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THE DARDANUP TIMES

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Dardanup Heritage Collective

2024 Heritage Display



Dardanup Park in 1873 – probably the earliest photo taken in Dardanup

FREE ENTRY:

Where: Thomas Little Hall
When: Sunday 17 November
Time: 9.00 am – 2.00 pm

In conjunction with the Ferguson Valley Visitors' Centre's Christmas Fete, the Dardanup Heritage Collective will be hosting a display at the Thomas Little Hall on 17 November.

ON DISPLAY:

We have asked Dardanup community identities to contribute an item for display, belonging to them or their ancestors, that has a quirky/interesting/important story.

The Women of Charlotte St display featuring seven Dardanup women and their achievements

The Story of Dardanup outlining the fascinating history of our home town

A continuous slide show of photos showing the story of Dardanup

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CHRISTMAS *Fete*

Sunday 17th November
9am - 2pm
5 Ferguson road, Dardanup

Come on down and explore an exciting array of goods from local artisans while enjoying coffee, donuts, sausage sizzle, live music plus a 'paint a gnome' stall and fire truck on display for the young at heart. Great opportunity to get your Xmas shopping done early!.

For further info:
FVVC Co-Ordinator
gbessen@bigpond.com
www.fergusonvalley.net.au

Dardanup Heritage Collective's Historical Display

Pop into the historic Thomas Little Hall after you have visited the FV Visitor Centre Christmas Fete on Sunday 17 November to check out Dardanups history. This year we have invited local identities including Sheila Butcher (Hough family), John Duzevich, Giumelli family, Mike Hall (Fowler family), Gwen Wells (Wells and Harris family), Gibbs family and Jenny Gardiner to share some of their family memorabilia with us and the story behind these treasures. Why not also share with us the date your family arrived in Australia and where they came from - timeline on display to mark your spot!



Shire of Dardanup 2024 – 2025 Summer Series

The Shire of Dardanup's Summer Series is returning to venues near you this December, January and February! This year the Summer Series features some new and exciting events, and as usual all of them are absolutely FREE. Make sure you check out the brand-new event, Christmas in the Park coming to the Burekup Oval this December. Plus enjoy returning popular events, Movies by Moonlight, X5 Academy Parkour, Teddy Bears Picnic, Whiteys Fishing Clinic and much more!

Head to the Shire of Dardanup website to see the full list of Summer Series programs and events.

The Summer Series is a Shire of Dardanup program supported by Umbrella Realty, Southern Ports Authority, J&P Group and Doral.



Young Cricketers Getting Some



DARDANUP CRICKET CLUB

The cricket season has started! Seniors took to the field for their first game on Saturday 12th October with 3 1/2 games for our C grade & E grade, unfortunately we did not come away with the wins, but the games were thoroughly enjoyed and was great to have 2 teams out on the field! C grade lost to Eaton 2/93 - Dardanup 9/92, E Grade's first game was against Dalyellup, with Dalyellup getting the runs with 3 overs to go, Dardanup 3/116 to Dalyellup 3/119 and their second game they were all out for 93 losing to Eaton's 5/148.

All training down at Wells Recreation Ground, Dardanup on Thursdays

Juniors 4.30pm to 5.30pm & Seniors from 5pm

Blast Cricket will commence 7th November, find us on Facebook, Dardanup Cricket Club, for further details & registration

We would love some more players to sign up, Seniors & Juniors, even if you can only play every couple of weeks, then come and see us at training!

Everyone welcome

Senior Enquiries to Jacob Walker 0455 929 488

Blast Cricket & Junior Cricket enquiries to Leila Cooper
0418 247 780



Fuel to Go & Play Dardanup Bull and Barrel Festival Celebrates Its 21st

What a weekend, perfect weather and a record crowd who didn't care if it was a little muddy underfoot in places. The Festival Committee has had nothing but compliments, a testament to a very hard working and experienced Committee. Approx 150 people volunteered from the Thursday til Sunday helping the Festival Committee set up, working on Festival activities on Saturday and then cleanup. Some of these people were volunteers who worked on successive days. Just shows you the mammoth task that is the Festival that puts Dardanup on the map, showcases the talents of our young people(2 young novice performers plus 5 piece youth band) on the main stage and the parade of the giant puppets pre the lighting of the bull. How magnificent was that! The puppets told the story of the huge toad who drank the Ferguson River dry and what an ending to that story! 133 young and not so young people recorded attendances at the workshops with puppet artist Karen Hethey for 2 weeks in the holidays leading up to the Festival, all learning new skills and teamwork.

