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Shire Honours Long-Serving President with Highest Award

Retiring Dardanup Shire President Mick Bennett received the highest honour a Council can bestow upon an individual – the title of Honorary Freeman Award.

The award recognises Cr Bennett's as an Honorary Freeman of the Shire for his remarkable dedication and exceptional service over his illustrious 28-year tenure, which includes two 10-year terms as Shire President, separated by a four-year break, three years as Deputy Shire President, and five years as a dedicated Councillor.

Shire of Dardanup CEO, André Schönfeldt, expressed heartfelt congratulations to Cr Bennett on his impressive career in Local Government and his unwavering commitment to the community.

"Cr Bennett has been an outstanding leader and steadfast advocate for our Shire during a period of exceptional growth. His dedication and passion for our community have been truly commendable," Mr Schönfeldt said.

"Under Cr Bennett's leadership, the Shire of Dardanup has seen significant progress and development, and his contributions have left a lasting mark on the community." Deputy Shire President Tyrrell Gardiner said Cr Bennett's "make it happen" attitude had been the driving force of various initiatives, which had benefited not only the Shire but the broader community and region.

"This award goes beyond Mick's role as a Councillor, he has been such an important and well-loved community influencer with so many groups, sporting clubs and organisations," Cr Gardiner said.

"Cr Bennett has also served on various regional groups and demonstrated his passion across the broader South West with a particular focus on the Bunbury Geographe area.

"His ability to inspire positive change and foster a sense of unity within the Shire will be remembered and valued for years to come."



Retiring Dardanup Shire President Mick Bennett (left) was presented with the highest honour a Council can give an individual – the Honorary Freeman Award for his 28 years of service in Local Government. Cr Bennett is pictured with Deputy Shire President Tyrrell Gardiner

Shire of Dardanup Election Outcome Announcement from the Shires website

The Shire of Dardanup would like to announce the elections results from the 2023 Local Government Elections from the Shire of Dardanup District.

The Shire of Dardanup would like to congratulate the following people having been elected for a 4-year (2023 - 2027) term as Shire Councillors: Mr Tony Jenour, Mrs Stacey Gillespie, Mr Mark Hutchinson and Ms Taneta Bell.

The Shire would also like to congratulate the following people having been elected for a 2-year (2023 - 2025) term as Shire Councillors; Mr Jack Manoni and Ms Annette Webster

The Councillors elect were sworn in at a Special Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 25th October.

As part of the meeting the Councillors elected the Shire President and Deputy Shire President for the next 2 years. Congratulations to Tyrrell Gardiner the new Shire President and Ellen Lilley, the new Deputy Shire President



Members of the new Shire of Dardanup Council are (back, from left) Councillors Luke Davies, Taneta Bell, Stacey Gillespie, Jack Manoni, Mark Hutchinson, Tony Jenour and Annette Webster (front, from left) Shire of Dardanup CEO André Schönfeldt, Shire President Tyrrell Gardiner and Deputy President Ellen Lilly.

Act Belong Commit Dardanup Bull and Barrel Festival Celebrates Its 20th

What a weekend, weather little on the warm side but didn't seem to deter too many people. The Festival Committee has had nothing but compliments, a testament to a very hard working and experienced Committee. Approx 150 people volunteered from the Thursday til Sunday helping the Festival Committee set up, working on Festival activities on Saturday and then cleanup. Some of these people were volunteers who worked on successive days. Just shows you the mammoth task that is the Festival that puts Dardanup on the map, showcases the talents of our young people on the main stage and the parade of the giant puppets pre the lighting of the bull. How magnificent was that! The story telling by our young people about the importance of these animals, many endangered was very well done. 60 young people attended the workshops with puppet artist Karen Hethey for 2 weeks in the holidays leading up to the Festival, all learning new skills and teamwork. The Festival is also a wonderful fundraising opportunity for our community groups - the P&C, P&F, Dardanup Lions, Dardanup Playgroup, Leschenault Scouts and Dardanup Equestrian Centre. Accommodation was all booked out and no doubt our local businesses benefited as well. The burning of the bull, the Festival tradition didn't disappoint. Jeff Woodman and John Cartwright thrilled the crowd as we all celebrated the finale of another wonderful Festival. The craftsmanship was admired by everyone and we all thought it seemed a shame to burn the huge wooden farm truck and bull. Huge thankyou to Wespine who donate all the timber used. A big thankyou to the local residents who made their verges available for parking for our Festival visitors. Limited parking around town is a problem so your efforts don't go unnoticed by the Festival Committee. Well done. All of this wouldn't be possible without the tremendous support, both financial and in kind that we receive from our many corporate and industry sponsors, the Shire of Dardanup and our Govt supporters

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Next year we celebrate the Festivals 21st. Will have to be some party! Jill Cross Chairperson



Dardanup Senior Citizens News

The Dardanup Senior Citizens held their meeting on the 17th October. After the meeting 8 members enjoyed a very enjoyable sausage sizzle at the Crooked Brook Forest. Our Christmas Dinner is at the Dardanup Heritage Park on the 28th November. Entertainment by the Dardanup Community Choir & John Guimelli.

