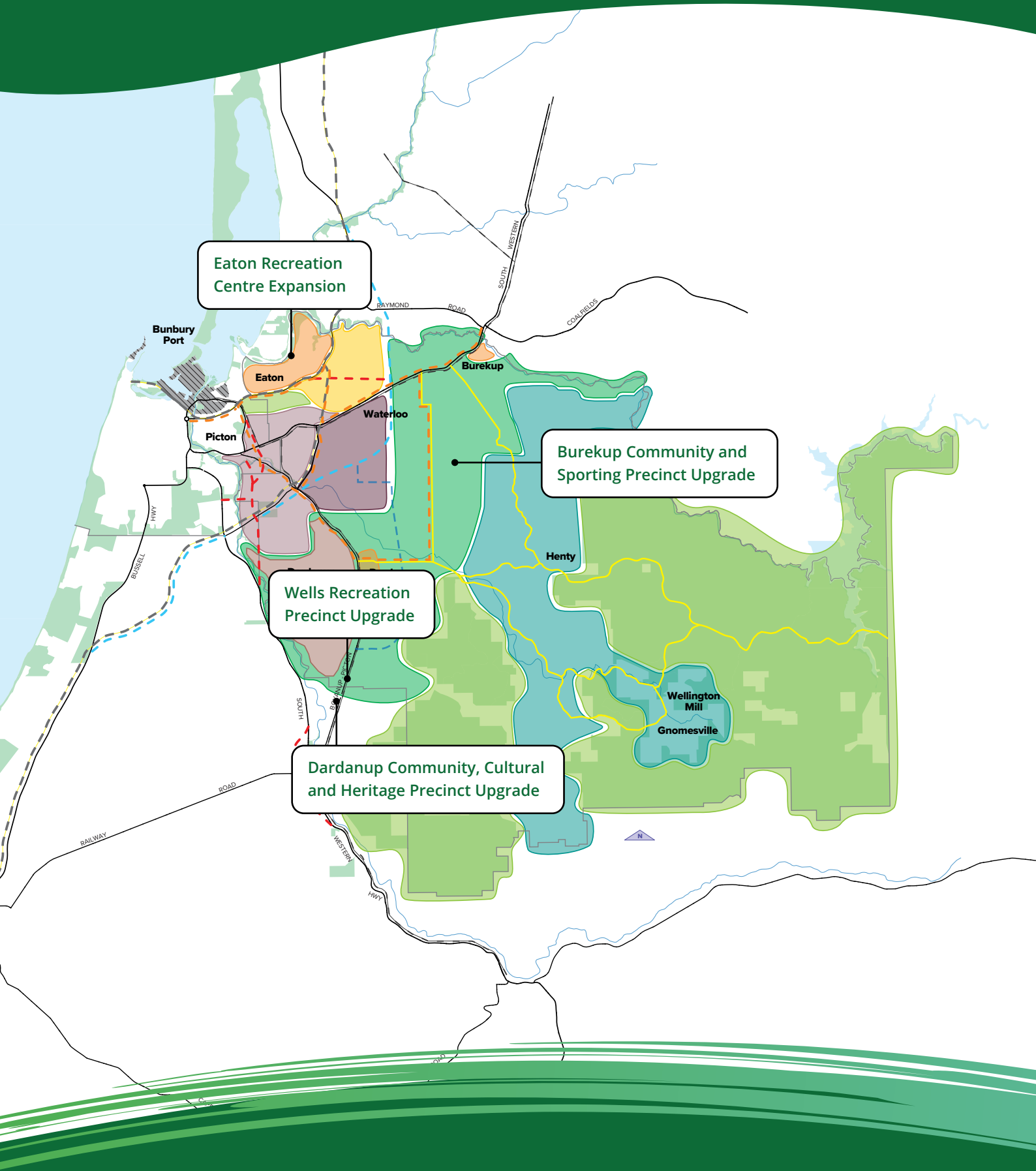


# STRATEGIC COMMUNITY PROJECTS 2026





# MAP OF THE SHIRE OF DARDANUP



# WELCOME

## TO THE SHIRE OF DARDANUP

The Shire of Dardanup is a vibrant, active and engaged community of approximately 17,000 people.

Dynamic urban areas, thriving and commercial developments, evolving rural towns and substantial farming and tourism operations span the region's 252 square kilometres.

