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The Woodarburrup Cup Is 50

In May 2025, 650 men celebrated 50 years of running the Woodarburrup Cup.

In 1972 a small group of southwest men were involved in a development farm at Scott River. Mustering was done on horseback and the idea of a horse race, maybe to raise some money for charity, was floated. The late Denis Shine (Roelands), the late Bob and Tom Tyrrell (Waterloo) were the partners of the Woodarburrup Pastoral Company and were also members of the Brunswick and Dardanup Lions Clubs.

A terrible train accident led these men to offer the proceeds of the event to the Civilian Maimed and Limbless Assoc, now named the Alinea Foundation. Since Woodarburrup's inception, \$1.35 million has been raised for charity.

The first year of racing was in 1973 with the events changing over time and so has the Cup. Horse racing, camp drafting, farm dog races, log chops and 100 yard gift race were very popular events held over the years. Some new events added include pig races and marron races. All events containing the very best of Aussie humour and of course a beer.

The last 10 years has witnessed changing attitudes with topics such as Men's Health, Black Dog, and Farmers Depression being at the fore front of activities.

The remoteness of the property also adds to the relaxed ambience of the event.

2026 will also see a changing of the Dardanup dynasty of event coordinators. The late Bob Tyrrell – 17 years; Tom Hall (Waterloo) – 13 years and now retiring Ron Tyrrell (Waterloo) and Kerry Thomas (Ferguson) after 20 years. The new coordinator is Kim Dunnnett from Nannup.

Congratulations to all involved and well done.

Kerry Thomas



Log chops were a very popular event at Woodarburrup

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Nesting Boxes
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Dardanup Bull and Barrel Festival News

As you all know the Festival is without Healthway funding this year so the Committee approached local businesses requesting they consider sponsoring our community event. We have been thrilled with the response and the following businesses have agreed to join our Festival family, providing much needed sponsorship so we can continue to provide free entry and lots of free or low cost activities for families. Huge thanks to All Lift Lifting Services who have jumped on board as Diamond Sponsors (\$5000)- Shayne and Marie are also hard working Festival Committee members so you will see them on the day wearing their Festival shirts, organising Festival activities – certainly giving back Shayne and Marie!; LGM Industries who are Gold Sponsors(\$2500.00) and Wren Oil who are Silver Sponsors(\$1250.00). The Festival Committee certainly appreciates the support of these new sponsors and we look forward to working with them to make the 2025 Festival the best yet. Of course, the Festival would not be the success it is without the continued support of our loyal sponsors many of whom have sponsored the Festival since its inception.

The following are comments from our new sponsors.



"All Lift Lifting services are dedicated to ensuring the highest standards in material handling and height safety equipment across Western Australia. As proud members of the Dardanup community, Shayne and Marie, along with their family, have embraced the town's spirit, contributing through pivotal roles in the local fire brigade and inspiring the next generation. Supporting the 2025 Dardanup Bull and Barrel Festival is our way of celebrating this strong and vibrant community"

Jill Cross, Festival Chairperson along with Marie and Shayne Griffin All Lift Lifting Services

LGM Industries is thrilled to be supporting the iconic Dardanup Bull and Barrel Festival in 2025.

This annual event – run exclusively by volunteers – is a must-do for families in the Bunbury Geopraphe region. A free event with so much happening and of course the evening lighting of the fire sculpture cannot be missed!

LGM Industries is a South West employer with strong ties to our region specialising in structural, mechanical and piping services in the energy and resources sector. Since our formation we have proudly supported the local community across a diverse range of opportunities and activities and are committed to ongoing engagement with our partners.

We are proud to be a Gold sponsor of the Dardanup Bull and Barrel Festival.



Jill Cross and Andrew Lardner, LGM Industries Director and Owner

"Wren Oil is proud to support the Dardanup Bull and Barrel Festival 2025, a vibrant celebration of our local community, culture, and traditions. As a company located just around the corner from Dardanup, we believe in the importance of supporting events that unite our community. With 30 years of operations in Western Australia, we view this festival as a wonderful opportunity to give back to the area that has supported us all this time. By participating in this dynamic local event, we contribute to the success of this fun, family-friendly festival. It's an exciting time to be involved in such an impactful event, and we are thrilled to take part!"



