

# Shire News

Shire of Dardanup Newsletter



At the launch of the RCR Mining Technologies NAIDOC Week 2024 Street Art Competition are (from left) Shire of Dardanup President Cr Tyrrell Gardiner and the Shire's Manager Community Development Mel Ring, Checkmate Gallery owner Melisa Western and RCR's Recruitment and Community Engagement Lara Hebbend and RCR's NAIDOC Competition Administrator Sarah Rogers.

## Shire calling all artists for NAIDOC Street Art comp

One budding South West artist will have the chance to paint a mural on the Shire of Dardanup's Library, Administration and Community Building, thanks to a NAIDOC Week Street Art Competition by RCR Mining Technologies.

Shire President Cr Tyrrell Gardiner invited talented artists from the region aged 14 and over to showcase their creativity in a competition that aims to celebrate the theme of Community Connection through vibrant mural art.

Cr Gardiner said artists are encouraged to submit their mural art concepts by Saturday, 31 August for the chance to win the opportunity to paint their artwork on an external wall of the Shire building. The winning artist will also receive a generous prize of \$5,000.

"Council unanimously supported this initiative at a recent Ordinary Council Meeting and this competition not only celebrates NAIDOC Week, but also highlights the importance of community and cultural expression," said Cr Gardiner.

"Council is proud to support this competition and congratulates RCR Mining Technologies for making it happen and supporting the community.

It's an exciting opportunity for our young people to get involved and it will be great to have the winning artist's work showcased on our award-winning building."

Artwork concepts can be submitted in the form of painting, hand drawing, or printmaking. Other artistic forms may be considered upon the artist's emailed enquiry. The winner to be announced on Wednesday, 18 September.

For more info visit the RCR Mining Technologies webpage at <https://qrco.de/bfChn6> (terms and conditions), or scan the below QR code, or email [mining.technologies@rcrmt.com.au](mailto:mining.technologies@rcrmt.com.au) or call (08) 9726 4555.



### Updates:

#### Apply for community grants

If you're a local club or community group and you've got an exciting event or project in mind, don't forget to check out our Community Grants Program! Eligible applicants can apply for one of three different grants with funding ranging from \$1-\$5000. To apply visit our website and search for "community grants". Applications close on 30 August 2024.

#### Council Drive closure

The \$80 million Eaton Fair Expansion by Citygate Properties has led to the closure of part of Council Drive in Eaton. The expansion is expected to be completed by December 2025. Shire of Dardanup President Cr Tyrrell Gardiner emphasised the project's alignment with the Eaton Fair Activity Centre Plan. For more information, visit the Eaton Fair website.

#### YAG finalist in State awards

The Shire's Youth Advisory Group (YAG) is a finalist in the 2024 WA Youth Awards. The dedicated eight-member YAG team has been pivotal in advocating for youth needs and aspirations since its inception in 2021. YAG has spearheaded numerous initiatives, including the annual YouthFest. Winners announced on Friday, 20 September.

#### Cafe lease available

The Shire is seeking experienced food and café operators to lease a small café nook in the new Library, Administration and Community Building. The space features an external "hole in the wall" servery and an internal counter servery. Contact the Shire's Michelle Edwards on (08) 9724 0341 or email at [michelle.edwards@dardanup.wa.gov.au](mailto:michelle.edwards@dardanup.wa.gov.au)

# State reforms for Short-Term Rental Accommodation

The Western Australian State Government is implementing new regulations to enhance the oversight and management of the Short-Term Rental Accommodation (STRA) sector, and the Shire of Dardanup is encouraging residents to be informed of the changes and register their STRA properties.

STRA are premises that are rented out to guests for periods of less than three months in a year, whether the owner lives in the property or not.

Shire President Cr Tyrrell Gardiner said the newly introduced Short-Term Rental Accommodation Bill 2024 was presented to State Parliament in February and establishes a comprehensive set of requirements to monitor and standardise STRA properties.

He said under the new regulations, property owners must register their STRA properties before advertising and accepting bookings, including online platforms. The STRA Register managed by the Department of Energy, Mining, Industry Regulation and Safety (DEMIRS), opened last month with all properties required to be registered by 1 January 2025.

