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DARDANUP RED CROSS AUXILLARY UNIT CLOSES

Sadly, I have to announce that as those in need. Recycled goods of 30th June Dardanup Red Cross Unit officially closed in the district.

Dardanup Red Cross had their first inaugural meeting on and has been a very workable organisation for all those years. In 1939 when the world had entered a serious War the felt by forming a Branch of the Red Cross it would be their way of giving help to the cause. The Secretary, Mrs Eileen Richards writes-

"A meeting was convened by Mrs Mervyn Gardiner and Mr Richard Palmer, Chairman at the time of Dardanup Roads Board to decide whether we should form a Branch. The National Anthem was sung. Mr Palmer gave a short address explaining the meaning of Red Cross and how to become a member and that the joining fee would be 1/- or 10 c

It was then put to the meeting and after much discussion it was agreed to form a Branch. Mrs Mervyn Gardiner was elected President, Mrs Eileen Richards was elected Secretary and Mrs Annear was elected Treasurer. Mrs W Poad and Mrs Maud Gardiner were elected Vice Presidents. Several members formed the Committee. ' From the old Minute books I have tried to glean a little of the activities the early pioneers of Red Cross conducted in Dardanup. The war effort being top priority; much knitting of warm wear for the soldiers; collections of many items like bottles , newspapers, brown paper, silver paper, clean old linen and bandages. The list goes on. Warm clothing sent to England for the victims of the air raids, boxes of fruit, eggs , butter, mushrooms collected either sold for funds or sent to

sold for funds.

Much fundraising was held -Fetes, garden parties, street stalls, penny trails and much more.

September 20th 1939, 84 years ago Clothing depot formed, sorted and Our members are all very elderly distributed to needy.

A first aid post formed, Blood Bank established, Anzac Parade always patronised and a wreath citizens of the Dardanup District laid at the Memorial. Comforters for children in Hospitals, prem baby clothes created and distributed.

> Rugs made for the elderly. March appeal conducted each year and money raised sent to Head Quarters to be used for the many disasters and the needy of our state. Celebrated many anniversaries, members receiving many awards for their continuous work for Red Cross.

I would like to pay tribute to all the foundation members and pioneers of Red Cross for all their generous contributions they gave to our District and continued down all the years to make our community a better place to live.

Wells. Liaison Officer

I send out a challenge. Ps. there is a group willing to continue Red Cross in Dardanup you are very welcome. I will assist if so, anyway I can help. and not able to continue and their health does not permit them to do so. Some are under 80 years but are otherwise engaged in other activities. Thankyou. Gwen

Eds Note; I echo Gwens sentiments and also pay tribute to all of those members of the Dardanup Red Cross that have supported this community and community's all over the world since 1939.

Photo Dardanup Red Cross 2009 L to R back D Tyrrell, S Tussler, G Wells, M Savage, K Savage, J Lantzke, B Busher, G Maslin, P Harris L to R front M Marsh, D Gibbs, B Damiani



Dardanup Lions Club News

A quote from Lions International President Brian Sheehan; "Everything we do shares our joy in being who we are, and every year we get to help millions of people. That's the best part of being a Lion and being part of this family."

The Team here at Dardanup Lions have changed (Not the President Adrian); but we get another group of men pledged to help the community, as celebrated at our recent Changeover Luncheon.

A not all inclusive picture of the new board at the event... **Phil Ottrey**

INCOMING – willing helpers, from President to 2 year Director.



L to R: Adrian Tyrell, Pete Milton (non-member Black Dog project liaison), Des Eaton, Keith Patterson, Brad Reed, Ian Bridge, Rob Webster, Reg Green, Glenn Trigg, Tony Golding.

Not Pictured but holding office are; Grant Ruland, Brian Ewart, Graham McClare, Phil Ottrey (behind the lens), David Moore, Allen Mountford, David Wells.

Eds Note; Congrats to the new team and thanks for all your efforts in this and wider community. What a handsome looking bunch of blokes!

Dardanup Senior Citizens News

Our Meeting held on the 18th July with 15 members attending.

Preparations are in hand for our AGM & updating our Constitution on the 15th August.

Our 30th Anniversary of our Club is in October and all past members welcome to attend.

