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# THE DARDANUP TIMES

A Newsletter for the localities of  
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## Our Lady of Lourdes - Dardanup



Our amazing performed at the Bunbury Eisteddfod recently and received a Highly Commended award for their performance. Miss Barbera, our Music Teacher, along with Mrs Crapella, our school pianist, did an amazing job at preparing out performers.



### Boyanup Farmers Market

A big thank you to our loyal customers and new visitors for supporting our great Farmers Market in its 21<sup>st</sup> year. Lots of delicious fresh seasonal fruit including mandarins and apples, we have a our long time standing stalls and our seasonal produce stalls with a huge variety. Could not believe who our raffle winner was Jean-Marie of Fre-Jac bakery, luck on his side and June was his last market after many years. We thank Jean-Marie for being part of Boyanup Farmers Market and wish Jean Marie and Roselyne all the best with their retirement. Don't worry we have Nigel and Sarah of Stoke Bakery, who have purchased FreJac Bakery joining us with very similar sweet and savory treats and also a variety of bread from July, 2024, Another long standing stall holder Oakway Estate will not be joining us going forward due to being so busy with their winery and café. We thank Ria and Wayne and wish them all the best, highly recommend visiting the winery for a enjoyable day out with antipasto platters and gourmet pizzas and of course

wine tastings. We still have a choice of 3 wineries, gin and cider available at our markets.

We have wood raffles from June to August supporting different sporting clubs and school, so be sure to grab a ticket. Look forward to seeing you at our next market on 28<sup>th</sup> July, 2024 or any fourth Sunday of the month.

**Tanya Williams**  
Market Manager

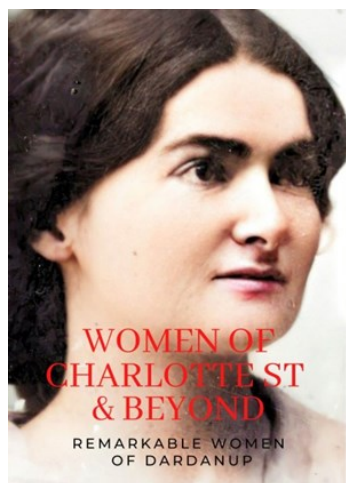


Eds Note; congratulations to the Boyanup Farmers Market celebrating 21 years. Very well supported by Dardanup locals



## Dardanup Heritage Collective Books For Sale- Delve Into Dardanup's Rich History

Two books have recently been published by the Dardanup Heritage Collective. Both are about 50 pages in length and available for \$20 each plus postage if mailing is required. Funds go to reprinting these and future publications.



**Women of Charlotte St & Beyond** presents the stories of eight remarkable women of Dardanup who played a significant part in the development of the town and its surrounds: Eliza Little, Mary Jane O'Neill, Ellen Skipworth, Mary Ann Cleary, Catherine Prout, Mary Holland, Frances Craig and June Craig.

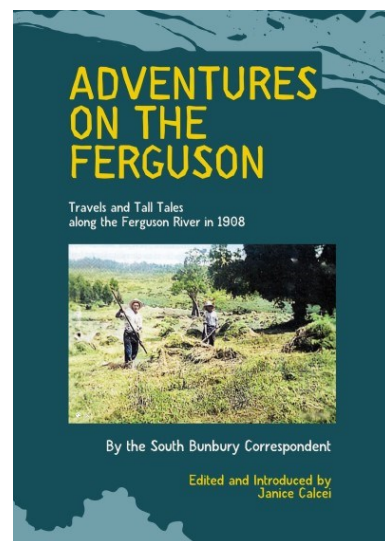
The book also contains an introduction and a brief overview of the history of the Dardanup area.

**Adventures on the Ferguson** is a collection of eight newspaper articles, originally printed in the Bunbury Herald in 1908, humorously recounting a journey from Bunbury through the Ferguson Valley in 1908. The central character is part-fiction but the people he meets along the way were real, early settlers on the Ferguson

River. Woven into the main story are a set of tall tales, rambling implausible stories told and retold for entertainment. This collection gives modern readers a rare window into the past of this cherished region.

The book also contains an introduction and a biography of the author, the *South Bunbury Correspondent*, William Moyes

Contact: [dardanupheritagecollective@gmail.com](mailto:dardanupheritagecollective@gmail.com) to place an order and arrange payment. Books can be picked up locally or mailed.



## Wespine Culture Celebration

On May 30, the Wespine team came together to celebrate everything that makes us a great place to work. It was fun to look back and share some of the interesting, remarkable, and enjoyable experiences of the last 32 years of Wespine's history.

