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Dardanup Art Spectacular Celebrates Successful 21st Year.

250 artworks were displayed at this years Dardanup Art Spectacular Exhibition entered by 149 artists. Since 2017, 456 artists have entered this competition which has become a widely recognized and highly respected artistic event in the region. This year 60% of those artists entering lived outside the Shire of Dardanup with the 40% remaining either adults or children who reside from within the Shire. 9 artists from within the Shire of Dardanup were classed as emerging artists which has been the vision of the Art Spectacular Committee and the Shire of Dardanup to provide a platform for emerging artists to showcase their work.

The Exhibition Opening and Awards Night held on Friday 4th April saw more than \$13,050 prize money awarded over 12 categories with Adrienne Kinnear taking out the \$3000.00 major prize for her painting 'River Gum'.

Dardanup Art Spectacular Chairperson Kerry Lowe said "the exhibition provided a great opportunity for not only established artists but for those wanting to build confidence in exhibiting their work. The Dardanup Art Spectacular was created to encourage our local young and emerging artists to enter a competition and to provide a platform for them to have their art recognized" The Dardanup Art Spectacular Committee thanks the Shire of Dardanup for financially supporting this event for 21 years and our major corporate sponsor Quantum Underwriting Agencies. This event would not be possible without our other sponsors; Professionals DAD Realty, JW Cross Maintenance, Wespine, Simcoa Operations, Evedon Lakeside Retreat, Wren Oil, Piacentini and Son, Grassy Gully Farms, Ferguson Valley Marketing, Dardanup Butchering Comp, Hon Nola Marino MLA, Hexion, Wild Bull Brewery, TJ Depiazzi & Sons, Dardanup Post Office, Tronox and Jodie Hanns MLA Collie Preston.

Bunbury Farmers Market provided the delicious food with our local wineries and breweries supplying the wine and beer for the Friday night opening all served by the Dardanup P&C and OLOL P&F. The 2 schools benefited from the proceeds on the Friday night, raffle and the gold coin entry over the weekend raising \$4818.00 \$15980.00 in art was sold from the hall over the weekend. A record for the art Spectacular Committee.

The raffle was organised by the Dardanup P&F and Our Lady of Lourdes P&F. Winners were Barb Della- Sale who won a Pamper pack and Eaton Tavern voucher; Lorna won the gift pack compliments of Simon Bushell and Treendale Farm Hotel; Anne won the Ciao Bella dresses gift pack and store voucher; Delia Dillon won the Scentsy pack and Ange won the Rose Hotel voucher.

The Dardanup Art Spectacular Art Trail held on 5th and 6th April attracted hundreds of art lovers to venues in Dardanup, Ferguson Valley and Wellington Mills. Historic buildings, home studios and wineries hosted over 40 artists giving visitors the opportunity to meet the creators behind the many mediums on display. In addition, a trail of more than 30 sculptures as part of the Ferguson Follies Sculpture Trail was coordinated by Peppermint Lane Lodge on their idyllic property.

The Event survey revealed that 33% of those attending the Dardanup Art Spectacular and Art Trail were from the City of Bunbury, 32% were from the Shire of Dardanup and 7% were from the Perth metro area.

Kath Keefe from Green Door wines commented that the Art Spectacular weekend increased business at their winery.



Dardanup Art Spectacular Committee

Local Sara Brandli won the Highly Commended in the Theme Category Seen Here being presented with her Prize by Shire of Dardanup President Tyrrell Gardiner



Friday Night Awards Presentations



**Local Award Winner
Gemma Mangano
with Her Portrait Entry**

Dardanup Anzac Day Services

Around 250 people attended the dawn service emceed by Jill Cross with the Last Post and Reveille played by Stuart Hair whilst the flags were raised by Dardanup Bushfire Brigade Cadets. Rob Allen delivered the Ode, Jess Palazzolo read the Lords Prayer and Nikki Hair organised the music for the Anthems. Thanks to everyone for assisting with this service. The number of people attending this service is growing each year and it is pleasing to see so many children also in attendance at that early hour, most still in their pjs. The mornings service saw a huge crowd of easily 300 people or more attending. The service was emceed by Taneta Bell with Dardanup Shire President Tyrrell Gardiner, Shire CEO Andre Schonfeldt and staff member Mel Ring in attendance. Danny Harris read the Lords Prayer and Lucinda Treasure and Sadie Moloney, Our Lady of Lourdes P.S. Student recited a poem along with Dylan Lydon a Dardanup Primary School student who did the same. The Dardanup Community Choir community choir beautifully sang "In Memoriam" as well as the anthems from NZ and Australia



Many beautiful wreaths were laid, Maureen Ward recited the ODE and the highlight was Alexander Humphreys playing the Last Post and Reveille whilst the flags were raised by the 2 schools students and 1st Leschenault Scouts.