The region supports over 4,000 jobs and has a strong vision for future growth.

The commercial and community heart of Eaton is skirted by the agricultural and tourism areas of Dardanup, Ferguson Valley and Burekup, the future City of Wanju

and its industrial hub at Waterloo.

In addition to valuable wetlands and rivers, a large proportion of the Shire is national park and state forest.

As a biodiversity hot spot, the Shire of Dardanup also supports a unique range of flora and fauna.

The Shire of Dardanup's 2050 Vision document sets the scene for a robust future.

This is underpinned by ambitious plans for the Shire as a progressive, think ahead community, built on the five aspirations of delivering healthy, self-sufficient, sustainable, connected and innovative communities.

The following key projects present diverse opportunities for State and Federal Government co-investment.

## VISION

### FOR THE SHIRE

In 2050 the Shire of Dardanup will be a healthy, self-sufficient and sustainable community that is connected and inclusive, and where our culture and innovation are celebrated.

# COMPLETED PROJECTS

## 2019-2026

The Shire of Dardanup has a proven track record with progressing major projects over the last seven years, which includes:



**Project:** Eaton Library, Administration and Community Building, 2024.

**Total cost:** \$16.5 million.



**Project:** Dardanup Centrals Volunteer Fire Brigade and Wells Change Rooms Building, 2022.

**Total cost:** \$1.5 million.



**Project:** Wells Recreation Park Redevelopment, 2021.

**Total cost** \$3.88 million.





**Project:** Eaton Bowling Club and Senior Citizens Centre, 2022.

**Total cost:** \$4.6 million.



**Project:** Eaton Skate Park and Pump Track, 2022.

**Total cost:** \$1.2 million.



**Project:** R & J Fishwick Pavilion (Eaton Junior Football Club and Cricket Club), 2023.

**Total cost:** \$2.1 million.



# MAJOR PROJECTS

## 2026-2030

After extensive community consultation over the last six years, the Shire of Dardanup has created operational, infrastructure and service plans to help guide the Shire to be a healthy, self-sufficient, sustainable, connected and innovative community that is prepared for future growth.

This vision is captured in our 2050 Vision and through the following strategic plans:

- Public Health Plan 2021-2025.
- Local Emergency Management Arrangements.
- Sport and Recreation Plan 2020-2030.

- Dardanup Place Plan.
- Eaton Place Plan.
- Community Facilities Plans:
  - Burekup Community Facilities Plan (2020).
  - Dardanup Community Facilities Plan (2021).
  - Ferguson Valley and Surrounds Community Facilities Plan (2020).
  - Eaton Millbridge Community Facilities Plan.

As part of our 2050 Vision, the Shire has a focus on providing community recreation facilities which create opportunities for people to move, and encourage people of all ages to maintain an active lifestyle.

The Greater Bunbury region is poised for significant population growth by 2031.

The Shire's new planned city of Wanju and the Waterloo Industrial Park Precinct, will account for 50% of this growth, so now is the time to prepare for this exciting growth and lay the foundations for generations to come.







The Wanju District Structure Plan provides for 1,200 hectares of residential development, which could accommodate between 15,000-20,000 new homes and 40,000-60,000 new people.

It is expected that half of the region's population growth will go into Wanju (4,000 jobs) and the Waterloo Industrial Park Precinct (4,500 jobs) — together creating 8,500 jobs.

The Shire will continue to prepare for future growth and opportunities with the following four major projects for 2026-2030:

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**Shire of Dardanup**

Project	Total cost	Funding sought
Burekup Community and Sporting Precinct Upgrade	\$4.55 million	\$2.90 million
Dardanup Community, Cultural and Heritage Precinct Upgrade	\$7 million	\$4.2 million
Wells Recreation Precinct Upgrade	\$5 million	\$5 million
Eaton Recreation Centre Expansion	\$18 million	\$18 million
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$34.55 million</b>	<b>\$30.10 million</b>

# BUREKUP COMMUNITY AND SPORTING PRECINCT UPGRADE

As a growing rural township, Burekup requires high-quality sport and recreation facilities that support youth, families, sporting clubs and local community groups.

Children aged 0–14 make up 20.4% of the population (ABS 2021), underscoring the importance of providing youth-focused spaces and accessible recreation opportunities.