We also considered what makes us a strong business today: the way we accept and care for each other, act with integrity, and our courage to innovate and excel.

We drew pictures, shared stories, laughed, celebrated service achievements – and enjoyed some delicious food from local food trucks Divine Filipino Meals and Spice Journey.



*Pictured, sharing their Wespine experiences: Kim Sandwell, Production Planner (left) and Jack Thorburn, Safety Advisor (right).*

## Showcasing the South West Veteran Car Club

The South West Veteran Car club is based at the Wells Recreation Club Rooms in Dardanup and meet there at 7:30pm on the first Tuesday of each month. The club has over one hundred members of various ages who live within the area and who have an interest in the restoration and preservation of historic and classic vehicles of all makes and models.

The club was first established in 1964 in Bunbury before relocating to its new home in Dardanup. SWVCC has been running for sixty years is currently preparing to celebrate its anniversary in September. A photo shoot and meal has arranged for this event with some of its founding members providing a deeper insight into the club's origins.



The SWVCC has a monthly calendar of events which includes regular 'car runs', static displays and runs to other events and places of interest to its members within the region. Members also meet at Koombana Bay with their vehicles most Sundays and are always happy to answer your questions about them. Ownership of a vehicle is not a prerequisite to join the club and new members are always welcome to come along and have a chat with like-minded people. The SWVCC is a DoT registered club and its executives are able to assist with the concessional registration process for both unmodified and mildly modified vehicles.

If you are interested in becoming involved in the SWVCC you can contact the secretary at [swvccinsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:swvccinsecretary@gmail.com) or come along to our next meeting at the club rooms.

**Neil Dyer**

## **Dardanups Night of Nights - Back to the Beats Dance @ the Dardanup Hall**

Who loves a dance? Who loves to hang out with the locals? Who loves to dress up? – not compulsory though! Who loves a well stocked licenced bar manned by the Dardanup Lions? Well then delay no longer - buy a ticket to the annual dance on Saturday 20 July.

See the poster on the back page for more details

The Sheds are playing – who are they? Well, they did play at a well known locals wedding who gives them the big thumbs up!

The Sheds (previously Men and Their Sheds), are one of Perth's hardest working and top cover bands. They have 25 years experience packing dance floors around the state.

Their musical ability, song choice, and on stage energy is contagious and bound to have everyone singing along and dancing.

For Dardanup they will include many favourites from the 70's and 80's, but will also cover some all time favourites. Come and experience the Sheds bringing to life music from The Eagles, Guns and Roses, AC/DC, Brian Adams, Steve Earle, Paul Kelly, Angles, Johnny Cash, and the list goes on.... and on.

Check out their Facebook page The Sheds.

Tickets are selling well – don't be the one to say – I wish I had gone to that!

## **BACK 2 THE BEATS – 70's & 80's Dance Night**

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July – Dardanup Hall

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**How do I purchase tickets .....**

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## **School Holiday Fun at the Wellington Discovery Forest**

The Nearer to Nature SW Team have some winter fun lined up these upcoming school holidays. Put on your raincoat and your gum boots and come exploring with us. We have fun activities planned for all ages at the Wellington Discovery Forest, starting with mini mycologists( 4-11 years) on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup>, Small Worlds and Snail Trails( all the family) with the experts from WA Museum on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>, Forest Detectives and Sense Trail( 5 years plus) on the 4<sup>th</sup> and a fun family fungi forage( all the family) on the 5<sup>th</sup>.

The second week finds us in Bunbury with a Frog Forage on Monday 8<sup>th</sup>, free art workshops on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> at Bunbury Forum and a Turtle Conservation activity with DBCA's Turtle expert at Dolphin Discovery Centre on Friday 12<sup>th</sup>.

For more information and to book go to

[www.exploreparks.dbca.wa.gov.au/get-inspired/school-holiday-activities-south-west](http://www.exploreparks.dbca.wa.gov.au/get-inspired/school-holiday-activities-south-west)

## **St Johns 1<sup>st</sup> Aid Course To Be Held In July In Dardanup**

Mary Smith, Dardanup and Districts Residents Assoc Committee member is once again organising a St Johns 1<sup>st</sup> Aid Course to be held on **Tues 30/Wed 31 July** of an evening at the Wells Recreation Park Clubrooms. Cost per person - \$190. Time - 5:30pm -9:30pm.

