

A Newsletter for the localities of

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Memories Relived at the Waterloo Cricket Club Reunion

Over 70 people attended the recent Waterloo Cricket Club reunion at the Wells Recreation Park Clubrooms. The Waterloo Cricket Club was formed in 1950 by brothers Tom(son Ron was one of the organisers of the reunion) and Bob Tyrrell and other local farmers with many busy bees being held until the oval and pitch was of a good enough standard to play regular matches. The pitch is still in existence in a paddock between the Waterloo Hall and the Waterloo Garage. Waterloo, Dardanup, Ferguson, Roelands and 3 Bunbury teams played on weekends and then 2 Associations formed in Bunbury with Waterloo playing in the Sunday Social Association. These games were all played in Bunbury with training at Waterloo. In the mid 60s a team from the Bunbury Association comprising mainly Waterloo cricketers played in Country Week entering in E grade but moving quickly over the years to A grade.

In 1969 Waterloo won the A Grade Bunbury Association Competition. 3 of those original cricketers; Dick Shalders, Dick Stirk and Ian Campbell attended the reunion and provided lots of stories along with other past cricketers to the delight of all listening. Ron Tyrrell, Bob Clarke and Peter Shine, one of Waterloos best players also reminisced about their time playing for Waterloo.

In the late 70s the Waterloo Club disbanded and then a few years later Brian Wells resurrected the Club and B and C grade teams entered the Bunbury Association Competition.

In the early 80s Waterloo played in 2 A grade grand finals losing both and then in 1987 the Waterloo Club disbanded for the final time. The following year the Dardanup Cricket Club formed and is still competing today in the Bunbury Association. 37 years of cricketing history was on display at the reunion and it was obvious that the friendships formed through playing cricket remained just as strong.



Waterloo Cricket Club Reunion Organising Committee - Back row l to r, Ray Walmsley, David Wells, Bob Clarke, Ron Tyrrell, Phil Depiazzi, Peter Shine. Front row l to r, Kim Fry, Doug Ward, Trevor Rose and Anne Ward. Photographer: Trinity Edwards



Clarke Brothers I to r John, Ray, Jim, Bob and Steve all played cricket for Waterloo Photographer: Trinity Edwards

Central Bushfire Brigade Members Honored

A presentation night was held recently to honour several Dardanup Central Bushfire Brigade members for their long service to the Brigade. Chris Hynes, Shire of Dardanups Chief Fire Control Officer and his wife Sandy presented medals to Rob Bailey for 30 years service, Anke Hynes and Raymond Gardiner for 20 years service and Wayne Cross for 15 years service.

Brendan Putt, Dardanup Central Bushfire Brigade FCO said "medal recipients have been very active members in the community over a very long time and were still proudly involved sharing their wealth of knowledge to our new members which we are very grateful for."



Chris Hynes, Shire of Dardanup CFCO presenting a 30 year service medal to Rob Bailey



New Defib For Joshua/Crooked Brook Bushfire Brigade Shed

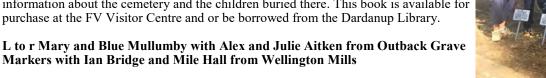
A new AED (Defibrillator) has been generously donated and installed by St John Ambulance for use by the general public at the Joshua /Crooked Brook Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade Shed. Eds note; if you need to access the Defib you must phone 000 first and you will be supplied a code which will open the Defib box.

Craig Bourne on left and Clint Hyne on right present the Defib to Andrew White from Joshua/ Crooked Brook Volunteer Bushfire Brigade

Outback Grave Markers Visit Wellington Mills

Wellington Mills locals had a visit from the Outback Grave Markers recently who placed plaques at the Old Fire Shed of the 6 children buried at the Wellington Mills cemetery. The Wellington Mills Cemetery was an unofficial cemetery and only children were ever buried there, 6 in fact according to longtime resident and local historian Mike Hall. The first child was buried in 1901 and the last, the Binks twins buried in 1923. Unfortunately in those days it was usually the family that had the task of digging the grave. When the fire went through in

1950 all the grave markers were lost and with time the area now on private property has been over grown and the exact location of the graves unknown. We appreciate the work of the Outback Grave Markers who have supplied the plaques with the local community deciding the best place for the plaques was at the Old Fire Shed which will soon be the site of a local museum." Mike said. According to Mike the Outback Grave Markers travel the state erecting grave plaques where they have long since disappeared with funding sometimes supplied by local governments. The Outback Grave Markers experienced country hospitality on their visit to Wellington Mills plus received copies of the local book History of Wellington Mills by Janice Calcei which includes information about the cemetery and the children buried there. This book is available for purchase at the FV Visitor Centre and or be borrowed from the Dardanup Library.





