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# THE DARDANUP TIMES

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## Back to the Beats Dance Rocks Hall

The annual community dance following on from last years Gatsby Ball was a resounding success with 120 people dancing the night away to the tunes of Perth band The Sheds. Everyone was dressed in their finest 70s and 80s gear with a good mix of ages bopping away in the fabulously decorated Dardanup Hall. Cars from the 70s and 80s were even lined up at the front of the hall to greet everyone. Thanks to Bob Clarke, Dean Mc Callister and Dean Baker from Radiators Street Rod and Custom Car Club for bringing along your beautiful cars. The Dardanup Lions made around \$1600 from the bar and looks like the Dardanup and Districts Residents Assoc broke even with regards to expenses on the night.

The aim of the annual dance is to organise a social event for the community and this was well and truly achieved and im sure everyone will be looking forward to next years dance. The evening would not have been possible without the work of the organising Committee - Darline Morgan, Roz Ruland, Di Rayner, Tonia Dau, Ebony Harding and Lorrelie Ratcliffe. Thankyou ladies for organising such a wonderful evening for our community.



The fabulous Back to the Beats dance organising Committee, 1 to r, Tonia Dau, Di Rayner, Darline Morgan, Ebony Harding, Lorrelie Ratcliffe and Roz Ruland

## Dardanup Lions Club News



INSTALLATION of LIONS CLUB OFFICERS for 2024/25  
Dardanup Lions recently swore in a new team to deliver local community services for the coming year.

**Incoming Officers:** 1 to r, President -Tony Golding, Lion Tamer – Des Eaton, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – David Wells, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President – Kevin Robinson, Membership Chair – David Moore, Treasurer – Grant Ruland, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Reg Green, Tail Twister - Keith Patterson, Director - Hartley Bell, Secretary (Assistant)- Glenn Trigg.

**Not in Picture:** Rob Webster- Minute Secretary, Directors –Mick Leonard and Luke Busher, Treasurer (Assist) - Matthew Busher and Immediate Past President –Adrian Tyrrell.

When you meet these hearty fellows please encourage them in their pursuit of worthy community causes.



## ***Advocates For Future Funding, Community Growth In Canberra***

*From the Shire of Dardanup website*

Shire of Dardanup President Tyrrell Gardiner, accompanied by Deputy Shire President Ellen Lilly and CEO André Schönfeldt, embarked on a productive week-long visit to Canberra last week. Cr Gardiner said their focus was to advance the interests of the Shire of Dardanup by engaging with Federal Ministers and Shadow Ministers, as well as key departments, to secure vital funding for upcoming projects.

He said central to their agenda was the promotion of the Shire's strategic projects outlined in the recently adopted Advocacy Plan and Strategic Community Projects documents, approved by Council in March this year.

"Highlighting these key initiatives served as a cornerstone in discussions aimed at garnering support and investment for the community's future," Cr Gardiner said.

During their stay, the delegation participated in significant events including the Local Government Association Conference and the Australian Council for Local Government meeting, underscoring their commitment to advocacy at both state and national levels. Cr Gardiner emphasised the importance of such opportunities, with 1350 delegates from around Australia, including 130 from Western Australia.

"Trips like these are crucial in raising awareness of the Shire of Dardanup and positioning us for future funding opportunities that will enable our community to thrive," he said.

"Key discussions centred on transformative projects, notably the development of an Intermodal Terminal and Advanced

Manufacturing and Technology Hub (AMTECH) in Waterloo.

"Additionally, plans for a Hydrogen Plant and Refuelling Facility at the Shire's Depot in Waterloo were also on the agenda, reflecting the Shire's proactive approach towards sustainable infrastructure and economic growth.

"These engagements underscored the Shire's proactive stance in networking and advocating for community interests on the national stage, ensuring that the voice of the Shire of Dardanup is heard among decision-makers in Canberra.

"We thank Nola Marino, Member for Forrest, for her guidance and assistance with our meetings with Federal agencies and members."

Further details of the outcomes from the Canberra trip will be presented to Council in at the July Ordinary Council Meeting.



