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2026 Dardanup Bushfire Brigade Cadet Program starting soon!

After another successful Dardanup Volunteer Bushfire Brigade Cadet Program in 2025, the Dardanup BFB Cadet Program will be recommencing on 27 May 2026. Any local youths 12 to 17 that would like to be involved are encouraged to get in contact (dardyfbcadets@gmail.com) or come along to one of the training sessions and speak with one of the Instructors. Cadet training is held every second Wednesday from 5:30pm to 7pm at the Dardanup Central Fire Station. This year, the cadets will also have access to new cadet-sized firefighting PPE, the purchase of which was made possible by the generous donation and support of SOUTH 32.

The Volunteer Bushfire Brigade Cadet Program provides structured, hands-on training in fire suppression techniques, equipment use, and hazard assessment, fostering a culture of service, responsibility, and teamwork. It also builds leadership skills and community awareness, encouraging cadets to continue their involvement in volunteer firefighting or one of the other emergency services as they transition into adulthood. Training is predominately held at the Dardanup Central Fire Station, but cadets gain exposure to other brigades and other emergency services active in the Shire and the Greater Bunbury Region.



While the cadet program typically comprises 12 sessions each year between May and November (excluding school holidays), the cadets are also involved in community events such as running the Dog Jumps and Kids Activities at the Bull and Barrel Festival, similarly at the Warren District Agricultural Show in Manjimup, the Dardanup Youth Festival and the ANZAC Day Dawn Service. Older/more experienced cadets are also provided with Future Leader Training opportunities as part of the DFES Youth program, which includes week-long Leadership camps. In 2025, three of the Dardanup senior cadets (Emily Humphreys, Chloe Rich and Matthew Bouteloup) were selected out of over 60 applicants to join a small group of future leaders to visit Broome and tour the region and participate in leadership training - they came back on such a high and made many new friends.

The instructors are looking forward to seeing all the cadets again and hopefully a few new faces as well.



South West Rose Society News

A very impressive display of colour, fragrance and quality blooms, with many different varieties of roses for the public's benefit to help promote the rose we all admire. The feedback from the public was highly complimentary.

Thank you to Neutrog Australia, Australind Newsagency and members of the South West Rose Society for your donations of raffle prizes.

Luck Raffle winners 1st prize Green A21, 2nd Purple E14, 3rd Orange A24

See details in Whats On for the next meeting of the SWRS

on 14 June @ Wells Recreation Park Clubrooms

Annual SWRS Mother's Day Display at The Village Shopping Centre Australind, 7th to 9th May



Thank A Volunteer Sundowner Enjoyed By All

70 volunteers from across the Shire recently attended the Volunteer Sundowner hosted by the Shire of Dardanup held at the Burekup Country Club. Volunteers in attendance represented the Burekup and Districts Country Club, Burekup Bushfire Brigade, Dardanup Central BFB, Dardanup West BFB, West Dardanup Bushfire Brigade, Wellington Mill Bushfire Brigade, Dardanup Lions, Eaton Lions, Crooked Brook Forest Group, Bull and Barrel Festival, Dardanup Art Spectacular, Bunbury and Districts Softball Association, Eaton CWA and the Dardanup Heritage Collective.

Jodie Hanns MP, Shire President Tyrell Gardiner, Councillor Brad Farrant, Councillor Stacey Gillespie, Manager of Community Development, Melanie Hamilton and Place and Community Engagement Team Leader Kylie Tucker were also present at the evening with Stacey and Jodie formally thanking everyone for their volunteering efforts. Volunteers were treated to delicious beef and gravy rolls and salads as well as drinks. An enjoyable evening was had by all and appreciated by all the volunteers in attendance. Thankyou Shire of Dardanup.

