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Local Bushfire Brigades Sprung Into Action at the Recent Spring Into Action Event

90 members of our Shire of Dardanup Bushfire Brigades got together recently at Wells Recreation Park to network and prepare for the season ahead. The event was organised by a few members from West Dardanup and Dardanup Central Volunteer Bushfire Brigades. Evening dinner and presentation was well received but not before there was a few challenges and team building exercises.

Waterloo Lt and Burekup 1.4 won the fire truck show and shine, judged by Acting DFES Area Officer Kohdy Flynn. The Cadets Challenge was a friendly competition between, the cadets, Waterloo, Burekup and Ferguson Brigades. 14 items were called out one at a time and members had to retrieve them from their respective appliance and make it back to their team first to win. The cadets knowledge and youth saw them taking home the win. With the crowd full of laughter throughout the event.

The quiz tested people's knowledge on Brigade related topics and also some curly questions. With the overall consensus being the quiz was rigged, when Chris Hynes (Chief Bushfire Control Officer) team declared the winners.



Receiving Vin Hynes's Award on his behalf was his daughters with the award presented by Shire of Dardanup CFCO Chris Hynes on left and Shire President Tyrrell Gardiner

57 members from the Shires brigades were recognised for their long service on the night. Standout was Vin Hynes from Waterloo who was awarded medals for 45 and 55 years service. 18 members were awarded 15 years medals, 4 were awarded 20 year medals and 9 were awarded 25 year medals. The Brigades would like to thank the following businesses and groups for providing finding and vouchers which made the event even more successful. Shire of Dardanup, Treendale Farm Hotel, Treendale Woolworths, JLM Haulage, Dardanup and Districts Residents Assoc, St Aidans Wines, Green Door Wines, Willow Bridge Estate, Bunbury Farmers Market, Dardanup Tavern and All Lift Lifting
Kaitlin Southgate(Waterloo) and Rob Allen(West Dardanup)



Trucks Lined Up for the Show and Shine Competition



The Cadets Team on Left Kept The More Senior Brigade Members On Their Toes In the Challenge Event



Local Students get a taste of Wespine

We're excited to join South Regional TAFE's Career Taster Program and recently had the pleasure of hosting Year 9 students from Our Lady of Mercy College. It was wonderful to share our work at Wespine, and we were impressed by the students' enthusiasm and their insightful questions about job opportunities, work experience, and apprenticeships.

A big thank you to everyone who made the day a success.

VISITORS CENTRE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS PLEASE!

Hello All, our unique little visitors centre has been fairly quiet over the terrible weather, but now the sun is shining visitors are appearing - along with the parrots unfortunately, who are decimating the roses. Hopefully Jenny Gardiner's magic formula will drive them away in disgust.

Our Artist of the month will continue to be Sister Act 3 with their lovely mosaics fit to grace any garden or table with bright designs & eye catching colours.

Our focus this month is on volunteers of which? whom? We need a few more. We're proud of being open 7 days a week & rarely need to close. It's an easy job once you get to know the routine & is quite varied in numbers & types & it helps to enjoy talking to people! It can be quiet but most of us enjoy the time to catch up on our own emails or reading - or learning about our area when we're not busy. Age, gender & physical ability are not barriers. Come in & talk to one of us. Our wonderful coordinator Gae Bessen is there on Tuesday mornings & our area guru Margaret Giumelli is there on Thursdays, but any of us can give you the lowdown. The hours can be as little as 3 hours once a month or more often if you wish. We'd love to see you & hope you can join our merry little team!

We will be open for the Bull & Barrel with a toilet & a shady sitting area to rest & recuperate.

And an early reminder the Christmas fete is on Sunday 17th November.

'Spring has sprung, the grass is riz,
I wonder where the birdies iz?
The birds are on the wing! Ain't that absurd?
I always thought the wing was on the bird!!'

Libby Pardoe

Rob Manning and Kim Wesley, Regularly Volunteer At The FVVC



FERGUSON VALLEY

Ferguson Valley Marketing Annual General Meeting was held on the 19th September at the Ferguson

Hall. It was very well attended with more than 30 members and guests. We welcomed Shire of Dardanup representatives Tyrrell Gardiner, President and Councillor Taneta Bell plus Emma Brown from Australia's South West. Reports of the year's activities were well received and the Board warmly acknowledged for their delivery of such a strong Balance sheet

Special guest was Aubrey Pixel from Pixel Smith Studios spoke about improvements to the FVM web and the business advantages of undertaking further change. Aubrey fielded several questions from the floor about his well received recommendations and Lindsey Kennewell followed with her video update on the Lost and Found Festival 2024 as well as background data from previous festivals.

