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# District Times

## **FERGUSON CHURCH ST AIDANS CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT**

Carols By Candlelight at Saint Aidans Ferguson Church will be held on Wednesday 20th December at 6.30 p.m. Come and join us to enjoy some Festive Carolling and Fun.

After the Carols everyone is invited to go across to Saint Aidan Wines, courtesy of Mary and Phil, where we can 'catch up' with our friends and neighbours, over supper. A plate to share would be appreciated.

Enquiries to Irene 97283123

**The Dardanup Lions Club and the Dardanup and Districts Residents Assoc. invites you to**

### **Dardanup's Australia Day Breakfast**



**on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January, from 8am @ Carramar Park, adjacent to the Dardanup Community Centre.**

**Gold coin donation    Cooked breakfast  
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*Wishing all our readers a very Merry  
Xmas and safe New Year from the  
Dardanup Times team.*



### Local Equestrians Compete In The East

In the recent October school holidays, 2 local Dardanup equestrians travelled to Victoria for the Australian Interschools Equestrian Championship 2023 held in Werribee Victoria. Jorja Wareham travelled with her pony Tiaja Park Fearless (bred by her mother Rochelle Wareham) from Dardanup stopping at Fraser's Range, Ceduna and Monarto in SA before arriving in Melbourne. Jorja competed in both the Show Hunter class placing 9th and in Dressage where she placed 7th place for the Novice and 8th place for the Elementary dressage championship.



Amelia Addison chose not to take her horse across the country – but was supplied a pool horse by Equestrian Australia to compete on – this meant the horse that she rode to compete on was practically a stranger to her. This was quite a challenging with only 3 practice rides before she was to compete. Amelia competed in two events: Working Hunter and Combined Training (80cm) – this event consists of a dressage test and an 80cm showjumping round and she placed 10th in the championship.

Jorja, Amelia and their families wish to thank all the sponsors and those that supported their fundraising efforts, and of course their families that made it possible to attend the event.

### Dardanup Remembrance Day Service

About 30 people gathered at the Dardanup War Memorial for the annual Remembrance Day Service. Emceed by Jill Cross, a poem read by Shire President Tyrrell Gardiner, the Ode delivered by Warren Gunning, the Prayer lead by Fr Wayne and the Last Post and Reveille delivered by bugler Stuart Hair. Everyone gathered in the Hall afterwards to share morning tea. Thankyou to Diane Gribble and Terri Trigg for displaying the wreaths dedicated to those that lost their lives in war and the animals that also lost their lives whilst serving in wars.



L to R; Fr Wayne, Shire President Tyrrell Gardiner, Jill Cross and Terri Gibbs



Patricia Perks and her niece Annie Perks admired the results of the Poppy Project at the Dardanup Remembrance Day Service

The Shire of Dardanup acknowledged Remembrance Day 2023 by creating an art trail of 3000 handmade poppies in Burekup, Dardanup and at Bethanie Fields in Eaton to honour the 61,513 lives lost in battle. These poppies were made by community members and school students in previous years and this year at 2 recent workshops at the Eaton Community Library and contributions by 30 year 11 students from Eaton Community College. Thank you to the Shire of Dardanup for your work though the Poppy Project in encouraging our community to pause, respect, reflect and remember lives lost in all battles.

### Dardanup Playgroup News

The new toys have arrived and wow...haven't all the children loved seeing what new things have arrived each week! Along with the new shelving for the shed and storeroom, which doesn't seem to raise the same level of excitement! A huge thank you to all the parents who have been busily organising and putting everything together for the kids to enjoy! Our activity sessions are always something to look forward to! This month we have enjoyed Halloween inspired scratch pad drawings of cute colourful spiders and webs, colourful cardboard roll fish and good old-fashioned art and craft DIY masterpieces! With only 4 sessions left before Playgroup winds up for the year, it will be exciting to start some Christmas based activities ready for our final session which is always the most anticipated for the year with a special visitor!

If you would like to join us, please come down Wednesday mornings 9:30am -11:30am at the Community Centre on Little Street, Dardanup. All you need to bring is a piece of fruit to share, water bottle and hat. Kids of all ages welcome!

**Jayde Hewson**



## New BBQ trailer for Wespine Employees

Thanks to the excellent work of Wespine's Electrical and Mechanical Apprentices, a movable BBQ trailer has been created. The trailer was built purely for the purpose of bringing people together and supports Wespine's value of caring for each other.

It includes a BBQ, esky and space to store supplies, that can be used anywhere around the Dardanup West site. It had its maiden test-run on a Friday in early October – and was deemed a resounding success!

**Claire Overheu**

**Executive and Communications Coordinator  
Wespine**



## EATON DARDANUP FOOTBALL CLUB – SEASON 2023

We have come to the conclusion of Season 2023 and as a Club EDFC is very excited with how the first post COVID season has ended up.

