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Happy 30th Birthday To The Dardanup Senior Citizens

We celebrated this milestone with a lunch at the Dardanup Tavern with 40 guests and special guest Ellen Lilly - Deputy Shire President representing Dardanup Shire. Apologies from Jill Cross from Dardanup Residents Association, Jill Brookes & Dianne Wells from the Dardanup Heritage Park. Where it all began.....

The Dardanup and Districts Residents Association hosted a Senior Citizens morning tea on Friday 1 October 1993 in the Dardanup Community Centre, despite the inclement weather 60 seniors enjoyed the renewing of old friendships and meeting new folk.

Diana Campbell from Home and Community Care for Dardanup transported Seniors from Elanora and the Bunbury Nursing Home for the Morning Tea speaking and advising people of home care that was available.

The Residents Assoc instigated the gathering as they felt there was nothing offering for seniors in Dardanup and some had gone to join other clubs, it was hard for new Seniors to get to know and socialize with others. With this in mind Bonnie Quadrio addressed the gathering offering suggestions about future outings and meetings.

Bonnie organized another Senior Citizens Morning Tea on the 3rd December 1993 at 10am.

The next entry is as follows which was reported in the local District Times dated December 1993 "About 20 seniors attended a gathering at the Community Centre were it was decided to form a committee" Bonnie Quadrio was elected President, Nancy Lynch as Secretary, Gloria Maslin, Sheila Butcher, Ann & Bob Collings as committee. The meeting was chaired by Jill Cross.

Firstly we know that Bonnie Quadrio was the driving force behind all the general activities, organising many bus trips and driving the bus as well, he remained President for about 10 years until he passed away in August 2003.

From what I understand members met to socialize at first until some outings were organised, amazed to learn membership fee was only \$5, today it is \$10 rising to \$15 from next financial year.

There were many great Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers & Vice Presidents over the years, too many to mention without upsetting anyone - there is a list to read on the table. Rhonda Weetman was the official photographer, Gwen Wells looks after this at present - we hope to be able to keep them at the club rooms in the near future. Joan Lantzke had many duties as Liaison Officer, PR and Scribe while being Secretary for a time. Today she is a resident of Regis Aged Care Home. Gwen Wells helped along with Jill Cross create our 1st Constitution, this was just one of the many areas Gwen has contributed towards having been Secretary between 2013-2021. On the 2nd October 2015 our group became an Association known as Dardanup Senior Citizens Incorporated, our constitution was revised by us on 2nd September 2023 as required by Consumer Protection. Many trips were organised like travelling down to Denmark in one day and doing the Treetop Walk, also Nannup, Boyup Brook, Araluen to see the Tulips, Pemberton and the train ride, boat cruises on Bunbury Harbour, Augusta, Wildlife



Gwen Wells, Secretary of the Dardanup Senior Citizens for 8 years Attended the 30th Anniversary Lunch with husband Brian



l to r, 2024 Dardanup Seniors Exec Comm - Pat English - President, Olive Kirkpatrick- Vice President, Reveryl Gardiner- Secretary, Pat Britza- Treasurer Celebrating the 30th Anniversary of the Dardanup Senior Citizens

Sanctuary, Lavender and Cherry Farm Balingup, Mammoth Caves Yallingup, Historical and Antique places, Busselton underwater world, Waroona, Pinjarra. Fremantle to the Maritime Museum. Melbourne Cup outings, concerts and mystery tours. In Mandurah 2 boat trips being followed by the dolphins, other with a beautiful lunch on board. Perth Zoo and Elizabeth Quay also King's Park.

We had many guest speakers educating us on various topics, including craft ladies teaching us nice things to create, also many general interest ideas.

According to photo albums the first bus trip was taken in April 1995. The first Christmas luncheon was held in November 1995.

We celebrate our 30th Anniversary today, let us remember all the members who are no longer with us. We will continue to make our lives better as we enjoy being members of the Dardanup Senior Citizens, Happy 30th Anniversary to all and enjoy your day.

Many, many thanks to Jennifer Gardiner for making our cake and we also appreciate all the work Jenny Trigwell and Sue Baskott did in decorating this our 30th Anniversary Cake. Sheila Butcher an inaugural member, pictured, cut our cake.

**Pat English, President
2023-24**

**Sheila Butcher Cutting
the 30th Anniversary
Cake**



Dardanup Seniors Next Meeting

Our next Meeting will be on 19 March, starting at 9.30 am at Wells Recreation Hall. New members very welcome to join us.