**Shire of Dardanup President Tyrrell Gardiner and Deputy Shire President Ellen Lilly met Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese recently in Canberra**



**Dardanup Bull and Barrel Festival Committee members showing off some of the merchandise ready for this years Festival.**

**Still to arrive are bucket hats and caps.**

**Please support the Merch Stall at the Festival as this raises much needed funds for the Festival and not only that you are advertising the Festival far and wide.**

## **SHIRE OF DARDANUP COMMUNITY GRANTS & EVENT GRANTS NOW OPEN!**

Round 1 of the Shire's grants are now open. If your Club or Group has a project in mind or an event you would like to deliver and could use a helping hand financially to turn those wishes into reality – get in touch with the Shire now!

There are three levels of grants available, ranging from \$1 - \$5,000 (conditions apply).

For more information and application forms, head to: <https://www.dardanup.wa.gov.au/our-community/grants/community-grants.aspx>

**Applications close: Friday 30 August 2024**



**SW Rose Society Organises Successful Rose Pruning Day**

Always mid July the SW Rose Society members who call Dardanup home prune the roses outside the Ferguson Valley Visitor Centre which they have lovingly cared for since they were planted. Soon after the pruning day the pre release unit chaps from Bunbury Regional spread mulch to not only the rose bed but the camellias at the rear of the VC. The mulch was supplied by Nigel Lyon, Principal Parks & Environment Supervisor with the Shire. By the way now is the time to view the camellias – they are looking stunning.

Once the mulch was spread SW Rose Society members Judy Milton, Faye Lewis and Jenny Gardiner placed a plaque in front of one of the roses in memory of Ross Mandry, longtime SW Rose Soc member who passed away on 19 June aged 85. Ross, a Collie born and bred resident used to travel to monthly Rose Society meetings in Dardanup from Collie, was known to organise the pot plant stall at the annual SW Rose Society November Rose Show and he propagated roses for anyone who asked. The SW Rose Society wanted to make Ross a life member for all his work but Ross being a humble person declined. Ross was also a member of many Collie Clubs and will be missed by the SW Rose Society members.

*Eds note; Judy told me of a funny incident involving the pre release chaps. Jenny Gardiner known for her wonderful cakes made a poppy seed cake for morning tea at the mulching day. The pre release chaps hopped in as you would imagine and then one asked if it was a*

*poppy seed cake to which Judy replied it certainly was. This started a general panic amongst the supervisor and the pre release chaps who all stopped eating the poppy seed cake as they were very worried that Jennys poppy seed cake would mean that when the chaps were drug tested upon return to their unit the poppy seeds digested would return a positive drug test. Photos were taken of said poppy seed cake and phone calls were made to the prison to explain of the concerns. Don't think anyone has heard a peep since so obviously one has to ingest large quantities of poppy seeds before it results in any positive drug detecting. Think Jenny might bake one of her many other delicious cakes next year!*



L to r, SW Rose Society members Judy Milton, Faye Lewis and Jenny Gardiner with Ross Mandrys plaque

**Ferguson Valley Visitors Centre News**

Hi All, the Visitors Centre has had a facelift over the last few weeks & is looking great, so do come in & have a look around. We've been quite busy too -on unexpected days - other than the weekend. The overnight campers often pop in, have a chat & admire the roses while exploring the town on foot. They often comment very positively on the heritage trail signs. Although there aren't many of them, they seem to add a holiday vibe to the town, especially in winter.

Our artist(s) of the month of August is Sister Act 3, a trio of mosaic creators.

As local crafters & sisters by family and friendship, Dianne Allen, Rhonda Barry & Janine King are three ladies sharing a common passion in mosaics of all kinds.

Dardanup Visitor Centre has on display a range of the 'Sisters Act 3' works from garden mosaics, wall art, bee baths, and much more.

Check out examples of their work at the visitor centre or on their Instagram 'mosaic sisters'.

We always look forward to locals calling in to see what is new & both locals & visitors share information we can pass on to others.

If you feel like volunteering at the vc, come in & have a chat between our winter hours of 10-2 any day or call our coordinator Gae Bessen on 0417 099 100 who is at the vc most Tuesdays. It's a great way to learn about our own surroundings!!