Dardanup Anzac Day Services Organised by the Dardanup and Districts Residents Assoc.

Tuesday 25 April, 2023

Dawn Service – 6am @ War Memorial alongside Shire Office, Little St, Dardanup

Main Service -

Marching off from the Old Covent Car Park, Ferguson Rd @ 9am sharp. Parking in Our Lady of Lourdes P.S. Car Park



Wreaths welcome.

At the conclusion of the Main Service, morning tea will be served in the Lesser Hall. Please bring a small plate of morning tea to share. Complimentary Sausage Sizzle served by Dardanup Lions Club._In the case of inclement weather the Service will be held in the Hall.

Eds Note: The Anzac Day March will take a different route this year with the march assembling in the Old Convent(2 storey building next to the Catholic Church) Car Park and parking next door at Our Lady of Lourdes P.S. Car Park



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Exhibition and Art Trail Weekend Gearing Up

\$10,000.00 in prize money will be awarded to winning and highly

commended artists in this years Dardanup Art Spectacular to be held over the weekend of the 29 and 30 April. \$1000 awarded to the individual major prize winners plus cash prizes of \$100 and \$200 awarded to Primary School and Secondary School students in the general art category and photography. Categories for adult artists are Open, Emerging(Shire of Dardanup resident only), Portrait, Theme (Identity), 3D and Photography.

In 2022 the Art Spectacular Committee sold over \$12,000.00 in art with a commission received on sales.

The annual Dardanup Art Spectacular is organised by the community of Dardanup and sponsored by the Shire of Dardanup to showcase the work of emerging artists in the Shire as well as art exhibited from the wider community. The Art Spectacular relies on the generosity of our corporate sponsors and local businesses to ensure the success of this annual event.

The Opening Night is a must attend event on Dardanups social calendar, also a fundraiser for our 2 primary schools, Dardanup P&C

and Our Lady of Lourdes P&F who cater for the evening as well as supervise the art exhibition over the weekend. In 2022 the 2 schools received \$1700.00 each for their efforts.

Venues confirmed on the Art Trail this year include Old Convent, Ferguson Valley Visitor Centre, Depiazzi Building on Ferguson Rd and Thomas Little Hall as well as wineries and galleries throughout Ferguson Valley. Jenni Doherty's Gallery and Peppermint Lane Lodge with all the sculptures are a must see on the Trail. Some venues have multiple artists displaying their work.

The Dardanup Art Spectacular Committee looks forward to seeing you over this special weekend so invite your friends and family.

Important dates to remember -

Friday 28 April – Art Spectacular Opening Night, 7pm @ the Dardanup Hall. Tickets can be purchased on line for this event. \$20 ea, \$35/couple, \$50/family includes drinks and supper so keep an eye out for this info on the Dardanup Art Spectacular facebook page, website and local posters.

Saturday 29 April and Sunday 30 April, 10am – 5pm, Art Spectacular Art Exhibition @ the Dardanup Hall and Art Trail Open. Venues in town and in the Ferguson Valley

Art entries opened 20 March and close on 14 April.



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Art Trail

Sat: 29th and Sun: 30th April 9.00am to 5.00 pm both days All welcome to browse with no obligations.



Diana Neggo Will Open Her Gallery in F.V. for the 1st Time

Through a full and varied life, Diana Neggo has developed a strong connection with both land and sea and it's these elemental forces that are the catalyst for her art work. Whether it's a striking landscape or an intriguing abstract, Diana's art speaks of a celebration of life, colour and nature. As a sailor for many years, she has developed a particular intimacy with the ocean in all its changing moods and moments.

Diana is inspired by the contrasts and variety she sees in nature. Shifts between light and dark and the endless choice of colour and texture become the starting point for her artistic expression. Diana is currently enjoying life on five acres in the Ferguson Valley and when she's not collecting eggs or picking vegetables from her garden you'll find her in the studio overlooking the dam.