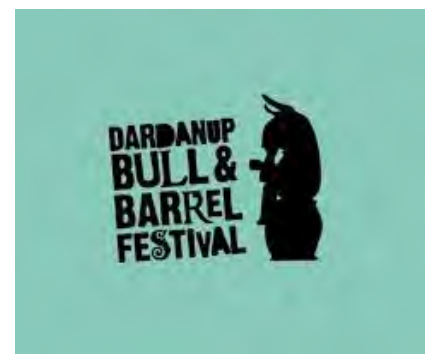
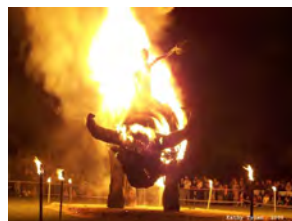
Jill Cross along with Nurul Shaheed, Wren Oil Sales Manager

Another local who has gone above and beyond is Matt Byrne who along with his partner Peta make up MB Traffic Management. Matt and Peta have increased their sponsorship to Gold (\$2500.00) made up of cash plus all the inkind work Matt does coordinating the traffic management at the Festival which is a big job; getting the best quote from traffic control companies, working at a traffic control point on the day and producing our traffic management plan for the Shire and MRWA. The Festival Committee certainly appreciates your work and sponsorship Matt and Peta.

Again this year another local Anthony Congdon from Rethink Marketing has assisted the Committee producing our poster, email signature and updating our website. All very important work in getting the message out to the community and the Festival Committee thanks you for all your efforts Anthony.

**Jill Cross
Festival Chairperson**

**Saturday 11 October is the date,
spread the word and don't forget to
follow our facebook page!**



Dardanup Lions News

This year the Dardy Lions, with wonderful help from community members now trained in eye health screening... Jane, Robyn, Sue, Julie, Pauline, Jenny, and Terry... screened 75 students examining eye health in years 3 and 6 students [in the 3 Dardanup/Burekup Primary schools and Boyanup PS] of which 14 previously undiagnosed eye anomalies were found requiring optometrist assessment with 11 referrals[some children had more than one issue.] We especially thank our community members without whom we could not have run this program. We look forward to continuing this program in years to come. **Chris Phillips (Program Co-ordinator)**

Inequities in health services have been with us for as long as Lions Clubs International has been in existence. A Western Australian wide effort to redress this that I include and I take the words found by googling -

"Lions Outback Vision Van. Quote " - the Lions Outback Vision Van consists of three consulting rooms, filled with specialist equipment. The mobile eye health clinic provides comprehensive ophthalmology care for cataracts, trachoma, glaucoma, diabetic retinopathy, eye trauma and minor procedures.

I acknowledge this is for areas where a simple referral to a local ophthalmologist isn't an option such as it is for the fore mentioned Dardy Programme.

So our club, always a large (by our standards) donator to eye health, gets to witness not only expansion of the Lions Eye Institute into a decentralised mobile service to regional remote and Indigenous areas, but that service has won an October last year (2024) award of \$5M for the best Pilbara health initiative. To earn that prize the 'Outback Vision Service' outdid a half a dozen other health services providers by coming up with a real time diagnostic tool called the "mobile Retinal Camera with Fully Intergrated Artificial Intelligence".

Phil Ottrey

Editor's Note: our community acknowledge and thank the Lions volunteers who have conducted the free eye health screening service in our schools. Keep up the great work!

Lions Fundraiser: Timber Sale

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Dardanup Heritage Collective News

Back from the brink – Old document commemorates James Maguire

A wonderful old document relating to historic Dardanup figure James Maguire, kept safe over many years by Gwen and Brian Wells, has recently had a digital restoration. The original is a hand decorated, photographic composition presented in thanks to James on his retirement from the Dardanup Roads Board in 1902. James had served on the Wellington Roads Board and was then elected to represent Dardanup in 1894 when it formed a separate Board. A digital copy of the faded original was edited by staff at Camera House to restore colour and clarity. The Dardanup Heritage Collective has acquired print and digital copies. The large document is beautifully decorated with eight photographs of the elected members of the time, scrolls, banners, birds and foliage. There is a heartfelt message of thanks to James for his dedication to the District. The print copy has been placed in an antique frame provided by Michael Hall of Wellington Mills. In time this lovely piece will be displayed as part of the Dardanup

Archive. For the moment, a digital copy can be viewed on the Dardanup Heritage Collective web site. Thanks to Gwen Wells and Jenny Trigwell for arranging this restoration.

Brian Wells was a direct descendent of the Maguires.

To find out more about James' story, including his role in the escape of John Boyle O'Reilly, go to: dardanupheritagecollective.org.au and using the "Search" button (top right) type in "James Maguire".

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Secretary



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June brought the finalisation of our membership renewals for 25/26. It is always a busy time particularly for Ebony who did the lion share of the membership renewal work. As a team we are very pleased to welcome a group of fresh new members and with membership renewals completed we can now finalize the new tourist maps and can sign off on the reskinning of the 5 roadside maps that run through the valley.

A warm welcome to all our new Association members, we look forward to the year ahead.