**Libby Pardoe**



Dianne Allen and Janine King, part of Sisters Act 3 Showing Off Their Beautiful Mosaics



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**Dardanup Heritage Collective News**

**John Boyle O'Reilly's escape from Western Australia - In his own words**

John Boyle O'Reilly was a Fenian, a member of the 19th-century Irish revolutionary nationalist organization, who was convicted in 1866 of having withheld knowledge of an intended mutiny. Initially sentenced to death, his sentence was commuted to life imprisonment and then to twenty years of penal servitude. He was transported to Western Australia aboard the *Hougoumont* in January 1868.

In February the following year, he famously escaped from a Bunbury road gang, with the help of local priest Father Patrick McCabe, and Dardanup farmers, Jim and John Maguire. There are various versions of the story of where O'Reilly was hidden while he awaited escape on an American whaling ship; down a well at the Dardanup Church and up a chimney at one of the Maguires' farms being two.

According to an article O'Reilly himself wrote in 1882, he actually remained in hiding at Buffalo Beach for about two weeks. Dardanup supporters are likely to have deliberately confused the authorities with rumoured locations to distract them from the real hiding place. O'Reilly eventually made it to America and became a celebrated author and poet, as well as editor of the newspaper, *The Boston Pilot*.

The 1882 article, downloaded from Trove, is now on the Dardanup Heritage web site. It was initially printed in the *Boston Pilot* and reprinted in the Melbourne *Advocate* in 1882. It is the story of O'Reilly's escape in his own words, just fourteen years after the dramatic events.



Go to: <https://dardanupheritagecollective.org.au/> and use the search button (top right) and type in "John Boyle O'Reilly". For easier reading, the article can be downloaded.

**Janice CalceiDardanup Heritage Collective News**

**John Boyle O'Reilly - 1871**

**Wespine Hosts Visiting MPs**

It was wonderful to host the Minister for Forestry, Jackie Jarvis MLC, and Jodie Hanns MLA when they visited the Wespine operation in Dardanup on 4 July.



**Pictured (L-R): Outgoing Managing Director Patrick Warrant, Minister Jackie Jarvis, Ms Jodie Hanns, and newly commenced Managing Director Charlie Perkins**

**Phil and Julie Hutton formally of Bonking Frog Wines donated these 3 beautiful cabinets to the Dardanup Sporting and Community Clubs. The Clubs that call Wells Recreation Park home are busily filling the cabinets with their trophies. Thankyou Phil and Julie.**

**Dardanup Removals also kindly moved the cabinets from Huttons to the Clubrooms. Thankyou Jasmine and Wil.**



**Boyanup Market Day News**

Another fantastic Market Day, we would love to thank our wonderful customers and visitors. Of course we could not do it without our stall holders, who help make the day run smoothly.

We would love to secure a stall selling herbs and vegetable seedlings or any other fresh produce, so if your keen or know of someone please contact us. Our market comes under a Farmers Market Charter, so it's all about the producer and maker.

Del Nuske was our lucky raffle winner, what a wonderful prize to win, all donated by the stallholders. Be sure to get your ticket near the sausage sizzle.

We have our new produce bags for sale, only \$5.00 (less than cost price), also available near the sausage sizzle.

As Manager of the Boyanup Farmers Market I would love to thank our volunteers and Dan who does a wonderful setup for undercover area in the morning. Look forward to seeing you at our **next market on 25<sup>th</sup> August, 2024.**



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**Greenbushes to Bunbury Rail Project - Detailed Feasibility Study**

Thanks for your patience over the past couple of months. We have been busy working through a range of studies.

We are planning to host the next community information sessions in August. Planning for these is now underway, and once details are finalised the sessions will be advertised via the Talison Lithium website and the email distribution list. The sessions are open to anyone who wishes to attend.

We intend to host further sessions towards the end of the year, to discuss findings and outcomes of studies completed as part of the feasibility study. This will happen before a final report is wrapped up.

With this in mind, we have received a number of enquiries regarding timing. As we progress further, details regarding timing of final reports and decision-making will become available. However, at this stage, it is anticipated that the feasibility study report will be finalised at the end of 2024. This means a decision is likely to be made in Q2 2025.

**General Study Update**

By way of update:

The ALCAM (i.e. level crossing assessments) are nearing completion. We will have an update for you at the upcoming community information sessions.

Rail condition evaluation is complete, the outcomes of which are informing the rail design.

The Public Transport Authority and Arc Infrastructure have engaged directly with leaseholders.