The Festival is also a wonderful fundraising opportunity for our community groups - the P&C, P&F, Dardanup Lions, Dardanup Playgroup and Dardanup Community Choir raised \$13,244.00 which doesn't include the profits from the P&Cs showbag stall. Leschenault Scouts, Bunbury Men of Song, Australind High School band and DAD Realty(raising funds for breast cancer research) raised just over \$6,000.000. So you can see how important the Festival is to our community groups. Accommodation was all booked out and no doubt our local businesses benefited as well. The burning of the bull, the Festival tradition didn't disappoint. Jeff Woodman and John Cartwright thrilled the crowd as we all celebrated the finale of another wonderful Festival. The craftsmanship was admired by everyone and we all thought it seemed a shame to burn the bull doing a handstand on the double decker birthday cake. What a 21st! Huge thankyou to Wespine who donate all the timber used.

A big thankyou to the local residents who made their verges available for parking for our Festival visitors. Limited parking around town is a problem so your efforts don't go unnoticed by the Festival Committee. Well done.

All of this wouldn't be possible without the tremendous support, both financial and in kind that we receive from our many corporate and industry sponsors, **the Shire of Dardanup** and our Govt supporters

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Next year, the 22nd Festival will be held on Saturday 11 October.

Jill Cross Chairperson





The Noongar season of *Kambarang* continues. It is drying out and starting to heat up!! Make the most of the nice weather, get busy tidying up before it gets too hot and plant out the remainder of

your long season crops. Now is your last chance to plant Pumpkin seeds as most varieties require 100 days to mature for storage in Autumn.

I love the incredible diversity of a Summer vegetable patch and one of the benefits of living in a Mediterranean climate is being able to grow food year round. However, gardening in our climate during summer has a few challenges. By choosing climate suitable varieties we can set our garden up for successful harvests with less stress - *think* crops from Spain, Italy, Greece, Turkey, Iran, India, Texas, California, Africa... the list is long and exciting!

Tips for Success - Here are my Top 5 for growing a Productive Summer Garden.

Tip # 1 If you are limited with space, water or time then focus on crops that you eat often, have a short shelf/fridge lifespan, can be hard to source and/or are expensive to buy. If you have a much

larger garden area be careful to start small and keep it manageable.

Tip # 2 Reduce your pest issues and stress by focussing on growing season appropriate crops, not only will they taste better but they are more cost effective to grow.

Tip # 3 Avoid becoming overwhelmed mid summer with careful planning and succession crop plantings. By staggering when you sow seeds or seedlings you will have plants maturing at different times, avoiding gluts and making the best use of your space.

Tip # 4 Get creative! Every size garden can benefit from clever use of vertical spaces, they increase your growing area, add interest and potentially necessary shade to your patch. Best to Erect your support structures before you plant. Consider planting Choko, Sweet potatoes and/or Pumpkins on a trellis, giving you a harvest of greens over summer and long storing tubers / fruit to enjoy in the autumn/ winter.

Tip # 5 Consistent watering is the key to healthy plants. Not all crops require the same amount so think about grouping thirsty plants together. Automatic systems are great but so are Tap timers. Keep a few spare parts on hand for your irrigation system, chances are you will blow a tap or clip when the shops aren't open!

Happy Summer Gardening

Dardanup Playgroup News

At Dardanup Playgroup this month we welcomed families back from our term break with fresh faces joining us for a play. We enjoyed the spring weather with some outside play.