The program for Lost and Found Festival 2025 is all but finalised and we expect L&F to be bigger and better than ever. The Lost and Found (L&F) committee, led by Tammy Howard has been extremely busy and with the events all but locked in, the social media campaign is about to begin. Opening night is on Thursday 16th by invitation and ticket only and will be the start of a full, active and innovative program of food, wine and fun events. Don't forget to put the dates in your diary 16th-19th October, this is something you won't wish to miss.

June was a month of change for the Visitor Centre. In the current trade short environment, the Shire, after much dedication secured a painter who is to give the VC a fresh coat of paint. Gae and a small team of dedicated volunteers packed up the VC before Dardanup Removals and staff from the Shire help with the uplift and relocation of fixture, fittings, tourist information, brochures and the ubiquitous Gnomes up the road to the Lesser Hall.

Pop in and see us at the Lesser Hall, we are open winter hours from 10am-2 pm each day. The Hall is warm, the desk in a sunny location at the front doors and we are enjoying making the most of this short-term space.

We are grateful to the Shire for their support and assistance in making our shift smooth and trouble free and look forward to you visiting us again when we are back in the freshly painted VC.

Ferguson Valley Open Gardens is 25th-26th October and the Visitor Centre is calling out for donations of potted plants that we can include in our Stall. So please get potting with some of your favourite plants and when ready drop them off to us. Ferguson Valley licence plates are still available and we are on our way to securing the initial 30 requests needed before we can submit our first order to DOT. If you are thinking about securing a FV licence plate it is an easy process, just start by emailing Marketing @fergusonvalley.net.au with your licence plate number of choice.

Gnomesville Pop up has had a few rained-out trading days of late but weather permitting we will soon be back trading as allowed. The range and diversity of visitors who come through the pop up continues to surprise and delight. A day at the pop up always delivers a new collection of traveller stories. It is very pleasant sitting under the gum trees chatting to folks as they walk by. Everyone who visits Gnomesville is happy, or at least they are when they leave. So why not experience some of this joy for yourself? We continue to callout for volunteers so have set up an on-line Pop-up volunteer roster and invite any of our community groups to provide some volunteers at the pop up. Those interested in more details please email Chair@fergusonvalley.net.au or call on 041883 4455.

In closing our Annual General Meeting for 2025 is most likely to be held in August, the actual date will be announced shortly. Anyone interested in joining the board and helping us to support and grow tourism in the valley is invited to contact Ebony at Marketing @fergusonvalley.net.au

Sue Williams

Wespine News

Celebrating Achievement and Diversity at Wespine's Culture Day

Wespine celebrated its second annual Culture Day on Thursday 12 June. This special occasion provides an opportunity to recognise the diversity of our team, reflect on our shared journey, and celebrate our collective achievements.

The day featured a delicious lunch from local Indian and Filipino food trucks, engaging group activities, and recognition of many employees who reached important service milestones. It was a fantastic opportunity for everyone to connect, celebrate our culture, and acknowledge the hard work and dedication of our team.



Dardanup Bull and Barrel Festivals

Annual Thrift Shop Fashion Show and High Tea

will be returning on **Sunday 31 August**, 12.30pm
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Country Music Club News

20th July, Australind Senior Citz Hall Mardo Ave
AGM 10.30 am

Afternoon Dance 1 - 4.30 with Perth Band LETS DANCE

17th August, Hugh Kilpatrick Hal, Boyanup

Jam Session 10.30 - 12.30pm Afternoon dance 1 - 4.30pm
with Perth band BAD HEARTS

21st September Australind Senior Citz Hall, Mardo Ave
1 - 4.30pm Perth Band BANDWAGON

19th October Hugh Kilpatrick Hall, Boyanup

Jam Session 10.30-12.30

Afternoon dance 1 - 4.30pm RockNup West

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Sue Moloney
President

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Our next market is 27th July, 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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Rosemary Baskott Long time resident of Dardanup.
Condolences to her family.

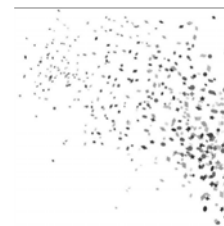
Congratulations to

The Dardanup locals Ron (Squirrel) Tyrrell and Kerry
Thomas who have attended the Woodarburrrup Cup for 50
years and 40 years respectively and contributed to raising
a huge amount of money for charity.

Sharon Jarvis from Donnybrook on her recent OAM for
services to Paralympic Equestrian Sports. Sharon
frequently competed at the Dardanup Equestrian Centre



Rob Gardiner celebrating his
80th birthday



Dardanup Environmental Action Group News

The Govt has set up a new platform for community
complaints about pollution/noise/dust/odour/waste
(via an online form). This has taken the place of Pollu-
tion Watch. It's now much easier now for the com-
munity to submit complaints and its very mobile
friendly.