Our next meeting is on the 21st November. Member, please register & pay \$25.00 for your Christmas Dinner by this date. Our 30th Anniversary celebrations were postponed to the 20th February 2024. Please send in any items/stories that would be of interest to display.

Mahjong classes are held fortnightly at the Dardanup Shire office in Dardanup. Dates for November 8th & 22nd. All Dardanup Shire residents welcome. Please contact Revely for information.

Revely Gardiner 0408833761



Dardanup Seniors at Crooked Brook Forest

Dardanup Remembrance Day Service

There will be a short Remembrance Day Service commencing at 10.30 at the War Memorial on Saturday 11 November organised by the Dardanup and Districts Residents Assoc.

Feel free to bring a wreath and a small plate of morning tea to share in the Dardanup Hall after the service.



Ferguson Valley Visitor Centre News

Congratulations to the Bull & Barrel committee for another excellent event. Many people used the VC as a quiet haven to use the toilets & sit under the beautiful oak tree to cool down & rest. Lots popped in & most were locals just having a look. The rose garden is blooming & looks wonderful & is a great draw card.

Our Artisan for the month of November is Elli Barrett a beautiful oil & watercolour artist. Her illustrations were created to become the endearing collection of 'By the Crooked Brook'. They represent the joys of nature & will be sure to make you smile!! So do come in & have a look.

The garden fete is on again this year on Sunday 19th November with lots of various Christmas gifts for sale, live music & of course the enticing sausage sizzle & coffee van!! See enclosed poster.

Looking forward to saying hello at the VC!!

Libby Pardoe

Elli Barrett Showing All Her Beautiful Handmade Gifts



VOLLIES WANTED!!! Ferguson Valley Marketing (FVM) have started a pop up stall at Gnomesville selling gnome memorabilia to offset costs of both Gnomesville & the Visitors Centre. They are desperate for volunteers to man this stall. For further information & to offer your assistance ring Sue Williams on +61 418 834 455 **Ferguson Valley Visitor Centre News**

Wespine News

There were high levels of excitement within the Wespine Logyard team recently over the latest delivery – two brand new CAT 980 Forest Spec Loaders. Logyard Supervisor, Sam Slotegraaf, said "these loaders have state-of-the-art technology, with 360-degree cameras and radar detection (for collision avoidance) being just the start of their long list of features. However, it's their reliability that will be our best asset."

Logyard staff received full functionality and safety training, and the loaders were then integrated into Wespine's daily operations. They are used to unload and move pine logs that arrive at the Wespine Dardanup operation, as the starting point of their processing.

Claire Overheu
Executive and Communications Coordinator
Wespine

Wow – Big Machines At Wespine



Dardanup Lions Club News

Your Lions club is growing and active as we celebrate being a local part of this international service organisation. We have a Luncheon Sunday 12th November celebrating 50 years since our establishment in the town.

By arrangement with a couple of Dardanupite Farmers we are able to finance (meal takers pay \$50/head) the Luncheon and other social events as separate from our charity efforts. It will be at the personal sweating cost of those in the club fitter than me as they strain and puff to cart in and stack square bales of hay.

The Lions Eye Health Screening is under way at the primary school and we will hope the uptake is as good as the enthusiasm of local women (8 in number) volunteering to work in tandem with our guys All trained per the national scheme.

Wellington Mills not to be left out are running their Annual Pig on a Spit Charity fund raiser at 37 Weetman Road Wellington Mills on Saturday 4th November. \$30 a head for adults, children free. The club has given \$1500 in support of this effort to raise money for Beyond Blue. Contact Simon 0428 527 034 or Judith 0428 527 035. Sometimes people will feel very alone in that they suffer from a rare health condition. The club learned of just such a thing when told by a member of a conference for sufferers of Myositis. The main form as a muscle wasting disease affects perhaps 3 or 4 people per 100,000. It's deserving of recognition, more research and perhaps advocating for generally by us Lions as the charity group is voluntarily run. The club will donate \$2,500.

Phil Ottrey



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Dardanup Veterinary Centre News

I've been very interested to come across a brief world of Australian history of Veterinary medicine.

"These days we don't chant incantations and make ritual sacrifices as in early times and we no longer blame demons, divine wrath and occult forces for pretty much every illness affecting domestic and wild animals."

