

Shire News

Shire of Dardanup Newsletter

Summer Series is back, bigger, better

The Shire of Dardanup's annual Summer Series is back, bigger and better, with an exciting new highlight: Christmas in the Park on Friday, 13 December at the Burekup Oval.

Shire President Cr Tyrrell Gardiner said the festive addition will launch the holiday season with Christmas performances, family activities, festive treats, and unique shopping experiences.

Cr Gardiner said this free, community-driven event is a must-attend celebration for all ages from 5-7.30 pm at the Burekup Oval.

"We conducted a Summer Series community survey earlier this year to find out what events the community wanted to see in this year's program, and we're excited to deliver," Cr Gardiner said.

"Providing free, fun community events is essential for fostering connection and creating lasting memories. It's important to bring people together, to share experiences and celebrate what makes our community unique."

Christmas in the Park includes:

- Performances by the Philharmonic South West (Youth) Orchestra "Sinfonietta," Tartan Tempest, and the Bel Canto Choir.

- Fun for Kids in the Christmas Corner, photo with Santa and Christmas crafts.



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- A visit from Santa via special delivery from the Burekup Volunteer Fire and Rescue Team.

- South West pop-up shops with artisanal goods, perfect for holiday shopping.

- Food trucks offering delicious treats to satisfy all tastes.

Summer Series highlights:

- Movies by Moonlight: Friday, 17 January, 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm, at Glen Huon Oval.

- Scouts Family Fun Day: Monday, 20 January, 9:30am-11:30am at Eaton Foreshore.

- Teddy Bears Picnic: Thursday, 23 January, 10am-11am at Cadell Park, Millbridge.

- Summer Serenade: Friday, 14 February, from 5:30 pm-7:30pm at Carramar Park, Dardanup.

- Whitey's Family Fishing Clinic: Join Whitey's Tackle & Camping team on Sunday, 23 February from 9-11am.

The program also includes activities to get you moving, including yoga, tabata, pickleball and parkour.

The Shire's Summer Series is possible through the support of Umbrella Realty, Southern Ports Authority, J&P Group, and Doral.

For more information on the Summer Series, scan the above QR code for all the details.

Updates:

Restricted Burning Period

The Shire's Restricted Burning Period started on 2 November, requiring permits for activities like bonfires, burning garden waste, or clearing pasture. Outdoor barbecues, pizza ovens, and fire pits are permitted without a permit. Additional campfire rules may apply in DBCA-controlled areas. Visit the Shire's website or contact Ranger Services at (08) 9724 0307 for more information.

Free Chair Yoga sessions

Free Chair Yoga sessions are on at the Dardanup Hall (19 Ferguson Rd). Open to all ages, these relaxing and inclusive sessions run from 1-2 pm on Tuesday, 19 November, and 3 December. Chair Yoga is a gentle form of exercise suitable for all fitness levels.

The Shire also runs Chair Yoga at the Eaton Recreation Centre on the first and third Tuesday of every month, held from 1-2pm.

Keep your dog secure

Is your dog registered and microchipped? A friendly reminder to keep pets securely contained at home and on a leash in designated areas. Ensure your dog is registered and microchipped, with details kept up to date. Responsible pet ownership keeps our community safe and enjoyable for everyone! If you need to update your details please contact our Customer Service Team.

Free inclusive workshops

Celebrate International Day of People with Disability with the Empower Ability Program (EAP), a free, three-day workshop from 2-4 December focused on creativity, accessibility, and community for people of all abilities. Held at Eaton Community Library, this step-free, wheelchair-accessible space includes ACROD parking by the side entrance. All materials are provided.

Your free guide to local biodiversity gardening

A valuable new resource designed to inspire residents to preserve local biodiversity by incorporating local Native plants into their gardens was launched recently.

The Keeping it Local booklet was developed in collaboration with the Cities of Bunbury and Busselton and the Shires of Capel, Collie, and Harvey, to help local gardeners select the right plants for their gardens to create vibrant and sustainable landscapes.

The Shire of Dardanup's Coordinator of Environment and Waste Eliza-Jane Jacques was a key advocate behind the Keeping it Local concept, which was led by the Leschenault Catchment Council.

"This guide will help locals understand what Native plants will thrive in the right environment and what birds and insects they might like to attract with the beautiful flowers," Eliza-Jane said.

"The guide covers local Native plant species of the lower Swan Coastal Plain and Foothills, with each species described with icons noting which Local Government Areas (LGAs) they are suitable for and what tolerances or special characteristics they may have.

"This is an encouraging way to plant the seeds for a healthier, more biodiverse future — right in our own backyards."



The Shire of Dardanup's Coordinator of Environment and Waste Eliza-Jane Jacques and Shire President Cr Tyrrell Gardiner with the Keeping it Local Guide. Get your copy today!

Shire President Cr Tyrrell Gardiner highlighted the importance of collaboration among the councils and shires involved.

"The guide encourages residents to play an active role in supporting native wildlife, by incorporating plants that provide natural habitat and food sources.

"Whether you are a seasoned gardener or just beginning, this guide offers practical advice to enrich your gardening experience and connect with local nature."

View the Keeping It Local guide on the Shire's website or call into the Eaton and Dardanup offices for a free copy.

Council Meeting dates for 2024

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

20 November 18 December

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

If you'd like to comment on an item in the meeting agenda, please email records@dardanup.wa.gov.au or drop off a written comment at: Shire of Dardanup, Administration Centre – Eaton 1 Council Drive, Eaton WA 6232. Comments are submitted at least 48 hours before the meeting.

Let's keep our pools safe this summer

As the weather heats up in the Shire of Dardanup, it's the perfect time to jump into the pool – but remember, safety comes first.

Pool safety tips:

- Always supervise: Accidents can happen in seconds. When young children are around the pool, stay within arm's reach.
- Check your barriers: Compliant pool safety barriers are not just a rule – they're essential. Ensure your barriers are in top shape to protect little ones.

Regular inspections:

- Did you know? All pools and spas in the Shire require inspections every 4 years under the Building Act 2011. This keeps barriers safe and compliant, giving you peace of mind.

Important fees to remember:

- One-time inspection fee: A \$145.00 inspection fee applies for new pool building permits (effective July 1, 2024).
- Annual safety fee: The annual fee of \$36.00 supports ongoing inspections to help keep all pools in our community safe.



Already have a pool? Here's what to know:

- 1000 pools and counting: The Shire of Dardanup has approximately 1000 registered pools, all regularly inspected to ensure compliance and safety.
- Moving or removing your pool? Let us know if your pool is no longer in use! We'll update our records, so you don't pay unnecessary fees.
- For more information on pool safety or inspection details, visit our website: <https://www.dardanup.wa.gov.au/development-and-planning/building/swimming-pools-spas.aspx>