

DECEMBER 24/JANUARY 25

THE DARDANUP TIMES

Timber Treaters Henty Riding Club Winter Dressage Championships

The weekend of August 24th/25th saw a huge amount of activity on the Dardanup Equestrian Centre's grounds on Garvey Road when it hosted the Timber Treaters Henty Riding Club Winter Dressage Championships. This event has over the years become a major feature on the WA Dressage calendar, winning Event of the Year several times. The prestige of the event is partly due to the presence of Internationally qualified judges who make this event significant in raising the standard of dressage in WA. Dressage is the discipline that looks like effortless equine dancing, yet takes years of practice, talent and training for each combination. Championship classes were offered this year from the lowest level (Preparatory) to the very highest (Grand Prix) with club members, non members, Para-Dressage and Pony classes equally well catered for. Riders and their associates flock to this show from as far away as the Wheatbelt and Albany, such is the attraction of this event.

Locals who successfully competed was Kaitlyn Brown who won the Participant Novice Champion; Darline Morgan competing in her first ever official competition achieved a very notable 3rd place in the Henty Preliminary Championship and Liz Anderson on her beautiful horse San Shivago won the Reserve Champion in the Small Tour class just a whisker behind the eventual champion.

This year to make the weekend bigger and better than ever, the event was supported by a number of generous sponsors. Timber Treaters (Bridgetown) continued as longstanding naming rights sponsor and champions returned home with rugs emblazoned with their logo. Elementary and Small Tour championships had the support of Duncan Equine whilst Blue Hire supported the Pony championships. The class winners and champions all received sashes with sponsors' colours and logos which made for colourful prize giving. A huge array of prizes were donated by Donnybrook Hardware. Thanks for their generosity go also to GJ Freight, Horseland, Lucinda McAlpine's Intuitive Riding, Perth Performance Horses,

Prestbury Park Saddlery, Evolution Saddlery, Brushwood Brook Stables, Pimbury Equine, Saddles Plus, Oakford Stockfeeds, Dardanup Rural, Coffee Joy and Preston Power Equipment. Sponsors support not only helped provide superb prizes but also allowed us to introduce an electronic scoring system which proved to be the way of the future.

We would like to thank our competitors for participating in what could be considered the most prestigious dressage event outside the metropolitan area. Thank you to the small, hardworking committee who worked tirelessly to co-ordinate the event.



Local Liz Anderson on her beautiful horse San Shivago won the Reserve Champion

Local Church Services and Christmas Carols

Church of the Immaculate Conception

Christmas Eve - Tuesday 24 December:

Dardanup: **Outdoor Family Mass**
(on the "Big Front Lawn")

- ☆ 6:00pm: Christmas Carol Singing
- ☆ 6:30pm: Christmas Mass
- Followed by a celebration supper:
 - drinks provided for adults and kids.
 - please bring a plate of finger-food to share.

Christmas Day - Wednesday 25 December:

Dardanup: **Mass of Christmas Day.**

- ☆ 9:00am: Christmas Mass.



Ferguson Church, Saint Aidan's

Christmas carol service will be held at the Church on Thursday 19th December, commencing 6.30 pm.

After the Carols we will adjourn 'next door' to Saint Aidan Wines, courtesy of Mary and Phil, to enjoy a drink and supper, catching up with our friends and neighbours.

Everyone is welcome, and a plate to share would be appreciated.

Out and About in Dardanup and Localities



Greg Gibbs from Dardanup on left and Jim Giumelli from Perth visited the Dardanup Heritage Collective's display in the Thomas Little Hall. Apart from the interesting historical items on display there was a timeline that captured the years that families came to Australia. Gregs family came to WA in 1844 aboard the Trusty. Mike Hall, member of the Dardanup Heritage Collective marked on the timeline that his great, great grandfather John Fowler came to WA in 1838 and his wife to be, Elizabeth Dicey came to Australia in 1835 which was about the earliest date captured on the timeline.

The F.V. Visitor Centre recently hosted a very successful Xmas Fete with over 400 people attending. There were 20 stalls including a Solaris stall which made approx. \$1000.00. Well done to Gae Bessen and the FVVC team.