Revely Gardiner 0408833761

Some Community History Here On Display At The Dardanup Senior Citizens Meeting





Nutrien Ag Solutions, in partnership with FRRR(Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal) has provided funding of \$5000.00 towards the construction of a storage shed for the Dardanup Bull and Barrel Festival built onto the existing sheds at Wells Recreation Park. The Festival Committee thanks Rodney Francis, Nutrien Ag Solutions Manager in Bunbury for supporting their grant application. The Ferguson Valley Mountain Bike Club have also received Shire funding of \$4000.00 towards the construction of a storage shed so both sheds are being built at the same time and both Clubs are assisting David Wells with construction. Where would we be without David who puts in an enormous amount of work assisting local community groups. Seen here trowelling is David assisted by Damon Wilsmore in the foreground and Kym Shapkaris from the FVMBC. Mat Williams and Greg Fisher from the FVMBC also assisted preparing the site for the concrete and Tom Cross cleared the site on behalf of the Festival Committee

Look at this lovely Little Library recently installed at the Ferguson Valley Visitor Centre.



Kim Wesley takes a peek at all the books inside waiting for someone to read. This Library was donated by Georgina and Aasha Haines and John and Georgina Ogilvie, former students of OLOL. The idea is to donate books you have read and then maybe collect one of the books inside that you may like to read. Children's and adults books available.

Great initiative Georgina, Aasha, Georgina and John

Wespine's Staff Awards

Wespine continues to recognise that our employees are our most important asset. Twice each year we stop our operations for teams to come together to enjoy a catered morning tea and award staff who have achieved service milestones.

Recently, 46 staff were thanked and received a gift for their years of service and skilful contributions.

Pictured are just some of the awarded staff, with supervisors and Wespine executives.



Thank you to each of you - for all your seen and unseen contributions that make Wespine what it is today!

Claire Overheu Executive and Communications Coordinator Wespine

Ferguson Valley Visitors Centre

To be absolutely honest - I, along with half the volunteers, are travelling, so actually don't really know what's going on at the VC!! I'm sure it's ticking away beautifully being kept open by the few hardy stalwarts braving the cold winter weather we north bound travellers are only hearing about. Hopefully lots of visitors are seeking warm fires & delicious lunches & wine in the enticing Fergie Valley restaurants & the Dardy pub. I'm also sure the Dardy bakery is bringing in folk from far & wide - please pop into the VC - say Hi, check out our wares & find places to explore you haven't been before.

Our featured artist for August is our lovely friend Denise Gillies. Her work is beautiful, do come in & see for yourselves. Denise is an experienced printmaker and mixed media artist who has exhibited extensively throughout Australia as well as internationally.

Although originally trained as a language teacher, art has been an important part of her life since childhood.

Traditional printmaking is her primary passion, but in recent years mixed media works have become increasingly important in her art practice. Working from her new studio in Burekup, Denise uses a variety of printmaking and mixed media techniques to create artworks that explore the passing of time, the environment and our impact on it. In addition to framed artworks, she also produces a range of art accessories all showcasing her latest original art and designs. These products include scarves, bags, coasters, socks, cushion covers, cards and boxes as well as unique handmade jewellery items. See you at the VC!

Libby Pardoe



Denise Gillies At Work In Her Studio

Tickets Now On Sale For Lost & Found Festival 2023 produced food and wine, by growing the region in wider

Lost & Found Festival will provide even more ways for visitors and locals to find new experiences in the Bunbury Geographe region, with the 2023 event expanding into Harvey, Capel and Collie this 7-10 September. Now in its third year, the Festival will host more than 20 events showcasing the region's diverse and exciting offerings of food, wine, beer, spirits and a vibrant entertainment and arts scene. From cycling tours, to street parties and decadent dinners, the 2023 program will be the biggest yet. Festival favourites like the Wild Bull Hoedown, Cabernet by Candlelight and Wine in the Vines will be returning plus live music and stand-up comedy taking centre stage at Froth Craft Bunbrewery.

Dardanup Shire President Mick Bennett said: "We are pleased to be supporting Lost & Found for the third year running which is providing a perfect mechanism for supporting those businesses who are adding value to our incredible, locallymarkets and using it to draw visitors to our shire."

Joint Director Erin Molloy said, 'we're thrilled to be able to expand Lost & Found further into the BunGeo region in 2023 and be working with even more incredible businesses to deliver our biggest program yet.

'Last year's event was a sell-out, so to be able to increase the size of the program and showcase even more of the beautiful and diverse region to visitors and locals is something we are very much looking forward to."

For more information, visit www.lostandfoundfestival.com.au Lost & Found Festival is powered by AHOY Management and supported by The City of Bunbury, Tourism WA, Shire of Dardanup, Collie River Valley Marketing, Shire of Harvey, Shire of Capel, Ferguson Valley Marketing, the South West Development Commission and Bank of Queensland.



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Shire of Dardanup "Project Connect – This One Thing Exhibition and the Women of Charlotte Street Exhibition"

Sharing of stories, experiences, multiculturalism and community was the theme opened at the Shire of Dardanup's Project Connect – This one thing exhibition which opened at Dardanup Hall on the evening of $22^{\rm nd}$ June.