We are working with experts to understand the requirements for and potential scope of any future noise and vibration studies. This will inform an understanding of the requirements and scope once a project decision has been made.

We know that noise is a concern for some residents. We are doing further work, but here is what we know so far:

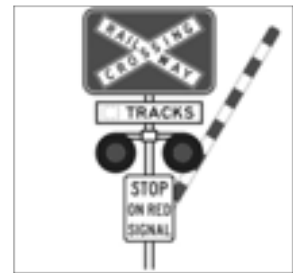
If the railway were to be recommissioned, the trains would be required to comply with 'Network Safe Working Rules', set under the *Rail Safety Act 2010*. These rules include compliance with signaling, train speed limits and horn use. In regard to horn use, the rules require that:

- Horns must only sounded when a valid reason exists
- Horns must be sounded with appropriate intensity, length and repetition for the circumstances; and
- Horns must be sounded when approaching level crossings and where necessary for safety.

The horn is a key safety tool that gives ample warning of a train approaching. Generally, train drivers are required to sound their horn for a minimum of 3 seconds on approach to a level crossing to meet safety requirements.

Information about upcoming engagement sessions will be posted on [www.talisonlithium.com/projects](http://www.talisonlithium.com/projects), through local channels, and via email to the community distribution list. If you have any specific questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch. Otherwise, the project group will be in touch soon regarding upcoming engagement opportunities.

Kind regards,  
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# 2024 NAIDOC Week

Keep the Fire Burning! Blak, Loud & Proud'

In celebration of NAIDOC Week, Dardanup Primary School and Our Lady of Lourdes came together to provide students with a range of experiences. The children enjoyed activities including boomerang throwing, crafting, and learning traditional Aboriginal games. This year's theme, "Keep the fire burning! Blak, loud and proud," highlighted the importance of maintaining and celebrating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and identity. Through these activities, students gained a deeper understanding and appreciation of First Nations traditions, making the day both educational and enjoyable.





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August heralds the beginning of the Noongar Season *Djilba*. It is referred to as the first Spring and it is when we begin to enjoy the initial flush of wildflower blooms. In a 'normal' year we experience a mix of wet days, clear cold nights, and this trend

doesn't change until late in the month or into September. Unfortunately the current trend seems to be for lower overall rainfall and the amount we do get comes in fewer more severe events. So... as gardeners we will need to get creative and make some changes.

I have spoken to quite a few people over the last 6 months that have been struggling with water to keep their garden hydrated. Many didn't plant a winter vegie patch because tanks and bores were dry. Even if this wasn't the case for you, it doesn't hurt to consider making a few changes to your space so that it is more resilient going into this summer. Now is the time to think about what simple and inexpensive options you can put in place to capture & store more rainwater. Drought proofing is not just for farmers! Olive drums, IBCs and water tanks are great options. Slowing down the movement of water on your block is essential so that it has a chance to infiltrate and hydrate the soil.

*Is it worth it?* I am asked that question more often these days - My answer is still YES! Growing your own vegies is definitely worth the effort and can be cost effective if you are clever with your crop choice and planting strategy.

It is time to start planning for your spring and summer garden. Growing a variety of crops helps to create abundance and it also helps to provide some resilience in your garden. There are wonderful edible perennials that can provide food when your annual vegies are a bit scarce. Choose ones that will suit your palette and amount of space. Herbs are great flavour enhancers and fairly bullet proof, so easy to grow for beginner gardeners. Why pay \$4 a bunch when you can buy a plant for the same and grow it! Most herbs grow equally well in a pot as they do in the ground. A few delicious options include Basil, Chamomile, Chicory, Chives, Coriander, Dill, Fennel, Garlic Chives, Horseradish, Lemongrass, Lemon Balm, Lemon Verbena, Marjoram, Mint, Oregano, Parsley, Rosemary, Sage, Tarragon and Thyme.

Here are a few tips for reducing your food bill and food waste. Choose crops that will give you the most yield and best value for space. Focus your energies on growing crops that have a short storage life, are used most often in your kitchen and/or are expensive to buy.

