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Renovations In the Air At Dardanup

Three of our Community Buildings have undergone renovations thanks to work and financial support from the Shire.



Recently repairs to the front office of the Dardanup Shire Office have been carried out leaving a much improved work space for the Dardanup Heritage Collective and all the user groups who make use of the community photocopier including the printing of the Dardanup Times. The office has been repainted and the old carpet removed exposing the original jarrah flooring.

**Shire Staff Belinda Vanvuuren and Shahin Mahmud
Oversaw The Recent Renovation Of The Front Office of
the Dardanup Shire Offices**

The Ferguson Valley Visitor Centre formally the Old State School and the Don Hewison Centre has been repainted and exterior brickwork repaired. Now a beautiful light area to welcome our tourists, display gifts and a much improved work space for the FVVC volunteers.



**Dardanup Sporting and Community Club Committee
Give the Canteen the Thumbs Up, l to r, Andrew Spokes,
Kevin Molloy, Neil Dyer, Ros Ruland and Sean Childs**

Lastly the old Basketball Canteen at Wells Recreation Park has undergone a facelift with a few more jobs still to be done in time for opening of the Cricket season. The renovation will mean Clubs can prepare and sell food raising funds for their Clubs. The Shire provided funding of \$5935.00 for this project and Wespine \$3000.00. Sean Childs and Cricket Club members have been very busy doing most of volunteer work with David Wells doing the initial volunteer work as well as donating an exhaust fan. Well done chaps. The funds have paid for new stainless steel covering for the food prep bench, ss bench for fryers, paint, new roller doors and new electrical work.

Volunteer Kim Wesley in the Freshly Painted FVVC

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What the Dardanup Heritage Collective Has Been Up To

It's been about 5 years since this Collective was formed and what a lot has been achieved in that time. The important aspect for our community is that we have been collecting, documenting and preserving that history for future generations which is so valuable and sometimes we maybe don't realise how valuable. I always think back to that saying "if you don't know where you've come from then you don't know where you are going". The rich history that we have collected and provided to the community mainly through oral history, books and the webpage has provided a foundation for future generations to build upon our history and develop our culture that we all hold so dearly.

Other tasks we have been involved with this year apart from our monthly meetings which are not only interesting but a time of sharing friendship.

* We have held 2 events. The 1st being in August last year when we joined again with other like groups in a display at the Bunbury Museum and Heritage Centre. The displays were around the theme of ancestors and migration so our history boards made another appearance. How valuable have these boards been and how well travelled. The highlight of the day was the talk John Guimelli gave about the Italian migration which was very well received. The 2nd event was held in November when we again organised which is now annual event in the Thomas Little hall our Heritage Collective Forum. This was held in conjunction with the FVVC Xmas fete attracting people with both interests to our community. The 7 Women of Charlotte St boards were part of the display and we also organised a display of precious memorabilia from notable people in our community. Alongside the memorabilia was a note about the significance of the item to that person. The day was well attended.

* DHC has visited 2 more local historic homes. We all loved the visits to Dardanup and Princep Park and could see what has been done to preserve these historic buildings and unfortunately what needs to be done. Money, money and more money!

* DHC has been successful in applying for 2 grants this year thanks to Janice Calcei and Jenny Trigwells efforts. We have received funding from the Shire for stationary to support our archiving and Harvey Water which will enable us to tell the story of irrigation in the Dardanup Shire. This story will be displayed on our website and on another interpretive sign on the railway reserve in Dardanup to add to our walk trail collection. Once this is completed no doubt we will have an opening ceremony.

* Janice Calcei has continued to provide the Dardanup Times with interesting historical stories plus continually updating the website with items of historical significance. Great effort Janice

* Members have attended the Greater Bunbury History Organisation meetings which provides us with good networking opportunities.