Acknowledgement and thanks, together with flowers were

presented to Peter Giumelli who stepped down after 18 years on the Board. Also stepping down was Treasurer Tony Umbrello who steered our financials with great skill over the past 3 years. The newly elected Board for 24-25 is Returning: -Lucy Nankervis; Jody Gibbs; Gae Bessen; Alison Melvill; Sue Williams – Chair; Lindsey Kennewell – Treasurer while newly elected members include Ebony Harding, Secretary; Chris Jenour; Jurek Brodzki and Tammy Howard. Welcome to all our new Board members and congratulations to the 23/24 Board for your individual and team contribution to a very strong year.

The next meeting for the Board is 10th October, 5.30 pm at the Thomas Little Hall
Sue Williams

Gae Bessen reading her Visitor Centre Co-ordinator report



Ferguson Valley High Tea Raises Important Dollars for Solaris

The Ferguson Valley High Tea on September 7, 2024, was a fantastic success, raising \$5,500 for Solaris Cancer Care. With 84 guests savouring delicious food and teas, the event also included a chic fashion parade and an engaging silent auction. We extend our heartfelt thanks to all sponsors and attendees for their generous support. Your contributions made a significant impact. We look forward to next year's event and can't wait to share more details as they become available.

Thank you for helping us make a difference in supporting people in the South West diagnosed with cancer, as well as their families and carers.

Fran Stacey



Fuel to Go & Play Dardanup Bull and Barrel Festival

Volunteers Needed

The Festival is a big job to organise for our volunteer Festival Committee and we need your help on Thurs 3 Oct and Fri 4 Oct 9.00am—5.00pm. Morning and afternoon tea and lunch provided, meet at the Clubrooms on Wells Recreation Park; help for a couple of hours, high school students welcome. Remember many hands make light work! Sunday—cleanup!

Festival Parking

Tell your friends and family to take the stress out of finding parking this year and park in the paddock adjacent to the Festival, pay our wonderful Dardanup Equestrian Centre Committee \$5 (cash or card) for parking (it’s their fundraiser).

Giant Puppet Making Workshops

If you would like to help make some giant puppets that will be paraded before the lighting of the Bull at this years Festival, then come along to the Dardanup Hall from Monday 23rd September – Thursday 3th October, 9.00am – 6.00pm. Join us any day and stay for as long as you like. BYO food and drinks. No cost. Ages 10 and above. Under 12s will need parental assistance. Help from high school students and adults most welcome. Working with W.A. puppetry artist Karen Hethey. Enquires to Jill 0418281201, we will need kids and adults to assist in the puppet parade.

Road Closures

Locals are reminded that Ferguson Rd between Hayward and Charlotte St and Recreation Rd between Ferguson Rd and Phillips Rd will be closed to general traffic from 7.00am – 9.30pm on the day of the Festival and Little St between Doolan and Hayward St will be closed to general traffic from 7.00am- 6.00pm.

Follow the Festivals Facebook Page for all the latest News

EOI Shopper Bus- Final Call For EOI!

Dardanup Shire has asked me to gauge interest in having a "Shopper" bus from Dardanup to Eaton Fair, initially this will be on trial probably once a week for 6-7 weeks. I have been given a sheet to record: Name, Preferred Day and Time for bus and Contact Number. If you are interested in this service could you contact me asap by either emailing patriciaenglish347@gmail.com, or mob 0421 458 274. I have also left a record sheet at Dardanup Post Office and Library.
Pat English, President, Dardanup Senior Citizens

Dardanup Senior Citizens News

At our Meeting on 17th September 13 attended & 9 apologies. It was a lively meeting with discussions regarding our Bus trip on 31st October.

Christmas Lunch at the Dardanup Heritage Park. Plans for a gathering next year.

How to encourage new members to join
We enjoyed a morning tea with 2 members provided a sponge cake & fruit slice.
Lucky number jackpot \$10 won by Anne Adams.
Our next Meeting is on the 15 th October. Visitors welcome.
Contact Revely Gardiner 0408 833 761

Dardanup Lions News

Being a Lion means a person gets to join forces with locals, regional and state fellow Lions and can, as our purposes statement declare encourage service minded people to serve their community without personal financial reward.