Ginger, Turmeric and Garlic are easily grown and expensive to buy. Parsley, Silverbeet (Swiss Chard) and Spring Onions are reliable, easy to grow staples that will help bulk out your meals and can be grown in very little space. My summer garden always includes Cherry tomatoes. One plant well fed will give you upwards of 10 kg of fruit, so well worth popping one in the garden or a pot on your patio. I also adore green beans, they come in dwarf and climbing varieties and provide a nutrient rich harvest during the warmer months. Best of all, you can grow so many different varieties many aren't available in the shops.

My winter crops are producing an abundance at the moment so it is the perfect time to preserve any excess for use later. Parsley, celery, onions and greens are great sautéed and frozen. They also take up very little room when dehydrated. As my brassica crops finish off I will start planting quick growing crops to fill the gaps. If you garden in a frost prone area like me, *try to be patient* as you may need to wait until the end of the month to start any new crops.

*Want to get busy planting in the vegie patch?* It is still a bit cold, so choose quick growing crops and plant them in a sunny spot for best results. As it warms up then you can plant more:

Leaf crops - Asian greens, Cress, Lettuce, Mustard greens, Watercress, Purslane, Rocket, French Sorrel, Spinach. Brassica crops\* seedlings - Cabbage. Root crops - Beetroot, Radish, Kohlrabi. Legume crops - Snow peas, Dwarf Peas, Broad beans. Onion family - Leeks, Onions, Spring onions. Perennial Herbs - Artichoke, Asparagus, Strawberry plants, Nasturtium, Cape Gooseberry, Mint. Greenhouse only / heat mat-Capsicum, Chilli, Eggplant, Tomato, Sunflower

The next Sustainable Living Workshop is on Thursday 8th August, 10am-11.30am at the Dardanup Hall - Second Topic in a new 4 part Homesteading Series, focussing on ways to reduce cost of living and increase household resilience. August Topic: Prepping, Preserving and your Pantry. *Do you want to reduce your weekly grocery bill? Keen to learn how to preserve your homegrown produce?* Eating your produce fresh from the garden is very satisfying. Equally enjoyable is opening a bottle of homemade sauce or gifting a jar of your home preserved jam. So, What preserving methods are available? How do you choose the right one and where do you purchase supplies? A well stocked pantry isn't just full of fruits and vegies. *What about the foods you don't grow?* How can we more economically source these staples? In this workshop we will explore ways to stock your pantry, creating a bit of a buffer and reduce your food costs. Bookings essential ph: 9724000 or on the website [dardanup.wa.gov.au/events](http://dardanup.wa.gov.au/events)

## Dardanup Veterinary Centre News

### Hey Pet Parents, have you heard? Updates in Pet Vaccination Guidelines!

In recent years, the **World Small Animal Veterinary Association (WSAVA)** has updated its guidelines on pet vaccinations based on extensive research and clinical trials. These new recommendations aim to optimize your pet's health while minimizing the risks associated with over-vaccination.

#### For Puppies:

1. Start the vaccination adventure at **6 weeks old**, with shots scheduled **every 2-4 weeks** until they're **over 16 weeks**. It's like building a fortress of immunity!
2. Don't miss their **booster at 6 months of age** to ensure their defences stay strong.

3. **Kennel Cough vaccine annually** and update their core vaccines with the **C3 shot every 3 years**. This tailored approach ensures continued immunity against prevalent diseases while reducing unnecessary vaccinations.

#### For Kittens:

Similarly, kittens start their vaccination series at **6 weeks old** with shots scheduled **every 3-4 weeks** until they're **over 16 weeks** with an F3 or F4.

#### Conclusion

By following the latest WSAVA vaccination recommendations and partnering with your veterinarian, we can ensure your pet receives the optimal protection needed for a healthy and happy life. Stay informed and proactive in your pet's healthcare to provide them with the best possible care.

## Advertisement Fowlers Ag Fencing Services

Recently relocated to Dardanup from the Midwest, Noel has 40 odd years' experience as a broadacre cropping and livestock farmer.

He has run sheep and cattle on farms throughout the Wongan Hills, Mullewa and Geraldton regions so has extensive experience with rural fencing requirements and maintenance. As a keen horseman, he also understands the different requirements for safe equine fencing. He has completed fencing contracts in many different regions of the state so has experience in all sorts of different terrains and conditions.