We also participated in the Bull and Barrel festival with the playgroup nappy change and breastfeeding tent. This year our members decided to add a bit of fun and put out some colouring in, coloured rice with toys and a little sand pit. This was a hit with the community as a place to stop, get a free piece of

fruit for the kids and slow down amongst the crowds of the festival.

Come along and join us on Wednesday 9.30 - 11.30 at the Dardanup community centre on Little Street. New members are always welcome!

Hayley Panzich



Dardanup Heritage Collective News

Researching local and family history

As well as the Dardanup Heritage Collective, there are many organizations in nearby towns that focus on the history of Bunbury and surrounding regions.

Among these are Harvey History Online, the Ron Maidment Archive at Capel Library, the Bunbury Historical Society at King's Cottage Museum, the Bunbury Oral History Group and the Bunbury Museum & Heritage Centre. Most have a web presence so just Google the group's name to find the relevant site.

One incredible resource for anyone investigating their own family history is the Australind Family History Society. The volunteers at AFHS have over 100 years experience researching people's ancestors worldwide. At their premises they personally help and teach how to research and keep family records. There are 10 computers for the use of members and visitors with access to Ancestry.com, Find My Past plus thousands of books and microfiche. DNA assistance is also available

The AFHS is located in the Harvey Shire buildings adjacent to the Australind Shopping Centre on the corner of Old Coast Road and Paris Road, Australind.

For more information go to: <http://www.australindfhs.org/> and click the "Contact Us" link to find out opening hours.

Eds Note;

Free Shire of Dardanup Workshops – Book your place with the Shire 97240000

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.

Eaton Community Library (Adults)

Thursday, 21 November 5:30pm – 7pm

Boyanup Farmers Market News

Congratulation to the Committee, Volunteers etc for a great Dardanup Bull and Barrel Festival.

Market day in September was extremely busy and our raffle winners Stephen and Larissa of Tintuppa Nursery loved the raffle prize and appreciated the wonderful donations by the stallholders. Don't forget to purchase one of our produce bags great size for all your shopping at the market.

We have a large variety of stalls and if you are looking at landscaping, changing your garden or growing your own vegetables, we have lots of plants, compost and pea straw available. We are still looking for a stall to sell vegetable and plant seedlings if anyone is interested.

Our next market day is 24th November, 2024, and our Christmas market is on the 4th Sunday this year – 22nd December, 2024, just in time to get your fresh produce and last minute gifts for Christmas.

Tanya Williams Market Manager



Dardanup Environmental Action Group
AGM,
Tuesday 10 December,
5.30pm at the
Wells Recreation Park Clubrooms.
Come along and hear what has been
achieved over the last 12 months.
Drinks and nibbles provided.

FERGUSON VALLEY

October was the festival month in the Valley. Not only was it fun to have a table of unpainted gnomes available for sale at the Bull and Barrel our 4th Lost and Found Festival the following weekend was a great success.

We launched Lost and Found Festival 2024 on Thursday evening, 9th October at St Aidans where Tyrrell Gardiner spoke on behalf of the Shire of Dardanup and Sue Williams opened the Festival with a toast to everyone who had been involved in bringing the festival together. Key sponsors, City of Bunbury, Shires of Dardanup, Capel and Harvey, Tourism WA, Australia's South West, BunGeo and South West Development Commission plus event owners and board members enjoyed St Aidans's hospitality. This year we had over 50 events running across the BunGeo area with many festival goers attending for the 4th year in a row,



The very popular Cheese and Gin immersive event at Harvey Cheese

Dardanup hosted 150+ interstate visitors on Saturday 19 October as part of the 44th National Conference of the Australian Garden History Society (AGHS). As part of their coach tour, they visited Dianne Webster's garden at Crooked Brook and stopped in Dardanup for lunch at the Dardanup Hall and spent time exploring the Rose Garden, Thomas Little Hall and doing the Heritage walk around town at their leisure.