Mahjong Group open to all residents. Join us on Wednesday Feb 28th, March 13th & 27th. Time 1.30 to 3.30 pm at the Shire office in Little St. We are sponsored by the Shire of Dardanup.

Revely Gardiner 0408833671

Shire of Dardanup News



**The Dardanup meeting will be held on
Thursday, 7 March**
**Venue: Dardanup Shire Hall,
19 Ferguson Road, Dardanup**
Time: 5:30pm to 7:30pm

Annual Community Meetings to Foster Engagement

The Shire of Dardanup will once again host its annual Community Meetings, a series of interactive forums aimed at fostering open dialogue between the community and Council. Shire President Cr Tyrrell Gardiner said these meetings provide a valuable opportunity for residents to share their ideas, concerns, and aspirations directly with Councillors and Council staff.

Cr Gardiner highlighted the success of last year's Community Meetings and encouraged residents to attend one of the four being held in Eaton, Ferguson Valley, Dardanup and Burekup. "The Community Meetings have proven to be an invaluable platform for our community members to actively participate in the decision-making process," Cr Gardiner said.

"The constructive feedback we received last year played a crucial role in shaping our priorities and initiatives for the benefit of the entire community.

"Between the four meetings held throughout our Shire, there were 42 actions identified by those communities, with the majority completed or in progress.

"We saw requests range from more outdoor lighting for a local bushfire brigade station, to sporting club facilities needing equipment upgrades. Council wants to hear what our residents see as priorities to help build a stronger, more vibrant Shire."

Playgroup News

We welcomed in the new year last week with a flurry of new families coming to check out what Dardanup playgroup is all about. Last year saw lots of older kids graduate to school, with their playgroup buddies, and we wish them all the best.

All the kids were so excited to check out our renovated cubby, pictured below, thanks to some lovely volunteers for your hard work over summer break. We have ordered lots of new play food and utensils which the kids are going to love! Cannot wait to see their excited faces when they arrive.

Last week's activity was face painting which the kids loved. Some kids were brave enough to try it for the first time! This week's activity will be just as fun for all the kids, so come down Wednesday 9.30 -11.30am at the Dardanup community centre on Little Street or contact us on Facebook or via email on Dardanupcpg@gmail.com **Hayley Panzich**

Eds note; thanks to Jayde Hewson for sending in the Playgroup News the last couple of years and welcome to the team, Hayley.



Dardanup Heritage Collective News

This Collective has been busy again with our exhibition of the pictorial boards - Women of Charlotte St and Beyond being displayed during December and January at the Bunbury Museum as part of the WA Women's Hall of Fame touring photographic exhibition!

5 History books about Dardanup, localities and pioneers are for sale, details on the DHC website – ‘Adventures on the Ferguson’; ‘Women of Charlotte St and Beyond’; ‘Forrest Family - Pioneers of WA 1842- 1982’; ‘John Charlton Fowler of Sargeant Dale Ferguson’ and ‘Wellington Mills – A History’

Our website, Dardanup Heritage Collective continues to be very popular and these are some of the stats – how many people view and what they are viewing.

December - 204 visitors & 377 pages viewed. Most hits; Waterloo 32 – Dardanup 32 – Welcome 31.

January- 349 visitors & 743 pages viewed. Most hits: Dardanup 66 – Ferguson 60 – Wellington Mills 48

Terri Gibbs and some other Collective members continue to interview locals as part of our oral history collection.

Our industrious Secretary Janice Calcei has created a section on the DHC website called ‘Homesteads and Houses’. You will find it under ‘Sites of Interest’ on the Home page with drop down ‘Homesteads & Houses’. Then choose the locality you are after.

There you will find many photos of old homesteads in the Shire of Dardanup as well as the history on that homestead. Fascinating reading. If anyone would like a house (built up to 1950) photo and story included on the website email Janice

at: dardanupheritagecollective@gmail.com

The Dardanup Heritage Collective are continuing to work with the Shire of Dardanup to establish a working and collection area in the Shire offices in Little St. There we want to store documents, photos and books provided by the public. We are looking at Collective members being present at a particular time when locals can bring historic documents and photos into our office to either pass on or allow us to copy. We already have collection of Minute books from local Clubs. Eventually these items or copies of will be provided as a resource to anyone but more importantly preserved for the future. Stay tuned for more information.