If you are interested could you please register with Mary as places will be limited. Its very important that members of our community have 1<sup>st</sup> aid training when we are some distance from medical assistance. The DDRA is subsidising the cost to bring the St Johns trainer to Dardanup. **Register with Mary by emailing [smithpm@iinet.net.au](mailto:smithpm@iinet.net.au)**

## **Dardanup Bull and Barrel Festivals Annual Thrift Shop Fashion Show and High Tea**

will be returning on Sunday 25 August at the Dardanup Hall.

This is a fundraiser for the Festival, Solaris and Salvos. More details in the next edition of the Dardanup Times.

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**Arum Lily & Bridal Creeper Control Assistance to Local Landholders**  
**Private landholders are invited to take advantage of resources focused on control of the declared pest weeds, Arum Lily**

**and Bridal Creeper over the next several weeks.**

Got Arum Lily and/or Bridal Creeper on your property? Once again, the control seasons for these two prevalent, invasive declared pest weeds in our area, Arum Lily and Bridal Creeper, are upon us. Local Leschenault Biosecurity Group (LBG) invites private landholders within its operational area to contact them for support specific for these two highly destructive invasive species plants during this optimal control window. This support is focused on private properties in alignment with the group's mission to support private landholders in meeting their responsibilities to manage declared pests on their property.

**ARUM LILY ATTACK – ELIMINATE THIS WEED FROM YOUR PROPERTY**

Arum lilies (*Zantedeschia aethiopica*) pose a significant threat to our native plant and animal species, as they outcompete native vegetation and disrupt local ecosystems. It's rapid growth rate and high reproductive capacity, allow it to quickly establish and aggressively out compete native plants reducing biodiversity, creating a dense monoculture, disrupting and decimating natural habitats. This highly invasive, destructive pest plant forms a monoculture, reducing food and habitat for native wildlife and pasture productivity and is toxic to most stock, pets and humans. Effective management strategies include a combination of mechanical, chemical, and biological control methods. Private landholders can participate in Leschenault Biosecurity Group's Arum Lily Attack program with support including:

Free Herbicide, decanted in quantities specific to your property specific.

Equipment Loan

Control Guidance



**Arum Lily**

**Snap & Win: Capture the Seed Spreader for a Free Field Guide!**

The LBG will be giving away free copies of the Southern Weeds and their control, (a wonderful field guide for identification) for photo identification of the vector(s), bird or other, responsible for Arum Lily seed dispersal. Send your related thoughts and photos to [info@lbginc.org.au](mailto:info@lbginc.org.au)

**BRIDAL CREEPER BIOCONTROL – “Rust” Fungus Program**

Bridal Creeper control season control efforts are already in progress in many forms in our area. As many are aware, the Bridal Creeper “rust” fungus is considered to be a major ally in the fight against bridal creeper, as an effective and least toxic method of control. While this control method doesn't have the immediate results of an herbicide application, this fungus is as an effective biocontrol method, which is species-specific, resulting in no off-target damage and with no restrictions on the use of the rust for control of bridal creeper in any environment. The group is actively seeking rust in our local environment to be able to harvest it and transfer to new locations.

**Interested in using "Rust" for bridal creeper control on your property...please contact the group for:**

Arrangements to obtain rust directly from LBG.

Guidance for identifying rust harvest locations for your collection.

Guidance on how to apply rust directly and/or using rust "spore-water".

Guidance on control strategies specific to your bridal creeper infestation, including “rust” vs herbicide control, equipment loan and other more

Timely and focused control efforts with wide participation in our area can make a substantial difference in our fight against these aggressive declared pest weeds. Working together, we can better combat these invasive species, helping to stop their spread and preserve our natural biodiversity. Property owners within the Shires of Dardanup and Capel, the City of Bunbury and the northern localities of the Shire of Donnybrook-Balingup are urged to contact LBG to join in their Arum Lily Attack program and/or for support in Bridal Creeper control for on their private properties for support in addressing these two and other declared pest weeds infestations. Contact LBG on 0477 049 967 or by e-mail at [info@lbginc.org.au](mailto:info@lbginc.org.au)



**Bridal Creeper**

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See the Bearded Blokes Lawn and Garden Service add on page 8



# FERGUSON VALLEY

June is always a busy month for our Ferguson Valley Marketing administration with Associate membership renewals falling due and web updates being carried out. At the time of going to press, the 24/25 Association renewals and new members had not been completed so final details are not yet available. Pleasingly, in what is a tight economic climate, membership numbers seem to have been retained.

