

Shire News

Shire of Dardanup Newsletter



The Shire of Dardanup's new Library, Administration, and Community Building claimed two awards at the Institute of Public Works Engineering Australasia Awards on 8 March. Pictured are (from left) CEO André Schönfeldt, former Councillor Patricia Perks, Shire President Tyrrell Gardiner, Director Special Projects and Community Susan Oosthuizen, Senior Project Officer Belinda Vanvuuren, Manager Community Development Cassandra Budge and Councillor Stacey Gillespie.

New building wins two prestigious awards

The Shire of Dardanup's newly constructed Library, Administration, and Community Building claimed two distinguished awards at the Institute of Public Works Engineering Australasia (IPWEA) Awards on 8 March 2024.

The groundbreaking \$16.5 million project received the Best Public Works Project Greater than \$5 million Award (Regional) and the Excellence in Environment and Sustainability Award.

Shire of Dardanup President Cr Tyrrell Gardiner said these accolades underscore the Shire's unwavering commitment to excellence in community infrastructure and environmental stewardship.

"It is truly an honour to receive these prestigious awards from the IPWEA. This recognition underscores Council's vision in creating a space that not only serves our residents but also champions sustainability and environmental consciousness," Cr Gardiner said.

"Congratulations to everyone involved in the creation of the new Library, Administration, and Community Building. It marks the culmination of an 11-year project and the beginning of an exciting new chapter for the Shire's community members, businesses and staff."

Scheduled to become the new heart of municipal operations, the two-storey complex will house the Eaton Library, Council Chambers, Administration Centre, Café, and a state-of-the-art Make-It Space. Cr Gardiner emphasised the significance of the project which is the fourth all-timber build undertaken by the Shire, reflecting its commitment to Council's 2050 Vision and Wood Encouragement Policy.

"By incorporating timber into our civic structures, we are not only reducing our carbon footprint but also leading in sustainable construction practices," Cr Gardiner said.

"We can't wait to open this building to the community and believe this is something they can all be proud of and utilise daily, in the heart of Eaton."

Cr Gardiner said staff would relocate into the new building between Monday, 18 March and Monday, 25 March.

He said members of the community can access the new building from Monday, 25 March, followed by the reopening of the Eaton Library on Tuesday, 26 March.

Cr Gardiner said the Shire will host a Community Open Day on Saturday, 4 May from 10 am-1 pm, which will include guided tours of the new building, a sausage sizzle, face painting, engaging library activities for children, and dynamic Make-It Space activations.

The new Library, Administration and Community Building was designed by Perth architect Peter Hobbs and constructed by local construction company Perkins Builders.

Updates:

Stay up to date with fires

As our Shire experiences regular Total Fire Bans, we encourage our residents to stay informed via DFES updates.

The Department of Fire and Emergency Services WA regularly updates its website and social media with the latest news and warnings.

DFES has some helpful information, so you know what to do when there's a Total Fire Ban.

Please visit the DFES website at dfes.wa.gov.au/hazard-information/bushfire/total-fire-ban#faqs

Digital Connections fun

A successful intergenerational technology mentor program has returned for another round of workshops aimed at increasing the digital literacy and confidence of participants. The Digital Connection Program, launched last year, provides a supportive environment for senior members of the community to enhance their digital literacy skills through mentoring from Eaton Community College students. Go to dardanup.wa.gov.au/digital-connections-program

Thank you for your support

The Summer in Your Park event series saw over 2000 community members attend across the 23 events held in parks throughout Eaton, Dardanup and Burekup throughout the months of December 2023 to February 2024. Thanks to everyone who supported these events, our Summer in Your Park series not only connects people within the community, but also promotes healthy lifestyles through exciting and memorable experiences. To check out photos from this year's events head to dardanup.wa.gov.au

Wespine sponsors Make-It Space for new building

The Shire of Dardanup’s nearly completed Library, Administration and Community Building will now feature a state-of-the-art Make-It Space thanks to a generous partnership agreement with Wespine.

Shire of Dardanup President Cr Tyrrell Gardiner said the Make-It Space will be a cutting-edge and imaginative community space that fosters STEM education, innovation and community involvement.

Cr Gardiner said while the new Library, Administration and Community Building is scheduled to open on 25 March, the Make-It Space will open later in the year as a collaborative workspace for making, creating, learning, exploring and sharing, by providing access to the latest tools, materials, and resources for community members from all walks of life.

“The Make-It Space will provide an opportunity for our community to learn and spark a passion for technology, design, innovation, education and critical thinking – opportunities that keep skills in the South West.”

Wespine Managing Director Patrick Warrand said supporting such an innovative and community orientated space is an exciting opportunity for Wespine and he looked forward to watching the programs at the centre benefit people of all ages and abilities in the community.

“Wespine has been providing support for community based projects for many years and it is very rewarding to see projects such as the Make It Space come to fruition.”



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Council 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

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 the Shire’s website at www.dardanup.wa.gov.au

New R & J Fishwick Pavilion boost for local clubs

The new \$2.1 million R & J Fishwick Pavilion was officially opened on 17 February marking a significant milestone for the Shire’s sporting community.

Shire President Cr Tyrrell Gardiner said the pavilion is the new home for the Eaton Junior Football Club and the Eaton Cricket Club, and was possible through collaboration between all tiers of government and the West Australian Football Commission.

Cr Gardiner said funding support included \$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.

“It is with great honour that we name this pavilion after two beloved members of our community, Reg and Jocey Fishwick,” Cr Gardiner said.

“Their unwavering dedication to the Eaton Junior Football Club and the broader community since the 1950s, is truly commendable, and their legacy will forever be honoured.”

Brad Fishwick said the family was honoured the pavilion was named after his late father Reg and his mother Jocey, who attended the official opening. Mr Fishwick said his parents were the ultimate community-minded powerhouse, actively involved in the Eaton community through sporting clubs, organisations and anything that involved making their home turf a better place.

“Dad was just involved in most things, the town was an extension of his own home and he and mum would help anyone,” Mr Fishwick said.

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