A very poignant address was delivered by Steve Gibbs who told us about his Great Uncle Basil Narroway Gibbs who served and died in WW1.

Basil's story can be read on the Dardanup Heritage Collective's website.

A special touch of the service was the Poppy Project organized by Dardanup Primary School teacher Amanda Drummond who got her students to create a paper poppy and write on each poppy the name of the 400 Dardanup and locality residents who served in any war and are listed on the wall near the War Memorial. The poppies were then placed into the ground around the wall. A beautiful touch and thank you to the students and Amanda for being involved in our Anzac Day Service.



Thanks to the Shire of Dardanup for organizing the Traffic Management, Shane Beattie for his excellent work as march commander and Lance Hurst for leading the parade with his buggy and accompanying march music.

Well done to the Dardanup and Districts Residents Assoc

Committee for coordinating the ANZAC Service, the Dardanup Lions Club who supplied the complimentary sausage sizzle and everyone who brought a plate for morning tea.



Alexander Humphreys
Playing His Bugle At the
Anzac Day Service



Dardanup Lions Club News

Recently a group of Lions representative of the Club made presentation of a Melvin Jones Fellowship Award to one of our own. As a way of recognising Des Eaton for exemplary service to our Lions Club and local community. This highest recognition was given to mark him as a champion Lion. For the past two decades Des has diligently taken on many and sundry serving positions for the club, quietly contributing as testament of his love for the club – regardless of hiccups of health or not having any special training – just always giving it his best shot.

Phil Ottrey

**Des Eaton seen here with l to r Tony Golding,
Dardanup Lions Pres, Henny Royendyk,
Chris Phillips and Alan Mountford**

Eds Note; we wish Des a speedy recovery and thank him for all his efforts in our community



Dardanup Playgroup News

This year we kicked off busy as ever with so many new faces joining playgroup. We kept busy with all sorts of crafts and even put our hands together for Harmony day! We wrapped up Term 1 with a visit from the Easter bunny, the kids had so much fun Easter egg hunting! Playgroup is back from Wednesday the 30th of April, bring a water bottle and a piece of fruit to share. Hope to see you all there! **Leona George**



Ferguson Valley Visitor Centre

The Ferguson Valley Visitor Centre (FVVC) in the Don Hewison Centre (old state school) in Ferguson Road in Dardanup township is open daily 9.30 – 3.30 pm. Thank you; to all the Volunteers manning the busy Centre during the recent Art and Music Trail weekend and to the great job done by the Shire contractor who repaired the lower bricks and tuckpointing – no more brick dust on the verandah!

Come and visit the Centre for gifts and cards by local artists including Elli Barrett, our current featured Artist. Elli is a self-taught watercolour and oil Artist who has her delightful “By the Crooked Brook” range of watercolour greeting cards in the gift store. “My work can be described as whimsical and joyful, and I love painting animals in a style that captures their unique personalities and cutest quirks” They represent the joys of nature and will be sure to make you smile – perfect for Mother’s Day!

Robyn Jones



Boyanup Farmers Market Stall of the Month –

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Our next market is 25th May, 2025, hope to see you and don’t forget to purchase a raffle ticket near the sausage sizzle. Thanks to our stallholders for their donations.

Tanya Williams

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Dardanup Environmental Action Group News

DEAG has recently received advice from Dept Water Environment Regulation (DWER) that they have approved the Amendment to Cleanaway's Licence so they can accept Class 3 PFAS contaminated waste. This is despite all the work DEAG and this community has put into opposing this amendment. DEAG and members of our community put a lot of work into the submission opposing the amendment as well as the Shire also opposing the amendment. Very disappointing to say the least.

Over the last month DEAG has

- Distributed a flyer to all the community advising of the concerns with regards to storing PFAS contaminated waste at Cleanaway's Banksia Rd Landfill site
- Launched an online petition opposing the application to store PFAS contaminated waste at Cleanaway's landfill on Banksia Rd- 1762 signatures were received and the petition was emailed to 2 Govt Ministers, our local member Jodie Hanns and 3 opposition politicians.
- Organised Facebook posts – 4 anti PFAS videos with key people in the community. These were viewed by 300 – 7500 people

- Paid for a Bunbury Herald advert opposing the PFAS
 - Distributed a template for the DWER submission provided upon request to 14 locals
 - Emailed letters to Bunbury Harvey Regional Council plus other Shires involved in FOGO requesting immediate action to move the PFAS contaminated FOGO to 2 sites in Perth metro and airing our communities concerns.
 - Put up Anti PFAS posters around Dardanup/ Arthur
- Organised a Bunbury Herald editorial with regards to this issue

DEAG are now considering an Appeal on this Amendment which will go to the Appeals Convenor for his/her input on this approval. Thankyou to everyone for the work and support you have put into opposing the storage of PFAS contaminated waste at Cleanaways Landfill site.