In the past few weeks, we have completed improvements to the Ferguson Valley Marketing website, and are investigating what can be further done to refresh the web experience for both our members and visitors. For the 23/24 year, the FVM website had more than 81,000 visitors. One of our goals is to improve upon that for 24/25.

Our speaker engagement at the Tourism and Hospitality Job Expo in Bunbury on 6<sup>th</sup> June was well received. The workshop attracted both mature-aged workers as well as current TAFE students looking to get into the hospitality and tourism industry. There were eight guest speakers from across the BunGeo area. Each shared their personal journey within the industry and provided highlights of the advantages of working in the sector.

We have almost completed setting up the What's App group for the Gnomesville Pop Up Volies and are looking forward to having the volunteers from Dardanup Primary School fully trained and in place by mid-July in time for School holidays. We are also working to develop a token system that will help to track the number of visitors that come into the Valley via Gnomesville. There is a significant volume of daily tourists who enter from the top end of the Valley and we are endeavouring to better measure the dollar value flowing into businesses in the valley generated from the Pop-Up Visitors Centre.

Over the next few months, the five large tourist information maps throughout the Valley will be re-skinned and updated. Keep an eye out for these refreshed information boards. We did another interview about attractions in the Valley – this time for a French website. We met with Oceane Jacques who was interested in the history of Gnomesville and other attractions in the valley. We can expect to receive a link to the web-based piece but will need an interpreter as it will be written in French! It's exciting to see the Valley receiving increased levels of interest from overseas. Lastly, the Lost and Found Festival 2024 is progressing. We have locked in 13 events and will soon be able to go to market with the festival program.

**Don't forget to save the date, October 12-13<sup>th</sup>**

Until next month....Sue Williams – Chair, Ferguson Valley Marketing Inc.

## Dardanup Heritage Collective News

### Saluting Their Service

Dardanup's new *War Service Personnel* memorial was officially opened at the town's 2024 ANZAC Service, honouring those who were born or enlisted in Dardanup, Paradise, Wellington Mills, Burekup, Waterloo or Ferguson or were known to be from Dardanup Shire. This extensive list of names was researched and prepared by Darren Foster and the building of the memorial was overseen by Danny Harris.

A short film was also created by the Shire of Dardanup for the 2024 Dardanup ANZAC service. *Saluting Their Service* recounts the lives of local ANZAC heroes from the Shire of Dardanup, who lived in the area during the late 1800's to early 1900's.

*Saluting Their Service* dives into the lives of William and Joseph Harris, Mervyn and James Ross, John George Foster, and Elma Mary Linklater to uncover their sacrifice, achievements, and struggles.

With the permission of the Shire of Dardanup, the film and supporting interviews are now available on the Dardanup Heritage Collective's web site.

For more information and to view the videos, visit: [dardanupheritagecollective.org.au](http://dardanupheritagecollective.org.au).

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Janice Calcei



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## Shire of Dardanup News

The Eaton Community Library has welcomed 167 new members since it opened the doors to the public in the new Library, Administration and Community building on Tuesday, 26 March 2024.

### **Educational Donations & Personal Development Grants**

The Shire of Dardanup provides donations and grants to educational institutions and individuals to assist with the development of their chosen interest within the Shire of Dardanup.

There are two levels of support available:

- Educational Donations
- Personal Development Grants

#### **Educational Donations**

The Shire of Dardanup will make an annual donation for a Citizenship Award to all schools located in the Shire of Dardanup, and also to the Australind Senior High School. An allowance for these funds will be included in the draft budget, and notification will be forwarded to the schools via a formal letter upon adoption of the budget. No application form is required to be submitted; however a written request is required.

#### **Personal Development Grants**

The Shire of Dardanup will provide grants to promote the personal development (non-professional) of individuals that reside within the Shire of Dardanup. A maximum \$400 is available for State/National representation and funding is available for Music, Arts, Culture and Academic to attend Master classes in their chosen field interstate and or overseas.

To apply for a Personal Development Grant, download Form 160 on the Shires webpage

For more information contact 9724 0300 or email: [records@dardanup.wa.gov.au](mailto:records@dardanup.wa.gov.au)

### **Shire recognised for best-practice financial reporting**

*Published on the Shires webpage*

The Shire of Dardanup has been recognised by the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries as a Best Practice entity for the 2022/23 financial year.

Shire of Dardanup President Cr Tyrrell Gardiner said the accolade comes from the Office of the Auditor General's annual Local Government 2022-23 Financial Audit Results report, highlighting the Shire's exemplary financial reporting practices.