On a club level we joined together with the Brunswick Lions to raise funds for a Roelands family to assist in caring for two daughters with a rare genetic disease. We have a joint meeting 1st October with the Brunswick guys living out our purposes statement “To unite the clubs in the bonds of friendship, good fellowship and mutual understanding”.

Then we have those local events we contribute to. Australia Day Breakfast, Anzac Day Celebrations, Beer and soft drink tent at the Bull and Barrel. Just to prove we aren’t stick in the mud geriatrics the refreshments tent and the Pub raffle will let you purchase tickets via “Tyro” eftpos machine.

Older and retired (from jobs not Lions) members have time to do those numerous miscellaneous tasks like; monthly bottle and can collection (thank you Kerry), horse handler at Riding For the Disabled (thanks Geoff), stamps and glasses collection directors and many others.

Sports awards criteria committee isn’t comprised of retirees. They ensure club time isn’t tied up in following up every request for our backing (Thanks Dave, Keith). We have a lot of cogs to drive the wheels so helping the community isn’t onerous with so many hands to make light work of it (Dardy Lions is 30 in number now). Are we having fun yet? You bet.

Phil Ottrey

Catholic Parish of Dardanup~Boyanup

An outdoor evening Mass commemorating All Souls Day will be held in the Dardanup Pioneer Cemetery on Saturday 2nd November at 5.30 pm

Please feel welcome to join us in this beautiful setting, as the sun sets over Dardanup and we remember our loved ones and pioneers who have gone before



Our local Jarrah forest is a riot of colour as we enter 'Kambarang' the Noongar season from October to November. The warmer days are perfect conditions for the weeds to go wild and it seems like I will never catch up! October is my

busiest time in the garden. After making my planting plan last month the soil temperatures are finally warm enough for me to start planting out my summer crops. It is really important to also keep an eye on soil moisture levels, especially if you have garlic and onions growing. If they are left to dry out and get stressed before watering then you run the risk of them bolting to seed or witch brooming. Currently I am harvesting my autumn plantings of broad beans, carrots, parsnips and peas, along with the my staples of Silverbeet, perpetual spinach, celery and spring onions. As I harvest something, I plant another crop in its place, this means I have something to harvest year round. Succession planting is a great tool that works for any sized garden. If you love your summer salads a great tip to remember is *Leafy greens can be planted with everything* and are great used as 'space fillers' and act as living mulch.

Does anyone else have an overwhelming urge to plant everything now!? Depending on the crop if you stagger sowing seeds or seedlings you have plants maturing at different times, less gluts and lower food waste. It is time to start thinking about Christmas - yes, *I did just say that ...* don't shoot the messenger just yet :) Here is my thought process - Do you want to brave the craziness of the shops during the silly season or would you prefer to just pop out and pick what you need from your own garden?

To make sure I have enough fresh herbs and summer vegies I need to be organised. A plentiful supply is good but a glut in peak holiday season can be overwhelming! Your seed to harvest times are important and succession plantings helps to keep your garden productive but not unmanageable. An advanced cherry tomato planted now should give you tomatoes in time for Christmas lunch. As will cucumbers, dwarf beans and lettuces. Yes, there are thousands of ways to use zucchini but I'm not sure everyone wants to receive them as Christmas gifts... You only need to plant 2 every 2 months and that will give you plenty all summer long. There are a few different varieties - pale green, striped, golden and even ball shaped ones, so why just plant the boring dark green one. If you can find some Tromboncino (*Curcubita moschata*) seeds they can be grown on a trellis saving you space and giving you 2 crops on the one vine - zucchini when small & green as well as pumpkins when mature and dried at the end of the season.

Garden smarter, It is as easy as 1, 2, 3... **Plant once per season.** Crops that take a long time to grow are generally only planted once and will mature with an extended crop for the entire summer season. These include Tomatoes, Eggplant, Chilli, Capsicum, Pumpkin, Sunflower, Luffa, Melons, Squash, Pumpkins & Silverbeet. **Plant Twice per season.** Crops that have a shorter time to maturity and harvest length can be planted twice and this will extend your harvest through into the autumn months. These crops include Zucchini,

Corn, Dwarf Beans, Climbing Beans, Snow peas, Cucumbers, Gherkins, Beetroot and Carrots. **Plant every 3 weeks.** Quicker growing crops such as Lettuce, Asian greens, Cress, Rocket and Coriander can be planted every 3 weeks to allow for a continuous harvest. They prefer a sheltered, cool, shaded position or will 'bolt' in the heat.