Referencing an article from "A veterinary awakening" page 5 2011- A treatment for sick cattle from the late tenth century *Lacnunga* ('Remedies')

"Take the wart, put it upon gledes and fennel and hassuck and 'cotton' and incense. Burn all together on the side on which the wind is. Make it reek upon the cattle. Make five crosses of hassuck grass, get them on four sides of the cattle and one in the middle. Sing about the cattle the Benedicite and some litanies and the Pater Noster. Sprinkle holy water upon them, burn upon them incense and give the tenth penny in the church for God, after that leave them to amend; do this thrice."

A few facts:

Outbreaks of Rinderpest in Europe during the dark ages were attributed to earthquakes, floods and comets.

Ancient Egyptian goddess Sekhmet was worshipped as "Lady of Pestilence" who could avert plagues and cure diseases OR send diseases against those who angered her. Her statues were coated with Anthrax to protect them from theft and vandalism.

As we know it Veterinary medicine started taking shape between mid-1600's to mid-1700's. In 1765 empress Mana Theresa of Hapsburg, Austria encouraged Veterinary teaching and Veterinary schools opened in western Europe and London after that. Developments in bacteriology, parasitology and immunology saw enhanced credibility of

the science medicine in the late 19th Century. In Australia it seems we were very lucky as horses and stock introduced in 1770-1850 carried few major diseases but as Australians need for livestock and the value of the sheep industry increased with the Gold Rush (1850) diseases came in. Tuberculosis, Bovine Pleuropneumonia, foot and mouth disease, Anthrax... Australian pioneer "vets" were farmers, stock inspectors ect with limited qualifications and then the earliest qualified veterinarians worked privately and for the government by about 1840's.

In 1858 a shorthorn cow imported to Melbourne was diagnosed with bovine pleuro-pneumonia. The recommendation for slaughter of her herd wasn't popular and advice by a government vet was ignored. Pleuro-pneumonia became the most devastating livestock disease in Australia, costing millions in lost livestock and restricted export.

When foot and mouth disease appeared in 1872 there was prompt action and involvement of Melbourne newspaper and decision to train vets in Australia.

Rinderpest virus came into Fremantle via shipping in 1924 and disease had to be controlled around the infected area (it was thankfully)

Australia now has a proud history of animal disease control and eradication (Tuberculosis, Brucellosis, Bovine Pleuropneumonia, foot and mouth disease, Anthrax, Rinderpest and several recent viruses Equine Influenza, BSE, Avian Influenza and the eradication of diseases, monitoring, inspecting, education, and biosecurity continues to the advantage of farmers and the general population. We now are very appreciative of Australia's Veterinarians (Domestic) and livestock/biosecurity/quarantine and disease management.



Our organization depends on volunteers, and if you can spare some time, and would be interested in joining us, we would love to hear from you. Call our office on 97 957487 on Tuesday or Wednesday mornings (our riding days) or our Administration on 0439 923 314 email admin@rdaasw.org.au Or come in and visit us at 746 Bussell Hwy GELORUP SW Equestrian Centre

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pioneers who have gone before us.

BYO chair.



The Noongar season of *Kambarang* continues. It is starting to heat up!! Make the most of the nice weather, get busy tidying up before it gets too hot and plant out the remainder

of your long season crops. Now is your last chance to plant Pumpkin seeds. Most varieties require 100 days to mature. They prefer enriched soil (being heavy feeders) which explains why they grow so well in old compost heaps.

I love the incredible diversity of a Summer vegetable patch and we are fortunate that in our Mediterranean climate we can grow food year round. Selecting varieties from places with a similar climate is a great way to help us have more success - *think* Spain, Italy, Greece, Turkey, Iran, India, Texas, California, Africa... the list is long and exciting! For me the best part about trying new herbs and vegies is that we get to try out new recipes!

One of the regular comments I hear from gardeners is that they are limited by space. Not everyone has a huge backyard, so what is the solution? Grow upwards of course! What vegies can you grow vertically? Climbing beans and Cherry tomatoes immediately spring to mind, but did you know that cucumbers and even pumpkins can be grown vertically? What you need to remember when choosing your variety is to select the climbing, indeterminate or sprawling types.

Beans, snow peas, mouse melons and perennial vines such as grapes or chokos have tendrils that anchor themselves to the support. Other plants such as cherry tomatoes, malabar spinach, tromboncino zucchini and cucumbers can need a bit of extra help. I use strips of old cotton t-shirts or sisal twine as garden ties, both can be composted at the end of the season. Larger fruiting varieties such as pumpkins, spaghetti squash and watermelons will need extra support as they form and ripen. Mesh or string bags can be used as slings.