EDFC had five junior teams playing in the CCJSA competition. Two teams competing in the U7s competition and one in the u10s competition. We also had two junior teams competing at FIFA level in the u13s and u15s age groups. All our junior teams competed well throughout the season and we are looking forward to them joining us for season 2023. We would like to thank all our junior coaches – Aaron Storey, Emma Sainsbury, Oisin and Liam Buckley and Alan Buckley for volunteering their time to work with our juniors.

Our one senior men's team had an amazing season. Alan Buckley took on the senior coach role and he certainly worked our boys hard and instilled in them a great training, playing and club ethic. To this end Eaton Dardanup Football Club – Division 1 Men's team took home the trophy for Season 2023. This is the first seniors win EDFC have had in several years. One of our senior players – Dave Tomlinson also celebrates the season with winning the SWSA Golden Boot for Division 1 by scoring the most amount of goals.

Our AGM was held on 8<sup>th</sup> October with a reasonable turn out. Most positions have been filled which is great but as with all clubs

VOLUNTEERS are always welcome. We are very excited about Season 2024 with the prospect of more junior teams, possibility of two mens teams and also the development of a women's team.

Finally THANK YOU to everyone who has been involved in Season 2023 – we know that everyone is busy but for those who have found time to help out in anyway with EDFC it is GREATLY APPRECIATED.

If you are interested in playing soccer with EDFC in season 2024 – juniors or seniors then please contact our Registrar – Jacob van Noort – [registrar@edfc.com.au](mailto:registrar@edfc.com.au) or our President – Jeremy Mills – [president@edfc.com.au](mailto:president@edfc.com.au)

**Roz Ruland**



## Boyanup Farmers Market

We have had a wonderful year at Boyanup Farmers Market, cannot believe it's been a year since our 20<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebrations. A big thank you to all our visitors/customers for supporting our market days. Our lucky raffle winner for our October market was a very happy Neale Smith of Australind, who has been coming to the market for many years and buying raffle tickets. Thank you to our stall holders for their

donations every month.

Our market day is a week earlier on 17<sup>th</sup> December for all your fresh produce for Christmas and any last minute Christmas presents.

The Committee, Stall Holders and myself would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year and look forward to seeing you on 17<sup>th</sup> and in 2024.

**Tanya Williams**

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## Ferguson Valley Visitors Centre News

The VisitorsCentre has been really busy over October/November & both the Open Garden especially on Sunday - and recently the Christmas Fete were well attended & held on perfect days. The ambience at the Visitors centre for the fete was lovely: the picturesque old building, the roses, the beautiful shady Oak and Flame trees, looked beautiful. Enticing coffee smells & a mouth watering sausage sizzle, drew in the crowd. Colourful stalls, bunting, wandering browsers & the back drop of a dark, glossy Camellia hedge (very Midsummer Murders!) were all enhanced by the really good music from the 'Old Friends' music group who volunteered their time & played all day, completed the atmosphere. Everyone loved it, especially the stall holders who often sang along. The beautifully knitted 'Bob the Builder' donated & raffled by Lorna Mickle to raise funds for Solaris was won by Lisa Stanley-Smith from Donnybrook. She & her daughter were ecstatic about their win & Lisa's daughter was so joyfully enthusiastic about giving him to a child who won't receive any gifts for Christmas. - how wonderful was that?

Tracey Moyle & her erstwhile always laughing, Mum & sidekick Heather Keley were the main organisers and did a brilliant job. The Dardanup volunteer Fire Brigade donated their time to cook the snags - they are so good at it!! It was a great day.

Our artist for the months of December & January is Lynne Mitchell who does a range of textural artworks in mixed media & printmaking. She has beautiful versatile scarves & bags as well as her framed artwork reflecting her love of colour & nature. Do come in, have a browse & see her work for yourselves.



We all join in wishing everyone a very happy Christmas & look forward to seeing you in 2024.  
Libby Pardoe

Lynne Mitchell showing us her beautiful artwork

## Shire of Dardanup News Calling for Bush Adventure Scholarship Program applicants

A unique opportunity for young Shire of Dardanup residents aged 13 to 18 is up for grabs, thanks to our third annual Bush Adventure Scholarship Program.

The Shire is calling for applicants for the fully funded three-day adventure camp in the heart of Boranup Forest from 8-10 April 2024.

Shire President Cr Tyrrell Gardiner said the program, facilitated by the renowned outdoor education provider, Jocelyn Evans from Right Foot Forward WA, promises an exciting experience that goes beyond the ordinary.

Cr Gardiner said participants are in for a real treat, honing essential life skills through practical learning in the stunning natural environment.

"The Bush Adventure Scholarship Program is not just a camp; it's a transformative experience," Cr Gardiner said.