One of the easiest ways to increase the duration of your harvest is to be consistent, pick the crop, even if it is only a few beans or a couple of cherry tomatoes. It is important to understand how each of your crops produce - *this may sound odd*, but if you are not careful when picking you may damage the growing tips / fruiting buds or the next lot of flowers which will reduce your yield. This is especially important with beans, both dwarf and climbing varieties. They need to be regularly picked otherwise they won't continue to crop. If you leave just one to get oversized then the plant will stop producing, we also find this when we accidentally let one of our zucchini get as big as your arm - the plant gets tired and thinks it has now reproduced. Small zucchini (15-20cm long) taste better, are less watery and have fewer seeds. Another tip for crops such as silverbeet, celery and rhubarb you need to tear the stem off at the base to promote regrowth - if you cut the stem it won't trigger new leaves and will take much longer to regrow.

What can we plant in October? *Just about everything!*

Leaf crops - Amaranth, Lettuce, Mustard, Silverbeet, Fennel, Celery, Watercress, Purslane, Rocket, French Cress, Sorrel, NZ spinach, Chicory, Cabbage, Chinese cabbage **Root & onion crops** - Beetroot, Radish, Kohlrabi, carrot, Parsnip, Scorzonera, Turnip, Celeriac, Daikon, Potato, Leeks, Spring Onions, Yacon, Yam/Oca, Jerusalem Artichoke **Legume crops** - Dwarf Beans, Climbing Beans, Snow peas, Asparagus pea **Curcubit & Solanum family** - Cucumber, Luffa, Sweetcorn, Gourd, Melons, Pumpkin, Squash, Marrow, Zucchini, Tomato, Capsicum, Chilli, Tomatillo, Eggplant, Okra, Rosella, Sunflower. **Herbs** - Globe Artichoke, Asparagus, Basil, Buckwheat, Coriander, Strawberry plants, Dill, Borage, Nasturtium, Oregano, Sage, Cape Gooseberry, Mint, Tarragon, Lemon Balm, Edible Chrysanthemum, Parsley, Rhubarb, Rosemary and Summer savoury

Happy Gardening!

My last Sustainable Living Workshop for the year is at the Dardanup Hall is on Thursday 10th October, 10-11.30am. **Topic 4 in the Homesteading Series: Grow your best Summer Garden!** In this workshop we will explore ways to grow an abundant Summer Harvest, covering everything from Planting and Productivity through to Organic Pest Control. I will share tips on Choosing the most suitable varieties for your space and How to Succession plant for consistent harvests. Learn how to prepare your garden beds, which Fertilising methods won't break the bank and How to Troubleshoot common issues. **Bookings essential ph: 9724000**

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St Johns 1st Aid Course – Take 2

Not enough takers for the course in July has meant we have rescheduled to warmer weather!

Mary Smith, Dardanup and Districts Residents Assoc Committee member has rescheduled the a St Johns 1st Aid Course to be held on **Tues 29/Wed 30 October** 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 1st 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**

Dardanup Veterinary Centre News

Dental Health Month: Keep Your Pet's Smile Healthy

It is time to shine a spotlight on your pet's oral care! A healthy smile isn't just for looks—it's essential for their overall well-being.

Why It Matters

1. **Prevent Disease:** Dental issues like plaque and tartar can lead to serious health problems, affecting the heart, liver, and kidneys.

2. **Avoid Pain:** Good dental care prevents painful conditions and keeps your pet happy.

Overall Health: Clean teeth reduce the risk of bacteria affecting other organs.

Top Tips for Pet Dental Care

1. chews and toys help clean teeth and keep your pet entertained.
2. **Vet Checkups:** Schedule regular dental exams and cleanings with your vet.

Watch for Signs: Bad breath, swollen gums, and difficulty eating are red flags.

Get Involved

• **Learn More:** Visit us for dental care tips and info.

1. **Follow Us:** Stay tuned on social media for updates

2. **Brush Regularly:** Use a pet-specific toothbrush and toothpaste. Aim for daily brushing.