* The Shire offices were damaged in October which resulted in a postponement of our cataloguing as we were unable to access the office we have been allocated by the Shire. Recently that office has been repaired, and the old carpet removed with beautiful jarrah flooring exposed. As fate would have it we now have a lovely space to work out of and I know the Shire are still moving forward with plans to allow us more space in the building but this may take a bit of time. Discussions with the Shire have been ongoing.

* 13 oral history recordings have been undertaken over the last 2 years and I know recently Tom Dillon has been interviewed thanks to Darline Morgan and Danny Harris. These recordings form a valuable part of our oral history collection as nothing beats hearing perspectives from those living history.

* Jenny Golding released her book Memories of Waterloo. Jenny also continues to submit other stories for the DHC website. Wonderful effort on all fronts Jenny.

* Jenny Trigwell and Janice Calcei assisted Gwen Wells with improving the quality of the James Maguire commemorative photo and thanks to Mike Hall for donating the frame. Again an example of DHC preserving our rich history and work in the community.

* The book Memories of the Ferguson written by Steve and Terri Gibbs was out of print. Thanks to Steve and Terri and Janice Calcei the book is now on our DHC website for all to read

* DHC has been donated historical books over the year which has added to our valuable reference collection.

* Sales of the Women of Charlotte St and Adventures on the Ferguson continue via the FVVC.



Members of the Dardanup Heritage Collective Admire the Improvements to the James Maguire Commemorative Photo, l to r, Ken Tyrrell, Danny Harris, John Guimelli, Mike Hall, Jenny Trigwell, Janice Calcei, Margaret Guimelli and Jill Cross

VALE

Kevin Stone, ex longtime Wellington Mills resident, sincere sympathy to Janice, Catherine and families.



Dardanup Heritage Collective News The Dardanup Archive

Repairs to the Shire's front office at Little St have recently been completed and the Dardanup Heritage Collective has moved their collection of documents and photos back in to begin setting up the Dardanup Archive. Many donations have already been made to the collection by Dardanup, Waterloo, Paradise, Ferguson and Wellington Mills residents. Documents relating to the establishment of a town site at Eaton in the 1950s and 1960s have been found recently and the committee is hoping to use these to add stories to the web site.



The oldest photo 1950 shows Dominic Giumelli at age 71 with his two grandsons Jim (left, 3) and John (right, 2) out the front of the family home, with their father Jim's old Bedford ute in the background.

The Archive will be catalogued over the next year so that information can easily be retrieved for research by the public or for displays throughout the year. In time, the public will be welcome to visit and use the Archive.

If you have any documents, photographs, journals or meeting books relating to history within the Shire of Dardanup that you would like to contribute to the Archive, please contact the Dardanup Heritage Collective :

dardanupheritagecollective@gmail.com. Household and farm items won't be collected.

For more stories about Dardanup and surrounding localities, go to: dardanupheritagecollective.org.au.
Janice Calcei



The second photo was taken in 2020 in the exact same location, now showing John Giumelli (71) with his two grandsons Patrick (left, 5) and Mitchell (right, 3), in front of their father Josh's ute

LOST & FOUND



. Lost & Found festival is looking fabulous with several events already sold out and other events selling quickly. Running from 16th – 19th October the festival has something for everyone from fun runs through to black tie paired dinners. www.lostandfoundfestival.com.au showcases all the events and links through to ticket sales. The festival is a vibrant journey of art, wine, food, and immersive experiences and focuses on wine, food, art, music and the beautiful outdoors.

It's a celebration of WA's incredible Southwest!

The official opening will be at Hope Valley Farm at 5pm. And 16th October and is a mix of VIP's and ticket holders.

Come and see the Artists in Residence - Christine Blowfield, Diana Neggo, Simon Hemsley, Anna Anastasija and Helena Sahm, sip some of the best wines and beers the valley has to offer, enjoy finger food from Arron and Adrie at Hackersley while listening to the background music of a quartet from the Philharmonic South West Orchestra

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The Ferguson Valley Marketing (FVM) 18th September AGM is almost here. Everyone is invited to join us at St Adian's for the 6pm meeting where we will share the achievements for the 24-25 year and outline the many opportunities for 25-26 and beyond.

