

# Shire News

Shire of Dardanup Newsletter



The Shire of Dardanup is holding its annual Community Meetings in May and is inviting residents to attend. Meetings will be held in Burekup, Dardanup, Eaton and Ferguson Valley.

## Have your say: Community Meetings

The Shire of Dardanup is inviting residents to attend its annual Community Meetings, a chance to connect directly with Councillors and Council staff, share feedback, and help shape the future of the community.

This year's meetings carry extra significance, with feedback from attendees directly informing the development of the Shire's new Strategic Community Plan, a key document that will guide Council's priorities and decision-making for years to come.

Your voice has already made a difference.

In the 2025 MARKYT Community Scorecard, nearly 900 residents shared their feedback, helping the Shire rank second among regional councils in WA and eighth overall out of more than 70 councils across Australia.

The results highlighted strong satisfaction across community engagement, local roads, planning, youth and seniors' services, and key priorities for the community including housing affordability, community safety, and waste management.



Our 2026 Community Meetings are the next step in that conversation.

Shire President Cr Tyrrell Gardiner encouraged all residents to attend a meeting in their area.

"Our Community Meetings are one of the most valuable opportunities we have to hear directly from the people who live and work in our Shire," Cr Gardiner said.

"This year, your input is especially important. The feedback we receive will help shape our new Strategic Community Plan, so we want to hear from as many residents as possible about what matters most to them.

"We also want to remind our community that feedback is welcome year-round.

"These meetings are a great starting point, but the Shire remains committed to listening

and responding to community needs at any time."

All residents are welcome, no registration is required.

Meetings will run from 5.30pm to 6.30pm at:

**Eaton:** Monday, 18 May  
Eaton Sports Pavilion (Boomers Club).

**Dardanup:** Tuesday, 19 May  
Dardanup Hall, 19 Ferguson Road, Dardanup.

**Ferguson Valley:** Monday, 25 May,  
Ferguson Hall, 988 Ferguson Road, Ferguson Valley.

**Burekup:** Tuesday, 26 May  
Burekup Hall, Cnr Russell Road and Gardiner Street.

For more information, visit the Shire of Dardanup website at [www.dardanup.wa.gov.au](http://www.dardanup.wa.gov.au) or scan the above QR code, or email [records@dardanup.wa.gov.au](mailto:records@dardanup.wa.gov.au), or call our friendly Customer Service Team on (08) 9724 0000.

We hope to see you there!

### Fire burning periods finished

The Restricted and Prohibited Burning Periods for the 2025-26 fire season have now concluded, effective midnight on 26 April. Residents are reminded that while burning restrictions have ended, all burning activities must still be undertaken responsibly and in accordance with any applicable permits, local laws and fire safety requirements. The 2026-27 fire season dates will be set later this year.

### Henty Road upgrades

Works on the Henty Road upgrade are progressing, with crews continuing shoulder sealing and preparation works along the route. Traffic management and intermittent lane closures remain in place to support the works.

Motorists are encouraged to slow down, follow signage and allow extra travel time while the upgrade continues.

Contact David Gilmour from Fulton Hogan on 0499 602 246.

### Green waste collection

The Autumn Green Waste verge-side collection runs 25 to 30 May for the townsites of Eaton, Millbridge, Burekup and Dardanup. Residents can place tree and shrub cuttings (up to 2m<sup>3</sup>) on the verge for collection. Please ensure green waste is out before 6am on 25 May, as streets are serviced once only and collection times cannot be confirmed. Visit the Shire website for full details.

### Discover your family history

Keen to uncover your family's story? Eaton Community Library is hosting Discover Your Family History, a series of genealogy sessions running from May to November. The first session begins 28 May, 5.30-7.30pm, with a National Archives of Australia workshop. Suitable for beginners and beyond, with one-on-one DNA ancestry support also available. To book: [Library@dardanup.wa.gov.au](mailto:Library@dardanup.wa.gov.au) or visit the library.

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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 May meeting is on 27 May and the June meeting is 24 June. 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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The Shire of Dardanup is calling on the community to have their say as it reviews the Watson Reserve Master Plan. The online survey will be open until Monday, 15 June.

# Watson Reserve future: community survey open

The Shire of Dardanup is calling on the community to have their say as it reviews the Watson Reserve Master Plan.



"We want to hear from as many people as possible, whether you're a regular user or visit occasionally.

First adopted in 2021, the Master Plan set a long-term vision for the popular Eaton reserve following community consultation.

"Watson Reserve is a much-loved destination for local families, visitors and sporting groups, and it plays an important role in community life," Cr Gardiner said.

"Your feedback will help us prioritise improvements and guide how the reserve evolves over time.

The review will ensure the plan remains aligned with community priorities and future needs.

"This review is an opportunity for us to check in with our community and make sure we are planning for the future in a way that reflects how people want to use and enjoy the space.

The survey takes around 10-15 minutes to complete and is open until 4pm, Monday, 15 June 2026.

Shire President Cr Tyrrell Gardiner said Watson Reserve continues to be one of the area's most valued community spaces.

To have your say, visit: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FTSV3MP>

# Shire connects students to local government

The Shire is strengthening pathways between education and local government, recently hosting representatives from local education providers, as part of the StudentConnect initiative with the Bunbury Geographe Economic Alliance.



Guests received an overview of career opportunities across the organisation, heard directly from staff about their career journeys, and toured key facilities, including the admin building, library and Make-It-Space.

Education representatives engaged with Shire staff and explored facilities, gaining insight into the diverse career pathways available in local government.

For more information, visit [www.studentconnect.au](http://www.studentconnect.au)