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April is the beginning of the Noongar season **Djeran**. Fingers crossed, the hot weather will begin to change with cooler nights and dewey mornings. Listen for the magpies song, it changes this time

of year when the cool weather is on its way.

Have you felt that sense of urgency yet? It is time to get busy preparing your soil and planting your Autumn/Winter crops. If you are following a crop rotation plan give yourself a bit of time to rest the beds and add whatever amendments are needed. Feed the soil microbes by adding compost or aged manure, some rock dust and/or vermicompost (from your worm farm). Remember that your Brassica crops are 'hungry' and will need enriched soil to give you a good harvest. When it is cold, extra applications of fertilisers and tonics take longer to be effective, so good soil preparation now will save you time and effort during the cold and wet months. Green Manure Crops are a great way to help increase the fertility of your garden. Leaving your ground bare is not resting it, it is neglecting it. 'Fallow' in our climate is a fallacy and can cause more issues including water repellency and loss of fertility. To best care for your patch we need to enrich our soil, feed our microbes and cover it (mulch at the very least), so that it will not only recover from the last crop but be better for the next one. The aim is to keep something growing year round, So get planting!

While we are on garden preparations it is a good time to clean out your gutters ahead of the Autumn and Winter rains (fingers crossed we get some...) Don't waste the leaf litter, pop it into your compost heap.

There are plenty of Pruning jobs this month. It is time to give your herbs a haircut - Don't waste the prunings, just cut and dry them for use during the winter months. Mint, Thyme, Rosemary, Oregano all dry really well. For softer summer herbs such as Basil, Coriander and Fennel try freezing them in ice cube trays with a little water or butter. Alternatively, make more pesto!

It is also time to lift and divide your perennials, this includes your ornamentals and natives. Deadhead spent flowers and prune back leggy growth.

Plant Profile of the Month: Quince (Cydonia oblonga) This time of year, I wait patiently for the Quince to be ready. A little old fashioned perhaps but a seasonal treat. They are a hardy deciduous tree, that unpruned will grow to 5m x 4m. Perfect for our Mediterranean climate, they are drought hardy once established and have a low chill requirement (300hrs).

Two varieties that grow well here are 'Smyrna' and 'Champion', slightly different in shape, colour and taste, but both delicious. The fruit is round or oblong in shape. Hard with a coating of fuzz, ripening to a yellow colour and gorgeous aroma. Look for them at the farmers market or roadside stalls in late March and April. They must be cooked before eating. They are so versatile and can be used in both sweet and savoury dishes. Quinces partner nicely with Lamb in a Moroccan Tagine, poach to a gorgeous rosey pink in spiced syrup topped with a bit of custard or cream (or icecream) and are equally wonderful in a cake. One of my favourite ways to enjoyed them is made into the cheese platter staple - Quince paste. Quince paste is also known as Quince cheese or as Membrillo in Spain. It is a sweet, thick paste / jelly made with the pulp of the quince fruit and an equal quantity of sugar. The thickness is a matter of preference. Quince paste is a sweet treat and yes it can be a bit of an effort to make, definitely a labour of love. It is certainly worth while and will keep for a year in an airtight container in the fridge - if you don't eat it all by then. Once you have tasted a delicious homemade paste, whether it is Plum, Fig or Quince, you won't mind the time it takes to make it. I use it on an antipasto platter, to partner with a good mature cheddar. It is great as a side for cold meats or in a sandwich. You can also soften it with a bit of hot water to make a gorgeous marinate for chops or a roast.

Helpful hint - Whatever recipe you use, I don't recommend doubling it due to the amount of stirring involved! What you can plant in April:

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.

A little garden humour...

Question: "What do you get if you divide the circumference of a pumpkin by its diameter?" Answer: Pumpkin pi Happy Gardening!

The next Sustainable Living Workshop is on Thursday 13th April at the Dardanup Hall. Topic: Grow your own Groceries. A useful way to buffer the rising cost of vegies is to grow your own. You don't need a huge space or to grow 100% of what you eat. Which ones give you the most yield and best value for space? Come along as I share local tips for growing your best value Winter garden. Bookings essential ph: 9724000 or on the website

dardanup.wa.gov.au/events

Wespine Community Grants are now open

Wespine has been proudly supporting local communities since the establishment of its operations in West Dardanup in Western Australia in the 1990's.

The company focuses its community support across the areas in which Wespine and Staxa operate, including areas where our log resource is sourced from. Eligible applications will also be considered from Greenbushes and Boddington.