If STRA owners register before October, they won't pay the initial \$250 registration fee. The cost to renew each year is anticipated to be about \$100.

Key elements of the Short-Term Rental Accommodation Bill 2024 include:

- from 1 July 2024, the STRA registration system which will be administered by DEMIRS;

- all STRA will need to be registered by 1 January 2025 and show compliance with the planning requirements by 1 January 2026;
- the STRA Register will collect information on the STRA sector to inform policy and will provide information to the community about what STRA exists in an area;
- the information provided to the STRA register will be available to Local Government Areas for checking;
- DEMIRS will have powers to suspend or cancel a registration if the information is found to be false or misleading;
- DEMIRS will have powers to investigate STRA providers who provide false or misleading information and take action in the Magistrates Court. Fines up to \$20,000 as an individual or \$100,000 as a corporation.

Additionally, the Department of Planning, Lands, and Heritage (DPLH) has prepared a position statement for Tourism and Short-Term Rental Accommodation to update definitions and provide greater guidance for Local Government. You can view the statement here: [https://www.wa.gov.au/system/files/2023-11/position-statement-planning-for-tourism-2023\\_0.pdf](https://www.wa.gov.au/system/files/2023-11/position-statement-planning-for-tourism-2023_0.pdf)

**For more information on the new STRA regulations and the registration process, residents are encouraged to contact the Department of Energy, Mining, Industry Regulation and Safety on 1300 30 40 54 or email [stra.enquiries@dmirs.wa.gov.au](mailto:stra.enquiries@dmirs.wa.gov.au)**

## Council Meeting dates for 2024

The 2024 Ordinary Council Meetings for the Shire of Dardanup will be held from 5pm on the following Wednesdays:

28 August	20 November
25 September	18 December
23 October	

The next Bush Fire Advisory Committee meeting will be held at 7pm on Wednesday, 9 October.

The next Audit and Risk Committee meetings will be held at 2pm on Wednesday, 11 September and the 11 December.

Copies of agendas and minutes can be accessed on the Shire's website at [www.dardanup.wa.gov.au](http://www.dardanup.wa.gov.au) or contact the Customer Service Team on (08) 9724 0000.

## Concept plans for Burekup, Dardanup upgrades

The Shire has unveiled comprehensive concept plans outlining proposed upgrades to the Burekup and Dardanup community precincts, marking a significant milestone following extensive community consultation.

Shire President Cr Tyrrell Gardiner said Council endorsed the final concept plans for the Burekup Community and Sporting Precinct upgrade and the Dardanup Community Cultural and Heritage Precinct upgrade at its June Ordinary Council Meeting.

Cr Gardiner said these concept plans will now serve as strategic roadmaps, outlining the future community facilities and projects aimed at enhancing local amenities.

"Council has actively engaged with both communities, incorporating valuable input from Working Groups and a recent community survey which garnered nearly 140 responses," Cr Gardiner said.

"Over the past few years, we have worked closely with residents to identify their priorities, particularly focusing on enhancing community amenities."

Cr Gardiner said both concept plans proposed new skate parks and pump tracks to provide local youth with recreational opportunities.

"With the Burekup Cricket Club having more than 10 teams, including juniors and women's teams featured in the local competition, there are a lot of youth in the community and surrounding areas that will benefit from the precinct upgrades.



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"The Burekup concept plan includes new changerooms and a functions facility in addition to the Burekup District County Club.

"The Dardanup concept plan celebrates the community's heritage with the proposed hall upgrades and related buildings, which also establishes facilities for youth.

"Refurbishing the Dardanup Hall will not only bring this community facility up to standard, but to allow the hall to be the Shire's primary evacuation centre."

Cr Gardiner thanked all community members and Working Groups who contributed their insights into the development of these two concept plans.

**To view the concept plans, visit the Shire website at [www.dardanup.wa.gov.au/news/concept-plans-for-burekup-dardanup-community-upgrades/356](http://www.dardanup.wa.gov.au/news/concept-plans-for-burekup-dardanup-community-upgrades/356)**

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# Spring Out

CHILDREN'S WEEK WA

Sunday, 20 October 2024  
9.30am-12.30pm