Burekup Bushfire Brigade members in attendance at the Shire of Dardanup Thank A Volunteer Sundowner and Finn Dau, 2nd from left representing Central Bushfire Brigade and Mel Hamilton 5th from left and Kylie Tucker on far right both from the Shire of Dardanup



Dardanup Art Spectacular News

226 artworks were displayed at this years Dardanup Art Spectacular Exhibition entered by 131 artists, slightly less than in 2025. Since 2017, 736 artists have entered this competition which has become a widely recognized and highly respected artistic event in the region. This year 42 artists living within the Shire of Dardanup entered including 15 students and 11 emerging artists.

The emerging artists category has always been the vision of the Art Spectacular Committee and the Shire of Dardanup to provide a platform for emerging artists to showcase their work.

The Exhibition Opening and Awards Night held on Friday 1 May saw \$12,850.00 in prize money awarded over 12 categories with Alina Hayes taking out the \$3,000.00 major prize for her painting 'Shared Warmth'.

Dardanup Art Spectacular Chairperson Kerry Lowe said "the exhibition provided a great opportunity for not only established artists but for those wanting to build confidence in exhibiting their work. The Dardanup Art Spectacular was created to encourage our local young and emerging artists to enter a competition and to provide a platform for them to have their art recognized." \$13,219.00 in art was sold from the Hall over the weekend with \$9926.75 payments to artists. 531 people voted in the Viewers Choice Award.

The Dardanup Art Spectacular Committee thanks the Shire of Dardanup for financially supporting this event for 22 years. \$10,500.00 was received from Corporate Sponsors. We sincerely appreciate the support from our Corporate Sponsors including our major corporate sponsor - Quantum Underwriting Agencies and other Corporate sponsors - Professionals DAD Realty, JW Cross Maintenance, Wespine, Evedon Lakeside Retreat, Wren Oil, Grassy Gully Farms, Ferguson Valley Marketing, Dardanup Butchering Comp, Hon Ben Small MP, Hexion, TJ Depiazzi & Sons, Dardanup Post Office, Tronox, Dardanup Tavern and Jodie Hanns MLA Collie Preston.

Bunbury Farmers Market and Dardanup P&C provided the delicious food with our local wineries and breweries supplying the wine and beer for the Friday night opening all served by the Dardanup P& C. Dardanup P&C benefited from the proceeds on the Friday night, raffle and the gold coin entry over the weekend raising approx \$4800.00

The raffle winners were Gill Brookes from Bunbury, Sandra Walker from Busselton and Wayne from Busselton.

The Dardanup Art Spectacular Art Trail held on 2nd and 3rd May attracted hundreds of art lovers to venues in Dardanup, Ferguson Valley and Wellington Mills. Historic buildings, home studios and wineries hosted over 40 artists giving visitors the opportunity to meet the creators behind the many mediums on display. In addition, a trail of more than 30 sculptures as part of the Ferguson Follies Sculpture Trail was coordinated by Kim and Simon Wesley from Peppermint Lane Lodge on their idyllic property.

The Event survey revealed that 31% of those attending the Dardanup Art Spectacular and Art Trail were from the City of Bunbury, 28% were from the Shire of Dardanup, 15% were from the Shire of

Harvey and 9% were from the Perth metro area. The Dardanup Art Spectacular Committee will be holding its AGM on 12 November 2026 and would love to see some more Committee members. Watch out for advertising closer the date. Friday 30th April, Saturday 1st May, Sunday 2nd May are the tentative dates for next years Art Spectacular and Art Trail

Shire President Tyrell Gardiner presented the Open Art Prize to Alina Hayes



Dardanup Art Spectacular Friday Night Opening



Peter Streames from Quantum Underwriting Agencies presenting the Theme Art Prize to Pamela Vercoe