You can rest assured that DEAG will continue to oppose any expansion plans at the Cleanaway Landfill site, comment on all applications by Cleanaway and ensure that the site is being managed in accordance with the licence.

Jill Cross
Secretary
DEAG

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Shire of Dardanup

Dardanup Senior Citizens Inc News

At our meeting today, the 15th April 25 we welcomed 15 in attendance & accepted 7 apologies.

Maureen Ward & Don Partridge were unable to attend due to sheep crutching duties.

Unfortunately, our guest speaker Hayley Tuck from Solaris Cancer Care was also unable to attend.

We have been in discussions organising our Solaris Cancer Care morning tea on 20th May at Wells Recreation Hall 10-12, music entertainment & raffle prizes. We hope to get a good attendance to support those affected by cancer.

Today's raffles were won by Jennifer Gardiner, Pat Britza & Heather Rowson.

We wish our past Postmaster, Terry & family a safe & happy retirement. Thank you for looking after us all. New Members welcome. Membership application forms available. Membership \$15 per year.

Remember to "Take the time to smell the Roses"

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DARDANUP CRICKET CLUB

Over the season the Dardanup Cricket Club have been running the Woolworths Junior Blast Program down at the Dardanup Oval every Thursday from 3.30pm. This program ran for 10 weeks, we started in Term 4 2024 & finished in Term 1 2025 with 45 kids registered. The little blast kids had a great time learning how to hit, bowl & field and I can see some great little cricketers amongst them already! We wrapped up our program with a game of cricket kids v parents and the kids loved showing their parents how much they had learnt and how far they could hit a ball! A huge thanks to the Dardanup Lions Club for their donation toward the medallions for the kids, they really enjoyed having something to take home. We held a party with icypoles, juice boxes & some cold drinks on offer for all the parents that helped throughout the program.

We will be looking to hold this program again in 2025/2026 so keep your eyes open for info when it comes out, suitable for boys & girls aged 4 to 8.

SENIOR WIND-UP

Our Senior Cricketers held their wind-up a few weeks ago, a mention of some of the awards from the night were:

C Grade - Bowling Award went to Lochlainn Brass, at the age of 15 playing men's senior cricket this is an amazing effort, congratulations on a great season Lochlainn. Batting award went to Scott Langford for a strong season with the bat, which showed across the board finishing 4th in the association.

Scott was also named Dardanup Cricket Club Cricketer of the Year, congratulations Scott on an awesome season.

E Grade - Bowling Award was received jointly by Tyson Brass & Matt Coleman, well done boys a great season with the ball. Batting Award went to David Wells, who proves year after year that age is no barrier to playing this game! He also came 3rd for the Association in the batting, well done David another sensational year!



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Vale - Joan Coralie Lantzke 5/5/1923 —28/3/2025

Joan died peacefully on Friday the 28th March, aged 101. She was a beloved Mother, Grandmother and Great-Grandmother.

Joan was born in England and moved to Australia as an infant with her parents and older brother. Inspired by her mother, she had a career in nursing and midwifery. She lived abroad and travelled widely during her life, settling in NSW on the Central Coast then living in Canberra until the death of her husband Reginald.

Recently widowed, she fell in love with the Ferguson Valley after a visit to Lisa and Tony in 1993. The rolling hills had worked their magic, so she came to live in a cottage at Wellington Mill Farm. She named it "Durisdeer" which in Gaelic means Entrance to the Forest. Joan was a lady of her time, always making an effort to set the table prettily with the best china, a posy of flowers, some classical music and be well groomed to entertain her guests in her genteel manner. She could also be found hot, sweaty and in old gardening clothes digging holes, weeding and working in her beloved garden wherever she lived. Her hard work was rewarded when she won Dardanup Lions Best Urban Rural Garden Competition in 1997.

A caring and community minded woman, she became involved in various local groups.

While she never held a driver's licence, thanks to lovely friends she was able to attend the Ferguson Book club, Seniors, Red Cross, The Guild and had many shopping trips and outings.

Joan was an inaugural member of the Dardanup Senior Citizens, she held the position of Secretary for a time, then scribe sending birthday cards and writing letters to member who were ill. She loved the outings, picnics and bus rides. Her dear friend Rhonda Weetman would take photos and then Joan later compiling them in Albums with her beautiful printing, recalling the occasions. The albums are still preserved for members to enjoy and relive the memories. At times she was the social writer for the District Times, informing people of the Seniors Activities and always ending the Report with "take time to smell the roses".