Chews and Toys: Dental aces and offers.

Give your pet the gift of a healthy smile. Book a dental checkup today and keep those tails wagging!



Winter Rains, Abundant Food Spur Increased Feral Pig Activity in Our Area

Landholders and local biosecurity group work together for success in tackling pigs on the move! With a flush of green feed across the landscape following winter rains, feral pigs have been exceptionally active with movement across the LBG operational area...and so have we!

A Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) study revealed that the home ranges of pigs can vary significantly. For example, two collared sows stayed within relatively small areas of 68ha and 190ha, whereas a collared boar roamed an extensive 2,322ha. These home ranges include smaller core areas where pigs spend most of their time. However, our winter weather provides ample resources for feral pigs, with flowing water courses and abundant food. This has prompted the pigs to venture further, clearly making their presence known as they wreak havoc on local properties.

Because of this increased activity over the winter months, many landholders reached out to local Leschenault Biosecurity Group with reports of significant damage to paddocks, as groups of pigs uproot the soil in search of onion grass, earthworms and dung beetles; pigs are known to seek out and overturn cow pats in search of these delicacies! This activity also caused issues for farmers who seeded vegetable or grain crops during periods of high soil moisture, forcing some to reseed or lose patches of their crops.

In response, the group worked with individual landholders to implement feral pig control efforts, successfully eliminating pigs from multiple properties within our area, primarily through implementation of the group's HOGGONE® Feral Pig Management program and, where applicable, with other control methods the landowner may also want to implement.

Feral pigs are a major threat nationally to our environment and our multi-billion-dollar agricultural industry. This is due to the destruction of crops, infrastructure, habitat, land and water sources, ability to spread weeds and diseases, predation of livestock and impacts on biodiversity. It is estimated that nationally, approximately 45% (3.43 million square kilometres) of the country is inhabited by feral pigs*. While it is unlikely that we will ever completely eradicate feral pigs, every feral pig removed from the landscape is a crucial step in controlling their population expansion. We commend the landowners and local biosecurity groups (Leschenault Biosecurity Group and Blackwood Biosecurity Inc) with their ongoing control efforts to address feral pig incursions on private properties. Control efforts not only protect individual properties, but also contribute significantly to the broader goal of managing this invasive species in our area.

If you see or suspect feral pig activity on your property, you are encouraged to contact Leschenault Biosecurity Group at 0477 049 967. The group will collaborate with you to conduct a site visit, set-up a surveillance camera to both verify and quantify the pest activity. Based on what is seen on camera, the group will work with the landowner to implement a control strategy that can best address the feral pig incursion and property circumstances.

*source: National Feral Pig Action Plan

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Book Week is about celebrating Australian authors and illustrators through the Children's Book Council of Australia. Dardanup Primary students were privileged to have Kylie Howarth, spend the day with them, talking about her books. Being an illustrator meant that she shared her drawing techniques with our students and guided them to drawing some of her quirky characters. Students thoroughly enjoyed listening to Kylie and we have some of their comments.



Kylie Howarth came to our school and talked about so many books. My favourite was Kev and Trev and I loved the pictures. We got to draw a hammer head shark. Corey Yr 3



I love how we got to meet Kylie Howarth. We got to see the book that she made when she was 5 years old. It was fun. We drew a picture of a hammer head shark. I love her. It was the best day ever! Nylah year 2

Kylie Howarth came to visit. She showed us a book called Kev and Trev. It took her about 3 years. She showed us how to draw a cartoon hammer head shark. It was amazing getting to see an illustrator and author. She even showed us her first ever book. It was so funny. She was in Pre-Primary. Then she showed us how her kids helped with patterns in her book. It looks so much fun. I was inspired with her books. I wish I was her. She is so talented and that is why I want to be her. Grace A Yr 2

OMG! At the author's visit we got to make a character, it was a hammer head shark which was so amazing because everyone's hammerhead shark looked really cool when we finished making the character. She also showed her very first book when she was five. Clay Yr 3





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Mercy Market Day – Raising Funds for the Mercy Sisters

Our school recently hosted a Market Day, with funds raised being donated to the Mercy Sisters. Stalls included: Mini Golf, White Elephant Stall, Lucky Ducks, Colouring, Face Painting, Bean Bag Toss, Popcorn, Prize Wheel, Guess the Lollies, Ping Pong, Guess the Balloons in the Car, Basketball Competitions and Science Games. We even had our own OLOL Bank, where money could be ex-



Shire of Dardanup Events

*Bookings essential. Please visit www.dardanup.wa.gov.au/events for more information or to make a booking. All events are FREE to attend.