2026 Dardanup Art Spectacular Prize Winners

Category		Artist	Sponsor	Prize Money
People's Choice	WINNER	Suzie Denton	Ferguson Valley Marketing	\$ 200.00
Student Photography	HC	Chad Morris	Dardanup Post Office	\$ 25.00
Student Photography	WINNER	Owen Harrison	Evedon Lakeside Retreat	\$ 100.00
Judge's Special Mention		Archer Sainsbury		
Theme Photography	HC	Trinity Spokes	Dardanup Tavern	\$ 150.00
Theme Photography	WINNER	Chris De Blank	Grassy Gully Farms	\$ 500.00
Open Photography	HC	Jodie Deeley	Hexion	\$ 200.00
Open Photography	WINNER	Chris De Blank	Hexion	\$ 750.00
Packing Room Prize	WINNER	Susie Denton	Wren Oil	\$ 200.00
Students - Art, Primary	HC	Harrison Quadrio	Ben Small MP	\$ 25.00
Students - Art, Primary	WINNER	Cadence Sainsbury	Jodie Hanns MLA	\$ 100.00
Students - Art, Secondary	WINNER	Jessica Humphreys	TJ Depiazzi	\$ 100.00
Emerging Artist	HC	Courtney Ciffollilli	Dardanup Butchering Company	\$ 250.00
Emerging Artist	WINNER	Hayley Panzich	Wespine	\$ 500.00
3D - Sculpture	WINNER	Lyn Barry	Professionals DAD Realty	\$ 1,000.00
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Portrait	HC	Gemma Mangano	JW Cross Maintenance	\$ 250.00
Portrait	WINNER	Diana Negro	JW Cross Maintenance	\$ 1,000.00
Theme	HC	Susie Denton	Quantum Underwriting Agencies	\$ 250.00
Theme	HC	Katrina TeHemara	Quantum Underwriting Agencies	\$ 250.00
Theme	WINNER	Pamela Vercoe	Quantum Underwriting Agencies	\$ 2,000.00
Open	HC	Hilly Coufreur	Shire of Dardanup	\$ 500.00
Open	HC	Dee Credaro	Shire of Dardanup	\$ 500.00
Open	WINNER	Alina Hayes	Shire of Dardanup	\$ 3,000.00

Thankyou and Farewell Julie

Julie Pellicciari has been the Risk and Social Responsibility Manager at Wespine for 8 ½ years and is now retiring or as Julie puts it “moving on to other adventures”. In that time Julie has liaised with the community of Dardanup on behalf of Wespine and we thank her for all her work in supporting our community groups, through funding the Dardanup West Bushfire Brigade polo shirts and jumpers, annual funding for the Dardanup Art Spectacular, funding improvements to the canteen at Wells for the Dardanup Sporting and Community Clubs plus funding for the Dardanup Bull and Barrel Festival and providing pine for the famous Wespine Fire Sculpture. I’m sure there are a lot more community groups who have been in contact with Julie over the years. Julie has been a pleasure to work with and we wish her well in future adventures.



Julie Pellicciari on left representing Wespine at the recent Dardanup Art Spectacular presenting local Hayley Panzich with the Emerging Artist Prize

Wespine News

Wespine 2025 In Review

Wespine is pleased to release its seventh community update, outlining our key activities and achievements in 2025.

Highlights include:

- Introduced new safety messaging – Safe People, Safe Process, Safe Place – reinforcing our commitment to the safety and wellbeing of our team.
 - Continued the internal Leadership Development Program, with 15 team members completing the course to support career development across the business.
 - Hosted and supported fire training for staff, local volunteer fire brigades and Gnaala Karla Booja (GKB) Impact Ranger trainees.
- Naming-rights sponsorship of the 2025 HIA Regional Western Australian Housing Awards, strengthening relationships with the local building industry. We are proud of our team’s achievements and thank the community for its ongoing support.

To read the full report please visit <https://wespine.com.au/community/#update>



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Ferguson Valley Marketing and the Special General Meeting

The Following is a snap shot of the details we shared with our Association members about what FVM have achieved since incorporation.



Love the Ferguson Valley? Give two hours, share one post, bring one idea. That's how we keep local tourism strong.