Compassion and Community spirit were constants through her life - Remembered for always helping others, knowing what to say - to cheer or soothe. She had a gift for caring, whether it was baking a cake, making a posy or compiling a thoughtful note or letter. This extended to Joan teaching anyone who was interested how to knit or crochet beautiful Knee Rugs for the needy. These were distributed to Palliative care in the Hospitals and Hostels, also to "The Wheelchair for Kids" Organisation which is run by the Rotary club in Perth. The Wheelchairs together with a rug and a toy were sent to countries all over the world for disabled children suffering in places of war or natural disasters. She also knitted hundred of Bears that were donated to St Johns Ambulance.

Vale

Margaret Gelmi; longtime Waterloo resident, sincere sympathy to Michael, Peta and family

Joan Lantzke; sincere sympathy to Lisa, Tony and family

A staunch ANZAC supporter and passionate member of the Dardanup Red Cross, she received many Long service medals and certificates of appreciation for services spanning 30 years. Proudly getting up before Dawn and hoisting the Australian flag at services. Fondly known as Mumma, she loved and was loved by all her family, playing scrabble and snap with the grandchildren. She also loved a good party and many will remember her 90th birthday party at Ferguson Hall where 90 friends joined in her celebration.

She was diagnosed with dementia at 92 but fortunately, despite suffering from short term memory loss, she remembered and recognised her family and those friends who visited her always. She moved to Gaelic Lodge in 2017 where she grew a beautiful courtyard garden and spent many hours playing games of cricket with her great grandchildren. Thrilled with the possibility of being wicket keeper and then bowler as girls were never allowed to play when she was growing up! Joan moved into Regis Residential Care in 2022 where she was very well cared for by some amazing staff members. Daily family visits and many family events including her 100th birthday were highlights, although she always insisted that she wasn't 'Old'.

She was a member of St Aidans congregation, lovingly polishing the brass for many years and donating a cloth for the Altar that was hand tatted by her Aunt Moggie. It is this little chapel full of memories that has become her forever home. She has a view to the hills and the Ferguson River flowing by, surrounded by beauty and special friends.

Loving sympathy to all her family. She was much loved by all. A life well lived.

Rest peacefully, Joan

Compiled by Gwen Wells and Wink Lindsay, with permission from Lisa Ferris to use some of Joans Euology.



From the Dardanup Seniors - Our club mourns the recent passing of one of our founding members, Joan Lantzke aged 101. Joan was a valued Committee Member, holding various positions from 1996.

Liaison Officer 1996-1998. Publicity Officer 1999-2000. Secretary 2001-2005.

Scribe 2009-2013. A valued member of our club since 1993. Condolences to Joans family & friends.



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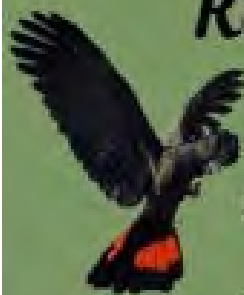


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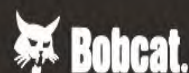
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Shire of Dardanup News

Shire of Dardanup Events

Finding your story with Tammie Reid

Mondays: May 5, 12, 19 and 26

Eaton Community Library

9.30am – 11.30am

Uncover your inner storyteller in this inspiring 4-week writing program led by the talented Tammie Reid. Whether you're just starting out or looking to hone your craft, this workshop offers a supportive space to explore your creativity, experiment with different techniques, and gain confidence in your unique voice. Each session includes personalised guidance to help you dig into the stories you want to tell and the ways you want to tell them. Tea and coffee will be available to enjoy as you write, reflect, and connect with others on a similar journey.

This program is also linked to the **Shore Lines Festival**, a celebrated local event running since 2004. The festival includes a performance-based writing competition where you can submit monologues, stand-up routines, poetry, song lyrics, speeches, and more. Participation in the competition is completely optional, but if you're interested, both Tammie and Kate are here to help guide you through the process.

To keep the creative energy flowing, the library has reserved a space for your group to continue meeting for a month after the program ends. While these follow-up gatherings won't be facilitated, they're a great opportunity to stay connected and motivated.

To book your place, please contact the Library on 08 9724 0470 or visit our website.

Planet Matters!

Thursday, May 8

Eaton Community Library

4pm – 5pm

Living with local birds: Cockatoos, shorebirds and feathered friends.

Come along for a fun, family-friendly session celebrating the amazing birdlife in our community! From cheeky cockatoos to elegant shorebirds, learn about their habits, habitats, and how we can peacefully coexist with them in our shared environment. We'll be joined by local wildlife advocate **Sam Spear**, who brings a deep knowledge—especially about shorebirds—and will also share insights on how to protect the iconic black cockatoos that call our region home.