This form can be used for requests for the donation of wood products, in-kind support and grant applications up to a combined value of \$2,000 per financial year.

Please access the Wespine Community Grant Application form via https://www.wespine.com.au/wp-content/

uploads/2023/03/2023-Community-Grant-Application-Form.pdf The closing date for applications is Friday 7 April 2023. Late applications will not be accepted.

Claire Overheu **Executive and Communications Coordinator** Wespine

Red Cross Calling In April

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. Eds Note- Apologies to Gwen as this

should have gone into Marchs issue. Whoops!

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Dardanup Senior Citizens News

We held our Meeting on 21st March with 20 members attending.

Due to the resignation of our President Sylvia Maunder, a casual vacancy election was held. No nominations were received for President. Pat English was elected Vice President and Committee Members Ann Kirkpatrick & Robert Gardiner.

Winner of the Easter bonnet competition was Pat Britza.

Easter raffle winners were Judy Gardiner, Eunice Bailey & Marilyn Lee.

Members enjoyed a morning tea get together. All residents over 55 very welcome to join us.

Revely Gardiner, Secretary, 0408 833 761

Dardanup Lions Club News

At our meeting of 14th March the club elected the guys who will steer the club for the 2023/2024 year. There isn't any change to our president's role with Adrian Tyrrell taking the reins again. It has been necessary to split the secretary's role into the different work. Rob Webster will be the titular (address given in the Lions Diary) and formal steps guy: doing minute recording and keeping us on the Lionistic path. Glenn Trigg will attend to hierarchal and state organisational 'to and fro's' gleaned from email correspondence.

Dardanup Cricket Club Winds Up With Successful Season

Even though the Club was knocked out of the finals in the last game there were some outstanding individual performances by the guys. Luke Martin won the Bunbury and Districts Cricket Association Batting Aggregate with 604 runs and Jamie Maunder won the BDCA Fielding Award. Luke and Jamie were both presented their

April School Holiday Activities at Wellington Discovery Forest

The Nearer to Nature team from the Parks and Wildlife Service has lined up some exciting activities for the whole family this upcoming April school holidays at the Wellington Discovery Forest, a short drive from Gnomesville and the Wellington National Park. Come check out the interpretative centre which will be open on Monday 17th, Tuesday 18th and Thursday 20th April with free engaging activities for all.

Or have a look at the workshops being provided in conjunction with local experts including getting up close and personal with our scaly friends at the SW Reptile Encounter; Take a closer look at the Creepy Crawlies that call the Jarrah Forest their home; Explore, observe and record the wonders of the Discovery Forest in the Nature Journalling for Kids activity; Learn about and meet one of the most beautiful birds at our Cockatoo Crusaders workshop; Enjoy a night under the stars, sharing, listening and learning about

If there are any situations whereby some funding or hands on assistance would be of help to an organisation or person that is struggling; or, just stands out as being in our remit then please email dardvlions@iinet.net.au .

Brad Reed is serving another term as Treasurer. Membership Chairman is David Moore.

There aren't any changes to the other lions elected to help steer our twenty five strong club. We seek to make our club a fun and productive unit. We keep the spirit of volunteering alive.

PHIL OTTREY

awards at the BDCA Awards Night. Adding to this Jake Walker came third in the BDCA Bowling Tally. The team also went up a grade this year -5^{th} to 4^{th} and were still really competitive. "The boys all showed good grit and had a fun season.....more players would never be a bad thing with all these new facilities" said Jamie Maunder, V/ President, Dardanup Cricket Club.

Eds Note; Jamie is talking about the \$1 million changerooms at Wells Recreation Park and I reckon next season there will be more locals keen to give senior Cricket a go.

the night sky from local traditional owners and members of the SW Astronomy Society at our **Starry Skies** activity; Learn and practice some very important **Bush Survival Skills** with Survive It SW!; or gently immerse yourself into the forest with **Forest Meditation** led by Joy Trails.

Something for everyone in the family to enjoy. Costs and age restrictions apply. For more information and terms and conditions go to https://exploreparks.dbca.wa.gov.au/site/wellington-discovery-forest-centre or call DBCA Bunbury Office on 9725 4300.