Working at the recent Crooked Brook Forest Busy Bee, were on left, Jim Campbell- Clause, Kim Graieg, Brian Barrett, Tom Cross and Ross Jarvis. Paths were trimmed, swept and seats and tables were oiled ready for summer



10 locals received their St John Ambulance 1st Aid Certificate recently, seen here practising their bandaging techniques. The course was held over 2 nights at the Wells Rec Park Clubrooms and organised by Mary Smith on behalf of the Dardanup Residents Assoc



Dardanup Bull and Barrel Festival Committee recently held their 'windup and thankyou to volunteers' evening. Jill Cross presents Tracey Moyle, Stalls Coordinator with a humorous thankyou gift for all her wonderful work



SW Country Music Dance Club recently held adance at the Dardanup Hall and hope to make this a regular in their programme

Crooked Brook Forest Group recently held their AGM and BBQ with Brian Barrett elected as Chairperson, Andrew White as V/C, Tina Gabeline elected as Secretary having already served 16 years in the position(amazing), Tom Cross elected as Treasurer, Kim Graieg as Busy Bee Coordinator. Committee – Lionel Machen, Karen and Matty Hawkes and Wenda Barrett



Ferguson Valley Visitor Centre News

Christmas is only just around the corner! The Visitor Centre has a wonderful array of interesting, unique products which are just right for Christmas gifts – even Santa comes calling to check out what's available. Our Artisan of the Month in December features Janelle – a local first-time author – and Bethwyn – an amazing illustrator. Together they have produced The Christmas Mouse Book – bringing to life the Christmas story through the character of Miss Mousey. Following self-publication in 2022, The Christmas Mouse was further published with Austin Macauley Publishers (London) and has featured in three International book fairs. The story follows Miss Mousey post and pre-Christmas and her subsequent

feelings of disappointment and sadness, and then anticipation of the next Christmas coming. The Christmas Mouse book is a story, not only for children, but anyone who loves Christmas! Hardcover and Paperback copies are available at Ferguson Valley Visitor Centre with the option to include a beautifully crocheted toy Miss Mouse, Bruce the Moose, or rattle for the littlies.



Another delightful book is Gnomesville – the Real Story. Again, beautifully illustrated and a delightful gift for children. As well as an amazing array of artisan gifts produced by locals, we have Ferguson Valley Tee Shirts on sale and beautiful quality linen tea towels.

We recently welcomed two new volunteers – Robyn Jones and Tansy McMurtrie (Skating Goose Farm). They bring wonderful skills and bright personalities to complement the team. Make sure to call in and introduce yourselves – you will be most welcome.

Gae Bessen Ferguson Valley Visitor Centre Co-ordinator



Leschenault Bio logo

Register now for Leschenault Biosecurity Group's Rabbit Control Calicivirus RHDV1 K5 Release Program to be Conducted Jan – March 2025

Do you have a rabbit problem on your property?

Registration is now open for Leschenault Biosecurity Group's summer 2024-2025 Rabbit Control Calicivirus RHDV1-K5 Release Program.

The LBG will once again facilitate a Calicivirus RHDV1-K5 (K5) Release Program with participating landholders across its operational area, including the northern localities of the Donnybrook-Balingup Shire, Shires of Capel and Dardanup and the City of Bunbury. This program will commence in mid-January with targeted releases anticipated through March 2025. The more people that participate, the more effective this rabbit control program will be. Rabbits reproduce very effectively, and complete elimination of rabbits is close to impossible. With community members working together, significant decrease in numbers can be achieved.

Registration is required. Please visit the LBG website at

www.lbginc.org.au or ring them on 0477 049 967

Calicivirus "K5" releases are part of an integrated approach to optimise control of feral rabbits.

Calicivirus RHDV1-K5 is a very helpful, effective rabbit bio-control tool, but NOT a "silver bullet". The virus provides an important tool for suppressing pest rabbit numbers throughout the landscape, reducing the substantial impact pest rabbits have on both agricultural production and the environment. While the "K5" releases won't eliminate all rabbits, they do provide for a significant reduction in rabbit population, hopefully better enabling landholders the ability to implement other rabbit control strategies around their property.



Individual and Collective Focus on Biosecurity Important to help protect our beautiful and unique area from the impact of established and potential plant and animal pests.

As we usher in summer and 2024 comes to a close, our local Leschenault Biosecurity Group offers the following:

THANK YOU to community members for their diligent efforts and support for the management, reporting and tracking of declared pests.

Dardanup Heritage Collective News

Some more personal histories

The stories of many prominent Dardanup citizens are featured on the Dardanup Heritage Collective web site but there are other stories too, those lesser known but personal stories of ordinary citizens.

One recently added to the web site is that of Syd Gardiner who resided most of his life at Wellington Mills. The story is taken from a journal recorded by Syd in the early 2000s. One riveting aspect of his story is the recounting of the devastating fire of April 1950 that swept across from Burekup and caused extensive damage in Ferguson and Wellington Mills.