The Ferguson Christmas Fete is on Saturday 17th November. Stalls will be set up in and around the Visitors Centre and with a coffee van, sausage sizzle plus live music to enjoy while you do your early Christmas shopping from amongst the stall holders who will have a wide range of art, handicrafts, native flowers and home baked products to tempt you. Don't miss the stand of Christmas wreaths, locally grown Macadamia nuts and Gnome Painting!! Until next month....

Sue Williams – Chair, Ferguson Valley Marketing

**Dardanup and Districts Residents Assoc AGM,
Tuesday 19 November,
5.30pm at the Wells Recreation Park Clubrooms.
Come along and join this community groups that
organises the Dardanup Anzac Day Service,
printing of the Dardanup Times and assists
Dardanup Lions with Dardanup Australia Day
celebrations**

Mental Wellness Workshop At Wespine

Wespine came together across the business recently to consider an essential aspect of our health – mental wellbeing. We listened to feedback from the grassroots level that some are doing it tough at present and we wanted to do what we could to normalise conversations about how we're really going and upskill individuals to listen, be supportive and encourage action.

In our teams, we considered what it means to look out for our workmates and how we can better have conversations with each other and support each other. Some areas got out into the sunshine to share, others viewed a YouTube presentation on the topic and played some games. All areas enjoyed a tasty catered lunch.

Feedback from the time spent has been really positive, with comments including: "It was great to hear the personal message from one the time to do this today, it's made a lot of sense and has got me thinking about who I can have conversations [about how people are going] with."



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are well patronised they will continue.**

1pm – 2pm

The dates of each of the sessions are listed below:

**Week 1: 22 October 2024
Week 2: 5 November 2024
Week 3: 19 November 2024
Week 4: 3 December 2024**



The Declared Pest Rate – What's this about?

This time of year, many landholders across WA receive an annual invoice from the State

for a Declared Pest Rate (DPR). So, what's the deal with this rate?

Simply put, the Declared Pest Rate helps fund efforts to support the control of declared pests like wild rabbits, foxes, feral pigs, and specific invasive weeds that can wreak havoc on individual private land, neighbouring properties, and the broader community. Pests don't respect boundaries, so managing them requires a coordinated, region-wide approach.

Under the Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007 (BAM Act), landholders are responsible for controlling declared pests on their land. A declared pest is an animal or plant species that causes unwanted impacts on people, the economy or environment, and has therefore been declared under the BAM Act. Declared pests are either not allowed into WA, or if they have become widespread and established, are subject to control or keeping requirements to minimise impact and spread, as it is often not possible to eradicate these pests. The presence and impact of these pests vary across the State. In response, the State collects a Declared Pest Rate in specific areas, matching the funds dollar-for-dollar. The funds are then directed to local Recognised Biosecurity Groups (RBGs), of which there are fourteen across WA. The funds are allocated specifically to the RBG operating in the area from which they were collected, ensuring that the funding is provided to help support the management of priority declared pests for that specific region.

They provide resources to support private landholders in meeting their legal obligations to manage declared pests, which in our area include rabbits, foxes, feral pigs, blackberry, cape tulip, and cotton bush and a few other specific declared pest weeds. However, in some regions, the funds may be directed primarily, or even solely, toward supporting the management of a single type of declared pest, such as wild dogs, based on the specific biosecurity threats in that area. RBGs don't replace individual landholder responsibilities or the need for contracted services; instead, they provide support and promote the effective management of declared pests across the community. They are also responsible for promoting community-wide awareness of the impact of declared pests and the importance of managing them. This is done through community engagement and education initiatives and by encouraging, coordinating and facilitating community-wide pest management activities across different land tenures. While it's easy to think of the DPR as just another bill, the raised funds contribute to the health of individual properties

and our shared ecosystems, hopefully helping to better ensure that our communities are resilient to the threats posed by invasive pests, helping to safeguard Western Australia's natural and agricultural resources for years to come.