Creating tee-pees with stakes or poles can be done directly in the ground or using several large pots. Why not utilise some larger prunings that you can't chip or compost as garden stakes. Another cost effective way of growing 'upwards' is to use Rio Mesh panels to create archways or garden walls. Using a structure like this not only gives you extra space but if you think about the orientation, you can also provide added shade for more tender vegies in the height of summer. I have several temporary fence panels (2m x 2.4m) in my vegie patch to act as living walls. The great part about these is they only weigh 6kg each and I can move them around with my rotation at the end of each season. I use a star picket and recycled bind-a twine to secure

each end - simple and inexpensive. In Summertime they are covered in a wall of beans, snow peas and/or tromboncino zucchinis.

Glorious Garlic! Harvesting time is nearly here and as your bulbs mature, keep an eye out for any scapes. A Garlic Scape is the flower stalk produced by hard-neck garlic bulb varieties and I find mine appear about 4 weeks before the bulbs are ready to harvest. Scapes are usually removed to encourage better bulb formation. They don't need to go to waste - they are very yummy added to stir-fries, sautéed with your asparagus and served over eggs for breakfast or added to a quiche. Your garlic bulbs are ready when 4 leaves from the bottom have died/browned off. I find a more reliable way to check is to brush a bit of dirt from around the top of the bulb, then run your finger around the outside. You should be able to feel 'bumps' just like if you run your finger over a clenched knuckle. These bumps are your well formed cloves. Cloves form in the last few weeks before harvest so if you happen to pick them too early they will resemble an onion inside when cut open. Hang them to dry in a shaded area before brushing off the dirt, trimming the roots and plaiting them for long term storage.

What can we plant in November? *Just about everything!*

Leaf crops - Amaranth, Lettuce, Mustard, Silverbeet, Fennel, Celery, Watercress, Purslane, Rocket, French Cress, Sorrel, NZ spinach, Chicory, Cabbage, Chinese cabbage

Root & onion crops - Beetroot, Radish, Kohlrabi, Carrot, Parsnip, Scorzoneria, Daikon, Potato, Leeks, Spring Onions, Yacon, Yam/Oca, Jerusalem Artichoke

Legume crops - Dwarf Beans, Climbing Beans, Snow peas, Asparagus pea

Curcubit & Solanum family - Cucumber, Luffa, Sweetcorn, Gourd, Melons, Pumpkin, Squash, Marrow, Zucchini, Tomato, Capsicum, Chilli, Tomatillo, Eggplant, Okra, Rosella, Sunflower.

Herbs - Globe Artichoke, Asparagus, Basil, Buckwheat, Coriander, Strawberry plants, Dill, Borage, Nasturtium, Oregano, Sage, Cape Gooseberry, Mint, Tarragon, Lemon Balm, Edible Chrysanthemum, Parsley, Rhubarb, Rosemary and Summer savoury

Happy Summer Gardening!

Last Sustainable Living Workshop for this year is on Thursday 9/11/23 10-11.30am at the Dardanup Hall.

The Topic is: **Creating Backyard Resilience** - Want to reduce your bills and still have a productive garden this summer? There are some simple solutions to Re-Design your existing garden, helping to reduce fire risk, minimise water use and maximise yield.

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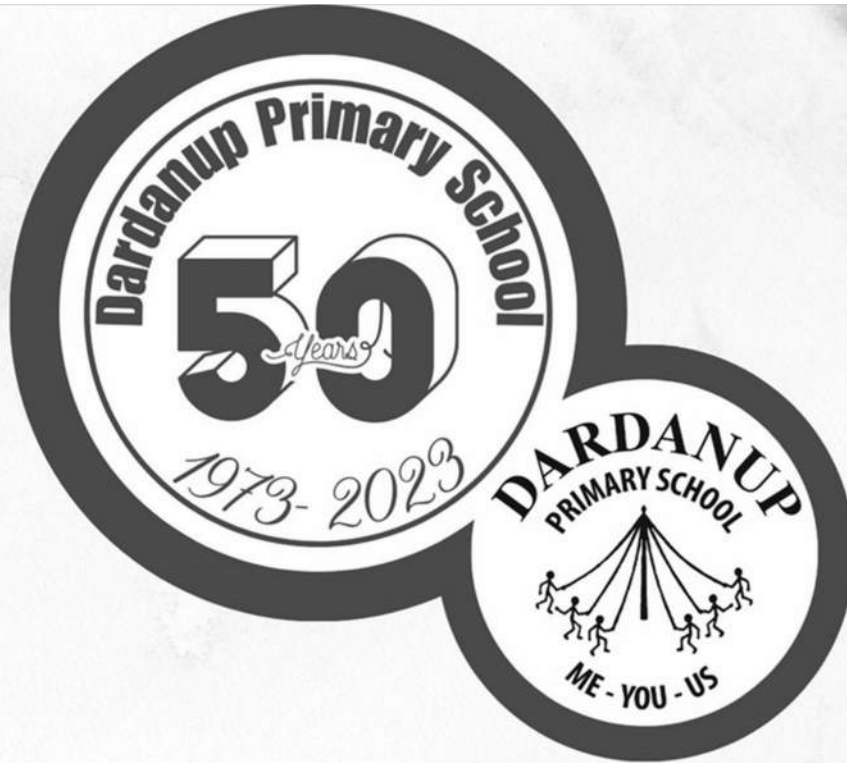
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Our Lady of Lourdes School Farewell Mrs Hegney