He is keen to focus primarily on ring lock with steel posts and available for large jobs- willing to travel and set up to camp onsite if required.

Happy to discuss and quote on smaller jobs as well.

Looking forward to getting out and about and meeting some new people, maybe bumping into some old mates also!

Noel 0428 381 032

See Fowlers Ag Fencing Services advert on page 4

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

The St Johns 1<sup>st</sup> Aid Course to be held on Tues 30/Wed 31 July has been postponed til early November as only 7 people registered and we need 10 for the course to go ahead. Obviously everyone wants to stay at home and watch the Olympics! Will advertise again in October.

## Dardanup Heritage Collective Busy Organising AGM and Family History Expo

The Dardanup Heritage Collective will be holding its Annual General Meeting on 7 August at 1.00 pm at the Shire Office in Little St Dardanup. New members are most welcome. Our monthly meeting will follow on.

The Collective has been very busy over three years creating and installing signage around Dardanup town, consulting on heritage matters, as well as setting up and writing stories for our web site: [dardanupheritagecollective.org.au](http://dardanupheritagecollective.org.au)

The Collective is currently in the process of establishing the Dardanup Archive at Little St, a collection of heritage documents, photos, maps, journals and minute books from within the Shire. Anyone with skills, knowledge or experience in this area would be welcome to join us in the work. Our very enthusiastic group meets once a month to discuss Dardanup's history and heritage and how best to record and preserve its stories. For more information, ph: Janice (Secretary) 0402 783 019 or Jill (Chair) 0428 281 201

The Dardanup Heritage Collective will be organising a stall at the upcoming Family History Expo at the Bunbury Museum Heritage Centre on Saturday 31 August, 10am – 3.30pm. Why not pop in and pay us a visit.

## Do You Need Public Transport? Bus to Eaton or Bunbury and Return?

There is renewed interest in public transport within the Dardanup Shire

A few years ago, there was a trial of public transport between Dardanup and Bunbury/Eaton. At the time, the trial was not conducive or in line with the needs of the population of the outlying area.

There now appears to be more interest in supporting public transport.

It is suggested that the service, using a smaller bus, would be once a week, starting at Dardanup, going through Burekup and on to Eaton/Bunbury.

If you are interested in this service and you live in Dardanup or Burekup, please email the shire on [records@dardanup.wa.gov.au](mailto:records@dardanup.wa.gov.au). Be sure to express your needs and suggestions

## Dardanup Bull and Barrel Festivals Thrift Shop Fashion Show Fundraiser On Again

Ladies, join us for a fun afternoon of bubbles, fashions and high tea. Sunday 25 August at the Dardanup Hall, doors opening at 12.30pm. The fashions are from the Humble Jumble Thrift Shop in Timperley Rd, Bunbury, beautifully modelled by our local fashionistas. The fashions also includes Merindas Upcycled Op Shop clothes and Lenores Felt Creations. The beneficiaries of the day is the Festival, Solaris Cancercare in Bunbury and Salvos. You can pre purchase tickets and book seats through Jill on 0418 281 201, [jill.cross@bigpond.com](mailto:jill.cross@bigpond.com). See the poster on the back pages.

## Dardanup Senior Citizens News

At our Meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> July, 15 Members attended.

Bingo was played after our meeting.

Our AGM is on the 20<sup>th</sup> August & will be followed by a luncheon.

Members must be financial to vote.

New Members or visitors very welcome.

Our Members mourn the passing of Brian Wells our fellow Member. We extend deepest sympathy to Gwen, family & friends.

Revely Gardiner 0408833761

## Mahjong

Mahjong is held every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at the Dardanup Shire Office.

Our group is made possible by the support of the Shire of Dardanup & our 3 teachers,

Jennifer Gardiner, Anne Verbrugge & Susanne Biddles.

Revely Gardiner 0408833761

## Vale

David White; Sincere sympathy to Kiara and the White and Damiani families

Brian Earnest Wells 12/05/1928 – 16/04/2024; Sincere sympathy to Gwen and families





## Shire of Dardanup Events

\*Bookings essential. Please visit [www.dardanup.wa.gov.au/events](http://www.dardanup.wa.gov.au/events) for more information or to make a booking. All events are FREE to attend.