Tronox Spring Out

The Shire of Dardanup is thrilled to announce the return of Tronox Spring Out!

Tronox Spring Out is returning to the Eaton Foreshore, Sunday 20 October, 9.30am – 12.30pm.

As always, Tronox Spring Out is absolutely FREE!

We've got some new activities and amusements coming to this years event! Including.

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Thursday, 10 October, 10.00am – 11.30am

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Dardanup Hall

Monday, 14 & 28 October, 9.30am – 10.00am

Burekup Hall

Monday, 7 & 21 October, 9.30am – 10.00am

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 Maps. How do you find maps, what to look for and how to use them in your research?

Eaton Community Library (Adults)

Thursday, 17 October, 5.30pm – 7pm

School Holidays:

YAG's Halloween Party

Get ready for a night filled with frights, delights and ghoulishly good fun! Dress up in your best spooky costume and head down to the (soon to be haunted) Burekup Hall for a night full of fun, games, prizes and FREE pizza! Prizes for best dressed!

Burekup Hall (7+ years) Thursday, 3 October 6pm – 7.30pm

Friday Fun Craft & Lego

This craft and freestyle Lego session is 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

Boyanup Farmers Market

Thank you to our stall holders for their patience due to the condition of the grounds in August, yes stalls were in different spots, but even a bigger thank you to our customers who always venture out rain, hail or shine. With Spring upon us, hopefully everything will be back to normal. Our raffle winner was Taryn of Straw Bales 4 You, be sure to buy your ticket for a basket of goodies for just \$1.00. Also you can purchase one of our produce bags for only \$5.00. Our market is growing with new stalls and we are currently looking for another fruit seller, please contact the Market Manager Tanya on 0448806833 or email manager@boyanupfarmersmarket.com.

How exciting the Dardanup Bull and Barrel Festival is on 5th October, 2024 and we wish the Committee, Volunteers, Stallholders etc a wonderful day. You will probably see some of our regular stallholders too.

Our next market day is 27th October, 2024, hope to see you then.

Tanya Williams
Market Manager



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TANZANIAN SAFARI with Robyn & Jamie Jones

It was some last time last year that Jamie and I decided to go on a 12 day wildlife safari in Tanzania, East Africa travelling with a couple of local Birdwatcher friends. We decided to go in July/August to take advantage of the migrating wildebeest present in the Northern Serengeti close to the Kenyan border and hopefully see a large herd crossing the Mara River. We went with one of the many Tanzanian Tourist Companies specialising in Safaris who efficiently book the internal flights, permits and camp accommodation. We organised flights to Tanzania via a local travel agent which worked well with timing of the Safari trip.

After a couple of days repacking our carry-on size suitcases to fit in the back of the safari vehicle, we departed Perth on a cold late July evening on a 11 hour flight to Dubai, 4 hour stop over and then a 5 hour flight the following day to Dar es Salaam, largest city in Tanzania of 8 million people. We were met and taken to a comfortable coastal hotel to thankfully sleep overnight. We boarded a small plane the following morning for another 3 hours to Kogatenge airstrip in the Northern Serengeti. Landing on a small gravel airstrip, we finally joined our Tanzanian Tour Guide, Jackson, an experienced guide of 14 years and boarded our custom Landcruiser with a raised roof that enabled us to stand and look out. No safari suit or hiking boots needed here. A banded mongoose was the first animal sighted at the airstrip closely followed by elephant, zebra and wildebeest.

We stayed 3 nights at a comfortable permanent camp with our villa within walking distance complete with netted bed canopy and hot water shower. A local tribal gentleman was on hand to escort us walking from our villas. He wore a bow and arrows and a large machete after dark to protect us from the odd lion hunting in the vicinity! We went on scenic day drives after an early breakfast, provided with a packed lunch and returning to camp between 4 and 6 pm for dinner at 7 pm each night. The word Serengeti comes from a Maasai word meaning "endless plains" so yes, there are endless grasslands with the magnificent Mara River full of crocs and sleeping hippos. The African animal ecosystem is mindblowing with a meandering giraffe here and there munching on leaves, sleeping/mating lions, lionesses hunting a wildebeest for their cubs and lots of elephants to name just a few. We were also grateful for our binoculars and our birdwatcher companions with their fantastic long lens cameras for opening up our eyes to the vibrant colourful world of birds.