Our Lady of Lourdes recently farewelled long standing Principal, Mrs Angela Hegney. Mrs Hegney has been Principal of Our Lady of Lourdes for 8 years, and we wish her well in her new school.

Mrs Marcia Collins will be taking over from Mrs Hegney beginning Term 4.

OLOL Sports Day

Our Lady of Lourdes Athletics Carnival was held during the last week of Term 3 and what a beautiful day it was!



Shire of Dardanup Events & Programs

Southern Ports Festive Auslan Choir 2023*

The Shire of Dardanup, in partnership with Southern Ports and Lauren Jones from Hope CODA (Child of Deaf Adult) Services is excited to provide you with an opportunity to be a part of the 2023 Southern Ports Festive Auslan Choir. The one-hour sessions will be delivered over eight weeks each Monday from 4:30pm – 5:30pm. What can you expect to learn?

- The signing of basic words
- Fingerspelling
- The signing of 3 songs with a festive feel

A bucket-load of festive fun!

Eaton Recreation Centre (Meeting Room)

From Monday 23 October 2023.

Discover Your Family History*

Discovering your family history can be a fun and fascinating journey. Our Discover Your Family History workshops and discussions provide all the tools you need to unlock your family secrets in no time at all - so what are you waiting for? Book now!

Eaton Community Library (Adults)

Tuesday, 21 November, 5:30pm – 7pm

How to Use Your Mobile Phone*

Are you confused by all the features and settings on your mobile phone? Join us for coffee and a friendly discussion about using your mobile device. Book now and get the answers you need, one cup at a time!

Eaton Community Library (Adults)

Wednesday, 8 & 22 November, 9:30am – 10:30am

Toddler Time: Stories & Rhymes*

Introducing Toddler Time: a fun way to nurture your child's learning and imagination. At Toddler Time, we believe in the power of stories to shape our children's minds. Book now!

Eaton Community Library (0-5 years)

Thursday, 2, 9, 23 & 30 November, 10am – 10:30am

Toddler Time: Sensory Storytime*

Join us for stories, songs and explore the sensory play stations.

Eaton Community Library (0-5 years)

Thursday, 16 November, 10am – 10:30am

Little Jigglers*

A magical world of discovery! Let your child explore their creativity, imagination and social skills with weekly Little Jigglers sessions presented by Jo Jingles. Bookings essential.

Dardanup Hall

Monday, 6 & 20 November, 10:30am – 11am

Burekup Hall

Monday, 13 & 27 November, 10:30am – 11am

Tiny Wigglers*

Tiny Wigglers provides an environment that encourages parents of 0-3 year olds to read, sing and play with their children — helping them develop a love for literacy that will stay with them through life. Bookings essential.

Eaton Community Library (0-3 years)

Tuesday, 7, 14, 21 & 28 November, 10:30am – 11am

Sustainable Living Workshops: Creating Backyard Resilience*

Want to reduce your bills and still have a productive garden this summer? There are some simple solutions to Re-Design your existing garden, helping to reduce fire risk, minimise water use and maximise yield. Register your spot today!

Dardanup Town Hall

Thursday, 9 November 10.00am – 11.30am.

Chair Yoga

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 attend, and no online registration is required.

Eaton Recreation Centre

Tuesday, 7 & 21 November, 1.00pm – 2.00pm

Digital Connections Program*

A 6-week program designed to facilitate 1on1 time between attendees and tech experts from Eaton Community College. These youth mentors can show you everything from setting up a new device to the best way to use your mobile, laptop or tablet over the 6-week course! Bookings essential, call Sam on 9724 0392 to register your spot today.

Eaton Sports Pavilion

Every Wednesday from 1 November until 6 December, 12.20pm – 1.20pm.

The Poppy Project

The Shire of Dardanup is acknowledging Remembrance Day 2023 by creating an art trail of over 3000 vibrant red, white and purple hand-made poppies in Burekup, Dardanup and Eaton. Check out our website at <https://www.dardanup.wa.gov.au/the-poppy-project-2023.aspx> for more information.