Syd wrote: "In April that year, the ominous smoke from a bushfire in the hills of Burekup started to increase. 12 and 13 of April, was spent trying to halt the blaze with many other firefighters from the area, and I will never forget the roar of the fire and the frightfulness of it on the night of 13 April,

The Leschenault Biosecurity Group sends a big thank you to our community members for their dedicated efforts in managing, reporting, and tracking declared pests. Many landholders across our area have reached out to and collaborated with the group for guidance and resources to support for the ongoing challenges of controlling priority widespread and well-established pests in our area, including wild rabbits, foxes, feral pigs, and invasive declared pest plants such as arum lily, blackberry, cape tulip, and cotton bush. Community members are encouraged to visit the group's website at lbginc.org.au or give them a call on 0477 049 967 for information, guidance, equipment loan, to discuss any concerns and more to support declared pest management needs.

Spring Weed Roundup _ Summer Focus on Blackberry & Apple of Sodom

As we enter summer Cape Tulip, Arum Lily, Watsonia's & Thistles get parked in the rear-view mirror for another season. This spring was a particularly challenging weed season with three weeks of no rain in September followed by average falls in October & warm nights contributing to a proliferation of growth. Anecdotal evidence from farmers who reached out to the LBG said they had Thistles in their paddocks that didn't exist last year. Thistles aren't particularly long lived in the seed soil bank but are usually recruited through airborne dispersal or rolled up in hay that have been imported from infested paddocks off farm. Given, the hay crisis last summer, it would not be a stretch to think that this was a point source of contamination. The group loaned out their spray unit this year to several landholders purely to deal with thistle, mainly Nodding or Sheep Thistle and to a lesser extent Spear/Variiegated thistle. Cleavers continue to roll into town coming to your paddock sometime soon. Cleavers are a relatively new entrant to the coastal flats coming out of the Blackwood basin. It is likely that the causative agent here is hay cartage from eastern localities where Cleavers mature at the same time as hay cutting.

As we turn our attention towards summer weeds, the LBG is already engaging with landholder requiring some assistance with their upcoming blackberry program. The purple, red hue to the leaves over the winter dormancy period is replaced by a new lime green flush of growth signifying 'game on.' Contact LBG to discuss best strategies and available resources to help manage blackberry infestations.

Apple of Sodom is also on the radar as it sends out purple flowers & a modicum of new leaves. 'Sod of an Apple' is best dealt with prior to the onset of really hot continuous days where it enters a temporary shut down through water stress. Henty and Newlands are a particular hotspot within our local area from which the LBG receive the most calls for assistance to control this challenging declared pest plant! Landholders are encouraged to reach out to the LBG for assistance with this tough customer!

1950 as it roared across the hills towards us at Wellington Mills.

Then, on the 14th of April 1950 the day before my wedding, it claimed my home that I had worked on for 18 months.

However, the wedding went ahead as planned, and Joan and I were married in Donnybrook on the 15 April 1950."

To finish reading this story go to:

dardanupheritagecollective.org.au and using the Search (top right corner), and type in "Individual Stories" or "Syd Gardiner".

The Fire of 14 April 1950 crossing from Burekup into Ferguson



DARDANUP CRICKET CLUB



RESULTS: 19/10/2024 Seniors 3rd Grade losing to Marist 9/156 to 6/228, Juniors Gold falling short by 17 runs, Green got a win! 26/10/2024 Seniors 3rd Grade went down to Capel 7/325 to 8/75, 5th Grade just falling short to Capel 5/127 to 4/128, Juniors Gold went down to Burekup 5/48 to 3/95, Green had another win 2/103 to Lesch Dolphins 46 runs. 2/11/2024 Seniors both teams played Colts & fell short, 3rd Grade 9/120 to 0/121, 5th Grade 10/124 to 7/179, Juniors Gold played Hay Park who took the win 7/50 to 3/101, Green had another big win against Lesch Tassie Devils. 9/11/2024 Seniors 3rd Grade came home with a win beating Leschenault 5/281 to 10/79, 5th Grade not quite getting there against Dalyellup 10/63 to 2/64, Juniors Gold went down to Marist 9/77 to 5/111, Green winning against Eaton 8/118 to 12/74 runs.

I feel a big win is coming for our Seniors & Gold Junior team, so come down & support us!

Saturday December 7th our 2 junior teams play each other at home at 8.30am!