Existing amenities at the Burekup Hall and Oval Precinct include the oval and cricket pitch, three tennis courts, one basketball/netball court, a small clubroom and an ageing concrete skate park.

While valued by the community, these facilities no longer meet the needs of a growing and increasingly diverse population.

The upgrade project will deliver new public toilets and

change rooms, upgraded tennis courts and a modern suite of youth and recreation features, creating an integrated precinct that supports higher usage and broader community outcomes.

Proposed Stage 2 upgrades will introduce a purpose-built skate park, pump track, multi-use sports courts and dedicated nature play areas.

These contemporary additions will expand opportunities for active play, skill development, social connection and unstructured recreation — all essential for supporting positive youth engagement and community wellbeing.

The upgraded precinct will support junior football, basketball, tennis and cricket, while universal-access amenities will ensure all community members can participate comfortably and safely.

By investing in contemporary sport and recreation infrastructure, the project will strengthen local sporting clubs, attract new players, activate community spaces and nurture grassroots talent — leaving a lasting positive impact on the community.

Stage	Timing	Total cost	Funding sought
Oval upgrades and new change rooms for sporting club	2025/26 to 2026/27	\$850,000	\$250,000 confirmed (*CSRFF)
New skate park, pump track, sports courts, car park and nature play area	2026/27 to 2028/29	\$3.7 million	\$2.65 million
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$4.55 million</b>	<b>\$2.90 million</b>

\*Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund (CSRFF)





“Burekup has seen significant growth in recent years, requiring improvements to its infrastructure to support the needs of residents and the surrounding community. The proposed upgrade to the community and sporting precinct would enhance inclusivity and strengthen community connections.”

### **Burekup Sporting and Community Clubs**

## **Benefits**

- Supporting regional youth, women in sport and social groups by providing facilities that assist them in nurturing strong community connections.
- Fostering regional sporting talent at a grass roots level.
- Supporting local sporting clubs to encourage participation and attract new players to the competition.



**\$2.90M**  
FUNDING  
SOUGHT



**\$4.55M**  
TOTAL ESTIMATED  
PROJECT COST

# DARDANUP COMMUNITY, CULTURAL AND HERITAGE PRECINCT UPGRADE

Revitalising the Dardanup Community Precinct will showcase cultural and heritage values, and a safe and welcoming space for young families and youth in the region.

The Dardanup Library and Administration Centre building officially opened in 1950 and is now in need of urgent refurbishment.

As part of the Shire's vision to create a vibrant community precinct in the heart of the Dardanup township, the building is being repurposed to accommodate not only Library and Council services, but also the Ferguson Valley Tourist Centre and Dardanup Heritage Collective.

The Community Hall (built in 1956), also requires significant restoration and upgrade, while the iconic red brick and cream fascia remains a beloved feature, the amenities are in dire need of modernisation.

The project will upgrade the community hall to meet emergency evacuation standards, enhance recreational,

cultural, and historic values, and strengthen community connections by revitalising the former depot site.

The hall will undergo historically considerate renovations, including a new kitchen and toilets, integrating with the refurbished administration and library building adjacent to the hall.

A key feature of the revitalisation is the Youth Recreation Precinct, which will include a new skate park, pump track, expanded playground, and public toilets at Carramar Park.

This dynamic recreational hub will provide essential facilities for isolated regional youth while also catering to the growing population of young families. Drainage improvements will ensure year-round usability.

The Community Precinct and Wells Park Sporting Reserve will connect the main street, town, and hall to Carramar Park through a new link created on the former volunteer fire brigade and depot site.

By providing modern, social, and recreational facilities, the project will activate the entire precinct as Dardanup's flagship, multipurpose community zone.