The opening evening was led by the talented Dominique Baynes from ABC SW Radio. The exhibition ran for the 2 days following and welcomed students from Our Lady of Lourdes and the wider community over the Friday and Saturday.

The exhibition shared the journeys of people who left their home country and now call the South West their home.

This One Thing Exhibition was put together by the Bunbury Multicultural Group and shared photos of migrants with the one thing they brought from their home country to Australia that is special to them and keeps them connected to their home country. The exhibition also featured stories of the Irish settlers in Dardanup, thanks to the Dardanup Heritage Collective linking the history of migration to the current community.

Thanks to all who came along to support.

Jenny Goldings comments.....

Two vivacious women spoke to the keenly interested children of Our Lady of Lourdes School regarding the "One Small Thing" that was very important to each person in moving from their respective country of birth to Australia, of their happiness in being here and of their determination to work and to become proud citizens. They asked the young people to name the "one thing' they would want to take if their home was threatened by storm or bushfire and the eager answers included "my dog," "my photographs" and "something my grandmother gave me." Food for thought.

I simply spoke about the lives of Dardanup's first settlers, mostly of Irish families and the women who played important roles in teaching, managing the local wayside Inne, farming and nursing in the 1860s and 1870s when riding horses, side-saddle, and walking were the means of moving about. The early migrants laid a solid foundation on which Dardanup has progressed steadily. Photographs were passed about, showing the long dresses worn more than one hundred years ago, families at a picnic wearing heavy clothes buttoned to the neck and much more suited to a cooler climate, Dardanup's very early homes and buildings.

We all talked about having pride and respect for Australia, for the country of our own birth or that of our ancestors and for the place in which we choose to live.



Jenny Golding from the Dardanup Heritage Collective Addressing Students from Our Lady of Lourdes

E Waste Collection and Message from Matt

For the last 5 years I have been collecting e-waste on a monthly base in Dardanup. All good things come to an end, however sometimes good things come to an end to proceed in a better way. There won't be any collections anymore from now on at the Carramar car park, but in exchange everyone can now deliver their e-waste to Banksia Road waste facility 5 days a week.

There is a dedicated shed to put your e-waste in where I will screen and sort it, taking metals out of the e-waste so the shire is receiving money from J&P Metals instead of paying for E-waste to be processed by Total Green in Perth.

Due to license regulations, I was no longer allowed to collect and transport household hazardous waste. You now have to deliver that to the Standley Road waste facility. They are the allocated facility to take of this type of waste. Maybe you can ask your neighbours if

they have some as well when you have planned to go there. Just go to the link to find out more about it.

https://www.wasteauthority.wa.gov.au/.../household... Nescafe coffee pods can be dropped off at Retravision.

Thanks to everyone who helped me over the years and everyone that made it enjoyable for me to try to do the right thing with waste that before all ended up in landfill. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions about what to do with waste they have so it doesn't end up in landfill.

Matt Meijer

Eds Note; What can we say Matt but a truly tremendous effort over 5 years and we all know in this community how important it is to not add e waste to that BIG MOUNTAIN of rubbish at the Cleanaway Landfill site in our backyard. Hoping everyone will continue to take their E waste to you at Banksia Rd.

Council Elections - Our Shire Needs You!

Local government elections are held on the third Saturday in October every two years.

The Shire of Dardanup holds postal elections, which are conducted on its behalf by the Western Australian Electoral Commission.

The next Ordinary election for the Shire of Dardanup will be held in October, 2023.

If you are interested in standing for Council, see the Shire for more info or better still talk to a current Councillor.

Nominations open for one week between September 2-9, 2023.

Dardanup Heritage Collective AGM

Wednesday 9 August, 1pm at the Thomas Little Hall in Ferguson Rd, opp the FV Visitor Centre.

Any queries to Sec, Janice Calcei, 0402 783 019, dardanupheritagecollective@gmail.com

The DHC welcomes new members and you don't have to have any knowledge of Dardanup's history.

It a great place to learn about it though!

Shire of Dardanup Events

*Bookings Required. Visit https://www.dardanup.wa.gov.au/ events/ to secure your spot or find more information!

Play Bridge!

Thursday 3 August 1.00pm – 4.00pm

Thursday 10 August 1.00pm – 4.00pm

Thursday 17 August 1.00pm – 4.00pm

Thursday 24 August 1.00pm – 4.00pm

Thursday 31 August 1.00pm – 4.00pm

Eaton Community Library

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Book Lovers Club

Friday 18 August 10.00am – 11.00am

Eaton Community Library

Join the Book Lovers Club and engage in great conversations about characters, plotlines, and so much more! Meet with fellow book-lovers on the third Friday of each month, and find out why books can be more than just entertainment.