### Sustainable Living Workshop: Prepping, Preserving & Your Pantry

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#### Dardanup Hall

Thursday, 8 August, 10:00am – 11:30am

#### Chair Yoga

Come along to a friendly session of chair yoga. This form of gentle yoga is practiced by sitting, standing, or leaning on a chair and is suitable for any age and ability. No bookings required.

#### Eaton Recreation Centre

Tuesday, 6 & 20 August, 1:00pm – 2:00pm

#### Tech Bytes\*

Are you confused by how to use the features and functions on your mobile phone, tablet or laptop? Join us for coffee and a friendly discussion about using your mobile device, tablet and laptop. Book now and get the answers you need, one cup at a time!

#### Eaton Community Library (Adults)

Wednesday, 14 & 28 August, 9:30am – 10:30am

#### 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.

No Bookings required, just come along!

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

Thursday, 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 August, 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.

#### Dardanup Hall

Monday, 5 & 19 August, 9:30am – 10:00am

#### Burekup Hall

Monday, 12 & 26 August, 9:30am – 10:00am

#### 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, 6, 13, 20 & 27 August, 10:30am – 11am

#### Discover Your Family History\*

Discover Your Family History is a monthly discussion group to help you uncover the secrets of your family and local history. Whether you're a beginner or an experienced genealogist, this is the perfect place for you to explore and learn more about your past. This month's session will cover DNA. Find out more about how to use DNA and match groups to find missing links in your family tree. Book now!

#### Eaton Community Library (Adults)

Thursday, 15 August, 5.30pm - 7pm

## Council adopts 2024/25 Annual Budget

### From the Shires webiste

A budget that Shire President Tyrrell Gardiner said reflects responsible financial management and community benefits, including a \$506,000 surplus.

Cr Gardiner said the budget features a 5.5% general rate revenue increase, equating to an average increase of \$133 for residential properties.

He said the rate increase has been kept in line with Council's Long Term Financial plan, with Council adopting a new Differential Rates Method from 1 July, a significant step towards a fairer and more equitable rates system.

"Our budget reflects a balanced approach to managing our financial responsibilities while investing in projects that improve the quality of life for our residents," Cr Gardiner said.

"We are committed to providing essential services and maintaining our infrastructure in a way that supports the growth and sustainability of our community.

"The impact of the rate increase will be softened for many residents through a reduction in the average Eaton Landscaping Specified Area Rate, which will be phased out entirely over the next four years.

"Each year, the Council is required to raise sufficient rates to meet its total expenditure. This year's budget takes into account various factors such as the growth of the Shire, the need for additional facilities and services, and the rising cost of labour, utilities, and materials.

"The Council has been mindful of inflationary pressures and has only increased its fees and charges by CPI where required, or where cost increases or statutory changes have been clearly identified."



## Dardanup Community Choir

7pm Mondays at the  
Ferguson Hall

Helen Humphreys | 0422 095 870 | hkhumphs@gmail.com

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## What's on In Dardanup

- 30/31 July- St Johns 1<sup>st</sup> Aid Course at Wells Rec Park Clubrooms Postponed til November
- 2 August – Ferguson Hall Sundowner, 6pm, see poster this edition
- 6 August – Mens Welfare Group – 2pm at Wells Rec Park Clubroom
- 7 August – Dardanup Heritage Collective AGM, 1.00pm, Dardanup Shire Office, all welcome
- 8 August - Sustainable Living Workshop, 10am-11.30am at the Dardanup Hall - Second Topic in a new 4 part Homesteading Series.
- Bookings essential ph: **9724000** or on the Shire website [dardanup.wa.gov.au/events](http://dardanup.wa.gov.au/events)
- 14 August - Dardanup Bull and Barrel Festival meeting, 7.00pm at Wells Rec Park Clubrooms
- 14 August – Mahjong at the Shire office, Little St 1.30-3.30. Beginners welcome
- 20 August - Mens Welfare Group – 2pm at Wells Rec Park Clubrooms
- 20 August – Dardanup Seniors AGM, 9.30am at Wells Rec Park Clubrooms
- 25 August - Boyanup Farmers Market, 8am
- 28 August - Mahjong at the Shire office, Little St 1.30-3.30. Beginners welcome
- 16 August – Music Trivia Night at Wild Bull Brewery
- 25 August- Dardanup Bull and Barrels Thrift Shop fashion Show
- 30 August – Shire of Dardanup Community Grants Close
- 31 August - The Dardanup Heritage Collective @ Family History Expo,  
Bunbury Museum Heritage Centre, 10am – 3.30pm.
- 7 September – High Tea in the Valley, see save the date poster on back page
- 5 October – Dardanup Bull and Barrel Festival