Executive summary

Ferguson Valley Marketing Inc is not just a promotion brand. It is the only organization specifically promoting tourism and visitation within the Shire of Dardanup and the Ferguson Valley/Wellington Forest area, and it operates as a not-for-profit, member-elected, volunteer-backed association. FVM has built the Ferguson Valley website and brand presence, produced maps and drive trails, coordinated the annual Lost & Found Festival, supported visitor servicing in Dardanup and Gnomesville, and worked with the Shire, Australia's South West, Bunbury Geographe, and other partners. Visitor-centre data show a strong rebound from 2,371 visits in 2020 to 4,426 in 2025, while retail sales rose from \$7,207.59 to \$14,081.57. FVM's immediate issue is capacity: in 2026/27, Council retained operating support at the 2018 level of \$23,500 and retained Lost & Found support at \$20,000.

Achievements to date



Since incorporation, FVM has developed a practical local tourism system: the Ferguson Valley website, member promotion, printed touring collateral, business networking, visitor-centre servicing, and key events. The official FVM prospectus says it promotes the Valley through the Touring & Attractions Map, Drive Trails brochure, Lost & Found Festival, website, and social media; the 2025/26 benefits sheet also

shows brochure distribution through the South West and Bunbury Airport. Public platform results currently show about 4,761 Facebook likes and 4.3K+ Instagram followers.

In 2019, FVM launched its website, reported a Tourism WA-backed financial package routed through the Shire for signage, marketing with Australia's South West, and a mobile visitor-centre concept, and ran the "Ferguson Found" campaign with a Perth underground billboard promoted as reaching 289,318 weekly passers-by, plus 6PR activity and Bunbury Mail coverage. Later visitor-centre reporting recorded a volunteer pool of 25–27 people, 35 suppliers, successful Christmas-fete programming, and collaborations such as the Dardanup Heritage Collective's interpretive signage trail launch. Council in late 2025 recorded 65 members, confirmed annual Lost & Found delivery, renewed FVM's lease for five years, and backed a Regional Economic Development proposal for visitor-centre

upgrades, an arts and events space, and strengthened Gnomesville servicing. Did you know this attraction has up to 600 visitors per day during peak times? FVM continues to highlight member businesses, events and activations and regional produce, to strengthen the region as a premium tourist destination.

What makes FVM stand out

Area	FVM	Typical marketing group
Governance	Member-elected board, Shire representative, member voting, member feedback	Usually board-led, staff-led, or government-appointed, with more centralized decision-making
Workforce	Small paid team plus volunteers staffing visitor services	Mostly unpaid staff, with visitor servicing often separate from marketing
Money flow	Membership fees, cooperative marketing, grants, visitor-centre sales, with revenue used for local tourism and member benefit	Often funded mainly by public levies/taxes and broader destination budgets
What it does	Marketing, visitor servicing, maps, drive trails, events, networking, "Friends" participation, local referrals	Often focused mainly on campaigns, collateral, and media/sales activity

This mix of local voice, practical visitor service, and local reinvestment is what makes FVM different. FVM's own documents emphasize community benefit, collaboration with other associations and committees, volunteer-backed service, member feedback, and reinvestment into local tourism activity, while common DMO guidance describes more standardized board/staff structures and public-funding models.

How you can help

Sign up by filling in the attached form or pass on to someone you know who would like to be involved:

Volunteer: board or committee support, visitor-centre roster, pop-up at Gnomesville, Lost & Found/event help, social media/content, sponsorship follow-up, bookkeeping/admin, photography/design, grant writing.

Offer manageable time: [2–4 hours per month], [1–2 hours per week], or [half-day/full-day event shifts] – please put your name on the contact list.

Give in-kind support: printing, raffle or auction prizes, venue use, catering, flowers, signage support, brochure distribution, equipment, photography, design, or sponsor introductions.

