

Shire News

Shire of Dardanup Newsletter



Shire of Dardanup President Cr Tyrrell Gardiner with Aboriginal Artist Melissa G Riley and her mural "Natures Healing", which is installed in the Shire's new Library, Administration and Community Building.

Indigenous art shines in Shire's new building

The Shire of Dardanup is proud to reveal the installation of "Natures Healing" a vibrant mural by esteemed Aboriginal artist Melissa G Riley, housed within the Shire's new Library, Administration, and Community Building.

Shire President, Cr Tyrrell Gardiner said the significant artwork enriches the aesthetic of the Customer Service reception and serves as a testament to the Shire's ongoing commitment to reconciliation and cultural awareness.

Cr Gardiner said he was honoured to proudly display the stunning artwork, which not only showcased Melissa's talent but celebrated the rich cultural heritage of the local Aboriginal peoples.

He said the mural project, undertaken as part of the Shire's collaboration with Reconciliation Australia, Local Aboriginal Elders, community members, and Aboriginal community-controlled organisations, underscores the Shire's dedication to fostering meaningful connections and understanding.

"As part of our ongoing efforts, the Shire has committed funds to commissioning public artwork that not only enhances our spaces but also serves as a conduit for education and appreciation of Aboriginal culture," Cr Gardiner said.

"Melissa is a distinguished artist with a remarkable portfolio and was selected to create this captivating piece as part of the Shire's Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) initiative.

"Her work has been featured prominently across the region, including on the new Bunbury Outer Ring Road and Southwest Gateway Alliance platforms, showcasing her talent and commitment to artistic expression."

Melissa said her mural was inspired by the iconic Marri Tree that is found throughout the region and encapsulates the symbiotic relationship between the Noongar people and the land.

"The Marri tree grows abundantly within the Shire of Dardanup. The Noongar people use the blossoms as a source of sugary syrup, which can be dipped in water to make a sweet drink," Melissa said.

"The dark red sap which oozes from the tree contains tannins, which is used for its antiseptic and medicinal qualities."

Updates:

Ban on all burning in Shire

Due to unseasonal weather conditions, we urge everyone to refrain from any form of burning until further notice. This includes open fires, fire pits, campfires, and any other outdoor burning activities.

The Shire of Dardanup's Chief Bush Fire Control Officer has issued a strict ban on all burning activities and no permits will be issued until conditions improve. Your cooperation is crucial in preventing the risk of bushfires. Stay informed and check the www.emergency.wa.gov.au website for regular updates.

Digital Connection is back

Our popular Digital Connection Program is back in May. This round will feature topics such as connecting to your device, IT blackspots and staying safe and connected in the digital world. We offer a supportive environment for senior members of the community to enhance their digital literacy skills through mentoring from Eaton Community College students. For more information go to dardanup.wa.gov.au/digital-connections-program to register contact Will on (08) 9724 0323.

Thank you for your support

Two services will be held on Anzac Day in Dardanup and are organised by the Dardanup and Districts Residents Association. Dawn Service: 6am, Dardanup War Memorial alongside Shire Office, Dardanup. Main Service: At the conclusion of the Main Service, morning tea will be served in the Lesser Hall, please bring a small plate of morning tea to share. Complimentary Sausage Sizzle served by Dardanup Lions Club and screening of the short film, 'Saluting Their Service' will be shown in the lesser Hall. Lest we forget.

Community Open Day: Celebrating new building

The Shire of Dardanup's newly constructed Library, Administration, and Community Building opened its doors to the public last month.

The new heart of municipal operations, the two-storey complex features the Eaton Library, Council Chambers and Administration Centre with the café and a state-of-the-art Make-It Space due to open later this year.

Members of the public are invited to 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.

Vote for us today via the QR code:

We have entered our award-winning Library, Administration and Community Building in this year's 2024 National Awards for Local Government, and we need your vote to win. The project is in the Productivity through Infrastructure category. To vote for us, scan the QR code on the right, or you can head to the following link:

<https://nalg.awardsplatform.com/entry/vote/IRKxAkav/vkwGzbpZ?search=85397d3b105526c4-74>

Thank you for voting!



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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, 5pm.

Copies of agendas and minutes can be found at the Shire's website.

Community input sought for Council plans

The Shire is seeking community input for four draft plans, that were recently endorsed by Council for public consultation.

These include two online surveys on precinct upgrade projects in Burekup and Dardanup. Both surveys are open until Tuesday, 30 April 2024. Residents can access the draft plans and surveys online at the following links:

Dardanup community precinct survey:

<https://connect.dardanup.wa.gov.au/dardanup-community-precinct>

Burekup community precinct survey:

<https://connect.dardanup.wa.gov.au/burekup-community-precinct>

Hard copies of the surveys can also be requested by contacting the Shire's Customer Service Team at (08) 9724 0000 or by emailing records@dardanup.wa.gov.au

The Waste Management Plan 2024 is also available for community feedback.

The Plan addresses the Shire's five overarching waste services, with particular focus on Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO).

Waste Management Plan:

www.dardanup.wa.gov.au/news/shire-seeks-community-input-on-waste-management-plan/310

The Shire is inviting community feedback on its draft Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan 2023-2028, to help shape the future of community safety.

The plan focuses on objectives such as creating a safe and inclusive environment and ensuring the provision of facilities and infrastructure that promote safety.

Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan:

www.dardanup.wa.gov.au/news/community-input-sought-for-safety-crime-prevention-plan/312

Shire President Cr Tyrrell Gardiner said this is a chance for all community members to have their say and help shape their future.

"The input received through the surveys will play a pivotal role in refining these plans to accurately reflect the collective priorities of the community," he said.

"We urge all residents to participate and share their valuable perspectives. Together, we can create vibrant and inclusive communities that we can all be proud of for years to come."

For more information visit the Shire's website at www.dardanup.wa.gov.au and check out our latest news stories for links to plans.