Jodie Deeley Nearer to Nature South West Parks and Wildlife Service (South West Region) Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions

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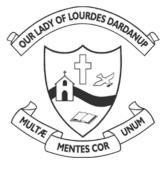
Our Lady of Lourdes School Welcome back to school











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This year Dardanup Primary School has Julie joining us again with her two dogs Diesel and Mintie from Story Dogs. They will be working with our Year 2 and 3 students. Diesel and Mintie are specially trained to sit and interact with students as they listen to them read. We love having them come to our school and support our students.



Easter Church Services at the Dardanup Catholic Church

Palm Sunday 2 April

Dardanup 9:00am Mass with Blessing of

Palms & Procession

Holy Thursday 6 April

Dardanup 8:00am Morning Prayer

Dardanup 7:00pm Evening Mass of the

Lord's Supper

Good Friday 7 April

Dardanup 10:00am Outdoor Stations of the

Cross

Dardanup 3:00pm Celebration of the Lord's

Passion

Holy Saturday 8 April

Dardanup 9:00am Morning Prayer Easter - The Resurrection of the Lord!

Sat. 8 April Dardanup 7:30pm THE EASTER VIGIL*

Sun. 9 April Boyanup 9:00am Mass of Easter Day

* The Easter Vigil - the main celebration of Easter - will be followed by an Easter Party, to which **everyone is invited**. Drinks for adults and children will be provided. Please bring a plate of "finger food" to share, if you can. **Everyone** is very welcome!

Shire of Dardanup Events

YouthFest

 $\overline{14/04/2023}$ – Save the Date

Cost: FREE

Save the Date for this year's YouthFest event proudly hosted by the Shire of Dardanup's Youth Advisory Group! Friday 14 April at Wells oval in Dardanup. Keep an eye on the socials and our website for more details coming soon!

See Poster this edition

Little Jigglers*

Cost: FREE

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Dardanup Hall

Monday, 3 April 10:30am – 11am

Eaton Community Library

Tuesday, 4 April 9.30am – 10.15am

Chair Yoga

Cost: FREE

Tuesday 4 April, 1.00pm – 2.00pm, Eaton Recreation Centre Tuesday 11 April, 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.

Classes are free to join and no online registration is required.

Sustainable Living Workshop

Cost: FREE

Thursday 13 April 10.00 – 11.30 Dardanup Hall

Topic: Grow your own Groceries. A useful way to buffer the rising cost of vegies is to grow your own. You don't need a huge space or to grow 100% of what you eat.

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FRIDAY 5 MAY 2023 5PM at the Ferguson Hall



EVERYONE WELCOME

You are invited to The Dardy Party

The party celebrating 100 years since Dardanup was gazetted is well on the way to being organised. There has been lots of interest in the street parade. Community groups, schools, local businesses and industry have all put their hands up to participate in the parade commencing at 10.00am on Saturday 13 May. Junkadelic, that zany band from Perth will be leading the parade through the town. If your community group/ business hasn't entered for the parade then get cracking. We want to start this party with a bang! Information about the street parade will be provided by emailing

dardanupresidentsassociation@gmail.com and you have til 21 April to register.

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, 100th birthday cake 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 Lions are running the bar stocked with all your favourite drinks and there will be a Commemorative bottle of wine to purchase. 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.

If you have any queries please call me on 0418 281 201 or email dardanupresidentsassociation@gmail.com

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

> Jill Cross Chairperson **DDRA**

Shire of Dardanup News

Cast your vote on award nomination

A unique Shire of Dardanup project to build community participation, connection, accessibility and inclusivity is in the running for a national award. The National Awards for Local Government (NALG) are an annual celebration of local government achievements in Australia.

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Simon Bushell- Local Real Estate Agent

Your local and trusted real estate agent. I'd like to introduce myself, Simon Bushell, a proud local Dardanup West resident for 5 years. I'm a husband and father of soon to be 3 beautiful boys.

I have a passion for real estate and enjoy working closely with sellers and buyers to assist them in achieving their My most recent listing 87 Padbury Road, Dardanup West, next move. Commonly speaking, your house is your biggest asset and the decision to buy or sell is typically a stressful time. Rest assured, I'm here to ease those stress-

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The awards highlight initiatives implemented by local governments that are innovative, make a difference to their local communities, display excellence, and have outcomes that are replicable across the country.