Monday Messy Make-it & Lego

Monday 7 August 9.30am – 5.00pm

Monday 14 August 9.30am – 5.00pm

Monday 21 August 9.30am – 5.00pm

Monday 28 August 9.30am – 5.00pm

Eaton Community Library

Craft, Lego, and more for all ages and abilities! This craft and freestyle Lego session is a wonderful opportunity for people to meet and develop relationships with others. The meeting table will have a variety of crafts and Lego to suit everyone's abilities.

Little Jigglers*

Eaton Community Library: Tuesday 1 August 9.30am – 10.15am

Burekup Hall: Monday 7 August 10.30am – 11.00am Dardanup Hall: Monday 14 August 10.30am – 11.00am Introduce your kids to the world of music and dance! Little Jigglers is designed to introduce kindy and pre-school aged kids to the world of song, dance, rhythm, musical instruments, and playtime activities.

Tiny Wigglers*

Eaton Community Library: Tuesday 1 August 10.30am – 11.00am

Introduce your little one to the world of dance, song and play with our Tiny Wigglers program! Presented by the team at Jo Jingles, our interactive sessions are designed to nurture your child's creativity, imagination and social skills — all while having lots of fun!

Chair Yoga*

Eaton Recreation Centre: Tuesday 1 August 1.00 pm - 2.00 pm 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: Patch from Scratch*

Thursday 10 August 10.00am – 11.30am

Dardanup Town Hall

New to gardening - No Problem! Come along and learn how to get started designing and building your backyard vegie patch. Growing your own is a great way to buffer the rising cost of vegies and with a little bit of planning you can enjoy an abundant harvest in no time.

Eaton Art Group

Monday 14 August 2.00pm- 4.00pm

Eaton Community Library

Come along and find opportunities that you did not know existed and find inspiration and encouragement from other artists.

Discover your Family History: Working with Your DNA Matches*

Tuesday 15 August 5.30pm – 7.00pm Eaton Community Library

At this month's workshop Barbara will guide you on the fascinating journey of grouping your matches and discovering what your DNA is truly revealing about your heritage. Join us as we dive deeper into the world of DNA exploration and connect with others who share similar ancestral paths. Get ready to embark on this personal quest as we decode and embrace the diverse threads that make us who we are today

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Our Lady of Lourdes School NAIDOC Activities



The students from Dardanup Primary School walked over to Our Lady of Lourdes School to participate in a range of activities to celebrate NAIDOC Week. The theme this year was 'For our Elders'. It was a great day, and we thank the DPS staff and students for coming to our school to enjoy these activities together.













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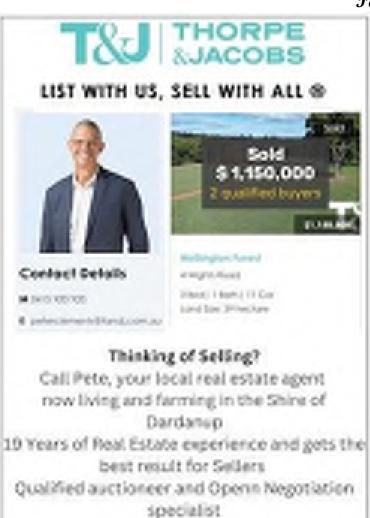
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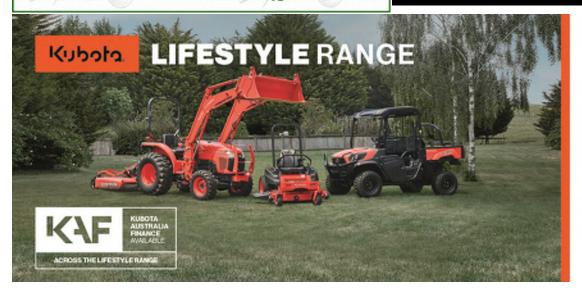
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August heralds the beginning of the Noongar Season Djilba. It is referred to as the first Spring and it is when we begin to enjoy the initial flush of wildflower blooms.

mix of wet days, clear cold nights, and this trend doesn't change until late in the month or into September. In frosty

areas keep protecting those sensitive crops, especially if you are nursing Eggplants, Capsicums or Chilli plants for another