Just enter "Environment Watch WA" into your search
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AHLIAS'S KINDNESS DAY

On Friday, June 6th, we celebrated the fifth Ahlia's Kindness Day in honour of Ahlia. This special day is dedicated to raising awareness for DIPG, a rare and aggressive brain cancer that affects children. All students and staff wore blue in support of this cause, as blue was Ahlia's favourite colour. Throughout the day, students took part in random acts of kindness and participated in kindness-themed activities. These actions not only honour Ahlia's memory but also help us build a culture of compassion, empathy, and generosity within our school community. The school raised \$1072.40 with lots of help from Jodie's Before and After school care.



Year 4 students performed a moving rendition of 'Lean On Me' by Bill Withers. Their tie-dyed t-shirts featured hearts and all agreed that the performance was amazing.

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Year 1 class with their butterfly display -which was Ahlia's favourite insect.



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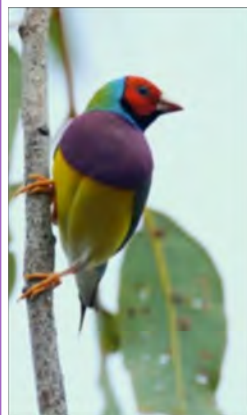


This is a fantastic story about a partnership between a mining company and the Capel Mens Shed. Thankyou to David Porter, Secretary of the Capel Mens Shed for sharing with us.

A Gouldian Finch nest box! But why?

Hello all at the Capel Men's Shed,

First can I say, these nest boxes are fantastic! I could not be happier! What an incredible job you all have done; creating a robust little home for this fantastic little bird! I could not believe it when my father put the idea to me to get the Men's Shed involved in this project. How fantastic that a local community group can make such a project happen so quickly. Quite odd that the nest boxes are being made down south in Capel before travelling all the way up north to be installed on the side of a hill in the Kimberley's Carr Boyd Ranges. It is with pleasure that I provide you with a bit of background and context on why we need the nest boxes and what we hope to achieve.



The Gouldian Finch: This is not an image lifted from the internet! This was taken in the field by our APM ornithologist!

The Gouldian Finch is, perhaps, one of Australia's most iconic little birds. That is probably because it is so very beautiful. But its beauty has, historically, been the cause of its demise in the wild.

Coveted by bird enthusiasts as 'the bird to have' in a cage, wild animal collectors in the Kimberley netted and collected hundreds of thousands of these birds for the pet trade. During the Dry Season, when water availability is limited, these birds would come into the same little water hole at the same time every day, twice a day, to drink. This made

them an easy target and cannon nets would be fired over entire flocks. Every single bird was collected from the wild and taken for sale. This caused wild populations to crash.

When wild collection ceased, the species struggled to recover its numbers back to find a safe and secure natural balance. Why? Mainly because the landscape was changing. Extensive pastoralism in the region had tens of thousands of cattle browsing the landscape; eating the grasses the finch was reliant on and fouling the water holes they drank from in the dry season. Please don't take this as a knock on pastoralists by the way!!! I love a good burger. We all do! We need agriculture and mining to live.

Anyway, the pastoralists were also prone to lighting up the landscape at the beginning of the dry season to promote fresh growth. This is where it all turned to custard for the Gouldian Finch. When an early dry season fire gets too out of control, it is not just the grass that burns. The eucalyptus trees burn too. More importantly, the dry hollow limbs burn first. It is the dry hollow limbs of the eucalypts that grow on the stony slopes of the Kimberley Sandstone Ranges that the Gouldian Finch are **SPECIFICALLY** dependant on to create their nests to lay their eggs and raise their young. No hollows mean no nests and no young.

The biggest problem with Gouldian Finches is that they are fussy nesters that will find a hollow, create a nest for the season and then revisit the same nest year after year after year. They will also fight for the right to nest in the best hollows in the best locations in the trees on the right slopes with the right angles no more than a certain distance (1km) from dry season water sources. They are more pedantic on "location location location" than a Dalkeith real estate mogul, let me give you the tip. So, when a mining company comes along and they have to knock down some trees to build a mine it is just one more 'nesting pressure' that this rare species does not need!!!

Luckily for us (those that love wildlife) there has been a tonne of research done that shows that, in the wild, Gouldian Finches are three times more likely to use an artificial nest box (if it is available) over a natural nesting hollow! No kidding. It is in the science. That means if we calculate (approximate) the number of trees that are going to be cleared for a mine site or the construction of an access road, we can make and replace enough nest boxes for the local Gouldian Finches to continue comfortably nesting in the area. Does it work?

