Acknowledgment of Country by Chairperson, Cr. 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.*

## **Disclosure of Interest**

André Schönfeldt  
Chief Executive Officer

André Schönfeldt called for any declaration of interests from members. No declarations of interest to record.

## **Dardanup Advisory Group Presentations**

André Schönfeldt  
Chief Executive Officer

André Schönfeldt reiterated that this meeting format is slightly different from previous years. All Advisory Group members were emailed the Advisory Group meeting presentations prior to the meeting, which included the following information:

- Community Scorecard results and Community Priorities 2021 vs 2023.
- Overarching Aspirations and Outcomes of the adopted Council Plan and how the Shire has performed against the Plan over the past financial year.
- Feedback relating to the topics raised at the February 2023 Community Meetings.
- Information about Community Development, Grants and upcoming events.
- Updates on major building maintenance and projects.
- The outcomes of the Place Plans and how this relates to the Community Facilities Plan.
- Project updates and future projects proposed for the next 10 years.
- Community Facilities Plan and the projects listed for reference.
- The presentation also included a number of concepts to be workshopped tonight.

The intent of this meeting is for Advisory Group members to raise questions relating to the information provided in the presentation, and that staff will not be speaking to the PowerPoint presentation slide by slide tonight. Advisory Group members were encouraged to read the presentation prior to the meeting.

Tonight, Advisory Group members will have the opportunity to discuss the information contained in the presentation with Councillors and staff, or to seek further clarification and make further suggestions and recommendations. The Shire of Dardanup is seeking input, guidance and feedback from the Advisory Group members in our aim to achieving best-practice outcomes, that is supported by community.

## **Various Matters for Discussion**

André Schönfeldt provided a brief overview of the PowerPoint presentation and then opened the floor for questions and discussion.

André Schönfeldt asked groups members if community safety and crime is becoming an issue that the Shire should be aware of?

Comments from Advisory Group Members:

- The common complaint is in relation to street lighting, many are not working.
- There are still burnouts occurring on Charlotte Street.
- Also rubbish bins need to be placed on both sides of the road, as there is a lot of rubbish being dumped at the truck bay on the Bunbury Outer Ring Road behind Laminex.

## **Community Priorities - Waste Management**

André Schönfeldt commented that waste management was highlighted in the community priorities and asked if there is anything that we should be aware of?

Comments from Advisory Group Members:

- Since the introduction of three bins, there are bins overflowing with fortnightly collection especially for families that need to dispose of nappies.
- There seems to be a lot of confusion about where our rubbish is disposed of, there needs to be more education provided to the community, people believe it all goes to the general waste, therefore they feel

there is no need to use the three bins. André Schönfeldt replied the Shire is currently working on an education campaign.

- How should aerosol cans be disposed of as dropping them off to Stanley Road is too far, would the Shire consider having something available in Dardanup?

Cr. Ellen reported there has also been complaints received about how difficult it is to lift heavy bins over the rail. André Schönfeldt reported this matter will be presented to Council and that Theo Naudé has been looking into this matter. André Schönfeldt commented that he had a look at this issue recently and advised that there are gaps between the rails where the bin does not need to be lifted high over the rail. Joy Welshman commented that her staff have been instructed to help the elderly, those who are pregnant, others who need help and have a medical condition. André Schönfeldt understands the issue however there is no immediate solution, this is still being considered. André Schönfeldt also commented that the Shire is currently seeking expressions of interest for Rural Service Collection. This will also be presented to Council.

#### Community Priorities – Seniors’ Services and Care

André Schönfeldt asked if there were any issues relating to seniors’ services, care and facilities?

A group member commented that seniors ask if there are exercise classes available in Dardanup as it difficult to travel to other locations for these services, it is a whole day if they attend these events in Bunbury, and some seniors have mobility problems, no transport, feel isolated and left behind and are frustrated they have to travel to Bunbury for these services.

André Schönfeldt asked do they consider going to Eaton? A group member commented that getting to Eaton is not preferred due to the road closures and prefer to travel to Bunbury.

Phil Anastasakis responded that exercise classes in Dardanup were looked at and were provided a few years ago, however not enough numbers therefore they were cancelled. André Schönfeldt commented that the Shire will run an expression of interest to see if there is a demand for exercise classes for seniors in Dardanup.

#### Upcoming Election

André Schönfeldt mentioned the upcoming Election.

#### February 2023 Community Meetings

André Schönfeldt asked if the Advisory Group members felt the community meetings held in February were beneficial, should we keep that format?