Please feel free to attend any of our monthly meetings. Details in the Whats On.



1899 Photo of Dardanup Park which is featured in the Homesteads and Houses section of the DHC website 1899 Photo of Dardanup Park which is featured in the Homesteads and Houses section of the DHC website

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We are delighted to announce the upcoming launch of our well-being business, mindingu, in April 2024. Owned and operated by local resident Lorna Greenhalgh, mindingu is situated on a picturesque 10-acre property in the Ferguson Valley. Top of FormWe will be running a series of well-being courses on stress management, mindfulness, meditation, relaxation and mini retreats.

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Please look out for next month's advert for our upcoming Stress Management course which starts in April. In the meantime, you can follow us on Facebook at /Facebook/mindingu or visit our website mindingu.au You will find Mindingu add on page 4



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Dardanup Environmental Action Group News

This month has seen some challenges and more meetings for our dedicated Group. The Shire knocked back Cleanaways development application for 3 new cells at Lot 2 Banksia Rd, ala Mt Rubbishmore. Hooray! This application then went immediately to a Joint Development Application Panel comprising of 2 Dardanup Shire Councillors and 3 people from Perth qualified in planning matters. DEAG did a presentation to the panel meeting with 3 days notice, pointing out the effect the landfill site has on amenity; height, bulk, scale, orientation and appearance and effects on tourism, community, businesses and agriculture. The environmental impacts on the next door Conservation Park with threatened flora and fauna and the effects on the natural water as 2 of the cells once constructed and dug into the ground will be about 3 metres above the superficial water table which connects to the other deeper aquifers. As this is a planning matter we can only argue on planning regulations but as the JDAP panel recognised the area was already a Waste Precinct, as per the Shires town planning scheme so the 3 planning people voted in favour of the cells being allowed. The 2 Shire Councillors voted against but this didn't effect the overall count. 3 to 2. This JDAP process doesn't seem fair as you have people from outside this area making decisions that effect our community. Whats worse we doubt that any of the 3 planning people had even visited the landfill site.

Shortly after this DEAG met with the 3 newly appointed Appeals Convenors who came down from Perth to meet with DEAG and also tour the landfill site. DEAG has lodged an appeal with regards to the capping of the cells so they are following this up. With the gradient at such a severe angle it seems rehabilitation of the landfill site is quite unworkable. The capping and stability of the cells especially Cell 12A is of great concern as this new cell will be built over existing cells so we consider uneven settlement could be an issue and will effect the capping. With the lack of

water on site how will compaction ever be attained let alone the need for water to rehabilitate growing plants and maintaining their growth. How will the windblown seeds from the adjacent Conservation Park be dealt with? Tree species of Jarrah, Banksia, red gum etc. will flower and seeds once taken root will grow and the long-term will result in many trees growing on the Landfill site with their root systems being a threat to cell liners. These are all concerns put to the Appeals Convenors with regards to capping.

Cleanaway water down the site only when the site is open. The wind is still occurring overnight and the dust and air born litter still occurs not to mention that this summer has seen excessive dust from that site during the day. Its impossible for Cleanaway to water that vast landfill site. The Shire and Pollution Watch have received complaints with regards to the dust problem at the landfill site. DEAG encourages anyone who sees excessive dust leaving the Landfill site at Banksia Rd ala Mt Rubbishmore to complain to records@dardanup.wa.gov.au and Pollution Watch (google this)

Cleanaway organised a Community Reference Group some years ago so the community could liaise directly with Cleanaway staff on a regular basis and raise matters of concern. This Group hasn't met for 12 months and 2 community members have left due to lack of action. DEAG calls on Cleanaway, if they are serious about community consultation to start organising regular Community Reference Group meetings and to replace the 2 community members who left in frustration.

Recently DEAG attended a Shire briefing meeting to speak to new Councillors and staff about our work and concerns. Unfortunately 4 Councillors, including 2 new Councillors tended their apologies which was disappointing.

Ferguson Valley Visitor Centre News

The Visitor Centre has been fairly slow over February which is pretty normal after school holidays & in hot weather. The roadwork between the VC & Thomas Little Hall probably affected us a little, but when there is a will they will come. We now have a new 'I' sign which will significantly improve our visible presence for tourists, thank you to all involved in that process. Our artisan of the month is P.H.otos4u a small business initially producing cards

& calendars of SW scenery blue wrens & wildflowers but concentrating on gnome memorabilia for the VC. There are mugs, calendars, postcards, cards & tee shirts available for sale & some knitted gnomes from which the proceeds are donated to Solaris cancer support.