Well, I installed about 125 nest boxes on a project in the Kimberley way back in 2010 and as recently as February last year the birds were still using them!

So, the short answer, I am happy to say, is YES!

This is one of the nest boxes installed in 2010. It probably does not look like this anymore which is why we need to build more and keep replacing them as the years go by.



50 nesting boxes made by the Capel Mens Shed ready for delivery



Thank you for your work and, most certainly, if the project goes forward, I will be reaching out again.

All the best,
Dr Mitch Ladyman
Principal Biologist
Animalplantmineral

Eds Note ; Capel Mens Shed meet at the Boyanup Rail Museum Complex and operate on Wednesday and Saturday 0830 to 1230 and always welcome new members.

Our Lady of Lourdes - Dardanup



Music Lessons



Our Lady of Lourdes provides students with many different opportunities with our specialist learning areas. Students in Kindergarten to Year 6 participate in Music lessons. As part of the program, our Year 6 students recently performed as a band, playing range of instruments including drums, keyboards and guitars, proudly demonstrating what they have learnt.





Winter brings increased Feral Pig & Fox Activity

As winter arrives, so too does the increased activity of two of our region's most destructive declared pests — **feral pigs (*Sus scrofa*)** and **red foxes (*Vulpes vulpes*)**.

Landholders have a responsibility to control declared pests on their property under the BAM Act (Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007). Recognised Biosecurity Groups, such as our local Leschenault Biosecurity Group (LBG) promote, facilitate and support the management of priority declared pests on private properties.

*Feral Pigs (*Sus scrofa*) Thrive in Wet, Cool Conditions*

You may encounter increased evidence of feral pig activity leading into the cooler months, as pigs thrive on free access to water which is necessary to regulate their body temperature. Feral pigs generally restrict their activity to cooler parts of the day, even when the weather is not especially hot.

Additionally, winter provides an opportune condition for an abundance of nutrient- and energy-rich foods for these unwanted pigs, such as succulent green vegetation, fruit, grain, bulbs, corms and fungi. This availability and quality of food heavily influences increased breeding for these pests.

LBG has been working closely with landholders across the region and has seen strong success in collaborative control programs. However, ongoing vigilance and reporting are essential to maintain these gains and prevent reinfestation.

Foxes (*Vulpes vulpes*) – Mating Season Means More Movement

Winter also marks the fox mating season, typically from mid-June to July. During this period, landholders may notice more vocalisations — such as barking or screeching often heard during early winter, associated with pair formation and the start of courtship. The vixen remains on heat for only three days and gestation lasts for 51-53 days. This is a good time of the season to try audio lures like mating calls if you are undertaking a fox monitoring and ground shooting program on your property.

Typically, each fox occupies a home range, which can be from 280-1600 hectares in size; however, during mating season, foxes will reduce their roaming and constantly return to the same den. After mating, the vixen will establish a maternity den, while the male fox begins foraging more frequently to provide food. This seasonal pattern presents a key opportunity for effective monitoring and control.

Local Support for Control of These Declared Pests

The Leschenault Biosecurity Group supports landholders in our area with management of feral pigs and foxes with arrange of resources and services including:

Property-specific guidance to best address these pests on your property

Fox trapping support – help with trapping strategy & set-up

Free loan of:

Fox traps

Surveillance cameras

HOGGONE baiting boxes (included with collaborative and proven effective program that typically is conducted over approximately 2-week period on private property)

Support with Restricted Pesticide (RP) Permit

applications for eligible landholders interested in using 1080 baiting as a control method. Where applicable, LBG can assist with permitting support, mapping requirements and may provide a subsidy for permit application fees within its operational area.

Note regarding 1080 permitting and use: The use of 1080 (also known as sodium fluoroacetate), a schedule 7 poison, in WA is governed by regulations overseen by the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) and the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA). These regulations are designed to minimise risks to non-target species and ecosystems while allowing for the effective control of pest populations. Central to this framework is the requirement for individuals to obtain permits for the use of 1080, ensuring that only those who have received proper training and meet established criteria are authorized to handle this restricted pesticide.

1080 is a highly effective, species-specific control method for pests like foxes and wild dogs. Unlike introduced species, **many of WA's native animals have evolved a natural tolerance to 1080**, due to its origin from native plants such as *Gastrolobium* (pea flowers), which naturally produce sodium fluoroacetate — the active compound in 1080.

This unique biological advantage enables WA land managers to utilise 1080 as a powerful and ecologically sound pest management tool. However, its continued use depends on adherence to strict guidelines to protect off-target species and demonstrate responsible use.

