

Shire News

Shire of Dardanup Newsletter

Summer Sounds set to light up Carramar Park

The Shire of Dardanup will wrap up its Summer Vibes program with Summer Sounds on Friday, 20 February, inviting the community to enjoy a relaxed evening of live music under the stars at Carramar Park.

This free, all-ages event will feature a lively line-up of local country music talent, including emerging artist Clay Mildwaters, alongside well-known local performers Amberley Mary Ellen and Codee-Lee and band.

The evening promises a warm, welcoming atmosphere with plenty of great music to enjoy. Families and friends are encouraged to bring along a picnic blanket and settle in for the night, with food trucks on site offering a range of dinner and snack options.

There will also be activities for children, making it a great option for families looking for a fun and easy night out.

No bookings are required, and everyone is welcome to attend.

For event updates and full program details, visit the Shire's website or follow the Shire on Facebook, also scan the QR code:



Codee-Lee and band will take to the stage at Carramar Park for the Shire of Dardanup's Summer Sounds event on Friday, 20 February, promising an evening of live music and summer entertainment.

Weekly LEGO Social Club: Dardanup library

A new weekly social program is now underway at Dardanup Library with the launch of the Lions LEGO® Social Club.

The initiative is delivered in partnership with the Dardanup Lions Club, who generously supplied the kits.

Held every Wednesday from 10am to 12pm, the free adult-only sessions provide a relaxed space to build, chat and connect.

The program was created to support social connection within the community, particularly for seniors.

Participants can enjoy hands-on creativity together and even borrow LEGO® kits to continue building at home.

Residents are encouraged to drop in and join the fun, with more information available from library staff.



Shire President Cr Tyrrell Gardiner pictured with (left to right) Rob Webster, Reg Green and Brian Ewart from the Dardanup Lions with some of the LEGO kits they donated as part of the Lions LEGO® Social Club.

Repair Cafe MBMIS 5 Mar

Join the Repair Café Greater Bunbury team for a relaxed, drop-in repair session on Thursday, 5 March from 6-7.30pm at the Mick Bennett Make-It Space. Volunteers can help you fix household items, textiles, garden tools and small electronics. Learn practical repair skills, access tools, and help keep useful items out of landfill. Come along and enjoy a free session that celebrates sustainability and shared know-how. For more info visit the Shire's website and search for "Make-It-Space".

Bushfire: water supply

Water Corporation reminds residents that mains water supply cannot be guaranteed during a bushfire, with extreme demand, fire damage and power outages potentially causing water loss. If you stay and defend your property, you need an independent water supply and pumping capability. Visit Water Corp's bushfire preparedness resources for details, stay updated via Emergency WA, or contact Water Corp on 13 13 75.

Advocacy WA in library

Let's Talk: Connecting You with Community Support will return to the Eaton Community Library on Monday, 9 March, running from 11am-12.30pm. The monthly drop-in series connects community members with organisations and services. Everyone is welcome, with bookings encouraged but not essential. The March session will feature Advocacy WA, offering information on disability support services.

Closed footpath: Eaton Dr

A section of verge and footpath along Eaton Drive is closed to enable works for the Eaton Fair Expansion by Citygate Properties. Clear signage and alternative pedestrian routes are in place, with the closure expected to remain until January 2027 while upgraded infrastructure is delivered. The community is encouraged to follow detour signage and take care in the area. Visit www.eatonfair.com.au/growth

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Citizen of the Year Award winners for the Shire of Dardanup include (back/front, from left) Active Citizenship Award Eaton Foreshore Festival Committee – Eaton Primary School P&C, Community Citizen Ron Tyrrell, Senior Community Citizen winner Jennifer Gardiner, Senior Community Citizen nominee Rosemary Pittard, Lynette Sleight from Coastal Rowing, accepting the posthumous award for Nancy Churchill and Alan Mountford from the Lions Club of Dardanup an Active Citizenship nominee, all with Shire President Cr Tyrrell Gardiner (far right). Absent: Tasha and Chloe Gunson: Young Community Citizen of the Year.

The Shire of Dardanup marked Australia Day with community breakfasts in Eaton, Dardanup and Burekup, bringing residents together to celebrate community spirit and achievement.

The celebrations included the welcoming of 25 new Australian citizens from 17 countries and the presentation of the 2026 Citizen of the Year Awards, recognising outstanding service across the Shire.

Shire President Cr Tyrrell Gardiner said the day highlighted the strength and diversity of the local community.



- The award recipients included:
- Ron Tyrrell (Community Citizen of the Year).
 - Chloe and Tasha Gunson (Young Community Citizens of the Year).
 - Jennifer Gardiner (Senior Community Citizen of the Year).
 - Eaton Foreshore Festival Committee – Eaton Primary School P&C (Active Citizenship Award).

Cr Gardiner said the nominees represented an inspiring cross-section of the community.

The Shire also acknowledged former Shire President Mick Bennett, who was awarded an Order of Australia Medal (OAM) for his long-standing service to local government and the community.

Cr Gardiner thanked volunteers, community groups and event partners, along with the Australian Government and National Australia Day Council, for supporting the celebrations.

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Meeting dates for 2026

The Shire of Dardanup's 2026 Ordinary Council Meetings (OCM) are held once month on Wednesdays, commencing at 5pm.

The next OCM is on Wednesday, 25 February in the Council Chambers.

The Audit and Risk Committee will be held on Wednesday, 11 March at 3.30pm, in the Council Chambers.

Copies of all agendas and minutes can be accessed on the Shire's website under "Council Meetings" or scan the QR code.

Our monthly OCM's are also recorded and available on our website.



New cafe brings fresh energy to Eaton hub

Townhouse Coffee Co and Café has officially opened in the Shire's Library, Administration and Community Building, bringing great coffee and a vibrant new meeting spot to the heart of Eaton.

Shire President Cr Tyrrell Gardiner said the café marked an exciting milestone for the building and the town centre.

"This building was designed to be more than a library or admin centre, it's a place where people come together," he said.

"Having Townhouse Coffee Co and Café open its doors brings that vision to life," he said.

The café adds to the precinct's growing energy, alongside the \$100 million Citygate redevelopment at Eaton Fair, creating a thriving, connected destination for locals and visitors alike.

The Shire is still seeking a tenant for a commercial space on Level One. Contact the Shire's Chantal Edwards-Miller on (08) 9724 0341.



Townhouse Coffee Co and Café Owner Kylie Tomlinson and her team, Emma and Sonia, in their new café location at the Shire's Library, Admin and Community Building.

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