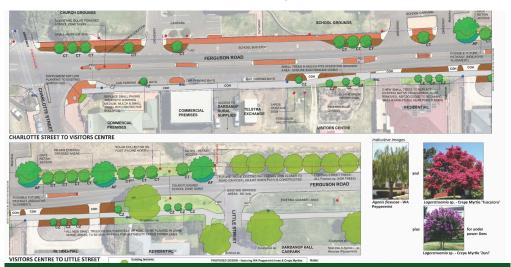
# **Shire News**

Shire of Dardanup Newsletter



Scan the QR code to view the full draft design of the proposed landscaping project between Charlotte and Little Streets in Dardanup. Prefer a printed copy? Drop by the Dardanup or Eaton Admin offices to see it in person!

# Ferguson Rd landscaping: call for community input

The Shire of Dardanup is inviting local residents and stakeholders to provide feedback on a proposed landscaping project along Ferguson Road, between Charlotte and Little Streets in Dardanup.

With \$55,000 allocated in the 2025/26 Budget, the project will enhance the streetscape with new street trees and mulching designed to increase visual appeal, shade, and biodiversity in the area.

A draft landscaping plan is available for public comment on the Shire's website until Wednesday, 6 August 2025, with hard copies on display at the Dardanup and Eaton offices.



Shire President Cr Tyrrell Gardiner encouraged residents to take part in shaping the look and feel of their neighbourhood.

"This is a great opportunity for the Dardanup community to have a say in how their local environment is developed," Cr Gardiner said.

"Street trees and landscaping not only make our towns more attractive, they improve walkability, provide important shade, and contribute to a more sustainable future.

"We want to hear what residents think before we finalise the plan and proceed with planting."

#### How to have your say?

Physical copies are available at the Dardanup and Eaton Admin Offices for those who prefer to review the design in person, or you can visit the Shire's website.

Feedback must be submitted by 4pm on Wednesday, 6 August 2025 to

records@dardanup.wa.gov.au or post to Shire of Dardanup, PO Box 7016, Eaton 6232, or drop into the Dardanup or Eaton Admin Offices, or call (08) 9724 0000.



## **Updates:**

#### Real life skills after school

An exciting Next Gen Skills Program in the September school holidays is designed to equip young people aged 14-25 with practical, real-world skills that support life after school.

The program features a series of handson sessions covering everything from health and finance to trades, tech, and culture. Participants can attend one workshop or join the full week of activities. Check out the Shire's website.

#### Planet Matters: worm fun

Join The Worm Shed for a fun, hands-on session all about worm farming at the Eaton Community Library on Thursday, 14 August from 4-5pm. As part of the Planet Matters sessions, learn how to turn kitchen scraps into garden gold, reduce waste, and boost your soil's health. Perfect for families, gardeners, and anyone curious about composting. All ages welcome. Book via the Shire's website or drop in.

#### Free after school art club

Looking for a fun way to unwind after school? Come along to our free Art Club, a weekly session featuring exciting projects, and let your imagination shine. Held Tuesdays during school term from 3.30-4.30pm at the Eaton Community Library. No booking needed but we ask that parents stay to supervise. Join from the start of term to enjoy the full project experience!

#### Thank you Cr Bell

The Shire of Dardanup extends its sincere thanks to Cr Taneta Bell, who resigned this week after nearly two years of dedicated service. Cr Bell has been a passionate advocate for our community, bringing warmth, insight, and commitment to her role. Her contributions have been deeply valued, and she will be missed by both Council and staff. We wish Cr Bell all the very best in her future endeavours and thank her for her service.

### **Hard Waste Collection**



21-26 July

28 July-2 August









# Help keep local pets safe and out of the pound

The Shire of Dardanup is reminding residents that responsible pet ownership plays a vital role in keeping pets safe — and out of the pound.

With several pets currently being housed at the Bunbury Animal Management Facility, Rangers say many of these situations could have been prevented through basic pet owner responsibilities.

Owning a dog is a rewarding experience, but it comes with obligations to ensure your pet is not a nuisance to others and doesn't end up lost or impounded.

How you can be a responsible pet owner:

#### 🐾 Clean up after your dog

Always carry waste bags when walking your dog and dispose of droppings in the bin.

#### Register your pet

All dogs over the age of three months and cats aged from six months must be registered with the Shire. This ensures Rangers can quickly contact you and return your pet if they are found.

#### Microchip your pet

This helps our Rangers contact you when your pet is found. Make sure your update your information if it changes (i.e. contact number and address).

#### 🐾 Sterilise your pet

This helps reduce the number of unwanted animals in the community and can improve your pet's health and behaviour.

#### Secure your property

Make sure your fencing is secure to prevent your pet from wandering. Pets found roaming can be impounded, even if they're friendly.

#### Keep your dog on a leash

Dogs must be on a lead in public areas unless in a designated off-leash zone. This keeps both your pet and others safe.

## Prevent nuisance behaviours Excessive barking or aggression

can cause distress to neighbours. Early training and socialisation can help avoid these issues.

The Shire's Rangers regularly collect dogs found wandering in the Shire, without registration or microchip details. Reuniting them with their owners can take longer – or may not be possible.

Residents are encouraged to take a few minutes to check that their dog's registration and microchip information is up to date.

For more information, scan the below QR code:







Adorable cats and dogs at the pound are looking for homes, call us today to adopt. Photos by Work Experience Student Krystal Ritchie.





# Ever wanted to make a difference?



#### Now's your chance!

The 2025 Local Government Elections are on 18 October 2025. The Shire of Dardanup is calling on passionate locals to step forward.

Come along to our **Candidate Info Session** and hear from our Councillors about their role:

Wednesday, 13 August 2025 4.30-6.30pm Council Chambers, 1 Council Drive, Eaton

**GET ACTIVE WITH A** 



RSVP: To Governance on (08) 9724 0310 or email governance@dardanup.wa.gov.au







#### Meeting dates for 2025

The Shire's 2025 Ordinary Council Meetings are held on the following Wednesdays at 5pm:

23 July27 August19 November25 Sept17 December

The Bush Fire Advisory Committee and the Audit and Risk Committee meetings will be held on the following Wednesdays:

Bush Fire Advisory Committee, Wednesdays, 7pm: 8 October.

Audit and Risk Committee, Wednesdays, 2pm: 10 December and 10 Sept.

Members of the public are invited to attend monthly meetings, which are also recorded and published on the Shire website.

André Schönfeldt, CEO



You'll need your Assessment Number
(from your Rates Notice)



# Community and Event Grants open til 29 July

Are you part of a not-forprofit group or sporting club in the Shire of Dardanup?

Apply now for our Community and Event Grants — open until Tuesday, 29 July 2025.

Funding can support projects like:

- · First aid kit upgrades.
- Outdoor seating or playground improvements.
- Community events and training sessions.

Grants are available for initiatives that:

- Enhance public spaces.
- Promote inclusivity and accessibility.

• Build community skills and connection.

There are three funding levels available - scan the below QR code for more details.

Questions? Please
Contact Kylie Tucker,
Place and Community
Officer via email at
kylie.tucker@dardaup.wa
.gov.au or call
(08) 9724 0000.





6pm - 7.30pm
Thursday, 28 August
Eaton Library - 18+ Event
Bookings essential