"From hiking through the Boranup Forest to engaging in activities such as caving, team building, camping, hiking, and Indigenous culture sessions, participants will be immersed in a holistic learning environment.

"This scholarship aligns with our commitment to fostering the personal growth and development of our youth. It's a chance for them to connect with nature, build resilience, and take charge of their journey, all while having an unforgettable time."

The passionate force behind Right Foot Forward WA, Jocelyn Evans, brings 18 years of expertise in outdoor education and a deep commitment to adventure-based learning.

Cr Gardiner said the program is designed to simplify life to its most basic needs, while allowing young people the time and space to take responsibility for themselves and one another.

## Dardanup Senior Citizens News

At our meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> November we held final discussions for our Christmas Dinner at the Dardanup Heritage Park on the 28<sup>th</sup> November. We are very fortunate to have the Shire of Dardanup, Dardanup Lions Club & Doral Mineral Sands sponsor us for our annual Christmas Dinner. For our next Meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> December, please bring a plate of eats to share for our Christmas luncheon. We will need to discuss preparations for our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on the 20<sup>th</sup> February. This will be the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting in 2024.

We wish all residents a very Merry Christmas & a healthy New Year.

**Mahjong dates for December are the 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>.** Please remember all residents are welcome to join us at the Dardanup Shire Office, Little St to play Mahjong. Beginners welcome. **Revely Gardiner 0408833761**

"Dardanup Community Choir entertains at the Dardanup Seniors Xmas lunch held at the Dardanup Heritage Park"



## Annual Ferguson Valley Hall Quiz Night Enjoyed By All

A full house of 80 people in attendance with tables all vying for 1<sup>st</sup> prize. Quizmaster Colin and Julie ran the perfect night as they always do with a great range of questions, including of course Colin's mandatory Cricket mind teasers! A great collection of prizes was on offer thanks to the very generous local business's and wineries. We also auctioned around 10 desirable items which helped reach an impressive total of \$2700. As termites have been very busy at the Hall, I'm sure all of the proceeds will be needed in repairs. **Rob Webster**





The Noongar season of **Birak** begins in December. It is known as the first summer and we can expect less rain and warmer weather. The wind patterns are predictably Easterly in the morning and Westerly in the afternoon. Summer

has come a month early this year and we have been dealing with hot temperatures since October. With the prospect of a very long, hot summer, what can we do to prepare our garden?

**Water wisely.** As the weather heats up, our gardens can begin to dry out. It is a good idea to check your irrigation regularly to make sure it is watering where you want it to. Clean your filters, repair holes and maybe grab a few spare bits to fix any issues as they arise. For best hydration, water before 8am or after 6pm. Never in the heat of the day. In the middle of the day you may see some plants looking particularly 'droopy', often this is their way of conserving water (especially pumpkins, melons & zucchinis) and they will go back to normal when it cools off. If you are planting out seeds and seedlings, it is best to do this late in the afternoon so that they have longer to settle in before the heat of the next day. Remember to water them in well with seaweed solution to reduce transplant shock.

**Mulch, Mulch Mulch!!** If you haven't already mulched, now is the time! Mulch helps to keep in soil moisture, reduce evaporation and reduce weeds. There are 'Organic' and Inorganic (gravel & stones) types of mulches. Organic ones were once 'alive', think Hay, Straw, Wood-chips and Bark. These will break down over time, adding organic matter to your soil. Choose one that has irregular shapes or is fairly coarse so that water can percolate through and it doesn't pack down. Leave a few cm around each plant for good air flow and to reduce any potential rot and fungal issues. Not all mulches are equal, Don't use if it is unpleasantly smelly - ammonia, sulphur or vinegar smells mean sour or acidic mulch (2-4pH). 'Sweet' smelling mulch has a more neutral pH (6-7). *Although, if your mulch has chicken manure added it won't be quite as sweet smelling!* Use the one you have easiest access to and is within your budget. I use WA made DSATCO mulches, they have a variety of products and don't come with any weed seeds. Purchase them locally at Dardanup Rural, Donnybrook Hardware or Bunnings. Living mulches are also an option, hardy ground covers such as Warrigal greens and nasturtiums are also edible!

**Create some Shade.** Capsicums, Tomatoes and Cucumbers are particularly susceptible to sunburn. 30% shade cloth is best as it allows enough light for the plants to continue to grow and you can leave it up all year. I sourced mine from Jaylon Industries in Malaga. Alternatively, use what you have access to (even an old beach umbrella) just make sure your plants get some good sunlight exposure in the cooler parts of the day.