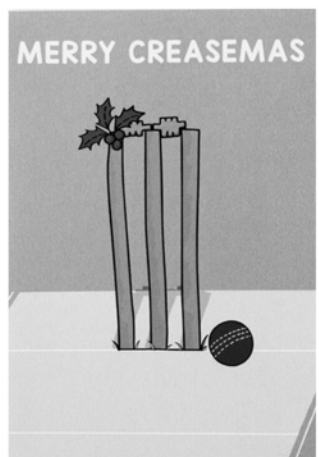


The Dardanup Cricket Club would like to wish everyone a safe & happy festive season, the nets are always open, so pop down for a practice in the nets over the summer holidays.

MERRY CRICKET CHRISTMAS, MAY YOUR DAYS BE FILLED WITH FOURS & SIXES!

All training down at Wells Recreation Ground, Dardanup on Thursdays
Blast 3.30pm to 4.30pm
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Everyone welcome

Senior Enquiries to Jacob Walker
0455 929 488
Blast Cricket & Junior Cricket enquiries to Leila Cooper
0418 247 780



Fr Wayne is Celebrating 25 Years of Priesthood!

On 20 December 1999, Fr Wayne was ordained a priest in his hometown of Pemberton.

At **9:00am on Sunday 15 December 2024**, he will celebrate this milestone with a Thanksgiving Mass at the Dardanup Church.

Everyone is very welcome to join him for this special celebration, which will be followed by a celebratory Morning Tea. A plate of finger-food to share for Morning Tea would be appreciated. **All are welcome!** No need to RSVP ... just come along



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

Dardanup Veterinary Centre News

The Importance of Monitoring Lumps on Your Pets

As pet owners, we want to ensure our furry friends are healthy and happy. One critical aspect of pet health that often goes unnoticed is the monitoring of lumps and bumps that may develop. While not all lumps are a cause for concern, being vigilant about any changes can be vital for your pet's well-being.

Early Detection of Health Issues

Lumps can arise for various reasons, including benign growths, infections, or more serious conditions like tumours. Early detection is key in addressing potential health issues before they escalate. Regularly checking for lumps allows you to catch changes early, increasing the chances of successful treatment.

Mast Cell Tumours: What You Should Know

Mast cell tumours are one of the most common tumours in dogs, although they can also occur in cats. These tumours arise from mast cells, which are part of the immune system and play a role in allergic reactions. MCTs can appear as lumps of varying sizes and may be itchy, red, or inflamed.

Symptoms and Signs

Appearance: MCTs can be firm or soft and may change in size. They can sometimes ulcerate, leading to discharge.

Location: These tumours can develop anywhere on the body but are commonly found on the back legs.

Different Types of Lumps

Not all lumps are the same. They can be cysts, fatty tumours (lipomas), warts, or malignant tumours like MCTs. Understanding the type of lump can guide treatment options. For instance, fatty tumours are generally benign, while mast cell tumours may require surgical removal and further treatment.

Veterinary Guidance

If you discover a lump, especially one that may resemble a mast cell tumour, consult your veterinarian as soon as possible. They can perform necessary examinations, such as fine needle aspirates or biopsies, to determine the nature of the lump and recommend a course of action. Early intervention can be crucial, particularly with MCTs, which can metastasize and require more extensive treatment.

Routine Health Checks

Incorporating lump monitoring into your regular health check routine can be simple. While petting or grooming your pet, feel for any unusual lumps or bumps. Keeping a record of their size, shape, and any changes can be invaluable for your veterinarian in assessing the situation.

Keeping an eye on lumps and bumps on your pet is a simple yet essential part of responsible pet ownership. Mast cell tumours are just one type of lump that requires careful attention. By being proactive and vigilant, you can help ensure that any health issues are addressed promptly. Remember, when in doubt, always consult your veterinarian for guidance. Your pet depends on you for their health, and your attentiveness can make all the difference.

Dardanup Senior Citizens News

At our Meeting on 19th November we had 18 members in attendance.

Chair Yoga classes provided by the Shire of Dardanup has been very well attended.

We are all looking forward to our Christmas dinner at the Dardanup Heritage Park on 26th November with 34 attending. We thank our sponsors Shire of Dardanup, Doral Mineral Sands & Dardanup Lions for making this possible.

We are looking forward to viewing the Wizard of Oz at the Dardanup Hall on the 29th November. Entertainment provided by the Shire of Dardanup celebrating Seniors Week.

Our last meeting for 2024 will be on the 17th December, members bring a plate of eats to share for our Christmas luncheon.

We would like to see our Membership grow, if you are unsure about joining, call in on our meeting day and see if it suits you.

1st meeting in 2025 will be on the 18th February.