Come & have a browse & a chat, we love having visitors & locals drop in & it's surprising what you can learn about your local area.

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March is the second month of the Noongar Season *Bunaru* (Second summer) Thankfully the mornings are cooler but the days are still hot and dry. In the garden we need to focus on the 3 'S's - Shade, Shelter from hot dry winds and Sufficient watering.

Hopefully everyone's vegie patch has survived the extended heatwave and you are still harvesting produce. March is one of my favourite times in the garden and it is peak preserving time. I must admit to not being keen on standing in front of a hot stove on the 35+ degree days. The freezer is full of tomatoes waiting for a cooler day and I have been focusing on the basket loads of fruit and herbs to dry/bottle/pickle and ferment. There are plenty of books in the library if you are looking for inspiration on how to utilise it all. Some Great Authors include Jude Bleureau, Jackie French and Sally Wise or why not call on the 'collective wisdom' locally.

As our Summer vegetable crops are showing signs of finishing, it is time to think about planting winter crops. Autumn is here and I take my cues from the Magpies, once their calls start to change, it is time to get super busy in the garden! Getting your crops in early enough is key, the daylight hours are getting shorter and you want them fairly mature before temperatures drop as growth rates in the cold weather are at a snails pace. I have already planted my first lot of Broccoli, Cauliflowers and Onions.

Toward the end of the month it will be time to consider planting your Garlic. They are a crop that doesn't like too much competition so grow it in a dedicated bed if possible. Prepare the bed a couple of weeks before planting by adding a light sprinkling of lime, some good organic compost and a few handfuls of rockdust. Hold off planting until after the Autumn equinox (21st) and **very importantly** the days need to be consistently below 25 degreesC. If you plant too early your cloves may bolt and reduce your useable crop yield. Make sure the soil is moist when planting and work out how to fit the most cloves into your space - neat rows or block planting. Plant the cloves 10-15cm apart so they have room to grow and there is less space for weeds.

Planting is best done in the cool of the evening so that your seedlings have a chance to settle in before the heat of the next day. They need shade to survive in this heat and it is best to leave any of your more cool tolerant plantings until late in the month.

What you can plant now:

Leaf crops Asian greens, Celery, Chicory, Cress, Endive, French sorrel, Lettuce, Mustard greens, Orach, Raddicchio, Rocket, Spinach, Silverbeet and Watercress. **Brassica crops * plant Seedlings** Broccoli, Broccoli Raab, Brussel Sprouts, Cabbage, Cauliflower, Collard greens and Kale. **Root crops** Beetroot, Carrot, Celeriac, Daikon, Kohlrabi, Parsnip, Potato, Radish, Salsify, Scorzonera, Swede and Turnip. **Legume crops** Broad Beans and Snow peas. **Onion family** Garlic, Leeks, Spring onions, Shallots and Salad onions. **Herbs:** Bay, Caraway, Chives, Chervil, Coriander, Fennel, Lemon Balm, Mint, Rosemary, Oregano, Parsley, Sage, Thyme, Salad Burnett, Strawberry runners

Seedlings for slower growing crops such as Broccoli, Cabbage, Kale and Silverbeet are a great way to get a head start. Successive plantings of fast growing salad and stir-fry greens will help to fill the gap between the summer veg and your winter crops. Remember don't wait until all the crops are finished. When you pull something out, plant something in its place. That way you will always have something to eat!

The next Sustainable Living Workshop is on Thursday 14th March at the Dardanup Hall.

Topic: **Introduction to Seed saving.** *One of your superpowers as a gardener* - the ability to save money and increase yields. Come along as we delve into the wonderful world of seeds and learn how to get started saving your own. We will focus on the differences between Heirloom, Open pollinated and Hybrid seed. Exploring why diversity is important and which ones are the easiest ones to get started.

Bookings essential ph: **9724000** or on the website dardanup.wa.gov.au/events

Rural Residents Encouraged to Participate in the 20th Year of Cleanup Their Verge During the March Long Weekend

Sunday 3rd of March is the official National Cleanup Australia Day. Mary Smith, Committee member of the Dardanup and Districts Residents Assoc encourages rural residents to clean up the verge along their boundary.