Comments from Advisory Group Members:

- No, not to do the town meetings, she believed it was a waste of time, she asked a question about bush bike tracks and didn’t get an answer and asked was anything resolved, she didn’t believe so as she didn’t get a response to her question.
- Yes, liked the community meetings, it was a way for the community to be involved and encouraged people to get together, it’s an opportunity for community members to put their hand up and get involved, he believed it’s a good idea, another group member also agreed.

Cr. Lilly suggested there should be two Advisory Group Members meetings and a Community Meeting held each year and suggested that the Advisory Group Members meeting be open to the community. André Schönfeldt replied that these meetings are a large commitment for staff and that the Community Meetings should remain, however the Advisory Group Members meeting format will be considered by the newly elected Council.

A group member asked why there are so many Shire staff attending tonight’s meeting. André Schönfeldt replied by introducing all the staff and explained what their roles are and what their involvement has been in preparing the documentation presented tonight and explained they are here to answer any questions relating to matters that may be raised tonight.

A group member asked if the Advisory Group Members meetings can be open to the community, therefore don’t make the Advisory Group meetings exclusive to members only. André Schönfeldt replied that we have allowed that on other occasions and that these meetings don’t need to be closed and others are welcome to attend.

## Dardanup Hall – upgrade to facilities

A group member commented that the 100 years celebration was fantastic for the townsite and have had requests to plan more events. However, the venue, the Dardanup Hall, was not suitable and the power on the night was a huge issue and suggested that the kitchen should be a separate circuit breaker, the kitchen is not modern enough. The kitchen couldn't cope, obviously the kitchen needs an upgrade.

André Schönfeldt reported the Shire is looking into the feasibility of Dardanup Hall upgrades to facilitate the needs of this being an emergency evacuation centre for the region.

The Australian Government has established the Disaster Ready Fund (DRF). The DRF will fund projects that build resilience to prepare for, or reduce the risk of, future natural hazard impacts.

Initial concept plans and project design is taking place to establish feasibility of an application for this funding.

The Advisory Group members agreed that this is a great idea and are supportive.

## Dardanup Hall Concept Plan

André Schönfeldt provided a brief overview of the Dardanup Hall Concept Plan.

Comments from Advisory Group Members:

- There isn't enough water pressure to run that many toilets and showers as the water pressure issues has not been fixed.
- One toilet is not enough, if the baby change table is being used then it could be a long wait for the toilet.
- This is a great start, however agreed there needs to be another toilet.

André Schönfeldt commented this concept plan is very draft and part of the upgrading will be the electrics. André Schönfeldt spoke about utilising the admin building as an incident support group location.

Various comments and discussions noted:

- The halls need to interface with the park, potentially have some doors off the lesser hall, discussions held around potential options.
- Is the library section remaining? André Schönfeldt there are no plans to do anything to the building at the moment.
- Community rep wanted the admin building to stay, how do we link that to the hall?
- Concern that the Community Centre is looking very run down.
- There is concern for where the playgroup will go. André Schönfeldt commented that the playgroup has indicated they would be happy to move into the Sports Centre and have been encouraged to contact the Sports Centre to discuss.

## Community Facilities Plan

Advisory Group Members comments:

- The far back end of Carramar Park is very wet,
- Adapt the admin building for the playgroup,
- Advertise the buildings that are for hire,
- Consider renovating the Admin building as an emergency building, that was agreed upon.
- Still investigating options for obtaining land that the old Shire clerks building is situated on.

## Poor Water Pressure

André Schönfeldt reported the Shire of Dardanup has submitted an application and business case via the Infrastructure Development Fund. Within this business case, the Shire is seeking the State Government's support to progress and prioritise Water Corporation's upgrade of the Town's Wastewater Infrastructure.

Specifically addressing the insufficient water pressure levels and market failure which has led to the stalled property development of the town.

André Schönfeldt asked the Advisory Group members if they were interested in low pressure shower heads that the Water Corporation is willing to install at no cost to residents. Group members commented if it's not going to fix the water pressure, they are not interested as currently the community does not have sufficient water pressure to run dishwashers, washing machines, sprinklers, showers are affected when neighbours use their water.

A group member mentioned it looks like the tanks may be leaking.

Jill Cross was unable to attend tonight's meeting, her email was tabled, and her questions were raised, discussed and some answers were provided:

1. *Carramar Park, very few play structures for toddlers – under 5s.*

2. *Car Park at Wells – no fill behind curbing, what is happening here? See photo attached.*

Nathan Ryder replied that the Shire will be arranging for backfilling of the kerbs as a priority.