Wishing everyone a very Merry Xmas and Happy New Year from Dardanup Seniors

Revely Gardiner

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The South West Country Music Club

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Dardanup Primary School was successful in its application for Creativity for Schools –Collaboration funding. Through this creative program students and teachers engage in enriched learning through arts processes and experiences. Term 4 has provided our Pre- Primary and Year 1 students with Dance Works, Nicolette Attwood, while the Year 2 and Year 3 students have worked with artist, Charlotte White.

During 2025 our Year 5 and Year 6 students will have the opportunity to experience camera and film production. This project component leverages the creative and technical aspects of filmmaking to enhance student learning and engagement across multiple subjects. Adam Scott from Infinite productions Camera and Film company will be working with our senior students.



Wishing the wonderful Dardanup Community, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

As the year comes to a close, we want to extend our heartfelt wishes to everyone in Dardanup. May this festive season bring joy, laughter, and love to you and your families.

From all the Leavers, we look forward to creating more wonderful memories as we begin secondary schooling.





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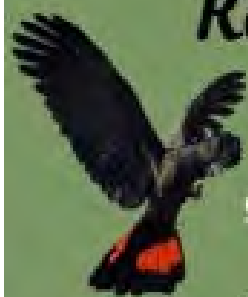


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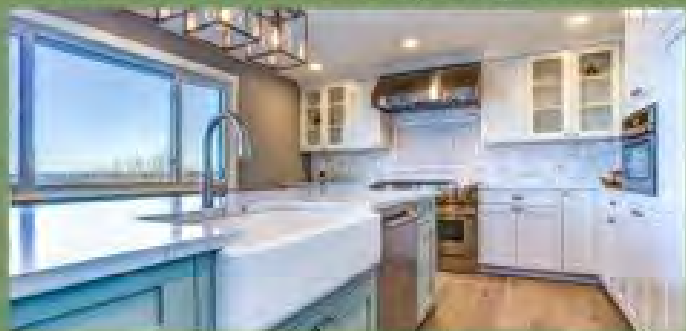
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It's that time of the year... Zucchini season! December is the beginning of the Noongar season of **Birak** and is known as the first summer. We can

expect less rain and warmer weather, with wind patterns that are predictably and predominately Easterly in the morning and Westerly in the afternoon.

As the weather heats up, we need to prepare ourselves and our gardens so that we can reduce the heat stress. A very familiar slogan is 'Slip, Slop, Slap', not just for humans this works in the garden too! Many of our favourite summer veggie crops are susceptible to sunburn and although the plant tag or description will advise 'full sun', we know ours can be particularly harsh especially late in the afternoon. Capsicums, Tomatoes and Cucumbers will develop white, withered sunburned patches on their fruit, beans will drop their flowers and stop producing, and sensitive leafy greens can become bitter. One way of making sure your plants can keep their cool, is to erect some shade cloth, 30-50% is ideal as it lets enough light through for plants to grow and not get leggy, but gives some protection from the searing rays. It doesn't need to be elaborate, get creative and use what you have on hand, an old beach umbrella can help during the heat of the day, just make sure your plants get some good sunlight exposure in the cooler parts of the day. Another more edible solution is to grow some shade. Clever positioning of your trellises can provide a shade shadow for planting leafy greens and soft herbs. Pumpkins, Choko, Snake beans and heat tolerant Melons and Cucumbers (try Armenian or Poona) can be grown over trellises creating dappled shade and also give you a harvest - Win, Win!

I am often asked "What is the best mulch to use my veggie patch" - My reply is to use the one you have easiest access to and is within your budget. We need to cover the soil to protect it - the same way we put a shirt on to stop our skin from burning and drying out. While in my garden I do use WA made DSATCO mulches (Lupin or Triple C), I also use a mix of living, edible ground covers such as warrigal greens and nasturtiums. This time of year chopped up broad bean stalks also get used to cover the soil and break down adding organic matter. Mulch helps to keep in soil moisture, reduce evaporation and reduce weeds. Hay, Straw, Wood-chips and Bark will break down over time, adding organic matter to your soil. Choose a mulch that has irregular shapes or is fairly coarse so that water can percolate through and it doesn't compact/pack down becoming water repellent. Leave a few cm around each plant for good air flow and to reduce any potential rot and fungal issues. *A word of caution*, try to choose material that doesn't contain too many weed seeds or you will grow a lovely crop of weeds instead of veggies!

Summer is the season when I grow a good variety of my pantry Staples. I like to focus on the crops that we eat more regularly, store well and can provide my family with nutrient dense food. The garlic is harvested making room for Sweet corn, Beans (for both fresh eating and dried), tomatoes of all shapes and sizes, Pumpkins, Zucchini and plenty of salad greens! Silverbeet, Spring onions and Parsley are also great year round producers.