For more information about declared pests, please contact our local Recognised Biosecurity Group, Leschenault Biosecurity Group (LBG) on 0477 049 947 or visit their website at lbginc.org.au.



Foxes and feral pigs on the move in our area captured on Leschenault Biosecurity Group's surveillance camera



July is the second half of the Noongar season *Makuru*. Traditionally a time of frequent storms, making this one of the wettest and coldest months of the year in our region. Farmers, Gardeners and

anyone with a watertank is glad for the rain! We have past the winter solstice (our shortest day) and despite the days beginning to lengthen, growth in our gardens will be slow during due to the cold. It gives us a chance to catch our breath and plan for a summer of abundance.

There are some great options for purchasing seeds within WA, including Urban Revolution, Thrive Sustainability, Harvest Me Seeds and Yilgarn seeds. Benefits of buying from these small businesses include fresh seeds that are adapted to our Climate, greater variety (Heirloom & Open Pollinated) and no nasty fumigates/coatings. When you are looking at varieties, before reaching for the same old ones do some research, think about where in your garden you are going to plant them and the timing. For example, green beans are one of my favourite summer crops - expensive in the shops but easy to grow at home. Provider, Strike and Sunray are good high yielding bush bean varieties but prefer mild summer conditions, making them a good choice to plant early in the season. This is also true of climbing varieties such as Purple king, Blue Lake and Kentucky Wonder. These varieties will continue to grow but once temperatures get above 27 degrees they tend to drop their flowers and fruit set is minimal. Why not increase your yields and plan for a few varieties that like it hot! Rattlesnake, Lab Lab, Madagascar Lima beans and Winged beans all prefer it hot, will flower in 30+ degree heat and prolifically fruit over the Nov-Feb period. Another one to investigate are cucumber varieties. If you have had trouble with Cucumbers going bitter in the heat, consider planting Armenian striped, Poona Kheera and Suyo Long. There are plenty of interesting and higher yielding varieties to choose! My suggestion is stay inside, grab a cup of something warm and get stuck into reading seed catalogues, magazines and recipe books.

Garden maintenance is very much 'tidy as you go'. Mild Autumn/winter weather can be particularly good for supporting multiple generations of caterpillars, slugs and snails, they enjoy their greens even more than we do! To avoid steaming the odd one with your vegies, I soak the cauli / broccoli florets and leafy greens in a salty bath for a few minutes while I prep dinner. Any hidden 'wildlife' will end up in the bottom of your sink and not on your plate.

After winter solstice as the days begin to lengthen, your chooks will begin to lay again. Help them out with a bit of added shell grit and toss them a few Brassica, Silverbeet and Celery leaves, these leafy greens will help give the yolks a lovely dark yellow

colour and give them a natural vitamin boost.

This time of year, Citrus fruit is abundant, making it a good time to try eating a few varieties before buying a tree. These evergreen trees are equally at home grown in a pot or in the ground. We can grow a wonderful variety of Lemons, Limes, Oranges, Mandarins, Tangelos and Grapefruit in our climate. One of my favourite citrus is the Kaffir lime or Mukrut (*Citrus hystrix*). Despite being a subtropical species it grows well in our Mediterranean climate, surviving and fruiting during our frosty winters. The highly fragrant bi-lobed leaves can be used in Soups, Stir fries and Curries. Best used fresh or they can be frozen with little loss of flavour. The green fruit are knobbly and round. Instead of providing juice, they are prized for their zest. I use a vegetable peeler to easily remove the skin without the bitter white pith. Add it to Lime tarts, Pickles or for flavouring rice. They can also be used to make Homemade shampoo!

At a pinch, if your garden is in a sheltered position, you may be able to plant fast cropping varieties such as asian greens, english spinach, lettuce, and radish. Everything else will just sit in the ground waiting for the warmer weather to arrive or become food for the slugs and snails. *Honestly*, with the cold soil you are best off making the most of what is already growing. There is often more in the garden to eat than we realise. Why not make use of the small broccoli leaves and stalks in soups, finely slice the silverbeet stems and sauté them with your onions before adding to your curry or pinch out the tops of your broad beans and add them to your stir fries. Parsley stalks are also a great substitute for celery when making your soffritto.

It is best to wait until August, but if you are really keen to plant in July...

Leaf crops: Asian greens (Choi Sum, Gai Lan, Mibuna, Mizuna, Pak Choy, Chinese Cabbage), Cress, Lettuce, Mustard greens, Witlof, Chicory. Brassica crops (seedlings)*: Broccoli Raab, Cabbage, Kale, Spinach. Root crops: Radish. Legume crops: Broad Beans, Snow peas, Peas. Onion family: Onions, Salad onion, Potato onions, Tree onions. Perennial Herbs: Artichoke, Asparagus crowns, Strawberry plants

Stay warm and make use of your planning time!