Cr Gardiner said the report summarises the final results of annual audits conducted on 137 of 147 local government entities for the year ended June 30, 2023, as well as one remaining audit from 2021-22.

"The Shire of Dardanup is proud to be listed among the top 20 Best Practice entities, a testament to the diligent efforts of our entire team, especially the Corporate and Governance department," Cr Gardiner said.

"This is the result of its commitment to maintaining high standards in financial management and reporting. "This is the second consecutive year that entities have been rated on their financial reporting practices, and the Shire of Dardanup is honoured to be acknowledged among the best."

## **Dardanup Lions Club News**

*Lions Eye Health Program (LEHP) :The Dardanup Lions Club has joined clubs throughout Australia in delivering an eye health screening program in our local community for primary school children.*

*We have now been operating the screening program for two years. So far we have completed screening at the Dardanup (twice), Boyanup, and River Valley Primary Schools. We particularly focus on years 3 and 6 students, but have been able to include screening years 4 and 5 students.*

*We have screened 90 students of whom we "referred" 12 for assessment by an optometrist, as a result of our screening. The testing assesses:*

- 1 visual acuity
- 2 depth perception
- 3 colour vision
- 4 the spot vision camera that screens for these;

Myopia (near sightedness)  
Hyperopia (far sightedness)  
Astigmatism (blurred vision)  
Anisometropia (refractive error)  
Binocular Vision (gaze) - (eye misalignment)  
Anisocoria (unequal pupil size)

*Our team is made up of several community volunteers from a range of backgrounds and Lions members. All the screeners have undergone training with an 'accredited trainer' to be qualified for the administration of the screening process in accordance with guidelines set under the Australian Lions Eye Health Program. Special thanks to ALL involved including teachers & staff.*

*The experience of the program nationally is that about one in six children at primary school level in Australia have undiagnosed eyesight issues which require either intervention to correct the problem or at least awareness of the issue by the child and the child's carers/teachers to assist the child to reach her/his full capacity.*

*We thank all volunteers involved and look forward to continuing to provide this service to our local community and expanding it where the need arises.*

*If you are interested in becoming a screener or if you have a local school that would like to call for screening, please contact Chris Phillips on 0497114977*

Eds Note; good on you Lions for organising this important programme for our community and I'm sure our local parents are very grateful





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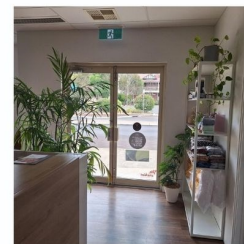
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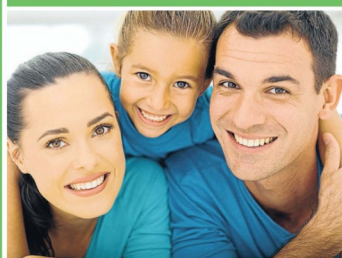
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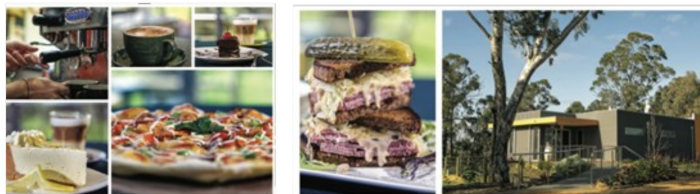
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July is the second half of the Noongar season *Makuru*. Traditionally a time of frequent storms, making this one of the wettest and coldest months of the year in our region. We are grateful for the

replenishing rains and hopefully you are well on the way to filling up your rainwater storage. The chilly mornings mean wearing a few more layers but it does give me a good opportunity to get out and see where the frosty pockets are and also the cosy warmer spots in my garden. Observation is one of your superpowers as a gardener and helps you to create microclimates for specialty crops.

Winter solstice (our shortest day) has past and despite the days beginning to lengthen, growth in our gardens will be slow during these cold months. It gives us a chance to catch our breath and plan for a summer of abundance. My suggestion is stay inside, grab a cup of something warm and get stuck into reading seed catalogues, magazines and recipe books. There are some great options for purchasing seeds within WA, including Urban Revolution, Thrive Sustainability, Harvest Me Seeds and Yilgarn seeds. Purchasing from these small businesses ensures fresher seeds that are adapted to our Climate, greater variety and no nasty fumigates/coatings.