They were long days driving in the Northern Serengeti looking for the wildebeest approaching the Mara River. The wildebeest constantly move in large herds eating out the grasslands and intermittently running in long single file lines. There were 14 natural crossing points across the steep banks of the Mara River and the wildebeest often changed their minds about a river crossing after perusing for crocodiles and hippos before leaping from the river bank. We were lucky enough to see a river crossing on our last morning - no crocodiles in this spot! (To appreciate the high energy of this spectacle, google "wildebeest river crossing"). Jackson knew

all the roads like the back of his hand and demonstrated excellent driving skills negotiating the atrocious roads which regularly threw us sideways out of the seat!

Driving south we entered the Central Serengeti National Park where we continued seeing more of the big five including a leopard up a tree sleeping (waking to munch on his wildebeest carcass stashed higher up the tree) and pools of sleeping hippo. We caught sight of multitudes of gazelles, water buffalo, water buck, a couple of cheeters, glimpses of smaller cats, a jackel, hyena, baboons, monkeys, ostriches etc and my favourite warthogs running with their tails up in the air.

After staying 3 nights, we drove south towards the Ngorongoro Crater enjoying the local architecture in small towns, farms, waving children walking home from school and stopped at a traditional Maasai winter village. We were welcomed by their characteristic jumping dance and song, shown how they light a fire without matches and went inside one of their small warm smoky huts. The Maasai women are busy including building the huts!

The Ngorongoro Crater (formed 2.5 million years ago when the volcanic cone collapsed inward after a massive explosion) was a fascinating natural sanctuary with a high concentration of the local animal species harbouring inside the rim- 600 metres deep and 20 kms across. We stayed a night in luxurious accommodation enjoying the abundant birdlife in overlapping wetlands, woodlands with forests of umbrella acacia trees and grasslands full of animals the following day, an amazing world heritage space.

Our safari finished with a 2 night stay in Tarangire National Park known for its large population of elephants. We spent quite some time on the edge of the wetlands watching a large group of about 3 elephant families come in to bathe in the water, spouting each other, often submerging themselves entirely in the water and then getting out to coat themselves by rolling in a mudpit! The elephants then left walking very close to our vehicles parked on the road. We particularly enjoyed this Park's canvas camp with two elephants having to be moved on so we could walk from our spacious tent on stilts to attend breakfast in the morning!

We ended our Safari driving to Arusha, saying goodbye to Jackson at the Town Airport and flying back to Dar es Salaam for a welcome early night. We arranged a city tour the following day in the free hours before going to the Airport to return home. A Tanzanian Safari was an amazing bucket list trip and highly recommended despite the long flights!

Robyn's photo of one of the locals



Eds Note; thankyou Robyn and Jamie for sharing your holiday with us, sounds amazing



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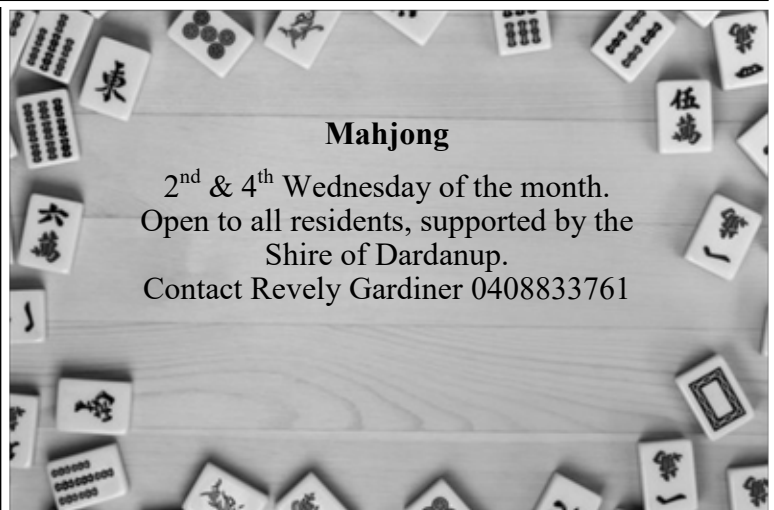
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What's on In Dardanup