3. *Changerooms – colour of timber posts on veranda showing signs of weathering. Do these need sealing or are we going to allow the building to silver? See photo attached.*

Joy Welshman provided an update, the Advisory Group Members agreed they would prefer the fresh look. The Shire will work at a maintenance schedule.

4. *Dardanup Hall/ Dardanup Community Centre/ Shire offices / Carramar Park– before we embark on new toilets/ showers/commercial kitchen(all needed) I would like to see an overall plan and vision for all of these buildings in our civic precinct rather than considering renovations/ improvements in isolation. The Hall needs to interface with the Park and consideration of how the Shire offices and Community Centre interface with the Hall and each other and consider future community uses of these buildings. I would like to see an overall plan for our Civic precinct and don't think we have achieved that as yet.*

5. *Ferguson Rd between Charlotte and Little St – update on work to improve surface*

Theo Naudé provided an update and that a report has been received from the consultants. This should be done, early in the new year.

6. *Boyanup / Picton and Garvey Rd speed reduction re report – yes we know that the MRWA set the speeds but what have Council done to negotiate a reduction? This intersection sees a lot of slow moving vehicles exiting and entering due to proximity to the DEC.*

Feedback has been received from Main Roads and will provide feedback to Advisory Group members.

7. *Intersection of Depiazzi Rd and Ferguson Rd and safety issues due to increased heavy vehicle traffic using this intersection – Council has been considering this intersection for a longtime now so would like to see some solutions to improve safety for vehicles travelling on Ferguson Rd and Dowdells Line*

8. *Dowdells line – What can I say! Update on a remedy to improve the condition of this road that is increasingly used by heavy vehicles and lighter vehicles accessing Ferguson Rd from SW hwy. I would have thought the State Govt should contribute to the cost as some of these vehicles are accessing the Landfill site on Banksia Rd. The Shire would have a good case.*

Email received this evening confirming that the speed limit will be changed to 80km's.

9. *Possible reuse of the train line. Shire Pres Mick Bennett mentioned in the Council Minutes that there may be a community meeting in Sept organised by stakeholders to advise the community on how this may look if the line was used again. I would like to think Council are doing their best to make sure all the stakeholders are well aware that the crossovers at Ferguson Rd and Charlotte St will need to be changed if the rail is in use as these intersections see considerably more traffic than the last time the line was used. There is also the intersection with Venn Rd to consider and no slip lanes on Boyanup/ Picton Rd.*

Photos referred to in Jill's email.



A group member asked about the commercial end of Charlotte St and Hayward Street, it's not clear about what we can and can't do. Suzanne Occhipinti commented that she is preparing a report for this month's Council meeting.

#### Carramar Park Bench and Picnic Table

Cr. Ellen Lilly left the meeting at 7:57pm.

A group member asked if there would be enough room for a gazebo and BBQ, if funding became available. Theo Naudé replied that we may need to consider another location as there may not be enough room.

The presented options were discussed, and the Advisory Group Members agreed on Option 2.

#### War Memorial Proposal

Cassandra Budge provided a brief overview and asked if the Advisory Group Members have any objections. There were no objections, therefore agreed upon by the Advisory Group members.

#### Other business

A group member presented a proposed Carramar Park sign on behalf of the Residents Association and asked if there were any objections to erecting the sign at Carramar Park. There were no objections, therefore agreed upon by the Advisory Group members in attendance.

André Schönfeldt reported that he has been approached by Talison Lithium and representatives from the South West Development Commission regarding a proposal to recommission the Greenbushes to Bunbury Railway Line and a community meeting will be held for the Shire of Dardanup at the Dardanup Hall on the 20 September 2023 from 6pm to 8pm.

André Schönfeldt asked if there were any more questions. No more questions, however a group member thanked the Shire for all the work and projects completed so far.

**Meeting Closed: 8:10pm**

# Carramar Park Bench and Picnic Table

*Cassandra Budge- Manager Community Development*

## Community Consultation and Feedback – Carramar Park Picnic and Bench

Following community feedback, we have been scoping the requested picnic set and bench.

To build larger picnic settings we have to also install a new large concrete hardstand.

Unfortunately, it is not recommended to install Timber settings into this park – this is due to exceeding budget, ongoing maintenance issues and costs associated with the maintenance of timber structures in high use places.

We can install “Wood look” options or the aluminum options which will be minimum maintenance and hard wearing.



