

# Shire News

Shire of Dardanup Newsletter



The Shire of Dardanup will come to life with a stack of free events for its Summer Vibes, which runs across December, January and February. Check out the line up below!

## Free Summer Vibes full of fun

Get ready for a season full of sunshine, live music, and community spirit as the Shire of Dardanup launches Summer Vibes – a line-up of free, family-friendly events running across December, January and February.

From twilight markets and picnics to outdoor adventures and creative workshops, Summer Vibes is all about celebrating connection, local talent and our Shire.

**Christmas in the Park – 5 Dec 2025 (Burekup Oval) 5.30-7.30pm:** An evening of music, markets and fun. Enjoy performances from local musicians, Christmas carols, face painting, train rides, craft activities and food trucks.

**Storytime in the Park – 19 Dec 2025 to 20 Feb 2026 (various locations) 9.30-10.15am:** Join Corenne the Fairy for songs, stories and crafts in the park. Designed for children aged 0-5. Enjoy a morning of imagination and laughter.

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**Eaton Twilight Markets (monthly) – 20 Dec 2025 to 21 Feb 2026 (Eaton Foreshore) 4-7.30pm:** Browse local artisan stalls, enjoy live entertainment, and variety of food trucks. Bring a picnic blanket and enjoy.

**Teddy Bears Picnic – 16 Jan (Cadell Park) 9.30-10.30am:** A morning of storytelling, games, a teddy bear hunt and sensory activities. Pack your picnic and your favourite bear!

**Eaton Recreation Centre Open Day – 17 Jan, 10am-2pm:** Explore everything the Centre has to offer with free activities, fitness class trials, community group stalls, and family fun. Discover new ways to get active and involved.

**Leschenault Scouts Family Fun Day – 30 Jan (Eaton Foreshore) 9.30-11.30am:** Adventure awaits with activities for all ages hosted by the Scouts.

**Ready 4 Adventure Show – 13-15 Feb (Eaton Foreshore):** For lovers of the outdoors, this three-day event will feature caravans, boats, camping gear, demonstrations, cooking shows, kids' activities and live entertainment.

**Summer Sounds – 20 Feb (Carramar Park) 5.30-7.30pm:** Live country music featuring Clay Mildwaters, Amberley Mary Ellen and Codee-Lee and band. Bring your picnic blanket, enjoy the food trucks.

Other Summer Vibes highlights include Yoga with Gyani, X5 Academy Parkour sessions, Australia Day celebrations and creative illustration workshops with Gabriel Evans.

Scan the above QR code for event details on our website and check out our Facebook and Instagram pages for regular updates.

### ERC Open Day 17 January

Discover everything the Eaton Recreation Centre has to offer at our Open Day on Saturday, 17 January from 10am-2pm. The event will showcase the ERC's range of programs and the contributions of our local community groups. Enjoy club and community stalls, sport and fitness activities for all ages, soft play for young children, group fitness class samples, guided facility tours, and café refreshments. Visit our Facebook page or explore the full Summer Vibes program.

### Pool safety inspections

Our team is conducting swimming pool safety barrier inspections from November 2025 through to March 2026, covering around 300 properties as part of a required four-year inspection program. These inspections help ensure all pools and spas meet safety requirements to keep our community safe – especially young children. If you'd like to check your pool or spa barrier in advance, contact us on (08) 9724 0000 today!

### Author/illustrator event

Celebrate creativity on Monday, 12 January, with two illustration workshops hosted by acclaimed author and illustrator Gabriel Evans. There is one for kids from 4-5pm at the Eaton Library, and one for adults from 5.30-7.30pm at the Mick Bennet Make It Space. These hands-on sessions will guide participants through character creation and playful illustration techniques, with all materials provided. Book via Eventbrite today!

### Grants open 6 January

Round 2 of the Shire's 2025/26 Community and Event Grants opens 6 January and closes 3 February 2026. Not-for-profit community groups and sporting clubs can apply for funding to support projects that enhance community spaces, activate public areas, build local capacity, and create positive, inclusive outcomes. Visit our Grants page for details or call Place and Community Officer Kylie Tucker on (08) 9724 0000.

# Restricted/prohibited burning periods for 2025/26

As summer approaches, the Shire of Dardanup has now entered its annual Restricted Burning Period, which began on 1 November 2025.

This important safety measure will remain in place until 13 December, when the Prohibited Burning Period comes into effect until March 2026.

You **WILL** need a fire permit to:

- Light a bonfire.
- Burn garden waste.
- Clear pasture through burning.
- Burn private bushland.

## What's on your verge?

Please check before you plant, pave or place



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Permits can be obtained from your local Fire Control Officer. Check out our website for more information or scan the QR code.

You **DON'T** need a permit for:

- Outdoor barbeques.
- Pizza ovens.
- Fire pits.

Just remember to clear the surrounding area of flammable materials to prevent stray embers from igniting nearby vegetation.

### Campfire Restrictions in DBCA-Controlled Areas

If you're camping in areas managed by the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA), additional rules may apply, including limits on campfire timing and the use of designated fire pits only.

For any questions, contact (08) 9724 0307 or email [rangers@dardanup.wa.gov.au](mailto:rangers@dardanup.wa.gov.au)



Shire of Dardanup Senior Ranger Paul Sydney-Smith putting up the Fire Permit Required signs for the Restricted Burning Period.

## Meeting dates for 2025

The Shire's final Ordinary Council Meeting for 2025 will be held on Wednesday, 17 December and 5pm.

The final Audit and Risk Committee will be held on Wednesday, 10 December at 2pm.

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

André Schönfeldt, CEO



## Receive your rates via email

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





# MERRY CHRISTMAS

The Shire of Dardanup wishes you a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year!