Whether you're a bird lover, a nature enthusiast, or just curious, this session is sure to leave you inspired and informed.

No need to book — just drop in or reserve a spot ahead of time by visiting our website!

March Council Meeting wrap-up

At its meeting on Wednesday, 26 March 2025, Council made several key decisions to progress strategic planning, tourism, infrastructure, and environmental initiatives.

Strategic Community Projects 2025 adopted

Council endorsed its updated list of major investment priorities designed to build healthy, sustainable and connected communities. The plan also positions the Shire for State and Federal co-investment opportunities.

View the document: https://www.dardanup.wa.gov.au/Profiles/dardanup/Assets/ClientData/Strategic_Community_Projects_2025.pdf

Extended hours at Gnomesville Visitor Centre

Operating hours for the Ferguson Valley pop-up Visitor Centre at

Gnomesville will increase from four to five hours daily to enhance visitor experience and regional tourism promotion.

Wanju and Waterloo Planning Updates

Council supported further progress on the Wanju District Structure Plan amendment, due for public comment mid-year and WAPC endorsement by April 2026. Local Planning Scheme No. 9 is with the Minister, with gazettal expected by June. Planning continues for Waterloo Industrial Park, with related environmental reports to be made publicly available.

Proposed Road Closure in Crooked Brook

A proposal to permanently close part of Twomey Road Reserve will be advertised for public feedback before returning to Council for a final decision.

Budget Planning for 2025-26 underway

The Integrated Planning Committee has begun work on next year's budget, with a focus on transitioning and renewing key community assets.

Green Waste Kerbside Collection 12-21 May 2025

Get ready for the Shire's Green Waste Kerbside Collection, which is back this autumn, giving residents the chance to tidy up their gardens and responsibly dispose of green waste.

The Shire will conduct the collection in the townsites of Eaton, Millbridge, Burekup and Dardanup from Monday, 12 May until Wednesday, 21 May 2025.

What will be collected:

Tree and shrub cuttings (up to 2 cubic metres).

Maximum branch length: 1.5 metres.

Maximum branch diameter: 200mm.

What won't be collected:

Lawn clippings or roll-on turf.

Green waste in bags or boxes

Hard waste (e.g. timber).

Stumps.

Piles larger than 2 cubic metres.

Important reminders:

All green waste must be placed on the verge before 6am on Monday, 12 May.

Waste should be kept clear of reticulation, water mains, electrical domes, footpaths, street signs and street corners. 100% of green waste collected is recycled into compost – helping your garden and our environment!

Streets will only be serviced once. Waste placed out after the collection or in an incorrect manner will not be collected and must be removed by the property owner or occupier. Council cannot provide specific collection times or dates.

The Shire will conduct its Spring Green Waste Collection from Monday, 20 October – Saturday, 25 October 2025.

For more info, visit the Shire's website by visiting <https://www.dardanup.wa.gov.au/our-services/waste-recycling/waste-recycling.aspx>

Restricted Burning Period now in effect

The Shire is in the Restricted Burning Period until 9 May 2025 (subject to change).

This means:

Permits required for all property burns.

Burning restrictions in place to reduce bushfire risk

Need help? Contact Ranger Services 24/7 on (08) 9724 0307 or email rangers@dardanup.wa.gov.au

Stay updated: [emergency.wa.gov.au](https://www.dardanup.wa.gov.au/emergency)

2025 Dardanup Art Spectacular Winners

Prize Money	Award Type	Award Name	Artist
\$250.00	Highly Commended	Dardanup Art Prize 'Open'	Janice Florczyk
\$250.00	Highly Commended	Dardanup Art Prize 'Open'	Kate Holmes
\$250.00	Highly Commended	Dardanup Art Prize 'Open'	Gemma Mangano
\$250.00	Highly Commended	Dardanup Art Prize 'Open'	Hilly Coufreur