Current Board members complete their elected terms and many will nominate to re stand. We will have some Board vacancies and welcome anyone who is interested in helping to build tourism and business opportunities in the region. Whether you are involved in hospitality or a supporting business such as trades, service or professional we encourage you to join the Board. Diversity of points of view and business skills play a critical role in keeping the Board fresh, relevant and effective. Formal nominations closed before this paper went to press but we can take nominations from the floor on the night so please come along and put your hand up.

Dardanup Senior Citizens Inc News

We held our AGM today, the 19th August with 17 in attendance on a very wet day!

Maureen Ward was our AGM Chairperson.
President – Pat English, Vice President – Olive Kirkpatrick, Secretary – Revely Gardiner, Treasurer – Joyce Chapman, General Committee – Ann Kirkpatrick, Eunice Bailey, Alan Rowson, Pat Britza & Rob Gardiner.
We thank Pat Britza for her work as Treasurer for many years. A shared luncheon was enjoyed by all.

21st October carpool to Stirling Cottage & Harvey Cheese.
Next Meeting 16th September. No outing due to Chair Yoga commitments.

FVM focus on supporting local business, artisans and support services while growing new opportunities to attract tourism. Anyone passionate about helping to grow the well-being of the Valley and surrounding areas are warmly encouraged to join us. As the old saying goes "Many hands make light work".

The Board meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month at the Thomas Little Hall. So join the team and bring your great ideas and passion to improve and grow our fabulous business community.

Being on the Board is not all work, there is play and our first New Member night for 25-26 was hosted by Danny Drummond at the Wild Bull Brewery on Wednesday 27th August. It was a relaxed and fun evening where old friends caught up and new friendships formed. Danny and his team, lead by Manager Daniel were fabulous hosts and the Wild Bull is looking very smart. If you have not already visited the recently re opened Wild Bull on Pile Road you are missing a wonderful opportunity.

Chair Yoga

Provided free by the Shire of Dardanup. Held at Wells Recreation Hall, Tuesdays 1-2pm
2/9, 16/9, 14/10 & 28/10. Further dates through to 30/6/26.

Seniors Week – Save the date!

The Shire of Dardanup are delivering a Seminar on Tuesday the 11th November 11.00am to 12.30pm.
Remembrance Day will be observed with a minute of silence at 11am.

Guest speakers from Arthritis and Osteoporosis WA. Included will be a workshop by a qualified lawyer on Estate Planning & writing a Will. A light lunch will be provided by the Shire of Dardanup. More details to follow.

Save the Date! On the 9th December will be having our **Christmas dinner at the Dardanup Heritage Park.**

"Don't forget to smell the Roses"

Revely Gardiner 0408833761

Shire of Dardanup News

RESTRICTED BURNING PERIOD

No fire to be lit without first obtaining a Burning Permit
2 November 2025 to 14 December 2025
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Shire of Dardanup Appointed Bush Fire Control Officers and Fire Weather Officers 2025 - 2026

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Wellington Forest Cottages Change Hands

A Christmas holiday stay at Wellington Forest Cottages in Wellington Mills was enough to pique the interest of Nikhil(Nik) and Rudimassey(Massey) who wondered at the time why the restaurant wasn't being used. Wendy Perdon and Ben Vrieling who had managed the Cottages for 15 years explained that the lease was available to purchase and they weren't currently using the restaurant. Nik had been working as a chef in Coburn and Mandurah and was seeking an opportunity to run his own Indian Restaurant in the SW so the Christmas stay was fortuitous and together with their 15 month old daughter Kiara they set about purchasing the lease of the Cottages and Restaurant. They have been serving meals Thursday – Sunday, 4.30pm – 7.30pm since July. Nik said they have already had good support from the locals who live at Wellington Mills and are looking forward to the rest of Dardanup coming to their restaurant.