If you have an event to add  
please email  
[jill.cross@bigpond.com](mailto:jill.cross@bigpond.com)

## 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,  
email [bse7@bigpond.com](mailto: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 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





## SEASON 2024/2025

HAVE YOU THOUGHT OF PLAYING CRICKET THIS SUMMER?  
WELL DARDANUP CRICKET CLUB NEED YOU AND WHY NOT BRING A FRIEND TO!  
WE ARE LOOKING AT 2 SENIOR TEAMS AND A JUNIOR TEAM  
THIS SEASON, AGE IS NO LIMIT!

All enquiries to play Senior Cricket can be directed to  
Jake Walker 0455 929 488.

JUNIOR TEAM, YOU WILL NEED TO BE FINISHING YEAR 4 TO YEAR 6 IN 2025 TO FILL OUR  
YEAR 6 SIDE, HOWEVER IF YOU ARE OLDER & WOULD STILL LIKE TO PLAY, WE WOULD  
LOVE TO GET A SECOND TEAM IF WE HAVE NUMBERS & A COACH

All queries to play Junior Cricket & Cricket Blast can be directed to  
Leila Cooper 0418 247 780

### TRAINING WILL BE THURSDAY AFTERNOONS FOR ALL AGES

We will continue to have our very successful Junior Cricket Blast Program run over Term 4 2024 & Term 1  
2025, further details will be available in Term 3, for ages Kindy to Year 3.

If you would like to be involved as a coach for this, we would love to hear from you.

WE ARE ALSO LOOKING FOR NEW SPONSORS TO THE CLUB SO WE CAN SUPPORT OUR NEW JUNIOR  
TEAM AND BUILD ON OUR SENIORS TEAM. IF THIS IS SOMETHING YOU MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN,  
please contact our Club President Jacob Walker 0455 929 488 or [Jacob.austin.walker@outlook.com](mailto:Jacob.austin.walker@outlook.com)

### *Congratulations to*



Great Grandparents Wendy & Phil Ottrey on the  
arrival of granddaughter Jayde & husband Dave's  
daughter - Giavanna

Terri (nee Crilly) and Josh Townley on the arrival of  
Noah, brother to Bryn. Grandparents Andy and Toni  
are thrilled.

Dot and Ian Tyrrell celebrating their golden wedding  
anniversary this month

Shannen Depiazzi and Matthew Busher who were  
married on 27 April 2024 in a beautiful ceremony  
on the Depiazzi family farm, followed by a  
reception at Twelve Pillars in Ferguson



Jake Harvie originally from Wellington Mills  
who will be playing hockey at the Paris  
Olympics

The Shire who  
organised the  
recent family  
film in the Hall  
attended by 65  
adults and  
children



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**HIGH TEA**  
*In The Valley*  
*Proceeds going to Solaris Cancer Care*

**SAVE THE DATE**  
Saturday 7th September 2pm  
Ferguson Hall, 953 Ferguson Road, Ferguson Valley

**Thrift Shop Fashion Show & High Tea**

**Doors Open 12:30pm**  
Dardanup Hall  
Sunday 25th August

\$20 entry includes delicious high tea and glass of bubbles on arrival

Raffle and Lucky Door Prize

Fashions supplied by 'Humble Jumble Thrift Shop' on 70 Timperley Rd

To reserve a table/ seats and purchase tickets phone Jill on 0418 281 201 or email: [jill.cross@bigpond.com](mailto:jill.cross@bigpond.com)

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Spending WA in-cancer support services for people with cancer and their families

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Monday to Friday 9 to 3

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**Bev Mountford Art**  
**On display and for sale**  
**At Dardanup Convenience Store/Café**

**Ferguson Hall Sundowner**  
Friday 2 August | 6pm

Meet us at the Ferguson Hall | BYO drinks and nibbles  
We'd love to see you there!

**EVERYONE WELCOME**