Winter crops are producing an abundance, so it is the perfect time to preserve any excess for use later. Excess parsley, celery, onions and greens are great sautéed and frozen. It is time to start planning and planting for your spring and summer garden. Raising plants from seed is the cheapest way to produce abundant vegetables. Try to purchase organic, open pollinated seed as it gives you the option of keeping your own seed at the end of the season and gives you greater choice of varieties. Consider where the seed variety originates from and its preferred growing conditions, also how many days from sowing to harvesting. Cooler climate beans, cucumbers and tomatoes are best grown early spring and later into Autumn. Choose more heat tolerate varieties for crops that

will produce mid season from January - march. When the sun comes out the days seem warmer, however the soil is still quite cold. Many seeds need warm soil temperatures for best germination. Broad-beans, asian greens, radish, lettuce, rocket and silverbeet prefer soil temperatures between 10-12 degrees C. While most summer crops such as beans, corn, cucumbers, tomatoes and zucchini need warmer soil at 15+ degrees C. Melons and pumpkins are some of the most sensitive to cold and need soil temperature in excess of 18 degrees C, so are best planted in ground in November. There is an old saying that you should plant summer crops once you can comfortably sit 'bare-bottomed' on the soil, however I prefer to use a soil thermometer:)

Crops such as Tomatoes, Capsicums, Silverbeet and Okra benefit from being raised in pots or trays before planting out. You can grow these in a greenhouse, on a window sill or a sheltered sunny corner. Now is the perfect time to get them started, especially if you want home grown tomatoes before Christmas.

Generally we still experience a

To give your seeds the best start, a good quality seed raising medium/soil is very important. You can purchase ready made ones or make your own with Compost, Coir peat and Sand. There are a variety of different 'recipes' on the internet just remember a good mix should be light and airy, whilst retaining moisture without becoming waterlogged. Remember to wear your PPE when handling compost, potting soil and mulches. There have been quite a few deaths linked to Legionnaires disease in the greater Bunbury region in the past year. Wear a face mask and gloves when opening bags and keep your mix moist when using. Dispose of the bags and Wash your hands well afterwards.

Seed starting isn't for everyone. Not to worry, Punnets are a great way to give you a quick start in the garden or for filling in the gaps if your chickens happen to get loose into the vegie patch. They are usually 2-4 weeks more advanced than using seed and in the case of Tomatoes, Chilli and Capsicums they can be 6 weeks more advanced. This makes a significant difference, especially when you think that it takes 12-16 weeks before some varieties of vegies begin to produce. If you garden are in a frost prone area, try to be patient as you may need to wait until the end of the month to start any new crops.

Want to get busy planting in the vegie patch? It is still a bit cold, so quick growing crops are best. As it warms up then you can plant more:

<u>Leaf crops</u> - Asian greens, Cress, Lettuce, Mustard greens, Watercress, Purslane, Rocket, French Sorrel, Spinach. Brassica crops* seedlings - Cabbage. Root crops - Beetroot, Radish, Kohlrabi. Legume crops - Snow peas, Dwarf Peas, Broad beans. Onion family - Leeks, Onions, Spring onions. <u>Perennial Herbs</u> - Artichoke, Asparagus, Strawberry plants, Nasturtium, Cape Gooseberry, Mint. Greenhouse only / heat mat- Capsicum, Chilli, Eggplant, Tomato, Sunflower The next Sustainable Living Workshop is on Thursday 10/8/22 at the Dardanup Hall, 10-11.30am. Topic for August: Patch from Scratch - New to gardening - No Problem! Come along and learn how to get started designing and building your backyard vegie patch. Growing your own is a great way to buffer the rising cost of vegies and with a little bit of planning you can enjoy an abundant harvest in no time. Bookings essential ph: **9724000**

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Dardanup Bull and Barrel Festival News

A busy couple of months leading up to the Festival. The Thrift Shop Fashion Show will be held on Sunday 27 August and tables can be booked through me, see the poster on the back pages for details. Laminex kindly donated some new tabletops for our kids desks so we will be organizing a busy bee to replace the old tatty ones. The Committee is assisting David Wells and the FV Mountain Bike Club to build the storage shed at Wells. The Festival Committee will also be working for a ½ day at the Royal Show preparing and selling sausage sizzles. This is being organized by the Royal Show with funds raised going towards our Festival.

"The Back in Time" Festival theme is progressing well. The Indian Harley Vintage Motorcycle Club will be displayed outside the Hall, inside the hall will be the Antique and Collectibles Fair and the Dardanup Heritage Collective will also have a display in the Lesser Hall including old photos of Dardanup running on a tv screen. A blacksmithing display will be on the oval and we have lots more planned.