- 1 October – Mens Welfare Group – 2pm at Wells Rec Park Clubroom
 3 October – Halloween Party, organised by the Shire @ Burekup, see ad back page
 4 October – Ferguson Hall Sundowner, 6pm, see poster this edition
 5 October – Dardanup Bull and Barrel Festival
 9 October – Mahjong at the Shire office, Little St 1.30-3.30. Beginners welcome
 10 October – Shire of Dardanup Sustainable Living Workshop, Dardanup Hall 10-11.30am. Topic 4 in the Homesteading Series: Grow your best Summer Garden!
 12-13 October – Lost and Found Festival
 15 October – Leschenault Biosecurity Group Inc AGM, 5.30-6.30pm, Dardanup Tavern, rsvp 11 Oct see advert this edition
 15 October - Mens Welfare Group – 2pm at Wells Rec Park Clubrooms
 15 October – Dardanup Seniors meeting, 9.30am at Wells Rec Park Clubrooms
 20 October – Tronox Spring Out Festival, 9.30-12.30, see advert back pages
 23 October - Mahjong at the Shire office, Little St 1.30-3.30. Beginners welcome
 27 October- Boyanup Farmers Market, 8am
 29/30 October – St Johns 1st Aid Course in Dardanup, see info this edition
 2/3 November – SW Rose Soc Annual Rose Show @ Eaton Sports Club, see add back pages
 8 November – Ferguson Hall Annual Quiz night, 7pm, tickets via sticky tickets, see add back pages

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 4th 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 – 1st 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
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 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 3rd Sunday, 9am, all denominations welcome.
 SW Rose Soc – 2nd Sunday of each month, 10.00am, @ Wells Recreation Park Clubrooms
 SW Veteran Car Club – 1st 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 – 1st Wednesday of the month at the Wells Rec Park Clubrooms, Mark, 0408 331 447
 Mens Welfare Group – 1st and 3rd 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

Dardanup Heritage Collective News

Sport in Dardanup

Dardanup’s famous Bull & Barrel Festival will be held on 5 October this year, with many activities centring on the recreation grounds. The Festival commenced in 2003 and is one of many successful events using various sites around Dardanup since it was settled in the 1850s. Dardanup’s Recreation Grounds were once located where the Dardanup Hall now stands. In 1931 a farm block, including the current grounds, was purchased by the Wells family. Land was subdivided from the farm and sold for £156 16s 4d to the Roads Board to create the Dardanup Recreation Grounds in the same year. It was renamed Wells Recreation Park in 2012 to recognise the role of the Wells family in developing and maintaining the site. Early sporting events in Dardanup included horse-racing on settler farms, hunt club runs, and gymkhanas. Sporting teams for men, women and children covering cricket, hockey, football and basketball became part of the town’s identity throughout the 20th Century. Wells Recreation Park is now used for aerobics, basketball, cricket, dog training, tennis and soccer. Joint amenities support these clubs and associations.

For more stories about the history of Sport in Dardanup, go to: <https://dardanupheritagecollective.org.au/>. Use the search button (top right) and type in “Sport in Dardanup”.



1930s - Dardanup Women's Hockey Team

The Dardanup Heritage Collective was recently involved with the Bunbury Museum’s annual Family History Expo. The Collective organised a display and members were available to field questions from the public. Member John Giumelli also provided a humorous talk on the Italian migration to the Dardanup area. Pictured here is Secretary Janice Calcei on left and member Terri Gibbs with the DHC display



Congratulations to

Cecil Mountford who celebrated his 90th birthday. Cecil celebrated with family and friends including cousin Maude Stanley (nee Mountford, Alans older sister) who he shared his 21st party with back then.

Bill Nuske celebrating his 80th birthday on 6 October

Colin Hazelden celebrated his 70th instyle at a party at the Ferguson Hall



To all the Ferguson Valley wineries who entered the recent Geographe Wine Show, with particular congratulations to the following; *Green Door Wines* who won Geographe Wine of the Show, Best Geographe White, Best WA Alternative Variety – White and Stewards Choice

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Willow Bridge Estate who won the Nicholas Baudin Trophy – Winemaker of Excellence
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Hentyview Wines who won Best Geographe Shiraz

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