

Shire News

Shire of Dardanup Newsletter

Ready for The Full Send? Youth Week

The Shire of Dardanup has secured \$19,500 in State Government funding from the Department of Communities to deliver Youth Week 2026 celebrations and expanded youth programs this April.

Shire President Cr Tyrrell Gardiner said the initiatives will provide free, inclusive and youth-led opportunities for young people aged 12 to 24, celebrating their creativity, energy and contribution to the community.

The funding supports two key initiatives:

YouthFest – Sat, 11 April, 10am-2pm:

The Shire's flagship Youth Week event will return across Glen Huon Oval, Eaton Skate Park, Eaton Library and the Mick Bennett Make It Space.

Activities include:

- Freestyle Now skate park comp.
- Youth market stalls.
- Youth service information stalls.
- The iNSTRUCTA TRUCK road-safety experience.
- Creative, interactive and live activities.

Cr Gardiner said YouthFest continues to grow. Now in its fifth year, the event is driven by the Shire's Youth Advisory Group (YAG) and is a celebration of the contribution young people make to our community.

The Full Send – 7 to 11 April:

An additional \$10,000 grant will deliver The Full Send, a free four-day skate series leading into YouthFest, held at the Mick Bennett Make It Space and Eaton Skate Park.

Trial RV, caravan stopover at Ferguson Valley

Visitors travelling through the Ferguson Valley have a new place to rest overnight, with the Shire launching a three-month trial of a 24-hour caravan and recreational vehicle (RV) stopover at Ferguson Hall.

The trial will introduce one designated stopover bay in the Ferguson Hall carpark for fully self-contained caravans and RVs, allowing travellers to stay for up to 24 hours while exploring the region.

The designated bay is clearly line-marked and signposted, with strict rules in place.

There are also 24-hour RV and caravan stopovers at Burekup Oval and near Dardanup Town Hall.



Youth Week celebrations will be held in the Shire of Dardanup from 7-11 April. Scan QR code for details.

The program includes:

- Build-your-own skateboard workshops.
- Coached skate, scooter and BMX sessions.
- Live freestyle competition at YouthFest.
- Drumming workshop with Scott Pearce Music.
- Inclusive sports with WA isports.
- Food and refreshments for registered participants.

A variety of creative, interactive and live activities will run across multiple locations throughout the week. The secured funding recognises the importance of celebrating young people and creating opportunities that reflect their interests and needs.

Free bus transportation to and from the Coaching Session, Activation Day and YouthFest will be available for registered participants in regional areas.



Councillor Ruby Trevathan and Senior Ranger Paul Sydney-Smith, at new 24-hour caravan and RV stopover at Ferguson Hall.

Prohibited burning extended

The Shire of Dardanup's Prohibited Burning Period has been extended to midnight, Friday, 10 April 2026 due to ongoing fire risk conditions.

All open burning remains strictly prohibited during this time, including the burning of garden waste and other open fires. For more information, visit www.dardanup.wa.gov.au or contact Ranger Services on 9724 0307.

Change to rates payments

Australia Post Billpay will no longer be available as a rates payment option from 31 March 2026 due to increased fees and low usage. Residents can continue to pay their rates using other methods, including BPAY, credit card, direct debit, by post, or in person at the Eaton or Dardanup Administration Centres. For help or more information, contact the Rates Team on (08) 9724 0371.

Free Planet Matters event

Curious about our local environment and how you can help protect it? Join Planet Matters, Eaton Community Library's free monthly environmental program on Thursday, 9 April, from 5-6 pm. The April session features award-winning environmental scientist and author Simon Cherriman, discussing Hollowed Out and the vital role of habitat trees for wildlife. To book for this free event, visit the library's website.

Garvey Road reseal works

Thanks to everyone for their patience with the Garvey Road, Dardanup, reseal works currently underway. Works started on 11 March with partial road closures. From Wednesday, 1 April motorists can expect 15-minute closures at intervals throughout the day. Please plan ahead, allow extra travel time and follow all traffic management signage in the area. For more info contact the Shire on (08) 9724 0000.



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Rhys Tatham: Burekup Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade.



Burekup Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade members (from left) Tom Davies, Mark Crispin and Chris Jenour.

Units work hard to contain two fires



Our community was once again reminded of the vital role of volunteer firefighters and the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) crews, who worked relentlessly recently to contain fires in Roelands and Millbridge.

Shire President Tyrrell Gardiner praised the efforts of all responders.

“Our volunteer firefighters and emergency crews demonstrate incredible courage, professionalism and dedication,” Cr Gardiner said.

“We are extremely fortunate to have these brigades on standby to assist when our community needs them most.

“It is not uncommon for our volunteers to be listed with several brigades, which speaks volumes about their willingness to serve and protect their communities. We simply cannot thank them enough.”

Cr Gardiner also acknowledged the Shire’s Rangers Team for their vital support during the incidents.



Ethan and Brendan Putt: Dardanup Central Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade.

“Our Rangers also play an important role during emergencies, assisting with road closures, traffic management and helping to keep the community safe,” he said.

“Their work behind the scenes ensures emergency crews can operate effectively, and we sincerely thank them for their professionalism and commitment.”

He also reminded residents of the importance of staying clear of fire zones during emergencies.

“Emergency situations are dynamic and unpredictable. Avoiding fire zones allows crews to respond quickly and safely, while enabling residents to evacuate without added congestion,” he said.

“Heading towards an incident area for a look only increases risks and hampers emergency operations.”

The Shire thanks all volunteer firefighters, DFES personnel and supporting agencies for their continued service and commitment to community safety.

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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 in the Council Chambers.

The March OCM is on 25 March and the April OCM is on 29 April. For all meeting dates visit our website.

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.



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April 2026 school holidays, bookings now open!

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