

Shire News

Shire of Dardanup Newsletter



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Shire President Cr Tyrrell Gardiner emphasised the significance of these grants in empowering local initiatives.

"Our Community and Event Grants are a direct investment in the heart of our community. They have supported a diverse range of projects, from upgrading essential equipment to hosting impactful community events," Cr Gardiner said.

"We invite more groups to step forward and make a positive impact in our wonderful Shire."

Cr Gardiner said previous grant recipients have utilised funding for various projects, including upgrading first aid kits, purchasing shelving and storage equipment, contributing to the improvement of water fountains, supporting signage displays at heritage forum events, and enhancing playground and sporting equipment.

"These grants, available at three levels of support, aim to foster the distinctiveness of community spaces, activate public areas, build community skills and capacity, leave a lasting positive impact, promote accessibility and inclusivity, and empower groups to be proactive in the community."

Cr Gardiner encouraged local champions to seize this opportunity.

Applications for the Community and Event Grants close on Monday, 12 February 2024. For further information or to discuss your application, please contact Place and Community Team Leader, Melanie, at (08) 9724 0000.

Updates:

Rates info session 24 Jan

The Shire is taking significant steps towards a fairer and more equitable rates system with the introduction of a new Differential Rates Method from 1 July 2024. Shire President Cr Tyrrell Gardiner said Council believes that this strategic shift in the rates system will contribute to a more just and balanced financial framework for the Shire. A Community Information Session will be held at the Council Chambers on Wednesday, 24 January from 6.30pm. Please RSVP to rates@dardanup.wa.gov.au or call Customer Service on 9724 0000.

Fishing platform reopened

The popular Old Coast Road Bridge Fishing Platform is reopened ready for the summer fishing and crabbing season. The platform was temporarily closed during the winter months for a detailed structural assessment. Council engaged a Structural Engineer to carry out the assessment, which highlighted future maintenance. While most of the platform is available for public use, the Shire advises caution around the temporarily restricted section and urges the community to adhere to all safety measures in place.

Knowing your Fire Zone

Did you know our Shire is made up of two fire zones? Geographe and Brockman. Head to the Shire's website and search for "fire zones" and check out our interactive map to identify your fire zone. These zones were announced by the Bureau of Meteorology (BOM). Our Fire Danger Ratings are updated daily on our website's homepage. To receive SMS notifications for fire warnings and important info email your details to records@dardanup.wa.gov.au or to our Ranger Services at rangers@dardanup.wa.gov.au

Ferguson Road remedial works to improve surface concerns

The Shire of Dardanup will undertake remedial road works on Ferguson Road in Dardanup, between Charlotte and Little streets from the 16-24 January, to correct road surface issues.

Shire President Cr Tyrrell Gardiner said the Shire carried out upgrade works on the road in early 2020, however after the completion of the road construction, concerns arose as rutting and loss of shape became apparent on the road surface, prompting feedback from the Dardanup community.

"The Shire is committed to delivering high-quality infrastructure that meets the expectations of our residents. We appreciate the community's vigilance in bringing these concerns to our attention," Cr Gardiner said.

"In order to improve road surface issues and align with community expectations, the Shire allocated funds in the 2023/2024 financial year for remedial works, secured through the Roads to Recovery and Regional Road Group initiatives.

"The proposed remedial works include reshaping the pavement by milling the existing asphalt and applying a new asphalt overlay. Additionally, line marking will be reinstated as part of the works."

Cr Gardiner said the Shire had a small window of opportunity to start the works, to ensure they were completed before the Australia Day celebrations and also the start of the new school year.



Checking out the Ferguson Road section which will be closed for road surface upgrades for a week (16-24 January) are the Shire of Dardanup President Cr Tyrrell Gardiner (centre) with the Shire's Project Development Engineer James Reilly (left) and Senior Design Officer Brad Batrick.

Meeting dates for 2024

Our 2024 Ordinary Council Meetings will be held on the following Wednesdays at 5pm:

31 January	24 July
28 February	28 August
27 March	25 September
24 April	23 October
22 May	20 November
26 June	18 December

The Bush Fire Advisory Committee and the Audit and Risk Committee meetings for Wednesdays at 7pm:

13 March	12 June
9 October	

Audit and Risk Committee, Wednesdays at 2pm:

13 March	12 June
11 September	11 December

The Annual Electors meeting will be held on 31 January, at 6pm at Council.

A Special Council Meeting will be held for the adoption of the Draft Annual Budget on 29 May at 5pm.

Copies of agendas and minutes can be found at www.dardanup.wa.gov.au



Summer Sounds free concerts

Friday, 19 January 2024
Cadell Park, Eaton, 5.30pm-7.30pm:
Enjoy this free concert with the Bunbury Rock n Roll Club and The Whiskey Dogs.

Friday, 2 February
Burekup Oval, 5.30pm-7.30pm.
Summer Sounds with Imogen Pinelli and The Anchormen.

Friday, 9 February
Carramar Park, Dardanup, 5.30pm-7.30pm.
Summer Sounds with James Hunt, Easy Tiger and Scotty Gordon.

No bookings required for the Summer Sounds free events. Bring along a picnic rug and enjoy a relaxing summer session of live music, food and activities in the park!



With 23 free-to-attend events happening in a park near you, scan the QR or jump onto the Fuel to Go & Play Summer in Your Park website for more information or to make a booking. Bookings are essential.

Summer events

Yoga with Gyani (16+ years)
Saturday, 20 January, 9am-10.15am
Carramar Park, Dardanup
No bookings required.

Scouts Family Fun Day (for all ages)
Monday, 22 January, 9.30am-11.30am
Eaton Foreshore
No bookings required.

Tai Chi (for all ages)
Friday, 16 February, 8am-9am
Burekup Oval
No bookings required.

Library events:
BREC Presents: Yarning with BREC
Tuesday, 30 January, 10am-11am
Eaton Community Library.

Yarning with BREC is a knitting sitting to create the South West Superstrand of multi-coloured yarn, finger-knitted by the community to be used on stage at Wayfinder. Participants can bring their knitting and crochet projects, or use the recycled yarn already collected for the project.