**Mitigate some risks.** Being prepared is sensible in our climate and location. Summer storms can be destructive to our gardens so keep on top of your tree pruning. Once your fruit has been harvested you can give them a haircut, this helps reduce their water requirements and keeps them at a workable height. Bushfire preparation plans are possibly more relevant if you are on acreage, near parkland or remnant bushland or live on the outskirts of a town/settlement. It doesn't hurt to have an understanding of what you need to be organised when the power goes out, the town water doesn't work and/or you need to relocate in a hurry. Check out <https://mybushfireplan.wa.gov.au> for relevant resources.

**What can I plant in December and January? Honestly... Don't wait, you need to get them in early this year.** You can still plant more of your summer crops into December as most crops will tolerate the heat, however you will find that some don't like it too hot. Shade is a must for all newly planted seedlings for at least a week. *Note: Lettuce seeds tend not to germinate when temperatures are above 25 degrees C and Beans can drop their flowers when temperatures get above 27 degrees C.*

**Leaf crops:** Amaranth, Lettuce, Mustard, Silverbeet, Fennel, Celery, Watercress, Purslane, Rocket, French Cress, Sorrel, NZ spinach, Chicory, Cabbage and Chinese cabbage. **Root & onion crops:** Beetroot, Radish, Kohlrabi, Carrot, Parsnip, Scorzonera, Potato, Leeks, Spring Onions, Yacon, Yam/Oca and Jerusalem artichokes. **Legume crops:** Climbing Beans, Dwarf Beans and Asparagus pea. **Curcubit & Solanum family:** Choko, Cucumber, Luffa, Sweetcorn, Melons, Pumpkin, Squash, Marrow, Zucchini, Tomato, Capsicum, Chilli, Tomatillo, Eggplant, Rosella and Sunflowers. **Herbs:** Basil, Strawberry plants, Dill, Borage, Nasturtium, Oregano, Sage, Cape Gooseberry, Mint, Tarragon, Lemon Balm, Edible Chrysanthemum, Parsley, Rhubarb, Rosemary, Summer savoury, Horseradish and Chives.

You can start planting seeds of your winter brassica crops in January, especially for slow growing Brussel sprouts and if you want early crops of Broccoli or cabbage. Keep them moist in the shade.

Wishing you a very Merry Festive Season and Happy New Year. Fingers crossed that you all stay safe from Bushfires and are able to enjoy your summer garden abundance. Until next year, Happy Gardening!

### Vale;

Joy Depiazzi, 89 years, sincere sympathy to Phil, Kevin and families

Peter Rose, 99 years, sincere sympathy to Margaret, Jacky, Gail and families.

Peter was a Shire of Dardanup Councillor between the years of 1955 and 1982

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## ECE Fire Brigade Visit

Special thanks to our Dardy Central Brigade Team for coming out to DPS and visiting our Kindy, PP and PP/1 classes. We got to see the truck, hear about keeping our homes safe with fire plans, look at the equipment, have a turn on the hose and hear the siren. All students enjoyed the event.

Special thanks to Tricia Heard for helping with organisation.





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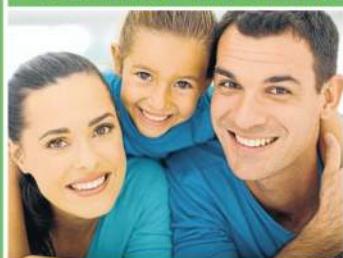
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## Shire of Dardanup Events

**Storytime in the Park\***

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**Eaton Community Library (0-5 years)**

Thursday, 14 December, 10am – 11am

**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, 4 December, 10:30am – 11am

**School Holiday Programs****Christmas ornament crafts**

Celebrate the festive season at the library and create memories with the family while creating your own wooden Christmas ornaments.

**Eaton Community Library (All Ages)**

Thursday and Friday, 21, 22 December 9:30am-11:30am

**Minecraft at the Library\***

Level up these school holidays! Play split screen with 3 of your friends or let your creativity flow and create a world full of imagination with Minecraft on Nintendo switch. Bookings essential. Bookings are 1 hour time slots. 4 Player Maximum per slot.

**Eaton Community Library (8 years +)**

Monday, 18 December

**Summer Reading Challenge**

The Shire of Dardanup Summer Reading Challenge encourages eager young readers to discover new stories while maintaining their literacy over the school holidays.

Through Shire of Dardanup Library Services, they can explore a world of adventures with a range of challenges and activities available in our libraries and online. There will be prizes and activities to keep kids reading throughout school holidays so register now.

The summer reading challenge runs from 02/12 to the 31/01. Prizes drawn on 01/02. Participants can enter a maximum of 2 completed bingo cards.

**Yoga with Gyani**

Enjoy a session of Hatha Yoga in the park with Gyani. A gentle yoga and meditation session encouraging relaxation and strengthening of muscles and joints. Ages 12+. No bookings required. All fitness levels welcome.