Nik and Massey are planning on sprucing up the cottages with a coat of paint and increasing the restaurants outdoor entertaining area which will be very welcome this summer. The Restaurant menu is al la carte, Indian food of course and locals are raving about the food. Nik says "they welcome small weddings, parties, anything really." The 8 cottages provides accommodation for 60 odd people, walk trails abound the forest, friendly kangaroos nearby and its close proximity to Wellington Dam making it the ideal spot to stay and now, enjoy some delicious Indian cuisine.

Wendy Perdon says "we wish Nik and Massey all the best and that they love the place as her and Ben had and hope they enjoy growing their family in the bush"



Nik Invites Everyone to His Wellington Forest Cottages Indian Restaurant

Wespine News



Wespine hosts site familiarisation exercise with local Volunteer Fire Brigades

In mid-August, Wespine welcomed volunteer fire brigades from West Dardanup, Dardanup Central, Waterloo, Burekup, Upper Ferguson, and Ferguson to our site for a critical familiarisation exercise. From 5pm to 7pm, 29 volunteers and 10 fire appliances participated in the session.

Given that fire events are one of Wespine's critical risks, this collaboration provided a valuable opportunity for the brigades to tour our site. The aim was to ensure that the volunteers are familiar with our layout and aware of the fire-fighting equipment available at Wespine.

We appreciate the commitment of the local brigades and look forward to continuing to strengthen our emergency preparedness together.

FERGUSON HALL NEWS

Community Choir open to all 7-9 pm on Mondays and Yoga with Gyani 5.45 pm on Wednesdays during the school term.

Sundowners held on the first Friday of the month as per the Noticeboards.

Hall Hire enquiries to Robyn on bse7@bigpond.com

A Long Table Community Dinner is being held on the 3rd of September. Come and meet your friendly neighbours with a winter hot dish or dessert to share, BYO drinks. Doors open at 6 pm and aim to eat at 6.30, oven will be on!

Save the date for the Mucky Duck Bush Band on 18th October – tickets available through Lost & Found Festival. Great Family fun and a Quiz Night planned for November.

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Family STEM Challenge

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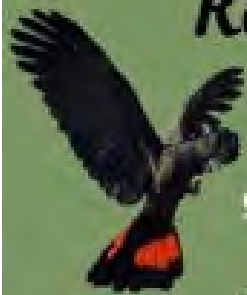


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540 Mechanical

Based in Dardanup, 540 Mechanical are forging their way as the broader Bunbury region's trusted agricultural machinery specialists. Founded in 2020 by Tom Foster, this family-run enterprise has blossomed from a one-man mobile workshop into a full-service operation with multiple service vehicles and a purpose-built workshop. Their growth is fuelled by a relentless "can-do attitude" and a focus on personalised, quality outcomes for lifestyle property owners, farmers, and civil clients alike.

At its core, 540 Mechanical specialise in the sales, service, and repair of agricultural and civil machinery.



Their workshop sees every make and model of tractor and attachments; for minor services through to rebuilds. The team brings transparency, skill, and trust to every job. The sales arm offers the dependable Bobcat agricultural range from zero-turn lawnmowers, to compact tractors through to telehandlers. The McCormick range offer agile tractors to manoeuvre orchards and vineyards to large tractors for demanding, open-field work.



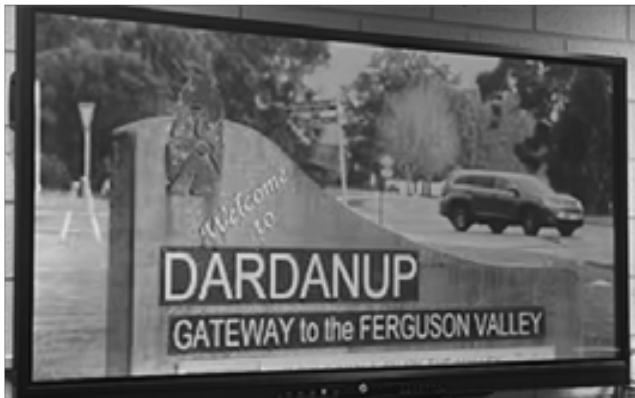
The strength of 540 Mechanical isn't just in machinery – it's in its people. The whole team have rural roots and a deep connection to the region. In the evolving landscape of regional agriculture and rural industries, 540 Mechanical stands out as a dependable, skilled and community-focussed force – keeping equipment running and rural livelihoods thriving.