This does not necessarily have to be done on the 3rd March but can be done as soon as you collect a bag from the Shire Office or use your own bags and before Shire Council pick up from Tuesday 5th March.

Bags can be collected from the Shire the week prior to the cleanup. The Dardanup Shire will collect the bags along Crooked Brook Rd, Ironstone Rd and Ferguson Rd from Tuesday 5th March.

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Bodhi: I am learning to play the flute and I chose this instrument because it has a soft, gentle sound that's easy on the ears!! Year 5

Reggie: I have chosen a clarinet to learn to play because last year I heard a Year 6 student playing the clarinet and I thought how good it sounded!! Year 5

Roxy: I have chosen the trumpet to learn to play because one day I may be able to write songs and perhaps play in a band. My parents won't mind the sound that I may be making!! Year 5

Shayla: I have been learning to play drums and percussion for the past year and this year will continue with learning to play the glockenspiel which will add a different sound to our school band. Year 6

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Our Lady of Lourdes - Dardanup



Our school recently celebrated the Our Lady of Lourdes Feast Day with a mass and some icy poles. After this mass, our Year 6 leaders were presented with their blessed Leaver's Shirts and leadership badges.



Shire of Dardanup News

Council endorses Annual Report 2022/23 - From the Shires website

The Shire of Dardanup report was officially endorsed at Wednesday's Electors Meeting, marking a year of significant progress and achievement for the community.

Shire President Cr Tyrrell Gardiner said the Shire was grateful to all members of the community for their contributions to making Dardanup a vibrant and thriving place to live.

Cr Gardiner further highlighted the key achievements of the past year, including the completion of key projects such as upgrades to Carramar Park, rural and urban road and bridge projects, the Wells Recreation Reserve Change Rooms, and the inauguration of the New Dardanup Heritage Trail, commemorating the Dardanup town site's 100th anniversary.

"These endeavours have not only enhanced our infrastructure and facilities but have also laid the foundation for a more active and connected future," Cr Gardiner said.

"A key part of our achievements lies in the collaborative efforts between the Shire and all tiers of government and key stakeholders. This collaboration is pivotal in ensuring a high quality of life and wellbeing for the residents and professionals who call our shire home."

Cr Gardiner said the Shire is embarking on a transformative journey with the implementation of a new Enterprise Resource Planning system to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of its operations.

"By streamlining processes and centralising data, the Shire aims to optimise its internal operations, resulting in cost savings and improved service delivery to the community," Cr Gardiner said.

CEO André Schönfeldt highlighted the Shire's unwavering dedication to robust financial management

and governance practices, maintaining a rate revenue increase in line with the long-term financial plan despite economic challenges.

Mr Schönfeldt acknowledged the support received from the Federal Government's economic stimulus funding, enabling the acceleration of community infrastructure projects.

He said a total of almost \$4 million in State, Federal and other grant funding facilitated the prompt delivery of crucial projects.

- A healthy Capital Works Program totalling \$14.2 million in major and minor works projects.
- Construction of our new \$1.1 million changeroom facilities at Wells Recreation Park in Dardanup was completed in late 2022.
- The Dardanup Civic Precinct Upgrade, which was the creation of a picturesque Civic Precinct connecting Dardanup's main street, town and hall to Carramar Park through the former volunteer fire brigade and depot site.
- Continued delivery of a range of community events and programs through our collaborations with key partners including Lotterywest, Healthway, Tronox, the Lions Clubs, J&P Metals and Outback 4WD for the Summer in Your Park series, have enriched community engagement.

"As we reflect on the accomplishments of the past year, I am pleased to announce that our commitment to good governance and financial excellence has once again been validated with an unqualified audit," Mr Schönfeldt said.

"Everything we do as a Shire is for the betterment of our community and this report is a snapshot of the dedication and collaborative efforts of the Shire's residents, elected members and staff."

Request for Accommodation

I live in Crooked Brook East, on the hill in the bush with 3kms of gravel to get here. I've been renting here for over 2 years since I finished my 7 year housesitting trek around Australia.

I would like to be closer to town, Dardanup/surrounds, where possible, not in the city. I'm wondering if anyone knows of a 2 bedroom house/cottage/Granny flat for rent (or coming up for rent). Someone who would prefer a tenant who would take good care of the place, not

necessarily how much rent they can get. I am a single, mature, retired woman who's been taking care of myself and family for over 30years. I have many positive references from all those I housesat for and glowing references from landlords.