Ferguson Rd from Charlotte St to Hayward st and Little St from Ferguson rd to Doolan will again be closed from 7.00am – 9.30pm and Little St from Doolan to Hayward St and Doolan St will be closed from 7.00am – 6.00pm. Residents of those streets will shortly receive correspondence about these closures through the Post Office. The Festival Committee seeks your cooperation and patience if you reside on these effected streets. This year the Festival Committee will also be seeking a partial closure of Recreation Rd from 7.00am 9.30pm from the Fire Shed to Ferguson Rd. In previous years visitors parking along Recreation Rd despite the No Parking signs in place have made it potentially dangerous for any emergency vehicles trying to move along this road. Again local residents effected will be contacted through the Post Office. These road closures are all about making the Festival a safe site for not only local residents but also our Festival visitors.

Festival parking will again be at the Dardanup Equestrian Centre with free buses transporting visitors back and forth. The Dardanup Equestrian Centre Committee will be organizing the parking at the DEC on behalf of the Festival Committee.

Don't forget to follow us on facebook for up todate news.

Jill Cross

Festival Chairperson

Boyanup Farmers Market News

Our market day in June, was very chilly first thing, but still a very busy market day, with the rain holding off until closing time. The sausage sizzle was very popular, as people caught up with friends and family for a cuppa also.

Our stall holder Damian from TizzBeez Pure Honey was the winner, but being the lovely gentleman he is, as he won earlier this year, he asked us to redraw and the lucky winner on the 2nd draw was Michael Lane of Boyanup

We have a two very popular olive oil stalls being Third Pillar Olive Oil who has a variety of Olive Oils and Arthurs Grove who have a variety of Olive Oils, Olives and Skin Care.

Our Market day is always held on the 4th Sunday of each month except the 3rd Sunday in December, our, next market is 27th August, 2023 **Tanya Williams**

Market Manager



Shire of Dardanup Fire Control Officers

- these are the people you need to contact for a fire permit or any queries in relation to burning off

Burekup District (Deputy CBFCO North) - Clay Rose 0429 194 735

Dardanup Central District - Brendan Putt 0409 087 952

Eaton Townsite/District (Chief BFCO) - Chris Hynes 0428 825 496

Ferguson District - Lyndon Skeers 0407 424 147

Joshua/Crooked Brook District - Jeffrey Duncombe 0427 204 011

Upper Ferguson District - Grant Ratcliffe 0419 865 483

Waterloo District (Deputy CBFCO South) - Robert Drennan 0427 263 243

Wellington Mills District - Keith Higham 0429 030 713

West Dardanup District - Neil Dyer 0418 588 159

Shire of Dardanup- Mr Murray Halden 9724 0000





Gibb River Road Adventures

4th time on the Gibb. You would have thought we would have seen it all by now but each previous visit left us running out of time to see it all and more sights have become open to the visitor. The Kimberley is such a spectacular part of WA and even more inviting during winter in the SW.

Cathy and Steve Miller and Tom and I decided we would avoid the coast drive and head up the Great Northern Hwy. Steve(ever the earthmover) even remembered the location of the gravel pit we camped a few years previous, north of Kumarina which meant a campfire. There was quite a bit of roadwork south of Kumarina and we were expecting to be woken up in the morning to the sound of earthmoving gear but wasn't the case.

The Pilbara is known as the power house of this state and when you travel the Great Northern Hwy you can see why. Over width loads are frequent carting mining equipment and then quite frequently the extra wide loads carrying dump trucks, etc which requires you to park and wait for the load to pass or be escorted if you wish to overtake. It is never-ending but always exciting and breaks up the drive. We carry a handheld UHF which allows us to communicate with the pilots and more importantly with our travelling companions. Did you see that load is often the call!

Tom and I are sticklers for stopping for smokos, enjoying a coffee and bite to eat however Cathy and Steve don't drink tea or coffee though still happy to break up the drive. They often joke that then we spend the rest of the day stopping for toilet breaks!

We took the Newman, Nullagine, Marble Bar rd then crossing the De Grey and onto the Boreline rd which comes out near Cape Kerauden on the Coast Hwy. All very scenic and dirt road not too rough.

We stayed with Ken and Carol Gardiner at Barn Hill, south of Broome. Great spot and do the tourists know it. Ken becoming quite an expert on the bowling green even if he did receive some teasing from the Dardanup crew.

1st night on the Gibb was at Birdwood Downs Station not far out of Derby. Plenty of room and more of a spot to relax than sight see though we did see the biggest boab any of had ever seen. Also film crew filming in the area for the last 3 months. 'Population 11' out on Stan in the new year and yes we did try and get an extras role but to no avail.