Lights, Camera, Action!

Dardanup Primary School students donned their filmmaker hats and learnt how to produce, film and edit a short documentary about the town's history and landmarks.

Teachers, Ben Howlett and Mrs Drummond, said part of their HASS (Humanities and Social Sciences) curriculum focuses on researching and presenting information about local history and it was decided this year to create an opportunity for students to create short videos, bringing their research to life. Dardanup Heritage Collective – Sharing our history & heritage through stories of people & place was a valuable website our students found interesting and informative.



Students on location around Dardanup townsite.



The project was made possible thanks to funding from the Creativity for Schools Collaboration program which supports students and teachers to engage in enriching learning through art experiences.



September is the second month of the Noongar season *Djilba* and as the month rolls on our cool nights and mornings should make way for warmer, sunny days. We have certainly had a bit of a roller

coaster ride with the weather! Interestingly, on our little patch we received the average amount of rainfall last month in only 8 days rather than the typical 18 - our weather events seem to be coming less often but more severe. Definitely a trend to consider when we plan, plant and manage our gardens. I do hope your tanks are on their way to being full and you have found ways to catch rain of all your roof surfaces.

I am loving the wildflower show as the forest begins to come alive with colour - pops of yellow, white, red and a few orchids. This also reminds me that in the vegie patch we need to prepare ourselves for an invasion of weeds, pests and an overwhelming urge to plant! I find it useful to take my cues from the garden and it is also a good excuse for trying not to be too 'tidy' in the garden, letting some crops go to seed. Self sown annuals will begin to pop up when the conditions are right and if they happen to be in the wrong spot, simply transplant them while they are still small. *Who doesn't love a few free seedlings!*

Traditionally the period in early spring is known as the 'Hungry Gap' and it is a time when vegie pickings can be less abundant. Many of my winter vegetables are finishing and the spring/summer vegetables are not yet ready to plant or harvest. There are a couple of tasks that will help keep you fed over the next month. Firstly, its feeding time! keep feeding your current crops with liquid seaweed, fish emulsion etc (be careful not to overfeed, just follow the instructions on the label) and be sure to keep picking your broccoli florets - if you let them flower they will become bitter and the plant will stop producing. Secondly, start planting fast growing crops that you enjoy eating, this will help boost the varieties on your plate and fill the gaps. Microgreens, Sprouts, Radish and quick growing greens will brighten up your plate and fill out the meals.

A bit of general maintenance goes a long way this time of the year. Onions and garlic need to be kept weeded as they grow, they really don't like competition and it will impact the size of your crop. I like to pinch the tops of my broad beans to encourage flowering and bushier grown. If you have a cover crop growing, the best time to cut it down is just before it flowers and definitely before it seeds. You can leave the tops to rot down in place becoming your mulch layer or add to your compost heap. It is also a good time to lift and divide up clumps of perennials, including Rhubarb and Horseradish.

Spring is around the corner! So it is time to get *Prepared*. We expect a lot from our plot, growing vegies requires fertile soil so add compost, manures, blood & bone, rock dust etc where necessary. Check the wetting ability, I know this sounds strange with the amount of rain lately but anywhere that large leaves have shielded the soil or heavily compacted areas may not be as wet below the surface as you think. Now is the time to make all the necessary amendments for an abundant summer crop and to ensure you avoid problems such as blossom end rot. Make the most of your growing area by including some vertical space. Beans, cucumbers, zucchini and pumpkins can all be trained on a trellis. They can give you shade and a crop - *Win, Win!* Installing the trellis structures prior to planting limits root damage and having some ideas for creating shade will save you time and heart-ache mid summer.