Share and advocate: repost official Ferguson Valley content, invite one potential member, donor, or volunteer, and speak up for visitor servicing, digital support, and local tourism investment.

Show up consistently: attend meetings, reply to member surveys, and help FVM act on real member priorities.



Official contact points are marketing@fergusonvalley.net.au | 0428 281 551 and info@fergusonvalley.net.au | (08) 9728 1551. FVM's official channels are Facebook [Ferguson Valley](#) and Instagram [@discoverfergusonvalley](#)

Ferguson Valley Visitors Centre News

The colourful Mothers Day Flowers were again a success this year! Thank you so much to those volunteers who collected them from the Grower for delivery, those involved in their sale at FVVC and of course the support of the Community for buying the beautiful fresh chrysanthemums straight from the Grower in Collie.

Many of the products on display and for sale have been popular with not only Tourists purchasing a gnome or two but also the Locals popping in for a card or gift designed/made by a local Artisan including those made by our Artist in Residence, Sara Brandli during the Dardanup Art Spectacular in early May. The Artisan of the Month for May and June is the Dardanup Heritage Collective including some fabulous books written by the Collective and some of their members and available for sale.

Titles include:

- *Women of Charlotte St & Beyond - Remarkable Women of Dardanup*
- *Adventures on the Ferguson - Travels and Tall Tales Along the Ferguson River in 1908*
- *Memories of Waterloo (Jenny Golding)*
- *John Charlton Fowler of Sergeant Dale, Ferguson (Mike Hall)*
- *Wellington Mills - A History (Janice Calcei)*

There will also be some information about the work of the Collective. If you would like to read other Dardanup stories, take the time to have a look at the web site at: dardanupheritagecollective.org.au.

For more information about the Collective or joining the group, contact Janice Calcei on dardanupheritagecollective@gmail.org FVVC appreciates their Volunteers who keep the Centre open and always welcomes more Volunteers- can be a minimum of a half or full 6 hour shift a month which always goes so quickly! Call in between 9.30 – 3.30 pm to see what we do at FVVC (or Gnomesville or for the next Lost and Found weekend Festival) with Volunteer training available.

Robyn Jones

Sara Brandli, Artist in Residence during the Dardanup Art Spectacular Weekend next to the Dardanup Heritage Collective Display



Ferguson Valley Community Hall News

Ferguson’s Community Hall has a variety of events going on! The first weekend of May held Artists on the Dardanup Art Spectacular Trail – pottery, glasswork, woodturners and a painter in action. So much to see that weekend throughout the Valley and nice to be a part of it. The Dardanup Shire Community Meeting was held on 25th May with other private events booked throughout the year. You are welcome to contact Robyn for any queries or inspect the Hall which has a capacity of 100 – 120. Email on bse7@bigpond.com Gyani is running PAUSE – Mini Yoga Retreat on Saturday 6th June 1.30 – 5 pm – 4 tickets available on TryBooking at time of writing this news.

Come on and join the friendly free Community Choir on Mondays 7-9 pm - just turn up at 7 pm and all welcome – everyone can sing and get those feel good hormones flowing! Yoga with Gyani is held during school term 5.45 – 7 pm, Wednesdays, class fees for term sessions.

Community Sundowners are held from 6 pm on usually the first Friday of the month with dates on the noticeboards at Hall and corner of Dowdells Line. The next Community Sundowner on Friday 5th June. Everyone welcome and just bring snacks to share and your drinks for an hour or two.

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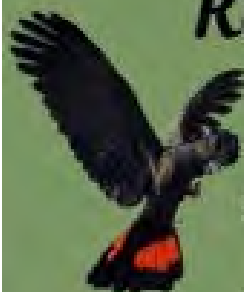


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Dardanup Heritage Collective News A new stop on the Dardanup Heritage Trail

In 2025, at the instigation of Tom Garbelini, the Dardanup Heritage Collective used a grant from Harvey Water to create a new sign for the Heritage Trail about the history and importance of water infrastructure in the Shire of Dardanup.