Burekup: Entrance to Burekup on corner of Russell Road and South Western Highway

Dardanup: 2 Little Street - Dardanup Cenotaph

Eaton: 109 Eaton Drive (In front of Bethany Fields)

10 - 12 November 2023

Shire's Restricted Burning period starts early

Due to unseasonal weather conditions, the Shire of Dardanup's Restricted Burning Period has been brought forward commencing on Thursday, 19 October 2023, in accordance with the Bush Fires Act. Meaning, if you wish to burn you will need a permit from your FCO.

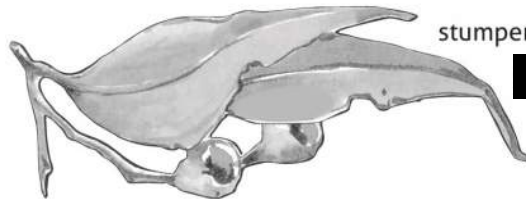


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Travel Tales with Bev and Allen Mountford - Tour of the Kimberley From the Water

Following on from Jill and Tom Cross's and others, Kimberley Land Adventures:

We have also travelled and touched some of the Pilbara and Kimberley by road.

July 2016 Allen and Bev decided to tour the Kimberley cruising on a Catamaran to view the Kimberley from the water.

The Tour started with a flight from Perth to Broome with 2 nights in Broome before, being picked up on a beach in a Tender from the Catamaran, which had a drop down front, where we walked along with 19 other passengers, from the beach onto the Tender. Luggage was loaded by the crew onto another tender. No security checks, just onto the tender to be taken to the Catamaran.

Our accommodation was in a bunk cabin which was the only cabin available. It had a small wardrobe along with a small Ensuite. Both adequate and comfortable.

Before setting sail, we were welcomed on board by several crew and met other passengers.

The bonus for Bev, was the Artist in Residents, Robyn Collier from the Blue Mountains who Bev had participated in some of Robyn's workshops in West Australia and Eastern States. (Robyn has an online Website and worth having a look at especially her water paintings.)

Robyn painted many of the wonderful Kimberley sites while on the cruise.

The Itinerary started in Broome to:- Cape Leveque, Crocodile Creek, Talbot Bay and Horizontal Falls, Raft Point and Doubtful Bay, Sale river and Ruby Falls, Montgomery Reef, Fresheater Cove, Langgi Beach, Sheep Island, Prince Regent River, King Cascade Falls, Careening Bay, York Sound and the Hunter River, Mitchell Plateau, Bigg River, Mitchell River, Vansittart Bay, Jar Island - Bradshaws, Drysdale River, King George, Koolama Bay, Berkeley River, the last leg to Darwin.

Before the Berkeley River, the Captain realized a storm was brewing where the Indian Ocean and the Timor Sea met and was going to be rough.

We were given the opportunity to get off the Catamaran at the mouth of the Berkeley River to fly to Darwin which Bev and some other passengers decided to do. Allen thought he was going to cruise right to the very end, but at times thought he also should have got off. This ocean was a rare itinerary condition.

Vehicles from the Berkley Resort picked us up at the mouth of the Berkey River just after sunrise (early because the Catamaran had to cruise over the sandbank before the tide went out) to drive us to the Berkley Airstrip to meet the small plane for the flight to Darwin. The luggage followed on the Catamaran.

Flying over the landscape and looking below, Bev spotted a race track that was set out like the map of Australia. Very interesting.

The above Itinerary was fabulous with so much to see and experience. Things not seen from the road. With so many photographic subjects. and experiences.

The crew were a credit to themselves and the cruise itself. The food was as good if not better than any upmarket Restaurant in any city. Barramundi and other fish, crayfish and crab was on the menu everyday with several other choices of food and sweets. Each afternoon after returning from touring there was a freshly cooked cake waiting for us.

Being a Catamaran, we were able to sail up many of the rivers into some of the gorges. If not possible we were taken in the Tenders

with the drop down fronts which allowed us to disembark right onto the beach to walk, snorkel or swim where safe.

One evening we climbed into the tenders with some crew members and cruised up a River to have Drinks and Nibbles as the sun was reaching the Horizon. The Glo on the scenery was magic after which we headed back to the Catamaran for a scrumptious dinner.

One of the crew had a drone. He filmed all our outings and were ready for a movie show after dinner to see from the air where we had been.

On another land tour, we landed on the beach and walked to the plane wreck which crashed 400ks North of Broome during WW11. It certainly had a story to tell.