**Carramar Park, Dardanup**

Saturday 20 January, 9.00am – 10.15am

**Kids Crafts with Kate: Make your own Bee Hotel\***

Come along and join Kate and Co as we make and decorate your very own bee hotels in a fun interactive craft session! Ages 8yrs+. Bookings are required.

**Dardanup Hall**

Tuesday 16 January, 9.30am – 11.30am

**Movies by Moonlight: Elf**

Join us for a night of festive entertainment under the stars in beautiful parks across the Shire of Dardanup. The hilarious 'Elf' will be playing on the big screen at the first Movies by Moonlight of the 2023-2024 Fuel to Go & Play Summer Series! Plus enjoy a range of delicious food trucks, pre-movie entertainment and more! Don't forget to bring a picnic rug, pillow, bean bag or camping chair to settle in for this heartwarming family film! A perfect opportunity for a picnic dinner or purchase something from the attending food trucks.

**Burekup Oval**

Saturday 16 December, 5.30pm – 8.30pm

**Parkour with X5 Academy\***

Enjoy a parkour session with the pros from X5 Academy and learn how to safely execute some awesome tricks and flips! All ages welcome – not recommended for anyone under 4years. Bookings essential.

**Carramar Park, Dardanup**

Tuesday 19 December, 9.30am – 11.30am

**Outdoor Fit Over 50s Session**

Come down to the park for a 45-minute full body workout designed for people 50yrs+ with one of our experienced and knowledgeable trainers. Utilizing body weight and equipment to challenge your fitness and strength, in a workout that can be adapted to you. Make sure you wear enclosed gym shoes and comfortable clothes. Please bring a water bottle and a towel. No bookings required.

**Eaton Foreshore**

Wednesday 20 December, 8.30am – 9.15am

**Movies by Moonlight: Red Dog**

'Red Dog' will be playing on the big screen at the second Movies by Moonlight of the 2023-2024 Fuel to Go & Play Summer Series! Plus enjoy a range of delicious food trucks, pre-movie entertainment and more! Don't forget to bring a picnic rug, pillow, bean bag or camping chair to settle in for this heartwarming family film! A perfect opportunity for a picnic dinner or purchase something from the attending food trucks. All sessions are free to attend for all ages. No bookings required.

**Wells Recreation Oval, Dardanup**

Saturday 13 January, 5.30pm – 8.30pm

**Scouts Family Fun Day**

Take part in a fun filled day run by the Leschenault Scouts Group! Get the family together and set yourself a challenge with the Scouts Family Fun Day! All sorts of activities available including an obstacle course! The event is free to attend and all ages welcome. No bookings required.

**Eaton Foreshore**

Monday 22 January, 9.30am – 11.30am

**Teddy Bears Picnic**

Bring the little ones and their favourite teddy down to the Eaton Community Library for a morning full of enchanting tales from the story fairy, sensory activities, games and of course a teddy bear hunt! Free to attend but bookings are essential!

**Eaton Community Library**

Thursday 25 January, 10.00am – 11.00am

**Eds Note; Don't forget to join in with the many activities on offer from the Shire through the Summer in your Park Series. Something for everyone! Go to the Shire of Dardanup website for more info.**

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Please see ad page 9



### Ferguson Valley Marketing inc

The Ferguson Valley Marketing Board is sporting a new fresh look after the election of 5 new board members at the

recent AGM. We bid farewell to long term board members Phil Smith and Wendy Perdon who each had driven significant and positive changes to the marketing and promotion of the Valley. Our sincere thanks to both for their dedication and extensive service.

Welcomed to the Board were Jodi Briggs, Lindsey Kennewell, Alison Melvin and Murray Tognela. Gae Bessen, Tony Umbrello, Peter Giumelli and Sue Williams continued their service with Sue appointed as Chair. Ebony Harding our hard working and much appreciated Marketing Co-ordinator continues with her role.

The new Board has started with a bang. In recent weeks we have met with Council to discuss a draft Market and Promotion Strategy, begun meeting one on one with our members to ensure we capture their needs for marketing and promotion of the valley. Planning for Lost and Found 2024 has begun, We also met with the Wellington Mills Community Association and begun manning the Pop Up Visitor Centre at Gnomesville.

The Pop Up is proving very popular with visitors to the valley, most of whom are unaware of what else the valley and surrounding regions have to offer. The Pop Up is filling this gap! We have met travellers from Belgium, Germany, UK, New Zealand, country NSW, Queensland and day trippers from Perth. Many visitors enter the valley from directions other than through Dardanup thus missing the Visitors Centre there. Subsequently the Pop Up plays a key role in distributing maps, brochures, providing directions and guiding

visitors to businesses and points of interest in the Valley and neighbouring regions. The Pop Up can trade for 4 hours on weekends and school holidays. Manned by volunteers. It is a fun few hours with many interesting visitors to meet and greet so if you have a few hours to spare to support our efforts please call Sue on 041 883 4455.