\$250.00	Highly Commended	Dardanup Art Prize 'Open'	Pam Vercoe
\$3,000.00	Winner	Dardanup Art Prize 'Open'	Adrianne Kinnear
\$2,000.00	Winner	Theme Art Prize	Honi Sawyer
\$250.00	Highly Commended	Theme Art Prize	Jill Harrison
\$250.00	Highly Commended	Theme Art Prize	Diana Neggo
\$250.00	Highly Commended	Theme Art Prize	Sara Brandli
\$250.00	Highly Commended	3D Artwork Prize	Yui Phunseau
\$250.00	Highly Commended	3D Artwork Prize	Emily Toft
\$1,000.00	Winner	3D Artwork Prize	Wendy Sullivan
\$125.00	Highly Commended	Emerging Artist Prize	Kerry Cawcutt
\$125.00	Highly Commended	Emerging Artist Prize	Debra Marshall
\$500.00	Winner	Emerging Artist Prize	Debra Marshall
\$100.00	Winner	Student Open Prize	Jessica Humphreys
\$25.00	Highly Commended	Student Theme Prize	Will Edwards
\$100.00	Winner	Student Theme Prize	Angie Fitzpatrick
\$25.00	Highly Commended	Student Photography Prize	Owen Harrison
\$100.00	Winner	Student Photography Prize	Caitlin Fisher
\$175.00	Highly Commended	Dardanup Open Photography Prize	Chris de Blank
\$750.00	Winner	Dardanup Open Photography Prize	Jodie Deeley
\$250.00	Highly Commended	Portrait Prize	Trinity Mangano
\$250.00	Highly Commended	Portrait Prize	Gemma Mangano
\$1,000.00	Winner	Portrait Prize	Simon Sieradzki
\$125.00	Highly Commended	Theme Photography Prize	Deborah Schramm
\$500.00	Winner	Theme Photography Prize	Jill Harrison
\$200.00	Winner	People's Choice Award	Susan Denton
\$200.00	Winner	Packing Room Prize	Debra Marshall

Dardanup Volunteer Bushfire Cadets

RECRUITING LOCAL YOUTHS AGES 11-16yrs

The Volunteer Bushfire Cadet Program is typically held one afternoon every two weeks during school terms 2 and 3

A great opportunity to develop new skills in a friendly, fun, safe, and welcoming environment.

Program is held at the Dardanup Central Bushfire Station and includes:

- Bushfire fighting skills and knowledge
- Team work and Leadership
- Unique self-confidence building experiences
- Making new friends and sense of camaraderie
- Giving back to the community by preparing to become a member of a local brigade

Direct enquires to David Humphreys | 0412 901 878 | david@epluswa.com.au





May is the second half of the Noongar Season *Djeran*. It is usually the time when the first rains come, we begin to experience cooler mornings with dew and with the chill in the air. Listen out for the

melodious chorus of *Koolbardi* (Magpies) their autumn song is beautiful.

We had already experienced a few blustery days of late, so it is definitely time to be planting your winter veg patch with urgency. *Yes*, there is still time to get your winter vegies in the garden, but to ensure you get a timely harvest you will need to plant seedlings of the longer season crops such as Broccoli, Cauliflower, Cabbage and Kales.

Don't forget your Legumes! Sugar snap peas are one of my favourite you can eat the whole pod - no food waste and they are great as a snack, in salads or steamed for dinner. I also adore the old fashioned Broad bean. In my frosty inland garden, I plant my broad beans now. They grow slowly over winter, I harvest some of the tops for greens and they flower then pod in spring. Closer to the coast you can wait until August/September then plant yours, giving you more space for fast growing crops or plant them now for a nourishing cover crop in your patch.

Anyone else got a few weeds? It is the perfect time to get composting! Utilise all those greens, any fallen leaves, old mulch, spent hay and chipped up garden prunings to make some homegrown fertility. If you need some help getting started or ideas on how to make it less of a chore then book in for this months workshop at the Dardanup Hall or check out my upcoming ones at the Bunbury Library. *It is Composting Month!*

Lately the focus of many gardening questions have centred around concerns with household budgets and rising food costs. Growing your own can save you money and we can be thrifty with how we set up and manage our spaces. Here are 3 ways to help you garden smarter...

1. **Write a list** - What do you buy regularly and what are you most expensive vegies/herbs? Eating Seasonally can provide significant savings, as will looking at where the product is grow - locally grown means less transport costs! Grow the more expensive crops and buy the cheaper staples.

2. **Grow your Greens** - These reliable, easy to grow and nutrient dense crops will help bulk out your meals and most can be grown in very little space. Greens are also one of the most heavily sprayed crops so worth growing your own Parsley, Silverbeet (Swiss Chard), Kale, Spinach, Mustard Greens and Rocket. Most of these are cut and come again so you can continue to harvest them for the entire season. Great value crops.

Small Space Substitutions - These pack the flavour without needing lots of space, you can even grow them in pots! Try Spring onions instead of Onions, Garlic chives instead of Garlic, Silverbeet instead of Spinach, Parsley instead of Celery and Kale instead of Cabbage.

Plant now:

Leaf crops - Celery, Cress, Collard greens, Chicory, Endive, Lettuce, Mizuna, Choi Sum, Gai Lan, Pak Choy, Chinese Cabbage, Mustard greens, Rocket, Spinach, Silverbeet, Radicchio, Witlof and Corn salad. Brassica crops (seedlings only*) - Broccoli, Broccoli Raab, Brussel Sprouts, Cabbage, Cauliflower and Kale. Root crops - Beetroot, Carrot, Radish, Daikon, Celeriac, Kohlrabi, Salsify, Swede, Turnip. Legume crops - Broad Beans, Snow peas and Peas. Onion family - Garlic, Leeks, Spring onions, Onions, Potato onions, Tree onions and Shallots. Herbs - Artichoke, Bay, Chives, Coriander, Fennel, Lemon Balm, Mint, Rosemary, Oregano, Parsley, Rosemary, Sage, Thyme and Burdock.