What can I plant in September?

Leafy crops - Amaranth, Lettuce, Mustard, Silverbeet, Choi Sum, Gai Lan, Mibuna, Mizuna, Pak Choy, Fennel, Celery, Watercress, Purslane, Rocket, French Cress, Sorrel, NZ spinach, Chicory, Endive, Cabbage, Chinese cabbage, Corn Salad **Brassicas** - Cabbage, Kale, Spinach **Roots & onions** - Beetroot, Radish, Kohlrabi, Carrot, Parsnip, Salsify, Scorzonera, Turnip, Celeriac, Daikon, Potato, Leeks, Spring Onions, Jerusalem Artichokes **Legumes** - Broad Beans, Dwarf beans, Climbing beans, Snow peas, Asparagus pea **Curcubits** - Cucumber **Herbs** - Globe Artichoke, Asparagus, Basil, Buckwheat, Coriander, Strawberry plants, Dill, Borage, Nasturtium, Oregano, Sage, Cape Gooseberry, Mint, Tarragon, Lemon Balm, Edible Chrysanthemum, Parsley, Rhubarb, Rosemary, Summer savoury, Fennel, Horseradish **In the Greenhouse** - Capsicum, Chilli, Eggplant, Luffa, Tomato, Tomatillo, Sunflower, Rockmelon, Pumpkin, Watermelon, Zucchini

Happy Gardening!

The next Sustainable Living Workshop is on Thursday 11/9/25 at the Dardanup Hall. Topic: **Grow your own Groceries - Summer Garden** A veg patch can be useful way to buffer the rising cost of vegies is to grow your own. There are budget friendly ways to get a veg patch started and feed your family for less. Eating seasonally is not only more tasty but also far more budget friendly and with a little bit of planning you can enjoy an abundant harvest for the whole year. Bookings essential ph: **9724000** or on the website dardanup.wa.gov.au/events

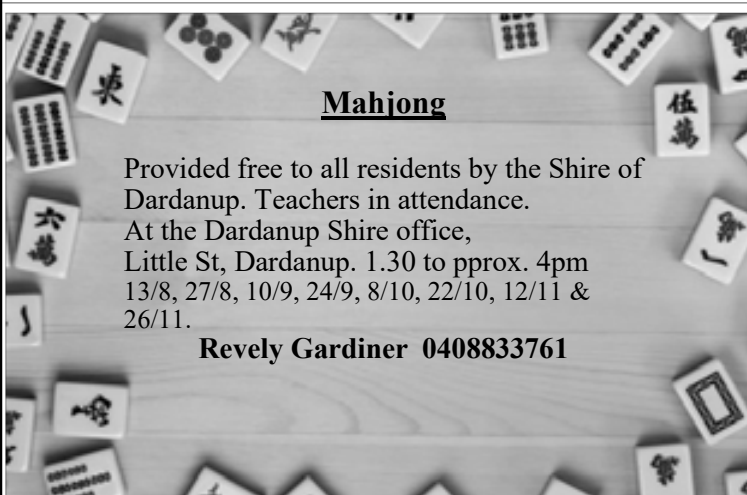


Dardanup Community Choir

**7pm Mondays at the
Ferguson Hall**

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

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME



Mahjong

Provided free to all residents by the Shire of Dardanup. Teachers in attendance.
At the Dardanup Shire office,
Little St, Dardanup. 1.30 to pprox. 4pm
13/8, 27/8, 10/9, 24/9, 8/10, 22/10, 12/11 & 26/11.

Revely Gardiner 0408833761

Ferguson Valley Visitor Centre News

The Ferguson Valley Visitor Centre (FVVC) is housed in the old State School Building at 5 Ferguson Road and open daily 10 – 2 pm winter hours.