It is certain that Gnomesville is a significant draw card to the Valley. Regional ABC recently contacted as asking if they could do an on-line, feel good piece, for their streaming services. A small film crew arrived early morning and spent a couple of hours with FVM members at Gnomesville as they filmed and captured the history and attraction of Gnomesville. We expect the piece to be released some time over summer.

On a change of topic our members were treated to a wonderful night of networking and fun at Evedon Park Estate. We had several new members in attendance and were delighted to see some long term members return to our networking evenings. Tony, Chris and Sue of Evedon Park are always generous hosts and everyone enjoyed learning more about their fabulous facilities as we took in a magnificent sun set across their lake. If you have never visited Evedon Park you might like to book for lunch or dinner as you are missing a special place that reflects their hard work over many years.

And finally as we approach the year end we wish all our members and friends a very happy and safe festive season. The next Board meeting will be on the January 18<sup>th</sup> at 5.30 pm in the Thomas Little Hall.

**Sue Williams**

### Update on the Greenbushes to Bunbury Train line Feasibility Study

The 2<sup>nd</sup> community meeting was recently held at the Dardanup Hall with further meetings to be held next year. Talison who wish to use the line to transport Spodumene from Greenbushes to Kemerton advised that if the train line was reopened there would be 4 trains from Greenbushes to Bunbury and 4 trains returning to Greenbushes in a 24 hour period which will mean 1 train every 3 hours. The trains will use their horn at all level crossings during the day and night. Main Roads WA are currently doing a study of the level crossings along the line and will report back to the Dardanup Shire with the community also having the opportunity to comment on the findings. This study will guide what safety components will be recommended for each crossing depending on vehicle usage, topography, etc.

Arc Infrastructure who manage the train lines advised that they didn't foresee any unnecessary removal of vegetation along the railway reserve in town due to work on the line and fencing of the line.

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**See Breesys add on page 5**

### Missed a Copy of the Dardanup Times?

The Dardanup Shire have for some time made available the last 3 editions of the Dardanup Times on their website. Just google 'Dardanup Times' on the search bar on their webpage. Easy as that. Thanks to the Shire staff for this work.

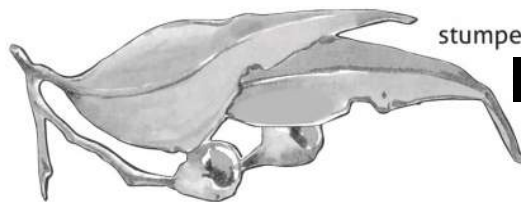


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## Dardanup Environmental Action Group Update

DEAG is happy to report that they have recently had some favourable outcomes in regard to Cleanaway's Operation of the Banksia Rd Landfill.

### The EPA Assessment

Firstly, in April 2021 Cleanaway submitted a proposal to the EPA for the Construction and Operation of a further three Landfill Cells at Banksia Rd (Cells 9, 10 and 12A). The EPA then sought public comment as to whether they should assess this proposal. In response there were 16 submissions requesting a Public environmental review and one who straight out opposed the proposal.

As a result, in August 2021 the EPA advised there would be an assessment of the proposal with a 4 week public review period in April/May 2023 (yep, after 2 years of assessment & Cleanaway providing more information we, the public get 4 weeks in which to assess over 40 documents running to '000 pages and write a submission). Fortunately, the Shire of Dardanup, DBCA, DEAG and three members of the public found the time to do this.

### *From here on it gets bitter/sweet.*

In August 2023 the EPA quietly released on their website a 437 page response to these submissions prepared for Cleanaway by the same consultant who had prepared much of the initial proposal application. I will say no more!

In September 2023 (ie. A month later) the EPA released their assessment report. To DEAG it appears that there was NO independent assessment done by the EPA. In their report they concluded that proposal may be implemented subject to the conditions recommended in Appendix A. For the most part the recommendations disappointing.

But there was one very satisfying outcome in that they set a maximum development height of 130 metres AHD (top of waste – 128 metres plus 2 metres capping).

DEAG would like to think that all our lobbying and the effort DEAG took in taking photos and highlighting the discrepancies and misrepresentations in Cleanaway Visual Assessment report was instrumental in this.

### The DWER Licence Review

If you thought two and a half years is a long time for the EPA to do an assessment, the DWER Licence Review started in December 2020, that is 3 years ago with requests for submissions and community consultation sessions in January 2021. Im sure some people will remember going along to the Dardy Hall to meet with DWER. A total of 23 submissions were made to this review by members of DEAG and the Dardanup Community.

Following the review, a revised and much improved version of the Licence was issued to Cleanaway in October 2021. This Licence had much more specific conditions, which DWER would be more able to enforce.

However, DEAG was still able to identify a number of gaps in the Licence and in October 2021 DEAG and members of the Community submitted appeals to the Appeals Convenor (AC).