Here are a couple of helpful tips I use to make sure we have a continual harvest of food for us to eat. Firstly, I don't wait to have empty beds. I simply plant into any of the spaces in the current crops and continue to replace with new seasons crops as my harvests finish.

Eventually, all the spaces are filled and I have crops of varying ages, helping to avoid big gluts of any one crop. *Keep planting, so you can keep harvesting* :) Secondly - an easy way to increase the length of your harvest is to Be Consistent - pick the crop, even if it is only a few beans or a couple of cherry tomatoes. Zucchini's seem to double size overnight and if we miss one letting it grow into a limb sized fruit then the plant thinks it has 'reproduced' and will stop producing any new fruit. 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. Other crops such as silverbeet, celery and rhubarb need to be torn off at the base of the stem to promote regrowth - if you cut the stem it won't trigger new leaves or take much longer to grow.

I love that everyone's garden is different - each is a reflection of our personality and we have the opportunity to create the space that gives us joy. While we grow food gardens to feed ourselves and our family, we also need to enjoy the process. Self sufficiency is not a goal for everyone and it is important not to feel overwhelmed, especially as we go into a very busy season. It is definitely Ok to buy in your seed or seedlings and it is perfectly fine to purchase hybrid varieties - *pick your battles*. Many modern hybrids are fantastic as they fruit earlier and have higher yields. Some heirlooms have wonderful taste, great yields and grow well here - others don't. Choose varieties based on your needs, taste and preserving requirements. It is also fantastic to buy local, supporting producers who are passionate about growing their seasonal crops. *You don't have to grow everything!*

You still have time to plant more of your favourite summer crops. Here are a few suggestions for What to plant in December and January.

Leaf crops: Amaranth, Lettuce, Mustard, Silverbeet, Fennel, Celery, Watercress, Purslane, Rocket, French Cress, Sorrel, NZ spinach, Chicory, Cabbage and Chinese cabbage. Root & onion crops: Beetroot, Radish, Kohlrabi, Carrot, Parsnip, Scorzonera, Potato, Leeks, Spring Onions, Yacon, Yam/Oca and Jerusalem artichokes. Legume crops: Climbing Beans, Dwarf Beans and Asparagus pea. Cucurbit & Solanum family: Choko, Cucumber, Luffa, Sweetcorn, Melons, Pumpkin, Squash, Marrow, Zucchini, Tomato, Capsicum, Chilli, Tomatillo, Eggplant, Rosella and Sunflowers. Herbs: Basil, Strawberry plants, Dill, Borage, Nasturtium, Oregano, Sage, Cape Gooseberry, Mint, Tarragon, Lemon Balm, Edible Chrysanthemum, Parsley, Rhubarb, Rosemary, Summer savoury, Horseradish and Chives.

Wishing everyone a very Merry Festive Season and Happy New Year. I hope you take time to enjoy your summer garden and cook up a storm with your homegrown produce. Until next year, Happy Gardening!

Shire of Dardanup Events in December and January

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

2024 – 2025 Summer Series

Christmas in the Park

Join us for a magical evening as the Burekup Oval transforms into a Christmas wonderland. Enjoy carols by candle light whilst browsing the artisanal market stalls or sit back and grab a bite to eat from the food trucks. PLUS, activities for kids and a special visit from Santa!

Burekup Oval (All ages)

Friday, 13 December 5pm – 7.15pm

X5 Academy Parkour

Perfect for kids and teens looking to learn the coolest parkour tricks. With a mix of exciting games, awesome performances, and workshops led by pro coaches, you'll be moving like a parkour master in no time! No bookings required.

Carramar Park, Dardanup (Ages 3+)

Monday, 16 December 9.30am – 11.30am

Burekup Oval (Ages 3+)

Monday, 13 January 9.30am – 11.30am

Storytime in the Park

Get ready for a magical morning with Corenne the Fairy! We'll sing songs, share exciting stories, and dive into some exciting sensory activities.

Eaton Foreshore (All ages)

Thursday, 19 December 10am – 10.45am

Movies by Moonlight

Bring the whole family along for a spellbinding night under the stars with a special outdoor screening of the iconic, **Harry Potter and the Philosophers Stone!** Bring along a picnic or grab a bite to eat from the food trucks. Prizes for best dressed Harry Potter characters.

Glen Huon Oval (All ages)

Friday, 17 January 6.30pm – 9.30pm

Scouts Family Fun Day

Bring the whole family down for a morning of exciting activities! Challenge yourselves, parents and siblings with obstacle courses, knot tying, and team problem-solving tasks. Perfect for families and kids who love outdoor activities and fun challenges!