Fishing was another great adventure. Allen and Bev were lucky to be in the Tender mastered by the Catamaran Captain. The fish were being hauled in thick and fast, Bev even caught a big Barra. The captain got a call from the boat to say an unhappy passenger wanted to get off the boat because she was unhappy so far. Always one. So we had to rewind lines and head back so the Captain could call in the Flying boat to take she and husband off. Must say we didnt miss the complaining.

We walked and looked at Aboriginal Cave Paintings. On another land visit before visiting the Aboriginal Art Gallery where we experienced a smoking ceremony, after which the ladies gave us a lovely afternoon tea.

Cruised around some caves only sited from the water. Cruised Montgomery Reef and saw all the Turtles, excitingly cruised the Horizontal Falls and saw many different bird life, waterfalls and water features.

The waterfalls that fell into the pools below were amazing. Many with the sun shining through the droplets gave magnificent shows of rainbows.

One day we climbed a rockface with the help of the crew to the top, where there was a Lillypond pool which was suitable for swimming. No crocodiles like was in the pool below our climbing wall.

A whale actually followed us in the Catamaran and put on a fascinating show for us, diving under the boat, rolling around, blowing his/her water spout. An experience some of us had never seen before.

Of an evening with the lights shining into the water, many eyes of crocodiles could be seen at the back boat ramp. The crew boys would clean the fish, crabs and crayfish on the ramp. Drone owner, Anton, slipped and fell into the water, talk about walking on the water, he wasn't in for long, especially with what was often seen lurking around. His arms and legs were going like propellers which no doubt lifted him out of the water nearly faster than the eye could see.

Of course the Dolphins also put on a show with snouts out of the water and dancing either welcoming us or trying to tell us something.

Sadly that cruise ended in Darwin for a couple of nights then flight back to Perth and into the real world.

There were so many more sites to see for another time.

Allen at the age of 21 with a friend, toured the Pilbara and some of the Kimberley in Zephur Ute sleeping in a sleeping bag under the stars.

Allen slipped down a Gorge thinking he twisted his ankle to find out 60 years later he had actually broken it. Thus ankle reconstruction. Those days, when home it was back to work and milking. No XRay or fuss.

Eds Note: More fascinating travel tales next month from Bev and Allen

5 December- Dardanup Environmental Action Group
AGM, 5.30pm at the Wells Recreation Park
Clubrooms. Come along and hear what has been
achieved over the last 12 months. Supper provided.

14 November - Dardanup and Districts Residents Assoc
AGM, 7.30pm at the Wells Recreation Park
Clubrooms. Come along and join this community
groups that organises the Dardanup Anzac Day Service,
printing of the Dardanup Times and assist Lions with
Dardanup Australia Day celebrations.

What's on In Dardanup

- 2 November - Catholic Parish of Dardanup~Boyanup- An outdoor evening Mass commemorating All Souls Day at the Dardanup Pioneer Cemetery, 5.30 pm, all welcome.
- 3 November – Ferguson Hall Quiz Night, see poster this edition,
For ticket sales visit Ferguson Hall Quiz Night - Sticky Tickets
- 4/5 November – SW Rose Socs Annual Spring Rose Show, see poster this edition
- 7 November – Mens Welfare Group – 2pm at the Wells Recreation Park Clubrooms
- 9 November - Sustainable Living Workshop 10-11.30am at the Dardanup Hall. The Topic: Creating Backyard Resilience -
Bookings essential ph: 9724000 or on the website dardanup.wa.gov.au/events
- 9 November – Dardanup Arts AGM, 5.30pm at the Wells Rec Park Clubrooms, see poster this edition
- 11 November – Remembrance Day service, 10.30am at the War Memorial in Little St
- 12 November – Crooked Brook Forest AGM 4pm, bbq to follow, BYO everything, enquires Tina, marrivista@westnet.com.au
- 14 November Dardanup and Districts Residents Assoc AGM, 7.30pm at the Wells Recreation Park Clubrooms,
see poster this edition
- 21 November – Dardanup Senior Citizens meeting, 9.30am at the Wells Recreation Park Clubrooms
- 21 November - Mens Welfare Group – 2pm at the Wells Recreation Park Clubrooms
- 24 November – Dardanup Primary Schools 50th birthday celebrations, see poster this edition
- 26 November - Boyanup Farmers Market, 8am
- 28 November – Dardanup Senior Cits Xmas Lunch, Revely Gardiner 0408 833 761
- 5 December- Dardanup Environmental Action Group AGM, 5.30pm at the Wells Recreation Park Clubrooms

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

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 – 2nd and 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
- 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.
- 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 – 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

Dardanup Playgroup News

What a busy few months it has been in Dardanup & our Playgroup families have loved being apart of it all!

The end of term 3 came quickly with a few illnesses, a splash of bad weather-which meant we needed some repairs to the roof of the centre, followed by the beautiful sunshine, last day pub lunch and school holidays!