Over the past two years as the Appeals Convenor investigated our concerns and consult with DWER and Cleanaway, DEAG continued to correspond and meet with the Appeals Convenor to clarify and provide additional evidence and material on the issues we had raised.

Finally in October 2023 we were advised that their recommendation had gone to the Minister and on 26 October we received a letter from the Hon Reece Whitby, Minister for Environment, that having considered the information available to him, including the Department's response to the appeal and the Appeal Convenor's report and recommendations, he had decided that the conditions of the Licence should be strengthened and he had have adopted in full the recommendations set out in the Appeals Convenor's report.

For DEAG this was a major achievement, as it was the first time in our 5 years of writing submissions and appeals that we had so clearly achieved a strengthening of the Licence Conditions. Whilst we did not achieve everything we were would have liked to; we did achieve:

- the strengthening of eleven conditions
  - inserting of one new condition, and
  - the additions of new requirements in three tables.
- These changes will mean that Cleanaway now have to;

Prepare a detailed and compressive Fire Management Plan and have it reviewed by a suitably qualified fire safety engineer. This plan is to include items such as

credible emergency scenarios and clear procedures to manage them, including initial intervention measures, personnel responsibilities, notification and escalation procedures identifies all required fire prevention and management infrastructure and equipment to be maintained on-site for the scenarios identified, including details on the distribution and operation of installed fire safety systems and water access requirements for fire-fighting purposes; procedure for managing and disposing of recoverable fire wash waters from waste management areas; training requirements and schedule for delivery of training to operational staff on emergency response procedures and the requirements of the Fire Management Plan

A condition is also to be included requiring the licence holder to also report any unauthorised fires, to the CEO, within 14 days of the fire and include: Details of the date, time and location of the fire; Measures used to control the fire; The cause, or suspected cause, of the fire; Any residual issues or impacts related to the fire, including discharge of fire-fighting wash water or other wastes from the premises and damage to landfill liners and any other landfill infrastructure; and proposed rectification of any damage or impacts.

A condition is to be included requiring landfill staff to look for visual signs of feral cats and foxes within the landfill area and record presence/visitation within the feral animal register.

A number of Conditions will be amended to require Titanium Dioxide Tailings (TDS) (solids and liquid) to be monitored for titanium, iron, chromium (III), potassium, chloride, sulphate, pH, electrical conductivity, calcium, magnesium, sodium, bicarbonate, uranium, thorium (elemental concentrations mg/L), radium-226 and radium-228 (radionuclide concentrations Bq/L).

Monitoring of uranium, thorium (elemental concentrations mg/L); radium-226 and radium-228 (radionuclide concentrations Bq/L) are to be included for groundwater monitoring bores.

A requirement to compare groundwater data collected with that used in the hydrological modelling.

Whilst the Appeals Convenor have confirmed that the TDS is radioactive, they have concluded that it may be classed as Very Low Level Waste (VPPW) which can be stored in a Landfill and that the design of TDS Ponds are appropriate for this.

Whilst this is reassuring, we do still have some reservations. However, the additional monitoring requirements for the TDS Tailings and groundwater will now provide the data required to clarify this.

### Quote

*If Cleanaway are the good corporate citizens who consult with and listen to the community as they claim, why has it taken almost four years, a countless number of submissions by DEAG and the community, numerous complaints to Pollution watch, and reviews by DWER and the Appeals Convenor, resulting in direction from the Minister to strengthen the Licence Conditions to get Cleanaway to do what any reasonable and responsible organizations would have done from the beginning?*

***Come along to the AGM on Thursday 7 December at 6.30pm at Wells Rec Park Clubrooms to show your support for this Group that has been working really hard to safeguard this community. Remember is you have any complaints about the Cleanaway Operation at Banksia Rd then complete a formal complaint via Pollution Watch. Its quick and easy.***

**Dardanup and Locality Church Services****St Aidans Church Ferguson**

17th December, 9am, a traditional Christmas service known as '9 lessons and carols'

**Catholic Parish of Dardanup and Boyanup****Saturday 23 December**

Dardanup 6:00 pm Mass (4th Sunday of Advent)

**Sunday 24 December**

Dardanup (Christmas Eve) 6:00 pm

Outdoor Christmas Carols, 6:30 pm Outdoor Christmas

Family Mass Followed by a Christmas Party Drinks for

adults & kids provided

A plate of food to share will be appreciated

**Monday 25 December**

Dardanup (Christmas Day) 8:00 am

Mass of Christmas Day

**Saturday 30 December**

Dardanup 6:00 pm

Mass (Feast of the Holy Family)

**Sunday 31 December**

Dardanup 9:00 am Mass

(Feast of the Holy Family)

**Monday 01 January**

Dardanup 9:00 am

Mass (Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God)