Stage	Timing	Total cost	Funding sought
<i>Youth Recreation:</i> Skate park and pump track	2027/28 - 2028/29	\$1.2 million	\$800,00
<i>Youth Recreation:</i> New playground and public toilets	2027/28 - 2028/29	\$500,000	\$300,00
Pathways and landscaping upgrades	2027/28 - 2028/29	\$300,000	\$200,00
Drainage upgrades	2027/28 - 2028/29	\$500,000	\$400,00
Hall renovations (incl. emergency evacuation centre requirements)	2028/29 - 2029/30	\$1.5 million	\$1 million
Administration building upgrades	2028/29 - 2029/30	\$1.5 million	\$1 million
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$7 million</b>	<b>\$4.2 million</b>



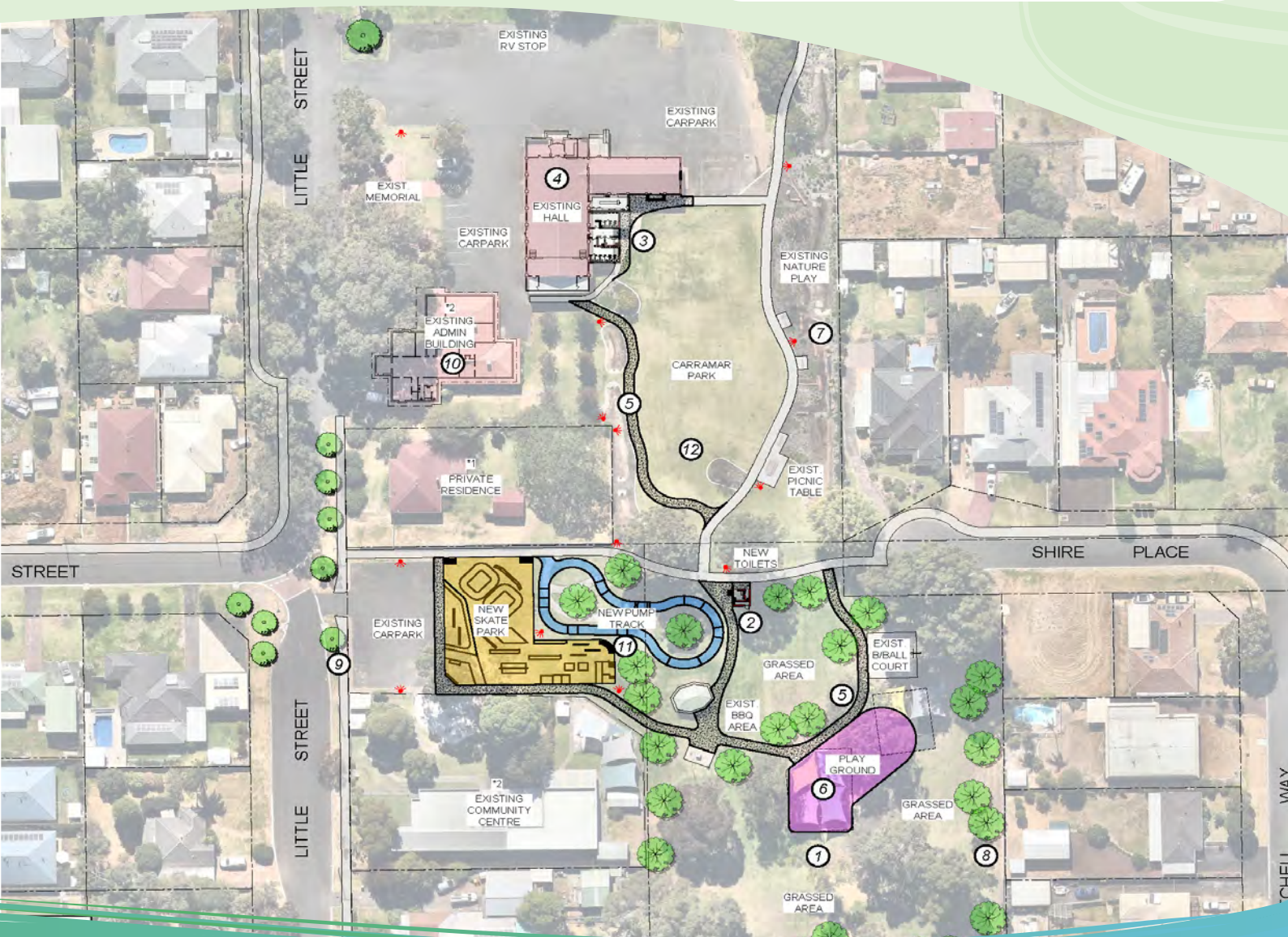


“The town enjoys a wonderful sense of heritage and history, deeply important to its community identity.”

## 2050 Vision

## Benefits

- Provide a welcoming environment, capable of hosting diverse groups of people during emergency response.
- Link destinations, enrich and support opportunities for community connection.
- Ensure contemporary recreational facilities are available for regional youth.
- Showcase Dardanup's tourism appeal as the gateway to the Ferguson Valley.