The sign was installed in April next to the Dethridge wheel at the corner of Charlotte St and Ferguson Road. It tells the story of water problems affecting agriculture in the area from early settlement; with land too wet in winter and too dry in summer. The Wellington Dam was built in the 1930s to supply water to farms through irrigation channels. At the same time, large drains were constructed at Waterloo and Burekup to remove water in winter. The effects were immediate with dairying and potato cropping expanding significantly from this time. Today the Wellington Dam is having a different impact on the district with its gigantic mural proving to be a big tourist drawcard.

Worth A Stop and Read About the History of Irrigation in the Shire. Thanks to David Wells for Installing the Sign and taking the photo.

An official opening will be held at the new sign at 10.00 am on Friday 12 June at Eustace Fowler Park, weather permitting.

To find out more, go to our website: dardanupheritagecollective.org.au. Use the Search button (top right), and type in: *The Story of Water*.
Janice Calcei





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ANZAC Service and Parade:

Our Dardanup students performed a lovely school ANZAC service despite a heavy downpour of rain. Our councillors spoke beautifully and each class paid their respects. Several of our students marched in the ANZAC community service parade, raised the flag during the reveille and spoke about the 10th light horse regiment. They all represented our school with pride.



Dardanup Champions!

Our year 3-6 students competed at interschool against six other schools and won our division shield. We had several students receive overall runner up champion medal and all students demonstrated outstanding sportsmanship and perseverance throughout the day.



Science and Engineering challenge:

Year 6 students once again headed to the Science Expo held at LLC. They were given some challenging tasks throughout the day. Our students excelled to create some incredible designs. Some future engineers in the making!





June marks the beginning of the Noongar season *Makuru*.

Traditionally these are the coldest and wettest two months of the year with frequent storms. Known as the season of fertility, it is when the animals being to *pair up* before the breeding season. With this in mind, be sure to get your major garden pruning done as soon as possible, otherwise you risk cutting down all the nesting birds hard work or having to wait until early summer once the babies have left the nests.

During the colder months our garden tasks are focused more around management and maintenance.

Edible Perennials need a bit of care and maintenance this time of year, stressed and overcrowded plants are beacons for pests. You will reduce spring aphid population explosions by lifting, dividing and planting out Herbs such as mint & chives, rhubarb crowns and globe artichoke suckers. Asparagus crowns and berry canes (Raspberries, Boysenberries and Blackberries) will become available soon and are best grown in pots to avoid them suckering and 'taking over' your garden. They are vigorous and can be difficult to dig up once established, especially if they are the thorny varieties. If you have an existing patch, now is the time to prune & tie them up to keep them productive and under control. Harvest your Yacon & Jerusalem Artichoke (sunchoke) as you need them, both keep better in the soil than they do in the cupboard.

Fertilise your garlic and winter veg every couple of weeks with a soluble Seaweed or Fish emulsion tonic. Remember that higher Nitrogen % is good for leafy vegies but not your root veg. Check your labels carefully - more is not better! You can alternate with your homemade weed, compost or comfrey tea, just make sure you dilute your brew well before watering the garden.

The cold slows down growth significantly, so it is best to only plant quick growing crops or advanced seedlings in your vegie patch. A tip for speeding up germination and reducing rot when planting larger seeds at this time of year is to soak them in lukewarm water

for up to 12hrs before planting. Especially helpful for peas and broad beans.

What can I plant in June? **Leaf crops:** Asian greens, Cress, Lettuce, Mache/Lambs lettuce, Silverbeet, Mustard greens, Witlof and Chicory. **Brassica crops** (seedlings only): Broccoli, Cabbage, Kale and Spinach. **Root crops:** Radish, Potato (frost free only). **Legume crops:** Broad Beans, Snow peas, Sugar snap and podding Peas. **Onion family:** Onions, Salad onion, Potato onions and Tree onions. **Edible Perennials:** Artichoke, Asparagus, Berries, Currants and Strawberry runners.