**What's on In Dardanup**

5 December- Dardanup Environmental Action Group AGM, 5.30pm at the Wells Recreation Park Clubrooms

5 December – Mens Welfare Group – 2pm at the Wells Recreation Park Clubrooms

17 December – Ferguson Valley Xmas Tree, see add this edition

17 December - Boyanup Farmers Market, 8am

19 December– Dardanup Senior Citizens meeting, 9.30am at the Wells Recreation Park Clubrooms

19 December - Mens Welfare Group – 2pm at the Wells Recreation Park Clubrooms

16 January - Mens Welfare Group – 2pm at the Wells Recreation Park Clubrooms

26 January – Dardanup's Australia Day Breakfast in Carramar

If you have an event to add  
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**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 4<sup>th</sup> 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,  
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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 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month, 6pm at a nominated location. More info

contact [marketing@fergusonvalley.net.au](mailto: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 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, 9am, all denominations welcome.

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

SW Veteran Car Club – 1<sup>st</sup> 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 – 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month at the Wells Rec Park Clubrooms, Mark, 0408 331 447

Mens Welfare Group – 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 2-5pm at the Wells Recreation Park Clubrooms , Ray 0417 932 898



## Dardanup Lions Club News

The Dardanup Lions 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Luncheon was well supported with participants reporting a highly enjoyable time. The event took place Sunday November 12<sup>th</sup> at Evedon Lakeside Retreat with several original charter Lions showing up. Lion David Wells lead us through a history of the community efforts put in by inaugurators, historical project leaders and newsworthy helping Lions right up to the present.

The photo below counts 25 current Lions (disputable) and 15 one time Lions. The assembled dined with a backdrop of natures spring glory, were plied with top cuisine and heard stories of past glories.

On a serious note we had an address from Peter Milton telling us of the work of the Black Dog (Ride) organisation, that receives our support.

**Philip Ottrey**



## Congratulations to

Eaton Recreation Centre celebrating 20 years, providing a fantastic facility for our community for two decades, opened by the Premier of WA Hon Geoff Gallop MLA on 22 November 2003



Dardanup Primary School celebrating 50 years at the Hayward St site. The school recently organised a celebration to recognise this milestone with previous staff, students and families returning to participate in the celebrations.

At the recent 50<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration for Dardanup Primary School were long time principal John Duzevich, inaugural teacher Beth Talbot and long time teacher Barbara Della- Sale

Dardanup Lions Club celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, a much loved and respected community group

Ferguson Valley Xmas Tree celebrating their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Sunday 17 December, a very popular family tradition.

Eaton Dardanup Football Club – 2023 Division 1 Men's team winners and Dave Tomlinson winning the SWSA Golden Boot for Division 1

Jorja Wareham and Amelia Addison representing WA at the Australian Interschools Equestrian Championship

Stephen Mountford for being part of the WA team that came 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Australian 8 Ball Snooker Championship held in the east

Dardanup Playgroup for applying and receiving \$14,000 in grants to upgrade their facilities

4 local gardens open as part of the FV Open Gardens raising over \$6,000.00 for the Dardanup Primary School, Wellington Mills Bushfire Brigade and Dardanup Heritage Collective.

Thank you to Jodie Hanns MLA Collie Preston for organising a pop up office in Dardanup recently meeting with locals to discuss issue important to them.

The lack of water pressure in the town was high on the agenda.

## Dardanup Bush Fire Brigade Cadets News

A recent visit to the Dwellingup Tree Ropes course was an excellent final exercise for the local Cadets (with just a pizza night to come) before the Christmas break. The Cadets have had a good year with many of them learning a lot about themselves and improving their self-confidence and ability to work in and lead teams.

**Big shout out to Westpine who provided financial assistance for the excursion.**



These groups don't happen on their own and the Cadets would like to give a massive thank you to Joy Welshman who will be leaving the district. Joy's fantastic organizing, administrative and leadership skills and commitment will be missed.



Many thanks to all the other Brigade and parent helpers who have assisted throughout the year to continue to develop the next generation and we look forward to seeing you in 2024.

**Chris Bouteloup**

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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

Fri 8th March

Film on the Ferguson: See you on Venus  
Music by Ian Cocker

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## Exercise Classes

	Monday	Thursday	Friday
9am	Core focused	Core focused	Core focused
10am	Functional Movement	Functional Movement	Functional Movement
7.30pm	Functional Movement	Boxfit	X

**Functional Movement:** This is a standing/seated class ideal for all fitness levels and people wanting to build strength after injuries. Full body workout using dumbbells and body weight.

**Core Focused:** A floor / mat based class working on strengthening abs, lower back and glutes. Ideal for all fitness levels

**Boxfit:** This is a boxing inspired fullbody workout, using dumbbells and body weight. Ideal for all fitness levels.

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