**\$4.2M**  
FUNDING  
SOUGHT



**\$7M**  
TOTAL ESTIMATED  
PROJECT COST

# WELLS RECREATION PRECINCT

## UPGRADE

These multi-purpose, high-use facilities support eight sporting codes, including cricket, basketball, tennis, football, soccer, and mountain biking, as well as numerous other special-interest groups.

The redevelopment includes a new pavilion, plus two tennis and two basketball courts.

Replacing the temporary and outdated facilities will provide safe, appropriate amenities and support increased participation by female players across a range of sporting clubs.

The construction of new change rooms in 2023, saw the much-needed option of male and female facilities provided at Wells Recreation Park.

The Eaton Dardanup Football Club currently has six

senior teams, including two women's and one veteran's team, plus 15 junior teams.

The Dardanup Tennis Club play social tennis and provide junior coaching to a membership base across Dardanup, Ferguson, Bunbury, Eaton, Burekup and Donnybrook. The Dardanup Cricket Club use the grounds for mixed junior and senior teams.

Other hirers of the clubroom include the 160-member strong South West Rose Society, the Dardanup Senior Citizens and the South West Veteran Car Club.

The Bull and Barrel Festival, which draws visitation of over 20,000 people, use the facilities, along with a host of other local groups and associations.

The final stage of the infrastructure upgrade to Wells Recreation Park is the provision of sports lighting. Upgrading the lighting increases the capacity of the grounds and encourages greater sporting participation.

Catering for all users of Wells Recreation Park will inspire healthy, active lifestyles and build community through sporting, recreational and social engagement.

Stage	Timing	Total cost	Funding sought
Sporting hard courts	2027/28	\$1.5 million	\$1.5 million
Oval and court lighting	2027/28	\$1 million	\$1 million
Multi-use pavilion	2028/29	\$2.5 million	\$2.5 million
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$5 million</b>	<b>\$5 million</b>





“ We are thrilled to use the wonderful amenities provided by the new changerooms at Wells Recreation Park. We now have changerooms for both male and female players and the high standard of amenities has encouraged others to play sport locally.”

**Dardanup Community and Sporting Clubs**

## Benefits

- Building regional opportunity for sporting involvement, developing youth talent and increasing participation for all age groups.
- Supporting Dardanup's strong culture of activity, health and community involvement.
- Cultivating resilient community connections and empowering belonging via sporting, special interest and social group membership.



**\$5M**  
FUNDING  
SOUGHT



**\$5M**  
TOTAL ESTIMATED  
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# EATON RECREATION CENTRE

## EXPANSION

As part of the Shire’s 2050 Vision, we are committed to providing modern, community-focussed recreation facilities that encourage active lifestyles for people of all ages.

The Eaton Recreation Centre (ERC) is our most significant sporting resource, meeting the indoor recreational needs of the Shire.

However, the growing demand for court space from sporting associations, social sports, recreation programs, and the expanding Eaton Community College highlights the urgent need for expansion.

This project will significantly increase ERC’s capacity by adding three new multi-use sports (basketball/netball) courts, along with expanded male and female change facilities and additional spectator seating.

As the only FIBA-accredited facility in the South West, these upgrades will enable the Centre to continue to host

major basketball and netball competitions, fulfilling the South West Infrastructure Plan’s vision of establishing the South West Regional Basketball and Netball Hub at ERC.

ERC is already the chosen home for the South West Slammers and Souwest Jets, both of which aspire to have a dedicated venue for home games, training, and community programs.

This expansion will support their ambitions and solidify ERC’s status as a premier sports destination.

Recent upgrades to the precinct’s softball diamond lighting have enhanced functionality, enabling increased community and sporting use.

The planned expansion will continue to support diverse recreational offerings, attracting new members and increasing participation.

By investing in the future of the Eaton Recreation Centre, we ensure it remains a thriving hub for health, fitness, sport, childcare, and recreational opportunities for the entire community.