Eaton Foreshore (All ages)

Monday, 20 January 9.30am – 11.30am

Yoga with Gyani

Feel the fresh air and good vibes as you flow through this all abilities yoga class, designed to promote relaxation! All abilities welcome.

Eaton Foreshore (Ages 16+)

Wednesday, 22 January 6pm – 7.15pm

Teddy Bears Picnic

Calling all Teddy's! Come down to the Teddy Bears Picnic and enjoy stories, games a teddy bear hunt, and a magical morning of fun. Don't forget your picnic rug and morning tea and snacks!

Cadell Park, Eaton (All ages)

Thursday, 23 January 10am – 11am

Head to the Shire of Dardanup website to see the full list of Summer Series programs and events. <https://www.dardanup.wa.gov.au/summer-series.aspx>

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

Regular Programs:

Chair Yoga

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

Dardanup Hall

Tuesday, 3 December 1pm – 2pm

Little Jigglers*

A magical world of discovery! Let your child explore their creativity, imagination and social skills with weekly Little Jigglers sessions presented by Jo Jingles. Little Jigglers is designed to introduce kindy and pre-school aged kids to the world of song, dance, rhythm, musical instruments, and playtime activities. Bookings essential.

Dardanup Hall

Monday, 9 December 9.30am – 10am

Burekup Hall

Monday, 2 December 9.30am – 10am

Eaton Community Library & Dardanup Public Library

Christmas Hours:

Library Early Closure:

Tuesday, 24 December 9am – 12pm

Library Closed:

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Christmas Recipes

Here is some tried and true Christmas recipes supplied by the locals.

Julie Isbister has supplied her Christmas Shortbread recipe which makes an ideal Xmas gift or serve with coffee or cheese as not too sweet.

Christmas Shortbread

Ingredients

225g Plain Flour	Pinch of salt
1 tsp cinnamon	½ tsp nutmeg
½ tsp ginger	230g unsalted butter
100g icing sugar	120g rice flour

Method

Preheat oven to 180 deg. Sift plain flour with salt, then incorporate all ingredients in food processor. Knead on lightly floured board to a smooth dough. Refrigerate 30 mins. Roll out dough to ½ cm thickness on floured board, then cut into fingers or use cutters to cut into festive shapes. Julie cuts hers into rounds with crimped edges and decorates with an almond in the centre. Place on ungreased tray bake. Bake 15 minutes (the shortbread will still be a little soft, but will firm as cools)

From Jill Cross – this recipe was a favourite at the Seniors Xmas lunches when held in the Hall years ago and easy to prepare!

Stuffed Pumpkin

Ingredients

Butternut pumpkins
Any vegetables & herbs

Method

Halve Butternut pumpkins longways, leave skin on and bake in oven til soft(watch they don't catch on the bottom)
Discard seeds, scoop out pumpkin flesh into a bowl leaving centimetre or 2 around the edge.
Cook in pan with little oil or butter diced onion, celery, maybe capsicum or any vege that you fancy. Maybe add little curry powder if inclined and lightly fry. As you will only reheat the pumpkin ensure any vege is slightly softened unless you like the crunch. To the pumpkin flesh mix in the softened vege and some breadcrumbs and even add some sultanas or herbs. Can add roasted nuts too. Fill pumpkin shell and smooth top, sprinkle with cheese if desired and bake in oven til hot through, then slice and serve. Makes a nice addition to the roast or even bbq and can be prepared in advance.



From Leanne Depiazzi who says this is perfect recipe for summer nights, easy to prepare and delicious.

Tray Bake Chicken Caesar

Ingredients

4 boneless chicken thighs, ideally skin on
8 rashers of streaky bacon
4 trusses of cherry or truss tomatoes
Finely grated zest of ½ lemon
3 tbsp extra virgin olive oil
Salt and pepper
About ½ loaf of ciabatta or sourdough bread torn into chunks
1 lge or 2 baby cos lettuces
Handful of fresh basil or flat leave parsley leaves to garnish
Grated parmesan to garnish


Caesar dressing

1 tbsp extra virgin olive oil
2 cloves garlic crushed
5 canned anchovies with a little of their oil
1 cup cream
½ cup of grated parmesan(about 40g)
Finely grated zest of ½ lemon
Salt and pepper