It is prime Brassica time in the vegie patch. We are picking a head of broccoli and cauliflower every second day and a few leaves of tuscan kale is delicious in my lunchtime minestrone soup. The sugar snap peas are producing well but need a bit of help staying on the trellis. Their fine tendrils require something thin to hold onto and I have found a bit of repurposed chicken wire attached to my mesh trellis works really well. I've grown a lot more perennial spinach this year, their leaves are softer in contrast to Swiss chard and easier to grow than traditional spinach. Great steamed and added in with my other greens giving us a delicious vitamin and mineral boost.

Garden maintenance is very much 'tidy as you go'. I've found a few self sown silverbeet and lettuce in the pathways, easily transplanted these free plants are great for filling in any gaps. When you are out harvesting a few things, take a few minutes to remove any old or yellowing leaves on Brassicas, Silverbeet and Celery. Add them to the Compost or feed them to your Chooks. The 'girls' are in need of their greens this time of year and the leafy greens will help give the yolks a lovely naturally dark yellow colour.

Lush with weeds at the moment? Weeds are full of minerals, so instead of getting frustrated, why not make use of them to help 'fertilise' your garden. There are a few different ways to make 'Weed tea' and one quick method is making your own Fermented Plant Juice. How to make it: Fill a sturdy container with equal parts by weight, weeds and brown sugar. Plants

first then sprinkle with sugar. Weigh down the contents (a rock works) and cover the container with a cloth. Store it out of sunlight and at room temperature. After a week you can begin to strain out the liquid and dilute before using. It is very concentrated and a little goes a long way! So start with a dilution strength of about 1 part liquid to 500 parts water, about 20ml in a watering can. Apply fortnightly, in the morning just like you would for Seasol etc. If you are interested in other ways to create your own homegrown fertility, check out the book The Regenerative Grower's Guide to Garden Amendments by Nigel Palmer.

At a pinch, if your garden is in a sunny sheltered position, you may be able to plant seedlings of fast cropping varieties such as asian greens, english spinach, lettuce, and radish seeds. Everything else will just sit in the cold soil waiting for the warmer weather to arrive or become food for the slugs and snails. If you are desperate for Brassicas find some advanced seedlings of the crops you want.

While we hold off with planting annuals until August or September, now is a good time to plant perennials such as Strawberries, Rhubarb, Asparagus crowns and bare-rooted deciduous trees. Keep an eye out for Jerusalem artichokes, Ginger & Turmeric tubers as these have a short season and can be planted in pots in a warm sheltered position next month. If you have an established Asparagus patch make sure it is weed free, fertilised and mulched ahead of your August harvest.

*If you are really keen to plant in July....*

Leaf crops: Asian greens (Choi Sum, Gai Lan, Mibuna, Mizuna, Pak Choy, Chinese Cabbage), Cress, Lettuce, Mustard greens, Witlof, Chicory. Brassica crops (seedlings)\*: Broccoli Raab, Cabbage, Kale, Spinach. Root crops: Radish. Legume crops: Broad Beans, Snow peas, Peas. Onion family: Onions, Salad onion, Potato onions, Tree onions. Perennial Herbs: Artichoke, Asparagus crowns, Strawberry plants

Stay warm and make use of your planning time!

**The next Sustainable Living Workshop is on Thursday 11th July, 10am-11.30am at the Dardanup Hall - First**

Topic in a new 4 part Homesteading Series, focussing on ways to reduce cost of living and increase household resilience. July Topic: Re-Design for Resilience. Lets get into the 'Nitty-Gritty' of How to make your space more efficient. Using our tools of observation, planning and creative problem solving we can re-design and re-create any space to suit our needs and conditions. In this workshop we will explore both High and Low Tech options for Water & Energy capture/storage and Food production systems. Designing with our climatic conditions in mind, we can create efficient, Waterwise spaces. Bookings essential ph: 9724000 or on the website [dardanup.wa.gov.au/events](http://dardanup.wa.gov.au/events)

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## Shire of Dardanup Events

### Main Events

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### **July School Holidays**

Keep the kids entertained these school holidays with the Shire of Dardanup's school holiday program! There's something for everyone this winter holidays.

### **Make your own Slime \***

Come along for some school holiday fun and make your own slime. Bookings essential

### **Eaton Community Library (5+ years)**

Wednesday, 3 July 10.00am-11.00am

### **Friday Fun Craft & Lego**

This craft and freestyle Lego session is a great way to meet and develop relationships with others. Enjoy a variety of crafts and Lego to suit everyone's abilities. Come along on the day or contact us for more information.