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*Cassandra Budge- Manager Community Development*

**Example pictures of in budget options.**



**Option 1 - King Jumbo setting Aluminum is within budget and allow some additional funds for planting additional "Shade" trees as requested.**



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*Cassandra Budge- Manager Community Development*

**Example pictures of in budget options.**

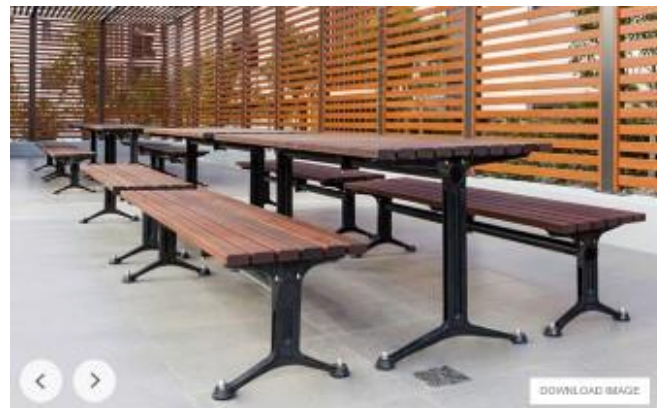


**Option 2 – King Jumbo wood look (Same design picnic table as previous slide) However in wood look like above – Within Budget .**

# Carramar Park Bench and Picnic Table

Cassandra Budge- Manager Community Development

Example pictures of in budget options.



## colour chart

All colours are applied in-house and quality controlled to ISO standards.  
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### Textura Range

A textured and anti-mar finish for low maintenance surfaces.

 Textura Surfmist Textured GA336A	 Textura Silver Textured GY355A	 Textura Woodland Grey Textured GL333A	 Textura Monument Textured GL305A
 Textura Russet Textured SFA-RLS	 Textura Doe Skin Textured SFA-DCE	 Textura Jasper Textured GMS14A	 Textura Dark Bronze Textured SFA-DAR
 Textura Ironstone Textured GL336A	 Textura Deep Ocean Textured GU301A	 Textura Night Sky (Black) Textured GN305A	

### Sable Range

A fine-grained surface for a premium aesthetic.

 Sable Brilliance Textured GL277A <small>(Previously known as Textured Medium)</small>	 Sable Bass Textured GN297A <small>(Previously known as Textured Dark)</small>	 Sable Core Ten Textured OX300A	 Zinc Phosphate
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Option 3 – Above is for 2 tables with 5 seats no back and one leg of table moved inward for mobile scooters/wheelchair access on one side.

Also includes a bench in the same wood -look or any powder coated colour from colour chart (at no additional cost). Has a back and armrests. – **Budget Shortfall of \$4000.00.**

# Carramar Park Bench and Picnic Table

*Cassandra Budge- Manager Community Development*

## Community Consultation and Feedback – Carramar Park Picnic and Bench

Following community feedback, we have been scoping the requested picnic set and bench.

Discuss Options:

**Option 1** - Do Nothing.

**Option 2** - Deliver the scope as which is within the budget, seats 16 -18 people and use balance of funds to install the furniture and two trees that would in future give shade for the seat and picnic bench in summer.

**Option 3** - Deliver king jumbo as a wood -look aluminium seat, two trees and installation within the budget allocated.

**Option 4** - Request additional funds from Council to install wood -look aluminium park bench and picnic table seating 14 – 18 people (shortfall excluding trees and installation) of \$3,578 on concrete hardstands.

**Option 5** - Request additional funds from Council to install timber park bench and picnic table seating 14 – 18 people (Shortfall excluding trees and installation) of \$6,978 on concrete hardstands.



# War Memorial Proposal

*Cassandra Budge- Manager Community Development*

## **War Memorial – Additional Memorial Request**

Officers have received a request from the Dardanup Heritage Collective to submit a proposal to Council.

The Proposal is to construct an additional war service personnel memorial at Palmer Park in Dardanup.

The memorial will commemorate war service personnel who were born or enlisted in Dardanup, Paradise, Wellington Mills, Burekup, Waterloo or Ferguson or were known to be from Dardanup Shire and covers the following conflicts:

- World War I
- World War II
- Women who served in World War II
- Borneo
- Korea
- Vietnam

Whereas the main war memorial in Palmer Park commemorates those who gave their lives for their country, this one shows all those who were enlisted in the services during the above conflicts, including those who returned home and those who served on home soil.

Please refer to the DHC web site to view these lists: <https://dardanupheritagecollective.org.au/storiesof-people/war-service-personnel/>.



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Example / Concept pictures. The cost of this installation will be covered by the DHC. Concept proposal will go to Council if there are no objections from Advisory Group. Officers have confirmed there I no issue with location in terms of disturbance to roots, ground infrastructure etc.



# Dardanup Hall Concept Plan

Nathan Ryder - Manager Infrastructure Planning and Design