Recognised Biosecurity Groups in the South West - There are three Recognised Biosecurity Group's in the South West, including our local Leschenault Biosecurity Group, to our north, the Peel Harvey Biosecurity Group, and to our south, Blackwood Biosecurity Inc. These groups provide guidance and resources such as pest management equipment loan, site visits and some on-ground support, as well as coordination and facilitation of community wide programs such as annual Rabbit Control Calicivirus RHDV1 K5 Release programs, feral pig control programs and others.

If you would like to know more about the RBG operations and activities in our area, please contact Leschenault Biosecurity Group at 0477 049 967 or visit their website at www.lbginc.org.au. For more information about the Declared Pest Rate, you can visit the DPIRD website at: www.agric.wa.gov.au/bam/declared-pest-rate. For enquiries specific to your DPR invoice, please call Revenue WA on 1300 368 364 or 9262 1199.

Eds Note; recently the Leschenault Biosecurity Group held their AGM at the Dardanup Tavern attended by a few locals plus others from outside the Shire and we thought readers would be interested to hear more about their work and why its important to pay the Pest Rate so this team can continue their work to control pests in our area. Its approx. \$66.00 annually per property.



Declared Pest Rate funds collected from our area are used for the promotion and support of the management of these priority pests across communities in the Shires of Capel, Dardanup, the City of Bunbury and the northern localities of the Shire of Donnybrook-Balingup

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Our Lady of Lourdes

2024 Athletics Carnival

We were blessed with beautiful weather for our recent Athletics Carnival. Students participated in a variety of events from team games to individual events, with wonderful displays of sportsmanship. Before our tabloid games began, students took part in a faction march, with chants, around the oval. Our overall faction winner was Kaya (yellow faction). We also introduced a new Spirit Sheild, which was won by Columba (blue faction).





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Are you Bushfire Ready?

The following info has been supplied by DFES and the Shire To Assist You With Bushfire Preparedness

- Bushfires happen every year and can start at any time.
- The single biggest killer is indecision. Having a bushfire plan will help you take action and avoid making last minute decisions that could prove deadly during a bushfire.
- To survive a bushfire, you must be prepared to make your own decisions. Do not wait and see or expect a knock at the door.
- You don't have to live in the bush to be at risk from bushfires. Embers can travel up to 25 kilometres during a bushfire, bringing the fire from the bush to your home.
- Don't rely on a fire truck to protect your home – there are only around 1000 fire vehicles in the entire state of Western Australia, including all vehicles from the Fire and Rescue Service, Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service, Volunteer Fire and Emergency Service and Bushfire Service.
- Consider helping neighbours or community members who may need assistance.
- During a bushfire, stay up to date at emergency.wa.gov.au, 13 DFES (13 3337), twitter.com/dfes_wa, facebook.com/dfeswa or your local ABC Radio.
- The Bushfire Warning System icons and colours changed in 2021. Visit dfes.wa.gov.au/bushfire/prepare to find out more.
- The Fire Danger Rating System has changed in September 2022. Talking points are available on the Volunteer Hub.

Four simple steps

- Create your bushfire plan, prepare your property, pack an emergency kit and make sure you understand the Bushfire Warning and Rating Systems.

Bushfire Plans

- Develop a bushfire plan that outlines what you will do if a bushfire occurs. You can visit mybushfireplan.wa.gov.au or download the My Bushfire Plan app from the App Store or Google Play.
- During a bushfire it can be difficult to think clearly. Planning ahead will help keep you and your family safe.
- "We will wait and see" is not a bushfire plan. "We never thought it could reach us here" is not a bushfire plan. Thinking about a plan is not a bushfire plan.
- Consider what to do if you're not at home, children are at school etc and make sure you have back up plans.
- Practice your plan regularly with your family, **write it down** and make sure everyone knows where it is.
- If your plan is to leave, make sure you leave early. Only stay if you are physically and mentally prepared to defend your

property and you have all the right equipment. Remember to plan for your pets and/or livestock – during a bushfire they will need water, shelter and a safe place to stay.