Fathers Day on 7th September is being celebrated with a Raffle and a fun and tasty gift, now available for Purchase for your Dad in your life with Ferguson Valley stubby holders filled with sweet treats for \$15 – see poster.

Meet Bec Eades - Dardy local and shiny new addition to the Volunteer Team at Ferguson Valley Visitor Centre. After retiring from executive life, she has embraced “nanna” life and now enjoys all things creative. She is proud co-founder (aka Beryl) of local company mabelandberyl, specialising in hand crafted eco-stone giftware, luxury handmade candles and curated gift hampers - made right here in Dardanup! mabelandberyl have kindly donated the ultimate Father's Day gift pack to FVVC as part of our Father's Day raffle. Come on down to the FVVC to see their work on display - and they have something special planned for September when they are featured as ‘Artisan of the Month’ Call in and visit us during the Bull and Barrel Festival on 11th October and the Ferguson Valley Open Gardens on 25th and 26th of October. We will be selling plants from the veranda on the Open Gardens weekend with coffee, tea and cakes

available. Donations of seedlings and cuttings up to a 10 cm pot welcome now - some empty pots available in the open lunch shed behind the Centre. Also look out for the FVVC Christmas Fete on Sunday 16th November.

Please follow and share us on fb and Instagram for the Ferguson Valley Visitor Centre – it is a lovely building to volunteer in and meet happy people on holidays! Please ring Gae or leave a message you are interested on 97 281 551.

Robyn Jones



Bec Eades, Artisan of the Month at the FVVC

🎁 **Father's Day Special – \$15!** 🎁
Get Dad a fun and tasty gift!
A Ferguson Valley Stubby
Holder filled with your choice of
Licorice Allsorts or Snakes/
Mints Combo

Now available for purchase at the
Ferguson Valley Visitor Centre
5 Ferguson Rd, Dardanup

🕒 Open daily from **10 am – 2pm (08) 9728 1551**

Other gifts and cards also in store!



Is Cape Tulip invading your property? - *Support is Available*
The control window for Cape Tulip, a declared pest weed that invades many local paddocks, is short. Take advantage of available support to landholders within the Shire of Dardanup.

Is Cape Tulip invading your property?

This time of year, many Dardanup West landholders begin to see Cape Tulip emerging in their paddocks. The “dairy flats” characteristics of many of the properties within this area provide for ideal growing conditions, allowing this invasive weed to spread quickly and thrive. The Leschenault Biosecurity Group, our area's local recognised biosecurity group, can assist with guidance and equipment loan for Cape Tulip Control on private properties.

WHY IT MATTERS:

Invasive: Cape Tulip, a declared pest weed in WA, is notoriously difficult to control. It spreads rapidly, displacing native plants and disrupting ecosystems.

Toxic to Livestock: All parts of this plant contain toxic glycosides which affect the heart. Cattle are most often impacted, but all grazing animals are at risk. Stock accustomed to grazing on paddocks with Cape Tulip tend to avoid through selective grazing, it, leaving Cape Tulip to dominate and reduce carrying capacity of the pasture.

Reduces Land Productivity: By replacing desirable pasture species, Cape Tulip lowers overall yield and degrades land quality.

Difficult to Control: Cape Tulip reproduces via seeds and underground corms, making eradication challenging without consistent management.

Economic Impact: Left unmanaged, Cape Tulip increases land rehabilitation costs and can cause significant financial losses to landholders.

Local Support is Available - For those with large infestations, the Leschenault Biosecurity Group encourages landholders within the Shire of Dardanup to contact the group to discuss control strategies and loan of one of their *weed wipers*. This equipment applies herbicide directly to targeted weeds by wiping them with a herbicide soaked “wick” that allows you to specifically target pasture weeds that grow higher than your grazing pasture. This means reducing off-target damage and salvaging precious feed for your stock.

The control window for Cape Tulip is very narrow, and arranging contractors in time can be difficult. If you have a Ute or ATV and are confident with your paddock terrain, the weed wiper could be a cost-effective option. LBG staff can talk you through guidance for your property-specific control strategies and equipment use, and — with enough notice—often deliver the unit to your property.