Due to the flooding of the Kimberley in February and March Windjana Gorge was inaccessible though we hadn't intended stopping there as visited on several occasions however we were disappointed as the same applied to Mornington which I had been looking forward to seeing for the 1st time. Next time! Onto Bell Gorge where we stayed at nearby campground Silent Grove run by DPAW. Even though we had been here several times before it is such a spectacular spot, beautiful waterfalls and always worth another look. Mt Barnett and Manning gorge next stop. The camping area at Mt Barnett is beside a welcoming water hole. The trek to Manning Gorge takes you across the waterhole which requires a wade and then swim of about 15 metres. You are supplied with plastic chemical drums cut in half to transport valuables. A young couple in front of us laid their baby in the tub and floated him across. I commented it was like Moses in the cradle. Yes a long bow I know Fr Wayne! The hike takes about 50 minutes 1 way over very rocky terrain but well worth the effort. Another beautiful waterfall and swimming area.

Mt Elizabeth Station was the next stop, 50kms off the road. Good facilities and nice swimming river within walking distance of the camp. Gorges too but 2 hours drive and decided not as we knew road would be even rougher.

Ellenbrae was our next stop famed for making and selling thousands of scones per year. They are man sized, freshly made each day. The café and original homestead is surrounded by semi tropical gardens and green lawns. An oasis on the Gibb.

Havent mentioned anything about the state of the road. So far Millers had done the shockies in all 3 caravan wheels, our slide out kitchen had decided to stop sliding, our fridge had nearly fallen out of its cabinet as all the screws had worked loose and same applied to Millers fridge, our spare caravan tyre bracket had split so spare spent

rest of trip in back of the car, water line was pierced, puncture by the time we got to Kununurra. We counted ourselves lucky the damage wasn't so serious. The tilt tray business in Derby had a permanent job picking up damaged vans and vehicles on the road at gob smacking rates. Not to mention 1st job each day before we set up camp was to wipe the red dust off all the surfaces. No need to be too particular as you know you will have to do it all over again the next day. Its impossible to keep that red dust out of your vans but that goes with the territory of driving on dirt roads. The road in all was atrocious and worst we had encountered and compelled us to complain to Main Roads in Kununurra. Did they care? No. You don't expect a highway but you do expect a reasonable safe standard. To make matters worse we didn't see any earthmoving machinery on the road from Mt Barnett to Kununurra despite the road being busy with tourists. We initially didn't go into Main Roads to complain about the road but rather ask questions about the impending closure of the Fitzroy crossing and did they know about that? No. In Kununurra we caught up with Les and Suzie Bekker who are now

In Kununurra we caught up with Les and Suzie Bekker who are now living and working in Kununurra. Les and Suzie used to run the Dardanup General Store for many years and started Dardanup Rural Supplies. It was great to see them and also Richard George, ex Dardanup resident had flown into Kununurra for work and was also catching up with his son Ewan who is doing a medical placement at the local hospital. Lots of catching up over dinner.

At the end of the Gibb I mentioned to Cathy and Steve that we could do this all again in 5 years as we still missed some spots like Mt Hart, Charnley River and Mornington. Cathy said we would probably have Alzheimer's by then so that would work as we would have forgotten all about the road. Haha.

Millers continued onto Darwin to visit daughter Monique and Tom and I headed for home. The most memorable spot on our return was staying at Mimbi Caves on My Pierre Station between Halls Creek and Fitzroy. An indigenous family bought Mt Pierre Station and have built a camping area which is very sympathetic to the landscape. Just off the main road the landscape is surrounded by weathered limestone cliffs similar to Geike Gorge near Fitzroy and Windjana Gorge. The camping area is well organized, including communal fire pit. This family provides tours of the Caves which are fascinating and included a talk on Aboriginal culture, bush foods medicines and finished with damper and billy tea. Thoroughly recommend a stay here.

You know im always amazed at the number of eastern states vehicles you see travelling around the Kimberley. They seem to have caught onto how spectacular this area of WA is more than we have. The scenery and balmy nights cant be beaten.

Jill Cross

Eds Note; Love to hear others travel tales



Manning Gorge

Vale

Robin Peddie - Former Secretary of Dardanup Shire Office and resident of Dardanup. 24/4/1932 - 8/7/2023. Condolences to his wife Alma and family

What's on In Dardanup

1 August – Mens Welfare Group – 2pm at the Wells Recreation Park Clubrooms

4 August- Ferguson Hall Winter Sundowner, 6pm see poster for details

5 August – Tempranillo Tasting at St Aidans, 97283007

9 August – Dardanup Heritage Collective AGM meeting, 1pm at Thomas Little Hall

10 August - Sustainable Living Workshop at the Dardanup Hall, 10-11.30am. Topic- Patch from Scratch - New to gardening -

No Problem! Bookings essential ph: 9724000 or on the website dardanup.wa.gov.au/events

