

Shire News

Shire of Dardanup Newsletter



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Watsons Reserve footbridge upgrade

The Watson Reserve Footbridge in Eaton is temporarily closed for around six weeks from Friday, 17 April 2026, while replacement works are carried out.

The works are being undertaken by AE Hoskins Building Services and involve replacing the existing timber footbridge.

Thanks to everyone for your patience with this important upgrade.



What to expect:

- The footbridge is closed from 17 April for about six weeks.
- Access along the footbridge from the Pratt Road Lookout through to Watson Reserve will not be available during this time.

- Signage and site fencing will be in place.
- For your own safety, please do not enter the works area.

If you're planning to use this path, please plan ahead and follow all signage while works are underway.

For more information, scan the above QR code or contact the Shire on (08) 9724 0000.

Green waste verge-side collection 25-30 May

The Shire's Autumn Green Waste verge-side collection runs from Monday, 25 May to Saturday, 30 May 2026 in Eaton, Millbridge, Burekup and Dardanup.



WE COLLECT:

- Tree and shrub cuttings up to 2 cubic metres.
- Maximum length 1.5 metres, maximum diameter 200mm.

WE CANNOT COLLECT:

- Lawn clippings, roll-on turf, stumps or hard waste.
- Green waste in bags or boxes.
- Piles greater than 2 cubic metres

The Spring collection will run from Monday, 19 October to Saturday, 24 October 2026.

Place all green waste on your verge before 6am on Monday, 25 May 2026. The Shire cannot provide exact collection times, and streets will only be serviced once.

Restricted burning til 25 April

The Shire of Dardanup's Restricted Burning Period is currently underway until Saturday, 25 April 2026. This means you will need a fire permit to light a bonfire, burn garden waste, clear pasture through burning or burn private bushland. Permits can be obtained from your Local Fire Control Officer. For more information, visit www.dardanup.wa.gov.au or contact Ranger Services on (08) 9724 0307.

Henty Road upgrades

Road upgrade works will begin on Henty Road from Tuesday, 28 April 2026, with shoulder sealing and new linemarking delivered in two stages by Fulton Hogan. Stage one will run between Guimelli Road and Pile Road until mid-June, with stage two completed by December 2026. Lane closures and traffic management will be in place, so motorists should allow extra travel time. Contact David Gilmour from Fulton Hogan on 0499 602 246.

Community meetings: May

Residents are invited to attend the Shire's annual Community Meetings this May. These sessions provide an opportunity to speak directly with Councillors and staff and help shape the Shire's new Strategic Community Plan. Meetings will be held in Eaton, (18 May) Dardanup (19 May), Ferguson Valley (25 May) and Burekup (26 May), with all sessions running from 5.30-7.30pm. No registration is required. Keep an eye on our socials and website for more info.

Moore Rd bridge works

Essential bridge repairs on Moore Road, Dardanup West have been extended, with the road closure now remaining in place until Friday, 1 May 2026. The works are being carried out by Asset Worx on behalf of Water Corporation, with signed detours and alternative school bus arrangements continuing during the closure. For more information contact Asset Worx at admin@assetworx.com.au or (08) 9791 4599.



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At the Eaton Recreation Centre are (from left) Senator for WA Ellie Whiteaker, Eaton Basketball Association Director of Operations Wes Morgan, Member for Collie-Preston Jodie Hanns MLA and Shire of Dardanup President Cr Tyrrell Gardiner.

Eaton Rec Centre upgrades strengthen community hub

The Eaton Recreation Centre (ERC) has received a welcome boost through a series of upgrades supported by Australian and State Government funding, enhancing the experience for the thousands of people who use the facility each year.

Shire President Cr Tyrrell Gardiner said the ERC is a vital community hub, offering health, fitness, sport, childcare and recreational activities, along with community events, and attracting more than 280,000 visits annually.

A key recent upgrade is the installation of a new fan on court 3, funded through the Small Grants Program (\$25,000) supported by the Cook Government, improving airflow and comfort across the courts.

Additional improvements include refurbished changeroom facilities through the Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Funding (CSRFF) Grant (\$124,866). As well as internal and external painting works funded by the Australian Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (LRCI) Program (\$203,522), with Council's contribution of over \$400,000 for building upgrades.

These upgrades show what can be achieved when Federal, State and Local government work together to support facilities that keep our communities active, healthy and connected," Cr Gardiner said.



"With consistently high usage, more than 600 valued members and strong community support, these improvements ensure the ERC remains a modern, welcoming and well-equipped facility for people of all ages."

Cr Gardiner said the upgrades have received strong positive feedback from sports groups, schools and vacation care participants, further highlighting the centre's value to the community.

He said Council recently approved the tender for upgraded cardio fitness equipment, continuing investment in high-quality facilities for members and visitors.

Senator for Western Australia Ellie Whiteaker said the Albanese Labor Government's investment is making a real difference in Eaton.

"The ERC brings this community together, and partnering with the State Government and Shire of Dardanup to deliver these upgrades ensures it remains a first-class facility for the 280,000-plus people who use it every year," Senator Whiteaker said.

Member for Collie-Preston Jodie Hanns MLA said the ERC is a vital community asset, and the

upgrades reflect the Cook Labor Government's commitment to investing in regional sporting infrastructure.

"After feedback from members of the Eaton Basketball Association, I was pleased to make the installation of the new fan an election commitment," Mrs Hann said.

"I'm delighted to see it delivered alongside \$124,866 in Cook Government CSRFF funding for accessible and inclusive changeroom facilities.

"These improvements will be enjoyed by the Eaton community for many years to come."

Eaton Basketball Association (EBA) Director of Operations Wes Morgan said the upgrades have made a noticeable difference to the association's game nights.

"The improved facilities have lifted the overall experience for our EBA families, creating a more comfortable and enjoyable environment for everyone involved," Mr Morgan said.

"It's been great to see the positive impact each week, with more people around the venue and families spending more time together and enjoying the atmosphere.

"These changes have truly helped make game nights a better experience for our community."

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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 April OCM is on 29 April and the May meeting is 27 May. 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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