Wink Lindsay

The next Sustainable Living Workshop is on Thursday 10/7/25, 10-11.30am at the Dardanup Hall. Topic for July: Topic: **Happy, Healthy Chickens**. Are you new to keeping chickens or maybe still trying to decide which ones to get? Come along as we discuss the benefits and challenges of keeping a backyard flock. Everything from choosing breeds, coop designs and feeding regimes. You will learn how to care for your girls and discover a variety of ways that you can enlist their help in your garden. 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

Supported by The Shire of Dardanup,
Free & open to all residents.

Teachers in attendance.

At the Dardanup Shire office –

1.30 to approx. 4.00 pm.

9/7, 23/7, 13/8, 27/8, 10/9, 24/9, 8/10,
22/10, 12/11 & 26/11.

Revely Gardiner 0408833761

School Holiday Fun at the Wellington Discovery Forest

The Nearer to Nature SW Team have some winter fun lined up these upcoming school holidays. Put on your raincoat and your gum boots and come exploring with us. We have fun activities planned for all ages at the Wellington Discovery Forest, starting with Seize and Capture, 5 years plus on Friday 11 July, 10-12 or 12.30-2.30; Mini mycologists(4-10 years) on Monday 14 July, 10-11.30.

For more information and to book go to www.exploreparcs.dbca.wa.gov.au/get-inspired/school-holiday-activities-south-west

What's on In Dardanup

- 1 July – Mens Welfare Group – 2pm at the Wells Recreation Park Clubrooms
- 4 July – Ferguson Hall Sundowner
- 9 July – Mahjong at the Shire office, free, 1.30- 4.00pm
- 9 July – Dardanup Bull and Barrel Festival meeting, 7.30pm @ Wells Recreation Park Clubrooms
- 10 July – Shire of Dardanup's Sustainable Living Workshop, 10 - 11.30am @ Dardanup Hall. Happy Healthy Chickens
Bookings essential ph: 9724000 or on the website dardanup.wa.gov.au/events
- 11 July – School holiday workshops, Seize and Capture at Wellington Discovery Forest, see poster this edition
- 14 July - School holiday workshops, Mini - Mycologist at Wellington Discovery Forest, see poster this edition
- 15 July - Dardanup Seniors meeting
- 17 July – Mens Welfare Group – 2pm at Wells Recreation Park Clubrooms
- 18 July – Dardanup Heritage Collective meeting, 1pm at the Dardanup Shire Office
- 22 July – Chair Yoga organised by the Shire of Dardanup @ Wells Rec Park Clubrooms, free, 1-2pm
- 23 July- Mahjong at the Shire office, free, 1.30- 4.00pm
- 27 July - Boyanup Farmers Market, 8am
- 29 July – Dardanup Cricket Club AGM, 6.30pm, Wells Rec Park Clubrooms, see poster this edition
- 5 August – Chair Yoga organised by the Shire of Dardanup @ Wells Rec Park Clubrooms, free, 1-2pm
- 31 August – Dardanup Bull and Barrel Festivals Thrift Shop Fashion Show and High Tea, 12.30pm, see poster this edition

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- *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 Revelly 0408 833 761

Dardanup Seniors News

At our meeting on the 17th June there were 15 in attendance & 7 apologies.

Good News – Chair Yoga for 2025/2026.

Provided free by the Shire of Dardanup for all residents.

Held at Wells Recreation Hall. Tuesdays – 1- 2pm.

22/7, 5/8, 19/8, 2/9, 16/9, 14/10, 28/10, 11/11 (Seniors Week), 25/11, 3/3, 17/3, 31/3, 21/4, 5/5, 19/5, 2/6, 16/6 & 30/6.

We are hoping for increased attendance. Please take advantage of this activity in our local area.

Discussions were held regarding some of our activities & outings which fall on some of the Chair Yoga days.

No games today. Members enjoyed catching up with friends while having morning tea which is very beneficial for our wellbeing.

Memberships are due \$15.00 each.

AGM on 19th August. Followed by a soup luncheon.

Next Meeting 15th July followed by lunch at the Green Jade Chinese Restaurant.

Remember to stay warm

“Remember to Smell the Roses”

Revely Gardiner 0408833761

Upcoming dates for free Chair Yoga classes funded by the Shire of Dardanup, 1 – 2pm, held at the Wells Recreation Park Clubrooms. Tuesday 22nd July 2025 , Tuesday 5th August 2025



Ferguson Valley Visitor Centre News

The Ferguson Valley Visitor Centre (FVVC) housed in the old State School Building is reopening in July after being freshly painted and open daily 10 – 2 pm winter hours. A quiet pop-up service from the Lessor Hall continued just down the road with our main visitors being the Free Campers in the carpark. Thank you to the FVVC team involved in packing up and then restocking the FVVC after painting.