12 August – Yoga for wine lovers at St Aidans 97283007

15 August – Dardanup Senior Citizens AGM, 9.30pm at the Wells Recreation Park Clubrooms

15 August - Mens Welfare Group – 2pm at the Wells Recreation Park Clubrooms

26 August – Katy Steele playing at St Aidans 97283007

27 August – Dardanup Bull and Barrel Festival's Thrift Shop Fashion Show and High Tea, 1pm, see add this edition

27 August - Boyanup Farmers Market, 8am

2-9 September – Shire Councillor nominations open

7-10 September – Lost and Found Festival, see poster back page

7 October – Dardanup Bull and Barrel Festival

28/29 October – Ferguson Valley Open Gardens

Dardanup and Localities Clubs and Meetings

Dardanup Community Choir- every Monday, 7pm @ the Ferguson Hall, Helen 0422 095 870

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 – 2ndand 4th Tuesdays of each month, 6:30pm 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

If you have an event to add

please email

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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 –2nd 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, 9am, all denominations welcome.

SW Rose Soc – 2nd Sunday of each month, 10.00am, @ Wells Recreation Park Clubrooms

SW Veteran Car Club -1^{st} 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

Dardy Café – New Name And New Managers

By now everyone would know that the Dardanup General Store has changed management and not only that changed its name to Dardy Café and Convenience Store.

The new managers are Narraj(Nav), Anmol(Emm) and Satnam (Sam). Nav and Emm are a couple and have a 2 year old child and Sam is Nav's younger brother. Apart from the long hours spent running the Dardy Café, Nav says he and Emm love anytime spent with their child plus Nav enjoys outdoor activities such as playing soccer and exploring new places whilst Emm also loves to cook and shop. Sam is creative and likes to try new mechanical things.

It was always Nav and Emms dream to start their own business near this area after visiting the town 6 years ago as tourists and someday maybe have a café in this beautiful town. Obviously, dreams do come true Nav and Emm. Nav and Sam managed a roadhouse in the north prior to coming to Dardanup.

Already this team have made changes to the Dardy Café, starting a breakfast dine in and adding more options to the menu, not to mention the curries on Thursday nights and fish and chips on Fri nights ably assisted by Craig Ruland.

The coffees are also their specialty using conventional and flavoured beans and the grocery section has been restocked.

Nav said "they are very pleased to run a business in such a lovely place among the beautiful and kind people of Dardanup. We are trying our best to meet the requirements and always open to feedback and suggestions. We hope to create a café and store that will be a one stop shop and café with the best food. We would like to thank the community of Dardanup for supporting our small business."

Eds Note; we wish you all the best Nav, Emm and Sam and im sure you will have the support of the community. Thanks for taking the time to be interviewed for the Dardanup Times.



Nav, Emm and employee Shirley Wells from the Dardy Cafe



Dardanup Playgroup

It has been lovely to have some more new faces drop past in the last couple of weeks as well as having a few Dads who have been able to come along and enjoy the activities of Playgroup.

Over the last few weeks, we decorated and made paper aeroplanes and had a mini contest to see who could throw theirs the longest distance. The kids made paper plate frog faces which kept them entertained all morning, running around blowing the rolled-up tongue over and over again! We also celebrated NAIDOC week with painting the Aboriginal flag and boomerangs in traditional colours.

Ahhhh school holidays... a time to spend enjoying the days with family & friends! Well, they are now over, and all the kids' activities have started up again. Playgroup also recommences Wednesday 19th July at 9:30-11:30am and every Wednesday after that.

Jayde Hewson

Farewell to Local Artists

2 family's who have been valued community members are relocating after many years living in our community.

Russell Sheridan and Linda Skrolys lived in Crooked Brook, about 40 years for Russell. Russell has created the wooden sculpture for the Festival's finale for about 15 years which has been the highlight of the Festival. Russell and Linda have also hosted Ferguson Valley Open Gardens and their gallery has been on the Art Spectacular trail. Russell has also been a hard

working member of DEAG since its inception. Russell and Linda have enriched our community through their love of the arts and their friendship, we will miss them and wish them all the best in their new home.

Chris Elston lived in West Dardanup for many years and has run her successful Glass art business from her gallery and has also been involved with the Dardanup Art Spectacular for many years. Chris has volunteered at the F.V. Visitor Centre for many years. We will also miss Chris's friendship and her beautiful glass art. All the best in your new home Chris.

Ferguson Valley Open Gardens 2023

On the weekend of 28th and 29th October between 10am and 4pm
6-7 gardens open including the FVVC showcasing garden stalls
Contact Kim
kim@peppermintlanelodge.com.au
for more info



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