Method

Preheat oven to 200 deg, fan bake. Line 2 shallow roasting dishes with baking paper for easy cleanup
Arrange chicken, bacon, tomatoes on 1 tray. Sprinkle chicken with lemon zest, drizzle everything with oil and season with salt and pepper. Arrange bread chunks on 2nd tray and drizzle with oil and season with salt and pepper to make croutons.
Bake until chicken is fully cooked through(20-25 mins).
Allow to cool for 10-15 mins. While chicken bakes make the Caesar dressing. Heat oil and sizzle garlic and anchovies over medium heat for 30 seconds, mashing anchovies to paste. Add all ingredients to pan and boil hard until thick enough to coat the back of a spoon(2 minutes). Cool before use. The dressing will keep for few days in fridge. It thickens on cooling so warm gently to loosen or thin with little water as desired. To prepare the salad, cut lettuce into wedges or cut leaves in half and pile on platter. Drizzle with ¼ cup Caesar Dressing and toss to coat. Cut each chicken thigh into 3-4 pieces and each bacon rasher into 4 pieces. Arrange evenly over salad with tomatoes and croutons. Drizzle with more dressing, then serve remainder in a small jug. Garnish salad with basil or parsley leaves and grated parmesan. Delish!



Dardanup Community Choir

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Local Historical Books For Sale

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John Charlton Fowler of Sergeant Dale Farm, Ferguson by Mike Hall selling for \$25/copy. Contact Mike to arrange purchase 0412 235 676

All books would make a perfect Xmas present.

Nola Retires

Nola Marino, MP for Forrest has announced her retirement after 17 years in Federal Parliament. Nola served as Assistant Minister for Regional Development from 2019 – 2022 and as Chief Whip in the Lower House between 2015 – 2019. Nola has always supported her electorate and made an effort to attend the Dardanup Bull and Barrel Festival and the Dardanup Art Spectacular which is no mean feat and we wish her well in her retirement from Federal politics.

What's on In Dardanup

3 December – Mens Welfare Group – 2pm at Wells Rec Park Clubroom
 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
 11 December – Mahjong at the Shire office, Little St 1.30-3.30. Beginners welcome
 13 December – Films @ St Aidans- Ghostbusters: Frozen Empire, music by Ian Cocker
 15 December – Country Music Club dance @ Boyanup, see ad this edition
 17 December – Mens Welfare Group – 2pm at Wells Rec Park Clubrooms
 17 December – Dardanup Seniors meeting, 9.30am at Wells Rec Park Clubrooms
 22 December – Boyanup Farmers Market, 8am
 22 December – Ferguson Hall Xmas Tree, 5pm, see add back pages
 29 December – Planets, Galaxies and Grazing with the Mobile Observatory
 3 January – Movies @ St Aidans – Runt, music by Hadassah
 22 January – Mahjong at the Shire office, Little St, 1.30-3.30. Beginners welcome
 26 January – Dardanup Australia Day Breakfast from 8am @ Carramar Park

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 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

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It's just one of the many ways we prioritise safety and equip our team to respond effectively in emergency situations.



Boyanup Farmers Market News



Thank you to our wonderful customers for joining us in October, wow, another huge market with a great variety to choose from.

It would be great to win our raffle, just in time for Christmas. October's raffle winners, Nigel and Sara, our new stall Stoke Bakery. A lucky spot I'm thinking as our previous French baker, won the raffle a few times. Tickets only \$1.00 near the sausage sizzle and thank you to our stall holders for their great donations.

If you are looking for some liquid beverages for Christmas or even a gift, we have a large variety of stalls with alcoholic and non alcoholic wine, beer, juice and cider. You can have a tasting before purchasing too. Any seasonal fresh produce sellers, please contact the markets. If there are any young musicians, keen to busk for a few hours, please contact Boyanup Farmers Market. (Note you will need your own amp and equipment with battery backup)

Our next market day is 22nd December, 2024, just in time to get your fresh produce and last minute gifts for Christmas. Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and Prosperous New Year.

Tanya Williams Market Manager

Congratulations to

Peter Giumelli and Danny Taverner both celebrating their 80th birthdays



Cassie Smith and partner Jason and proud grandparents Phil and Mary on the birth of Theodore George

Stephen Mountford who has been selected to represent Australia in the over 60s Pool Competition in Ireland in 2025

Farewells

Murray Halden, Chief Ranger with the Shire of Dardanup is retiring after 11.5 years with the Shire and 25 years in local government. Murray was recently recognised for 25 years service as a Ranger by the WA Rangers Association. Happy retirement Murray and thanks for your efforts with the Shire and our community.

Fr Wayne Bendotti is moving parishes in the new year after 9 years at Dardanup. Fr Wayne has always involved himself in community life and his efforts are appreciated by not only his parishioners but the greater community.

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