Winners for each award category are selected via a voting system open to the public and voting is now open. The Southern Ports Festive Auslan Choir has been nominated in the Creativity & Culture Award Category. You can cast a vote for the project by visiting the Shire website. Voting closes on 14 April

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Longtime Dardanup resident Edna Starcevich passed away on the 12th March. Sincere sympathy to her son Tom and family as well as her good neighbour Ron

What's on In Dardanup

20 March – Dardanup Art Spectacular Entries open

1 April – E Waste collection, 9-11, Carramar Park

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

5 April – Dardanup Heritage Collective meeting, 1pm at Thomas Little Hall

18 April – Dardanup Senior Citizens meeting, 9.30pm at the Wells Recreation Park Clubrooms

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20 March – Dardanup Art Spectacular Entries open

7 April – Ferguson Hall Sundowner, 5pm

14 April – Entries close for the Dardanup Art Spectacular

14 April - Youth Fest hosted by the Shire of Dardanup's Youth Advisory Group @ Wells Rec Park, see poster this edition

15 April - live music by Lukas D'Aqui Music @ Green Door, 12.45pm, booking recommended

19 April – WA Apiarists Soc meeting, 6.30pm at ECU, see add this edition

21 April- nominations close for the 100th birthday street parade, e: dardanupresidentsassociation@gmail.com

22 April - Boyanup Farmers Market, 8am

25 April – Dardanup Anzac Day Services, Dawn 6am, Main 9am

27 April – Learn to crochet, 1-3 at the Dardanup Shire office, phone Pat on 0429672556

28 April – Dardanup Art Spectacular Opening Night

29-30 April – Dardanup Art Spectacular Art Exhibition and Art Trail

5 May – Ferguson Hall AGM, 5pm, see add this edition

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

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

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

Dardanup and Localities Clubs and Meetings

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 – 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month, 7:00pm 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 -2^{nd} Thursday of every month, 6pm at a nominated location. More info

contact marketing@fergusonvalley.net.au

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 – 1st 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

Kerry and Jeanette Thomas celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on 7 April

Tiarna and Tom Morton and big brothers Lincoln and Jameson on the birth of their daughter Amarlee 3/3/23

Shire of Dardanup for organising a tidy up of Gnomesville by workers from Bunbury Regional Prison under a partnership between the Shire of Dardanup and the Department of Corrective Services, Bunbury Regional Prison – Pre Release Unit Section 95 Prisoner program.

Everyone who picked up rubbish along their rural verge and to the Shire of Dardanup for collecting the rubbish bags. Thank you to Mary Smith for distributing the Clean Up bags to rural residents and coordinating this activity. Did you know according to Clean Up Australia 'young and old, from the beach to the bush, you got your gloves on and stepped up and cleaned up! More than 11,000 events were registered with over 750,000 of you champs joining in Cleaning Up Australia.'

Julie Lawrence Cleaning Up Along Ferguson Rd



Dardanup Playgroup News



The last month of playgroup has been actioned packed full of craft, toys and making new friends! We now have over 25 families on our books with an average of 19 little ones attending weekly. This is the biggest our Playgroup has been in a while so thank you to everyone for coming along and supporting our centre. With the extra

numbers this term our activities have been super exciting allowing all the children to participate in a structured activity which is adult supported as well as exploring all the toys and environment at their own pace.

We have welcomed an additional 3 new families in the last fortnight who are all building or have built in the Dardanup West area. If you are new in the area and would like to come along for a look please follow us on Facebook or email us at Dardanupcpg@gmail.com for all the details.

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bunbury@waas.org.au

Ferguson Valley Visitor Centre News

The Visitors Centre continues to toddle along gearing up for the beautiful autumn weather & Easter & school holidays. Our artist for April is Jasmine from:

THE LITTLE CANDLE COMPANY

My name is Jasmine; back in 2020, fresh out of graduating from school, I decided to start this business. I had no idea what I wanted to do, and I have always been interested in crafts and creating things. I got into candle making a few years ago when making them for friends and family for Christmas gifts. I melted old candles down, dyed them with crayons, and soon learnt that it doesn't work. So after lots of research and testing each candle, I figured out, not realising how much goes into the process, but I love every minute of it. This busi-

ness has helped me get out of my comfort zone and try new things. As I was always shy as a kid, attending markets has helped me gain social skills and make many friends. Along the way, I have learnt what works and what doesn't very quickly. From the bottom of my heart, thank you for your support, no matter how big or small.

Come in & see us & fill your house with candles!!

Libby Pardoe





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