### **Eaton Community Library (All ages)**

All day Fridays

### **YAG Quiz Night\***

Bring your friends along and join us for a FREE fun-filled night of trivia and friendly competition at our Youth Advisory Group (YAG) Quiz Night! Free pizza, snacks and drinks provided, as well as \$200 in vouchers up for grabs for the winning table! Test your knowledge on a variety of topics during a night of laughter and teen-themed trivia presented by the YAG. Visit our website to book a spot for yourself or table for you and your friends!

Category 1: General Trivia

Category 2: Disney Sounds Round

Category 3: Guess Who?

Category 4: Guess the logo

### **Eaton Community Library (10-17 years)**

Friday, 5 July 5.00pm – 6.00pm

### **Mario Kart Challenge \***

Ready to put your Mario Kart skills to the test? Challenge your friends in the quest to become our next Mario Kart Champion!

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

Wednesday, 10 July 10.00am-12.00pm

### **YAG Movie Night**

Join us with your warmest blanket on a trip to Wonka's Chocolate factory at the Dardanup Hall! Wonka (2023) will be playing on the big screen this school holidays for a night full of entertainment and fun. PLUS, free popcorn, soft drinks and arcade games! No bookings required, just bring the whole family along!

### **Dardanup Hall (All Ages)**

Friday, 12 July 6.00pm – 8.30pm

### **Toddler Time: Stories, Songs and Smiles**

A fun way to nurture your Child's learning and imagination. This interactive Storytime and Rhymes session helps to engage your child's imagination and encourage a lifelong love of reading. Each week is themed with a corresponding craft activity making for a morning of fun.

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

Thursday, 18 & 25 July, 9.30am – 10.00am

### **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. Little Jigglers is designed to introduce kindy and pre-school aged kids to the world of song, dance, rhythm, musical instruments, and playtime activities. Bookings essential.

### **Eaton Community Library (2-5 years)**

Tuesday, 16 & 30 July, 9.30am – 10.15am

### **Dardanup Hall**

Monday, 22 July, 9.30am – 10am

### **Burekup Hall**

Monday, 15 & 29 July, 9.30am – 10am

### **Tiny Wigglers\***

Tiny Wigglers provides an environment that encourages parents of 0-2 year olds to read, sing and play with their children — helping them develop a love for literacy that will stay with them through life. Bookings essential.

### **Eaton Community Library (0-2 years)**

Tuesday, 16 & 30 July, 10.30am – 11am

### **Social Group: Play Bridge!**

Come along, make new friends and learn the art of the greatest card game ever.

### **Eaton Community Library (Adults)**

Thursdays, 1pm – 4pm

### **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 -minded people in a relaxed environment. come along and enjoy talking about your favourite novel with like

### **Eaton Community Library (Adults)**

Friday, 19 July, 9.30am-11.30am

### **Discover Your Family History \***

Maps are a great source of information and using them can help you see where your families might have lived and give you an insight into possible reasons for choices they made. How do you find maps, what to look for and how to use them in your research?

Come along to this month's Discover Your Family History to find out!

### **Eaton Community Library (Adults)**

Thursday, 18 July, 5.30pm – 7pm

## **Mahjong**

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July dates 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>

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## Dardanup Veterinary Centre News

### Celebrating National Pet Desexing Month: Join Us in Promoting Responsible Pet Care

As July approaches, Dardanup Veterinary Centre is gearing up for National Pet Desexing Month – a time dedicated to advocating for responsible pet ownership and controlling the pet population through spaying and neutering. At our veterinary hospital, we're passionate about the health and well-being of all animals, and we're excited to participate in this important initiative.

#### Why Desexing Matters:

Desexing also known as spaying or neutering, is a common surgical procedure that offers numerous benefits for pets and communities:

**Population control:** By preventing unwanted litters, desexing helps reduce the number of stray animals and eases the burden on shelters and rescue organisations.

**Health benefits:** Desexing can improve pets' overall health and longevity by reducing the risk of certain reproductive cancers and infections.

**Behavioural benefits:** Neutered pets are less likely to exhibit undesirable behaviours such as roaming, aggressions, and urine marking, making them better companions for their owners.

If your pet has not been desexed, now is the perfect time to schedule a procedure with our compassionate team.

National Pet Desexing Month is an opportunity for us to come together as a community and make a positive impact on the lives of animals. By desexing our pets and promoting responsible pet ownership, we can create safer and healthier environments for pets everywhere. Join us as we celebrate National Pet Desexing Month and work towards a brighter future for our furry friends.