Risk

- Over 90 per cent of Western Australia is bushfire prone.
- You are at risk if you live close to or are surrounded by:
 - Coastal scrub – these fires can be hot and move fast.
 - Suburbs, parks and reserves – flames and flying embers can cross roads and impact homes.
 - Grasslands – fires can start easily and spread quickly.
 - Farm and paddocks – fires can spread quickly over large areas like paddocks.
 - Forrest and bushland – fires in these areas can be very intense and extremely difficult for emergency services to reach and extinguish.

Prepare your emergency kit

- It doesn't matter if you are staying or leaving, having an emergency kit can save precious time during an emergency.
- Everyone in the household should know where the emergency kit is kept.
- Your kit should include essential supplies such as an AM/FM battery powered radio, spare batteries, torch, first aid kit, woollen blanket, protective clothing, emergency contact numbers, important documents, water and non-perishable food.

- On the day, don't forget to add essentials such as your wallet/purse, car and house keys, medications and medical equipment, phone and charger, and pet supplies.

Prepare your property

Simple and ongoing monthly property upkeep includes:

- Cut the grass around your property to 10cm or less
- Prune shrubs so they are not dense
- Clean gutters
- Check gas release valves face away from property
- More lasting actions to prepare your property include:
 - Create a minimum two metre gap between your house and tree branches
 - Install metal fly wire mesh on all windows and vents and install a protective screen on evaporative air conditioners.
 - Block any gaps under the floor, in roof spaces, under eaves, external vents, skylights, chimneys and wall claddings.
- Install a fire or heat radiant shield such as a solid fence.



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Volunteer Bush Fire Brigades

Would you like to become a Volunteer Fire Fighter? Then why not join one of the Shire of Dardanup's 8 Volunteer Bush Fire Brigades and learn how to prevent fires and be trained in fire fighting! Volunteer Bush Fire Brigades protect the community, as well as attend fires all around the state and at times across the country. Male and female volunteers are very welcome. No experience is necessary as all training is provided. There are many dimensions to being a volunteer bush fire fighter and members are encouraged to choose the type of activities that best suit their capabilities and interest.

Volunteers are trained in the following areas:

- personal and team safety and survival
- fire suppression methods
- vehicle driving – on and off road
- communications
- first aid

leadership and emergency management procedures.

If you don't feel you are up to fighting fires, you may want to consider joining a brigade's support team. The support team's main functions are to help our fire fighters and cadets with technical and welfare support during an incident, or during training and fundraising.

Some of our brigades also have a strong cadet program and welcomes boys and girls from the age of 11 to 16 years to join. Being a cadet provides an opportunity for young people to learn about fire safety, fire equipment and develop important life skills through team exercises and leadership challenges. Being a volunteer is a rewarding experience. It is an opportunity to meet new people, learn new skills and provide assistance in protecting your community. Respecting others, working together as a team and acting with honesty and integrity are the values embraced by members.

If you are interested in being a volunteer bush fire fighter or joining the cadet program please contact your local brigade or Emergency Management Officer on 9724 0347 or email brigade@dardanup.wa.gov.au.

Prohibited Burning

All burning in the open is prohibited from 15 December until 14 March each year (subject to change).

Register your mobile for SMS Messages

The Shire of Dardanup has implemented an SMS Notification Service for Total Fire Ban & Harvest & Vehicle Movement Bans, as well as information relating to restricted/prohibited burning periods. As soon as a Total Fire Ban or Harvest & Vehicle Movement Ban is called, all mobile phones registered will receive an SMS directly to their mobile phone. This service is free of charge. To subscribe for this service please email your details to records@dardanup.wa.gov.au or phone Ranger Services on 9724 0307.

Firebreaks & Fire Prevention Measures

Fire prevention measures must be completed and all properties (including residential, commercial, industrial and vacant land) cleared of fire hazards **on or before 30 November each year** to reduce the risk of fires during the bushfire season. Properties must remain free of

hazard until the **close of the Restricted Burning Period**.

There is a list of fire break contactors list on the Shires website.

Which fire zone are you?

Did you know our Shire is made up of two fire zones?

Geographe and Brockman.

Do you know which fire zone your property is located?