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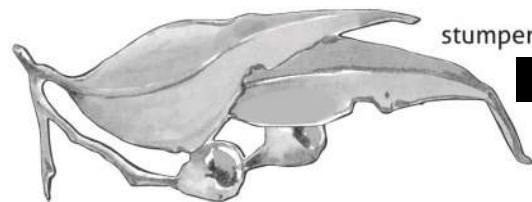


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Eaton Community Library (Adults)

Wednesday, 13 March, 9.30am – 10.30am

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Bookings essential.

Dardanup Hall

Monday, 18 March, 9.30am – 10am

Book Lovers Club

Do you love reading? Are you someone who enjoys getting into the themes of a novel and exploring the concepts and characters? Great news! The Book lovers Club is for you! The Book lovers Club meets monthly at Eaton Community Library so why not come along and enjoy talking about your favourite novel with like-minded people in a relaxed environment.

Eaton Community Library (Adults)

Friday, 15 March 9.30am-11.30am

*Bookings essential. Please visit www.dardanup.wa.gov.au/events for more information or to make a booking.

LIBRARY CLOSURE:

The Eaton Library will be closed for the Labour day public holiday on Monday 4 of March.

The Eaton Library will be closed for relocation from Friday, 22 March 2024 and reopen at its new location at Eaton Fair Shopping Centre along Council Drive on Tuesday, 26 March.

FERGUSON VALLEY

Where did the month of February go? The weeks flew by and the FVMB were as busy as it gets.

Our networking evening at Ferguson Valley Escape was very well attended despite the extreme temperatures that could have kept folk indoors. Sasha and Marty were very gracious hosts and invited everyone to wander freely and explore their ever-evolving retreat and home. IT was a relaxed and fun evening with Association members, partners and friends old and new enjoying each other company and sharing tales of business growth, challenges and solutions found. In all a very valuable networking evening indeed. Unfortunately our photographer was having so much fun on the night the only snap taken was the back of Lucy Nankervis, Board member opening a bottle of wine so for human interest included is this snap of two bathing beauties cooling off in the dam on a recent 40 degree day

At the time of going to print the FVMB still awaits the outcome of the renewal of the Trading Permit for the Pop Up visitors centre at Gnomesville. The Wellington Mills Resident Association survey which measured the community view of the Pop Up returned a strong vote of support and we now just await the Shires decision.



Much of the month has been spent in developing a broader framework for the 2024 Lost and Found festival. We are in discussion with several event management groups, event sponsors and participants about this year's festival which will be in October and after the Bull and Barrell.

Many may have seen the article in the Sunday Times-Outdoor Explorer on 11th February where Ferguson Valley was featured as a tourist and day trippers delight.

Link is <https://info.thewest.com.au/westadvertising/feature/11022024/page8.html>

We have also been invited by Rhonda Wilkie to do a live studio broadcast with 89.7 on their Travel Show. Rhonda has recently discovered Gnomesville wishes to do an hour broadcast on what our beautiful valley has to offer. We are currently in conversation with her about dates and will have further updates on this in next month's Dardanup Times.

Association Membership renewals will fall due the next few months and we are working on further streamlining the membership document to ensure we are up to date with the changing marketing technologies and enhance our marketing offerings.

Finally there will soon be several more FV number plates on the road with recent new comers to the Valley choosing to re brand their vehicles. So if you have not already done so please consider upgrading to a FV number plate and join the growing list of FV plated drivers. At \$355 they are a very popular. Just ring our Marketing Co-ordinator Ebony on 0428281 551 or email marketing@fergusonvalley.net.au Until next month

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As well as marriages, I also offer BABY NAMING ceremonies, vow renewals and memorial services.

You will find Celtic hearts add on page 4

Calling All Youth!

Dardanup Bushfire Cadets are commencing again on Tuesday 23rd April at 6pm at Dardanup Central fire station.

The Bush Fire Cadets are our local youth aged between 12-16 years old who are looking to gain some new skills in a friendly and fun environment. The Cadets learn a variety of Bush Fire skills, teamwork, make new friends and have unique self-confidence building experiences in a safe and welcoming environment.

Enquiries, please contact Chris on 0419 047 805 or turn up on the afternoon of 23rd, it would be great to see you there.