Stage	Timing	Cost
Eaton Recreation Centre expansion	Commencing 2029/30	\$18 million



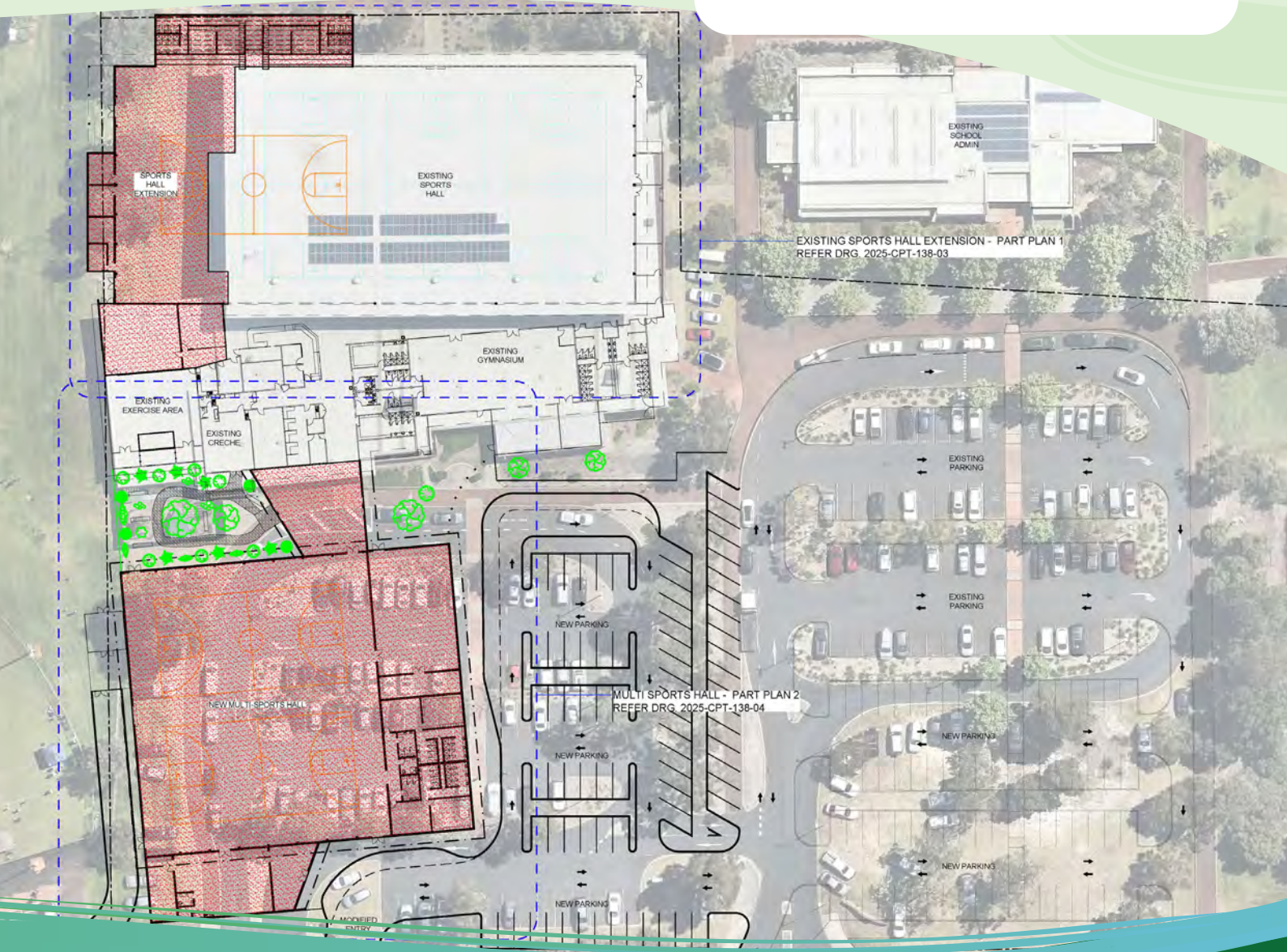


“As one of the major users of the Eaton Recreation Centre, we are very aware of how important an upgrade would be to ensure the centre remains at the professional standard needed for our competition as well as the day-to-day use of so many consumers in the South West.”

### Souwest Jets Netball Club

## Benefits

- Recreation facility improvements that encourage active, healthy lifestyles.
- Greater playing and participation opportunities for local community.
- Upgrade of South West Regional basketball and netball facilities.
- Improved capacity to host local indoor sport and community events.



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