It is very exciting to share that over the past 6 months we have been applying for grants to upgrade our store room shelving, revamp our toy collection and purchase more craft equipment and we have been successful! In total we have received approx \$14,000!! A huge thank you to our past president Toni Cole for following this through and making it happen.

The Bull and Barrel Festival is always a great way to get out into the community and support our local show. Once again the Playgroup Families ran the Baby Feeding and Change facility tent and what a great success it was especially for such a hot day! Thank you to everyone who came and used the service as well a huge thank you to the playgroup members who manned the tent.

Term 4 has started with a great turn out . With 9 weeks to go before the Christmas break, we will have an action packed term with craft, outdoor play and an extra special visit before we wind up for the year. If you are new to Dardanup or surrounds please come along and join in the fun- every Wednesday morning 9:30 - 11:30am at the Dardanup Community Centre on Little Street or contact us on Facebook or via email on Dardanupcpg@gmail.com **Jayde Hewson**



Congratulations to

Mick Bennett, honorary freeman of the Shire of Dardanup

Norma Hurst, celebrating her 80th birthday

Graeme Lowe celebrating his 60th birthday and his twin daugh-

Hannah and Hayley celebrating their 21st birthdays



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Boyanup Markets News

Market day was on the long weekend in September and a busy day again. The sausage sizzle was extremely busy and don't forget you can purchase a lucky raffle ticket, lots of goodies donated by our wonderful stall holders. Our lucky raffle winner for September was Peta Gelmi. Congratulations to Jill, the committee and all the volunteers for a great Dardanup Bull and Barrell Festival.

We have a variety of sweet stalls including Cups in a Cake by Nic, Frejac French Bakery, Little Bakery Company, Solarfruit, and The Forrest Kitchen. Great to take home or enjoy with your cuppa at Market Day.

Our Market day is always held on the 4th Sunday of each month except the 3rd Sunday in December, our next market is 26th November, 2023 and just in time for Christmas our December market will be on 17th December, 2023.

Peta Gelmi with her Raffle Winnings



New Exercise Classes Start in Dardanup

Exercise Classes suitable for all ages, fitness levels, abilities, and injury status are held at the Dardanup Community Centre in Little St on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. At 9am we have a Core Focus work out, based on the floor using our body weight to target a wide range of core muscles and at 10am a Functional Movement class aiming to improve our strength, flexibility and balance.

At 7:30pm on Thursdays with have a HIIT (or a cardio type) work out to really get your blood pumping!

Cost - \$20 per casual class \$15 for bulk purchase (Concession card holders \$15 and \$10) Crystal runs the classes. She is a mum of 4 and have been a personal trainer for 3 years with previous experience in individual care. She has lived in Dardanup for 4 years and loves our community, and helping people achieve their lifestyle goals. She looks forward to delivering fitness classes in a safe comfortable environment for people of all ages, abilities, regardless of fitness and injury status.

To book in or ask questions, please call us on 0498 740 262, or if online is more convenient for you head to our website www.dardanuphealth.com.au

Eds Note; Well done Taneta and Crystal and lets get Dardanup active

Community Groups Need You!

Have a look at the Whats On in Dardanup. 4 AGMs held over the next month for some very important Dardanup Community Groups. There are many new residents in Roselands and Dardanup West area and we would love to see some of these residents volunteering with community groups. Most of these groups have small jobs for time poor residents. You always get back far more than you give when you volunteer.

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- Fri 4th Jan 630-1030pm Dinner and Stargazing with the Mobile Observatory
- Sat 5th Jan Gates Open 530pm Film on the Ferguson: My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 Music by Kate Hindle
- Sat 20th Jan Gates Open 530pm Good Nights Concert with Kim Churchill and support acts
- Fri 2nd Feb Gates Open 530pm Film on the Ferguson: Expendables 4 Music by Hadassah
- Fri 16th Feb Gates Open 530pm Film on the Ferguson: The unlikely pilgrimage of Harold Fry Music by Leni C-C

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Dear Community member,
I would like to invite you to attend the Dardanup Art Spectacular Annual General Meeting. The AGM is an opportunity to learn more about the work being done by our Committee: including our current event initiatives and achievements, as well as future goals and ideas. The AGM is fantastic opportunity to chat with the current Committee about what is involved and the value you can bring.

AGM - Thursday 9th November 2023 @5.30pm at Wells Recreation Clubrooms.

I believe that the strength of a Committee is determined by the strength of the community behind it, and that is absolutely true of Dardanup. Our local Committees are responsible for so much of what happens to promote our town, community and the talented people who live in it, and our Volunteers who run these committees are so very appreciated.

Kerry Lowe, President

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