An interactive map can be found on the Shires website that can show you whether your property is located in the Geographe or Brockman zones. All you have to do is type your address in the search function to find out.

These fire zones were announced by the Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) and the Shire of Dardanup will continue to communicate with residents on any future Fire Danger Ratings set

Annual Ferguson Valley Quiz Night Not to Be Missed!

Friday 8 November, Doors open at 6:30pm for 7pm start.
\$15 per person | Tables of 8 | Includes Door Prize!

BYO drinks and nibbles

Are you ready to test your trivia knowledge?

Enjoy friendly competition and a chance to support your local community hall!

This event promises lots of fun, laughter and prizes.

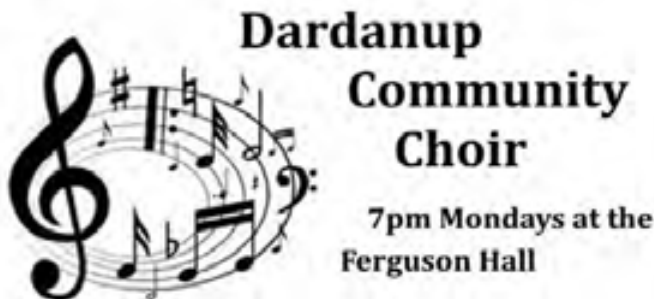
Don't miss out on a great night of entertainment and community spirit.

Get a group together and book a Table of 8 or purchase a Single Entry ticket and we'll place you on a mixed table of 8.

Tickets can be purchased from the Sticky Tickets website.
See poster back pages

We look forward to sharing this fun evening with you!

Warm regards
Ferguson Hall Management Committee



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

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME



Dardanup Senior Citizens News**Remembrance Day**

At our Meeting today the 15th October, 16 members attended. Final discussions were held regarding our bus trip on the 31st October & our Christmas dinner on the 26th November. Will Tuck from the Shire of Dardanup was our guest speaker. He advised a fully Shire funded, 4 session Chair Yoga trial commencing on the 22nd October will be held at the Dardanup Hall 1 - 2 pm. Future dates are 5th Nov, 19th Nov & 3rd Dec. Open to all seniors in our locality.

Revely Gardiner 0408833761

The Dardanup Residents Assoc wont be organising a service this year but if people want to visit the Memorial and lay a wreath they are most welcome. The Dardanup Knits and Knots Group will be organising the poppy display near the Memorial having taken this activity over from the Shire.

What's on In Dardanup

2/3 November – SW Rose Soc Annual Rose Show @ Eaton Sports Club, see add back pages
 5 November – Mens Welfare Group – 2pm at Wells Rec Park Clubroom
 8 November – Ferguson Hall Annual Quiz night, 7pm, tickets via sticky tickets, see add back pages
 13 November – Mahjong at the Shire office, Little St 1.30-3.30. Beginners welcome
 17 November – FV Visitor Centre Christmas Fete, 9am – 2pm, see add this edition
 17 November – Dardanup Heritage Collective's Historical Display, Thomas Little Hall, 9am – 2pm, see add this edition
 18 November – Dardanup Art Spectacular AGM, 5.30pm @ Wells Rec Park Clubrooms
 19 November - Mens Welfare Group – 2pm at Wells Rec Park Clubrooms
 19 November– Dardanup Seniors meeting, 9.30am at Wells Rec Park Clubrooms
 19 November – Dardanup and Districts Residents Assoc AGM, 5.30pm @ the Wells Rec Park Clubrooms
 24 November- Boyanup Farmers Market, 8am
 24 November – Crooked Brook Forest AGM, 4pm, @ Crooked Brook Forest, all welcome, BYO BBQ and salad
 27 November - Mahjong at the Shire office, Little St, 1.30-3.30. Beginners welcome
 30 November – Firebreaks completed
 6 December – Ferguson Hall Summer BBQ, 6.30pm, see add this edition
 10 December – Dardanup Environmental Action Group AGM, 5.30pm @ the Wells Rec Park Clubrooms

If you have an event to add
 please email
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 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
 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
 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 Aids 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

Ferguson Valley Visitor Centre News

Now spring is really here with beautiful weather & intermittent storms & precious rain, Dardie & Fergie are looking their absolute best. Some farmers are cutting silage & soon hay & to do a drive up Pile Rd across to Gnomesville & back through the valley is a joy for the senses - particularly if you pop into a winery or a brewery on the way!