Chris Bouteloup Coordinator

Eds Note; the Dardanup Bushfire Cadets also coordinated the Dog High Jump Comp at the Bull and Barrel and the Festival Committee cant wait to have them back.

What's on In Dardanup

- 3 March – Clean Up Rural Verges Weekend, see info this edition
- 4 March – Dardanup Art Spectacular Entries Open
- 5 March – Mens Welfare Group – 2pm at Wells Rec Park Clubrooms
- 6 March – Dardanup Heritage Collective meeting at the Thomas Little Hall, 1.00pm
- 7 March – Shire's Community meeting @ the Dardanup Shire Hall, 5:30pm to 7:30pm, see details this edition.
- 13 March- Dardanup Bull and Barrel Festival AGM, 7.30pm at Wells Rec Park Clubrooms
- 14 March – Shire of Dardanup Sustainable Living Workshop, 10-11.30am at the Dardanup Hall Topic: **Introduction to Seed saving. One of your superpowers as a gardener** - the ability to save money and increase yields.
Bookings essential ph: **9724000** or on the website dardanup.wa.gov.au/events
- 19 March - Mens Welfare Group – 2pm at Wells Rec Park Clubrooms
- 19 March – Dardanup Seniors, 9.30am at Wells Rec Park Clubrooms
- 24 March - Boyanup Farmers Market, 8am
- 1 April – Dardanup Art Spectacular Entries close
- 19 April – Dardanup Art Spectacular Opening and Awards night
- 20/21 April – Dardanup Art Spectacular Art Exhibition and Art Trail

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 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- 3rd Thursday of each month, 5.30pm at the Thomas Little Hall
- 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
- Mahjong - Every fortnight on Wednesdays 1.30pm to 3.30pm at the Dardanup Shire office in Dardanup Revelly 0408 833 761

Wespine News

Wespine launched their first Reflect Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) in February, attended by all employees. Troy Bennell, Noongar artist, tour guide, youth mentor and tourism ambassador welcomed us with an Acknowledgement of Country, delighting employees with his humour, stories and didgeridoo playing. Managing Director, Patrick Warrant, expressed how Wespine is committed to taking meaningful action towards reconciliation, based around the core pillars of relationships, respect and opportunities. This will target tangible and substantive benefits for local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, such as employment opportunities, partnerships with recruitment organisations, and procurement opportunities. The stunning RAP artwork, completed by local Noongar artist, Melissa Riley, pictured below, was unveiled and hung in Wespine's Conference room. Melissa explained how the artwork was inspired by the life present in the microscopic cells of pine trees.

Employees enjoyed a morning tea with Indigenous influenced flavours, such as wattle seed and macadamia brownies, and lemon myrtle muffins.

Our RAP is now available on our website:

www.wespine.com.au under 'Community'.



Congratulations to

Eaton Cricket Club and the Eaton Junior Football Club who have a new pavilion called the R & J Fishwick Pavilion in honour of the late Reg Fishwick and his wife Jocey Fishwick who were stalwarts of the Eaton Junior Football Club and the greater community. The \$2.1million building was funded through \$500,000 from the Federal Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program, \$700,000 from the State Government's Community Sporting Recreation and Facilities Fund, \$50,000 from the West Australian Football Commission, along with contributions from Council.

Dardanup Senior Citizens
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Ben and Lizzy Lassonde
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Dardanup Bull and Barrel Festival AGM

The Dardanup Bull and Barrel Festival Committee invites you to our AGM on

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If you want to meet people and make new friends,
If you want to help organise the 21th Festival
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I'm sure that's done it!

Any enquires to Kerry 0402 094 830, Jill 0418 281 201

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Holy Week Service Times:

Please note all services will be at the Dardanup Church

Palm Sunday 24 March

9:00 am Mass with Blessing of Palms & Procession

Holy Thursday 28 March

8:00 am Morning Prayer

(20 minute Service of Song, Psalms, Scripture, Quiet Reflection and Intercessory Prayer)

7:00 pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday 29 March

10:00 am Outdoor Stations of the Cross

3:00 pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday 30 March

9:00 am Morning Prayer

(20 minute Service of Song, Psalms, Scripture, Quiet Reflection and Intercessory Prayer)

Easter - The Resurrection of the Lord

Saturday 30 March

7:30 pm THE EASTER VIGIL*

Sunday 31 March

9:00 am The Mass of Easter Day

* **The Easter Vigil** is the Church's primary celebration of Easter, and will be followed by an

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