While you are waiting for the 'main harvest' many of our common Autumn/Winter vegies have edible leaves making them useful additions to salads, stir-fries and stews/curries. These include Beetroot, Carrot, Celery, Choko, Broccoli, Onion, Radish and Sweet Potato. Have fun getting creative in the kitchen and Happy Gardening!

The next Sustainable Living Workshop is on Thursday 8th May at the Dardanup Hall, from 10am -11.30am. The Topic: **Homegrown Fertility - Composting made easy.** Rarely do we have the space, materials or energy to build traditional hot compost heaps. However, this doesn't mean that our only option is to continually buy in fertility. Come along as we 're-think' how we can utilise food waste, weeds and garden prunings. Learn how to increase soil fertility and soil health in your backyard - transforming your 'waste' into something wonderful! Bookings essential ph: 9724000 or on the website dardanup.wa.gov.au/events



Dardanup Community Choir

7pm Mondays at the
Ferguson Hall

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

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME



Mahjong

Dates . 12/3, 26/3,
9/4, 23/4,
14/5 & 28/5.

Open to all residents, supported by the
Shire of Dardanup.
Contact Revelly Gardiner 0408833761

Congratulations to Sandra

Congratulations is extended to Sandra Brewer, winning the seat of Cottesloe in the recent WA election. Sandra is the daughter of Noel Harris(Dec) and Val Harris, having lived and been educated in Dardanup all her young life. Sandra is the 2nd woman in our district to undertake this position in Parliament which is pretty special and we wish her and her family success in the future years ahead.

The 1st woman was June Craig AM who was elected to the Legislative Assembly in 1974– 1983 holding various government cabinet positions in the time. You can read more about June on the Dardanup Heritage Collective website

What's on In Dardanup

- 2 May - Ferguson Hall Sundowner, see poster this edition
- 2 May – Ferguson Hall AGM, see poster this edition
- 6 May – Mens Welfare Group – 2pm at the Wells Recreation Park Clubrooms
- 6 May – Terrys farewell, 5-7pm @ Wells Rec Park Clubrooms, See poster this edition
- 7 May – preorder Flowers for Mothers Day from FVVC, see poster this edition
- 8 May – Shire of Dardanup Sustainability workshop @ the Dardanup Hall, 10am -11.30am. The Topic: Homegrown Fertility
- Composting made easy. Bookings essential ph: 9724000 or on the website dardanup.wa.gov.au/events
- 12-21 May – Shire of Dardanup Greenwaste collection, see notice this edition
- 13 May – Chair Yoga organised by the Shire of Dardanup @ Wells Rec Park Clubrooms, free, 1-2pm
- 14 May – Dardanup Bull and Barrel Festival meeting, 7.30pm @ Wells Recreation Park Clubrooms
- 17 May – Thomas Little Hall fundraising Curry Night, see add this edition
- 20 May - Mens Welfare Group – 2pm at the Wells Recreation Park Clubrooms
- 20 May – Dardanup Seniors Biggest Morning Tea @ Wells Recreation Park Clubrooms, 10-12
- 25 May - Boyanup Farmers Market, 8am

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- *for upcoming meeting details please contact Sarah, sarahhennigankeen@gmail.com*
- 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 Campdraft Club News

With it only being five months since our last Draft, the club rallied together on the 12th & 13th April to produce another great weekend for its competitors. With us all dressed in our new brown club shirts organised by Dawn, we looked amazing.

Dardanup Campdraft members in their new Club shirts



What made for some great campdrafting was the fantastic weather, amazing cattle supplied by our ever-reliable local farmers and some personal goal kicking by the competitors. Thanks to Hygain, 4CYTE and Virbac for their donations of great products to share between the place getters. Something a little different this year, Beta Spuds gave us 16kg bags of spuds for the TCO winners.

Saturday started with the 4CYTE sponsored novice under the watchful eye of Judge, Jim Daley. This was won by one of our won club members, Freya Kerr riding Trinity Conduet. James Roxburgh won the cut out on McDonalds Double destiny with a 23.

Up next was the Junior and Juvenile events judged by Brandan Holland. The Peninsula Downs Junior draft was won by Luke Daley riding Beljay Jazz taking home the blue ribbon as well as the TCO ribbon on the same horse with a 22.