The visitors centre has been quite busy with the Bull & Barrel, Lost & Found & the historical garden club from Perth spending Saturday 19th October around Dardanup & the valley.

Our feature artist for November & December is Sara Brandli who, in her own words is:

"A ZIA artist (Zentangle Inspired Art) My art has a whimsical flavour & I'm known as a visual storyteller. Tiny is part of my signature & is found in my artwork. I became interested in the Zentangle method after visiting America, which eventually lead me to ZIA. When I start a piece I have no idea what is going to happen. To quote Zentangle headquarters 'anything is possible one stroke at a time' I'm a qualified mindfulness teacher & find ZIA a very mindful platform." So do come in & see Sara's work & see if you can discover Tiny! The visitors centre is promoting tourism & many tourists envy our beautiful area & lifestyle but it is primarily a farming district & as Thomas Jefferson said: "Agriculture is our wisest pursuit, because it will in the end contribute most to real wealth, good morals, and happiness."

Libby Pardoe

Visitors admiring Sara's art



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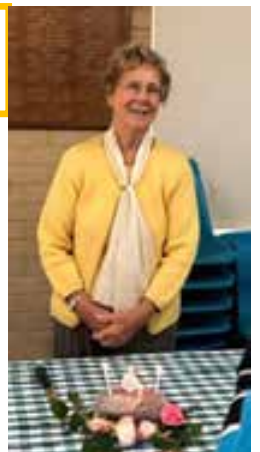
Tracey Moyle, celebrating her 50th birthday

Thomas Morton on his 40th Birthday 13/11

Diana Neggo for being awarded the Ria Bignell Inaugural Art Prize at the recent Bunbury Catholic College Art Event

St Aidans Church Parish who catered for 150 members of the Australian Garden History Soc who's members hailed from all parts of Australia, staying in Bunbury for the National Conference and recently spending time in Dardanup viewing the F.V. Visitor Centre gardens with Faye Lewis, President of the SW Rose Soc on hand to share her rose knowledge and Jenny Golding and Margaret Giumelli from the Dardanup Heritage Collective on hand to share their historical knowledge. The FV Visitor Centre volunteers were also on hand to share knowledge about all the sights of interest in the area. The Australian Garden History Soc also toured Wayne and Dianne Websters beautiful garden in Joshua Brook. The visitors were full of compliments for our town and its hospitality. Well done on the combined community effort and im sure these visitors will return after experiencing such a warm welcome. Great job ambassadors!

**Irene Bell,
celebrating her 80th birthday**



Drizzle Fizzles as Tronox Spring Out Draws Record Crowd

Despite the drizzle, the Tronox Spring Out Festival drew a record crowd of about 6,500 people making this year's event the Shire of Dardanup's biggest and most successful yet. Shire of Dardanup President Cr Tyrrell Gardiner praised the community's enthusiasm and support of the annual festival held along the Eaton Foreshore, and the team behind the event.

"This really is about providing an event for our community. We had some terrific feedback from service providers and organisations like the Carey Park and Leschenault Scouts clubs who also had a successful day, signing up new members.

"While the Shire's Youth Advisory Group took on MC duties and impressed with their professionalism and entertainment. "A big congratulations to all the dancers from the Connie Vidos School of Dance, and all the other artists that performed on the Community Stage." "With overwhelmingly positive feedback from attendees, the Tronox Spring Out

Festival has once again cemented its place as one of the region's most beloved community events," Cr Gardiner said. "We are extremely grateful for the support of our major sponsor Tronox, who without, we would not be able to provide such a wonderful event.

"The Shire is already looking forward to making next year's festival even bigger and better."



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