Textile Artist Lenore Fairfield continues as Artist of the Month for July. See her beautiful felted designs instore and the picture of Lenore's son Ashley Fairfield wearing a merino wool jackaroo/cowboy hat with black and white merino wool, viscose & silk scarf.

Save the date for the Ferguson Valley Open Gardens on 25th and 26th of October. We will be selling plants from the veranda so donations of seedlings and plants welcome.

You may have noticed an increased presence in Social Media for the FVVC – please look for the facebook/Instagram pages (thanks to Tansy) and feel welcome to share!

Robyn Jones



COMMUNITY FUNDRAISER AT THE THOMAS LITTLE HALL

Curry Night write up

We held our Curry Night on Saturday 14th June, what a great success it was with 52 tickets sold we had a full house inside the beautiful Thomas Little Hall. We might have to move it to a larger location next time! Everyone enjoyed antipasto on arrival, glasses of wine by our fantastic sponsors Ferguson Falls Winery, the beautiful curries to warm everyone up on such a cold night, made especially for us by the Dardy Store and tea & coffee with deserts to finish off. It was lovely to see so many locals come together to help the parish in their fundraising efforts. A huge thank you to Peter Giumelli for his hard work in putting these nights together, keep an eye out for the next one!

Thank You

WINE SPONSOR:

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

A MASSIVE SHOUTOUT TO THE OLOL SCHOOL P&F FOR THEIR SUPPORT & HELP ON THE NIGHT, WITHOUT THE HELP FROM TARA, LOUISE & JAYE IN THE KITCHEN IT WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN AS SUCCESSFUL, THANK YOU!



AGM

TUESDAY 29TH JULY

6.30PM

Have you been wanting to get back into cricket, give it a go or show your kids you can still play! Our Cricket Club is looking for more players & committee members for the upcoming season. If this is something you would like to do then come along to our **AGM, Tuesday 29th July at 6.30pm** at the Dardanup Sporting & Community Centre, Wells Recreation Park, Dardanup

The Dardanup Times thanks our generous sponsors



FERGUSON VALLEY



SAT
25 OCT

SUN
26 OCT

10AM to 4PM

A diverse variety of eclectic rural gardens to visit from the Ferguson Valley Visitor Centre in Dardanup through Ferguson to Wellington Mill and Crooked Brook Forest.

\$5 / person / garden



www.fergusonvalleyopengardens.com.au



Ferguson Valley Open Gardens



[fergusonvalleyopengardens](https://www.instagram.com/fergusonvalleyopengardens)

Enquiries
0447 266 885

Thrift Shop Fashion Show & High Tea

Doors Open 12:30pm Dardanup Hall Sunday 31st August

\$30 entry includes delicious high tea and glass of bubbles on arrival

Raffle and Lucky Door Prize

Fashions supplied by 'Humble Jumble Thrift Shop'

To reserve a table/seats and purchase tickets phone Jill on 0418 281 201 or email: jill.cross@bigpond.com

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Humble Jumble THRIFT SHOP NOW OPEN
Monday to Friday 9 to 2

72 Brittain Rd, Carey Park. Leading WA in cancer support services for people with cancer and their families.

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PARKS AND WILDLIFE WESTERN AUSTRALIA

SOUTH WEST WINTER CHILD HOLIDAYS 2025

Mini-mycologist @ RAC Margaret River Nature Park

Ages: 4 - 10 yrs
When: Thursday 10 July 10 - 11.30am
Where: RAC Margaret River Nature Park

Seize and Capture @ Wellington Discovery Forest

Ages: 5+
When: Friday 11 July 10 - 12pm or 12.30 - 2.30pm
Where: Wellington Discovery Forest

Mini-mycologist @ Wellington Discovery Forest

Ages: 4 - 10 yrs
When: Monday 14 July 10 - 11.30am
Where: Wellington Discovery Forest

Mini-mycologist @ Forest Discovery Centre Dwellingup

Ages: 4 - 10 yrs
When: Wednesday 16 July 10 - 11.30am or 1.30 - 3 pm
Where: Forest Discovery Centre Dwellingup

For more information and to book online:

Limited spots!

<https://exploreparks.dbca.wa.gov.au/get-inspired/school-holiday-activities-south-west>

Ferguson Hall Sundowner

Friday 4 July | 6pm

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

EVERYONE WELCOME