The Juvenile event was sponsored by 540 Mechanical. Adien Ralston won the Saturdays event riding Valley Forge Matilda. Dustin Dell'Agostino on One Time Trouble took home the TCO ribbon with a 22.

We ran the Kaydale Restricted open horse event next with two full rounds. This made for some exciting drafting watching these great horse and rider combinations go to work. Donald Percy won on Commander Duck and Jim Daley took out the TCO riding Tarraway Clara with a 23. Thank you to Ruve Tyler for taking time out of the office to judge this event. With Cheese and Drinks served on Yobbo's Hill ready for the final event for Saturday, the ladies draft sponsored by Rural Infrastructure got underway. Sam Kerr riding Trinity Conduet put two rounds together to secure 1st place. This was the second win for the day for this mare and in the same family. Dawn Solomon took home the TCO ribbon riding Sweet Abilene on a 22. Thanks to Don Percy for judging this event. First up on Sunday was the Brampton Park Maiden. Guy Beanie taking control of the judging for this event. Darcy Anderson went on to win riding Mello Royal and James Roxburgh taking home another TCO ribbon riding McDonalds Double Destiny with a 22.

Once again Brandon was onboard for judging the Sunday Junior and Juvenile events with Luke Daley winning the LS Rural Enterprises Junior riding Beljay Jazz. His second win on his pony for the weekend and second TCO prize with a 21.

Luke Daley also went on to win the Combined High Point Junior rider for the weekend.

Hella Dell'Agostino won the Juvenile event on Rocksbar Bootsman. This was her final Juvenile event and what a way to finish. Dustin Dell'Agostino took home the TCO ribbon riding Woodstock Des. Austin Daley put two consistent rounds together over the weekend to claim the high point Juvenile for the weekend. Thank you to Balamara Agriculture products for sponsoring our Juvenile event.

Final event for the weekend was the Monark Transport Open. With a run off for first place between Jim and Kim Daley and Donald Percy, Kim managed to keep her cool and win the blue-ribbon riding Tarraway Frost. Brett Lacy won the TCO riding Cruiser with a 22.



Freya Kerr riding Trinity Conduet

Photo credit; Anne Lasini from Rustic Pics

Our club is very grateful to Anne Lasini from Rustic Pics for capturing our moments of greatness and silliness. It's never a dull moment with what you can capture with your camera, to our great cattle suppliers that keep supporting us year after year. We couldn't have this much fun without you and our sponsors, local and from afar that keep coming back each year helps make our draft very enjoyable.

Lastly, thanks to the competitors that come along and support our draft. See you all next year.

Ruve Tyler DCC Secretary



Curry Night

SATURDAY 17TH MAY
From 6.30pm,
with curries served at 7.15pm



COMMUNITY FUNDRAISER AT THE THOMAS LITTLE HALL

The Parish & OLOL School are holding a Curry Night and you are invited to wine & dine with community members. This year we will be raising money to help our Baysanup Church Restoration.

Antipasto, wine & water provided. BYO other beverages.
Two choices of curry with rice will be available, cooked by our amazing Dardanup General Store.

COST \$55 per person - what do you get for your money?
Your curries & rice, nibbles on arrival, wine from a local winery, tea & coffee, chocolate and slice after and your chance to take home a fabulous door prize.

We will also have a \$100 Cash Raffle on the night at \$5 per guest, and other raffles so bring some cash!

Tickets can be purchased by contacting:
Pieter Giumelli on 0409 682 571 or through OLOL School Office 9726 2200 - EFTPOS is available

WINE SPONSOR:
Ferguson Falls Winery,
172 Pile Road Ferguson
If you haven't tasted their wines you must!

Tickets will need to be purchased by Wednesday 7th May 2025 for catering purposes, get in quick to not miss out!

The Dardanup Times thanks our generous sponsors



Mother's Day

FLOWERS FOR SALE

Fresh Chrysanthemums bunches will be on sale for Mother's Day at the Ferguson Valley Visitor Centre in Dardanup.

Pre-order for \$18 before Wednesday 7th May, 3:30pm
OR
Grab a bunch for \$20 on Mothers Day
(limited supply only)

Pre orders are payable at the Visitor Centre daily between
10am and 2pm with cash or card.
All pre-orders can be picked up on Saturday 10th May and on Mother's Day between 10am and 3pm.

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Dardanup Senior Citizens Biggest Morning Tea with Solaris Cancer Care



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📍 Wells Recreation Club Rooms

🕒 10:00am-12:00pm

📅 Tuesday 20th May 2025

Same Day
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Ferguson Hall Sundowner

Friday 2 May | 6pm

Meet us at the Ferguson Hall | BYO drinks and nibbles
We'd love to see you there!

EVERYONE WELCOME