For more information, please visit <https://animalsaustralia.org/latest-news/desexing-month/>

## The Land Army Girls

by Jenny Golding

### Plaistowe's, tomatoes, beans and brides

In 1943 one thousand acres of land on the Waterloo – Dardanup Road became home to a hard-working group of Land Army girls (all volunteers) when demand for fresh and canned vegetables for the Australian and Allied fighting forces during World War II greatly increased.

Plaistowe's, well known in Perth at that time for the processing of vegetables and fruit, took up the Waterloo land, applied to have 30 young women work on the large market garden, quickly installed a manager and equipment and had accommodation built. Dwarf beans and tomatoes were the crops chosen to be grown in Waterloo because they travelled well when carefully picked. Peas and cabbage were also grown later and the vegetables went by train from the Waterloo siding to Perth. The garden was irrigated from channels from the Wellington Dam. There was also approximately six men working at the site. During peak picking times, over 100 additional workers came to the site.

Work was hard, often muddy and tiring, particularly for women not used to outdoor labour. "Land girls" were reportedly paid thirty shillings per week before tax. Blunt stakes for the beans had to be pointed and an extra three pence a stake could be earned for this job, executed on a Saturday afternoon. A cow had to be hand-milked.

Weekend dances were popular, held in local halls at Waterloo, Bunbury, Dardanup, Burekup and Brunswick. Romance blossomed and local farmers found brides among the land army. The district benefitted considerably when Peggy Hancock married George Tyrrell, Beryl Ridley married Paul Edwards, Pat Johnson married Bernard Panizza and Marjorie Crockett married Edward Haddow. Many of their descendants remain in the community.

When the war ended, Plaistowes closed the site as it was considered unviable to maintain. One of the huts still exists. The property is still farmed.

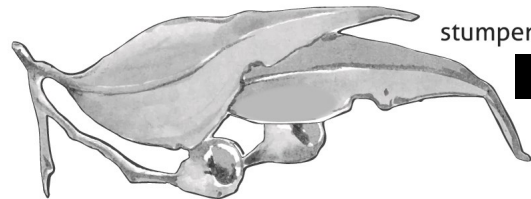


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Hayward Street traffic was also discussed.  
Membership fee of \$ 15 due before our AGM on the 20<sup>th</sup> August 24.  
18 Members enjoyed lunch at the Green Jade Restaurant.  
Our next Meeting is on 16<sup>th</sup> July, new members or visitors most welcome.

**Revely Gardiner 0408833761**

### **What's on In Dardanup**

- 2 July – Mens Welfare Group – 2pm at Wells Rec Park Clubrooms
- 5 July – Christmas In July at Wild Bull Brewery
- 5 July – Ferguson Hall Sundowner, 6pm, see poster this edition
- 10 July - Dardanup Bull and Barrel Festival meeting, 7.00pm at Wells Rec Park Clubrooms
- 10 July – Mahjong at the Shire office, Little St 1.30-3.30. Beginners welcome
- 11 July - Sustainable Living Workshop at the Dardanup Hall, 10 - 11.30am First Topic in a new 4 part Homesteading Series, focussing on ways to reduce cost of living and increase household resilience. Bookings essential ph: **9724000** or on the Shire website [dardanup.wa.gov.au/events](http://dardanup.wa.gov.au/events)
- 12 July – Shire of Dardanup Event – Film - Wonka's Chocolate Factory, 6pm, Dardanup Hall, free event, see poster this edition
- 16 July - Mens Welfare Group – 2pm at Wells Rec Park Clubrooms
- 16 July – Dardanup Seniors, 9.30am at Wells Rec Park Clubrooms

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 Environmental Action Group – 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month, 5.30pm, contact Sec for further details 0418 281 201
- 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 Fri 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- 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 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- Please get in touch with the Secretary for meeting details. Gina 0407238485
- 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
- Mahjong - Every fortnight on Wednesdays 1.30pm to 3.30pm at the Dardanup Shire office in Dardanup Revely 0408 833 761





## Care, Respect, Responsibility

On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June Dardanup Primary School participated in their fourth Ahlias Kindness Day in honour of Ahlia. As part of this day we all wore blue and participated in kindness activities around the school. We raised money towards DIPG, a rare brain cancer that affects children. By participating in this fundraiser, we hope to make a meaningful impact on the lives of children who are fighting DIPG and to show our commitment to treating everyone with kindness and compassion.





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## Ferguson Hall Sundowner

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## YAG MOVIE NIGHT



Movie: Wonka (2023)

Friday, July 12 | 6pm

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