Why Use a Weed Wiper:

Target weeds such as Cape Tulip and young Cotton Bush are treated through direct contact with a herbicide rather than a conventional spray boom which can affect off-target pasture species.

Can be towed behind Ute, ATV, tractor or other.

More time-efficient and affordable than traditional spray methods for Cape Tulip (and other weeds)

Provides for application of herbicide directly to the plant, putting chemical on the weeds rather than the whole pasture.

Additional advantages of using a weed or “contact/wick” wiper are that you can specifically target pasture weeds that grow higher than your grazing pasture. This means reducing off-target damage and salvaging precious feed for your stock.

If Cape Tulip is popping up in your paddocks, contact the Leschenault Biosecurity Group on 0477 049 967 or by e-mail at info@lbginc.org.au to find to discuss options that can work best for your property.



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See Olive Mortgages ad on page 9

What's on In Dardanup

- 2 September – Mens Welfare Group – 2pm at the Wells Recreation Park Clubrooms
- 2 September – Chair Yoga organised by the Shire of Dardanup @ Wells Rec Park Clubrooms, free, 1-2pm
- 5 September- Ferguson Hall Community Dinner, see poster this edition
- 4 September – Nominations close for the Shire of Dardanup Council Elections
- 10 September – Mahjong at the Shire office, free, 1.30- 4.00pm
- 10 September – Dardanup Bull and Barrel Festival meeting, 7.30pm @ Wells Recreation Park Clubrooms
- 12 September - Dardanup Heritage Collective AGM meeting, 1.30pm at the Dardanup Shire Office
- 16 September - Dardanup Seniors meeting
- 16 September - Chair Yoga organised by the Shire of Dardanup @ Wells Rec Park Clubrooms, free, 1-2pm
- 16 September- Mens Welfare Group – 2pm at Wells Recreation Park Clubrooms
- 24 September- Mahjong at the Shire office, free, 1.30- 4.00pm
- 30 November – firebreaks and fire prevention work on properties to be completed

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

About Thommos Community Garden Inc

Thommos is a successful, not for profit organisation, run by volunteers designed to bring together residents of the Bunbury Region to foster Therapeutic Gardening for all abilities, promote healthy lifestyles, build stronger community bonds and to grow and donate organically grown vegetables to Foodbank on a twice weekly basis.

Founded in 2009 by Colin and John Thompson, we are in our 12th year of supporting Foodbank in their quest to feed the local community in need. We deliver about 100kgs of vegetables and fruit weekly throughout the year equating to about \$60,000.00 in value annually.

The garden offers n54, 4m x 2m vegetable plots that are leased to community groups, schools and individuals for \$150.00 per annum for their own use.

We have a sensory garden, worm farms, nursery, food forest, composting system, poultry, accessible toilets, community library, an off grid solar system and we run educational workshops, all in the serene setting on 5 acres by the Preston River.

You are welcome to wander around the garden, but please do not pick or take anything from any of the gardens and please be responsible for your children as we are close to the river.

If you would like more information on joining our team of volunteers, being placed on the waitlist for a garden plot or sponsoring a garden plot, please contact Lisa 0428969868 or email thommoscommunitygarden@gmail.com
Eds Note; what a wonderful project and thanks Lisa for sharing with us



Thommos Garden Volllies, Dave Reeves, John Rowe and Liz Noordhoek with the mornings Harvest Ready for Delivery to Foodbank



Happy 80th Birthday to Mary McClare
12 September



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SENIORS

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- Contact dardanup.cricketclub@outlook.com

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- Year 3 to 5
- Training Thurs 4.30pm
- Games Sat mornings - start Oct 25th
- Contact Leilacooper247@gmail.com

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FREE FIELD DAY EVENT
Join us for a hands-on day in the field tackling some of the biggest threats to native wildlife!

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- Threatened species talk
- Feral pig and deer management strategies

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