This time of year there is an abundance of Citrus. You will find a wonderful variety of Lemons, Limes, Oranges, Mandarins, Tangelos and Grapefruit that will happily grow in our climate. These evergreen trees are equally at home grown in a pot or in the ground and one of my favourite citrus is the Kaffir lime or Mukrut (*Citrus hystrix*). Despite being a subtropical species it grows well in our Mediterranean climate, surviving and fruiting during our frosty winters. The highly fragrant bi-lobed leaves can be used in Soups and Curries, either fresh or frozen with little loss of flavour. The green fruit are knobby and round. Instead of providing juice, they are prized for their aromatic zest. Add them to Lime tarts, Pickle or make a refreshing Cordial. They can also be used to make Home cleaning and Natural Beauty products, the shampoo smells amazing!

Please continue with your fruit fly baiting program, it doesn't matter whether you use a shop bought or a homemade version (agric.wa.gov.au/medfly), just make sure you use something so you don't loose your precious fruit!

Enjoy the cooler weather and Happy Gardening!

The next Sustainable Living Workshop is on Thursday 11/6/26 at the Dardanup Hall. Topic: **Plants for Free! Propagating techniques for the home gardener** - Want to fill your garden for a fraction of the cost and create a more nutritious year round harvest? We will discuss a variety of edible perennial crops that thrive in our climate and how to fill in the gaps in your existing garden. Come along to learn how to take & strike cuttings, divide perennial plants and other essential techniques. Bookings essential ph: **9724000** or on the website dardanup.wa.gov.au/events

Boyanup Farmers Market

April's market was a wonderful success, with a fantastic crowd enjoying the sunny weather and lively atmosphere. Smiling faces filled the market as puppy dogs' tails wagged happily.

Muddles Treats Delights has a delicious range of bakery items including sourdough varieties, brownies, and florentines.

Debbie from Muddles Treats brings a tempting selection of sweet treats to every market day, offering something special for everyone to enjoy. You can talk to Debbie about making a cake for a special occasion too.

Our next market day is 28th June, 2026, don't forget to purchase your raffle tickets near the sausage sizzle for your chance to win a basket full of goodies generously donated by our stall holders.

Tanya Williams



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Shire Office, Little St, Dardanup
2nd & 4th Wednesdays 1.30 to 4.00 pm
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Revely Gardiner 0408833761

Dardanup Senior Citizens News

At our Meeting held on the 19th May, we had 17 in attendance & 6 apologies. Leonie Gardiner was a surprise visitor; it was great to catch up with her.

In April we went to Pinjarra by bus, we highly recommend Bunbury Bus Service.

Today's carpool trip to Stirling Cottage was cancelled due to Chair Yoga commitments.

Member lunch at the Dardanup Tavern on 21/7/26. Pay your own meal, please book by contacting Revely.

Free - Chair Yoga sponsored by the Shire of Dardanup at the Wells Recreation Hall, Recreation Rd Dardanup. 1-2pm 2/6, 16/6 & 30/6.

Thankyou to the Shire of Dardanup for extending Chair Yoga from 28th July for 17 sessions through to 18/6/2027. This being on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday, so will not clash with our Seniors meetings. Very much appreciated.

Free - Mahjong sponsored by the Shire of Dardanup. Held at the Shire office, Little St, Dardanup on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 1.30 – approx. 4pm. Teachers in attendance.

Phone Olive Kirkpatrick 0419411000

Next Meeting 16th June, held at Wells Recreation Hall, Recreation Rd, Dardanup.

Visitors very welcome. Membership \$15. Membership application forms available.

Revely Gardiner 0408833761

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"Remember to take the time to smell the Roses"



Leschenault Biosecurity Group News

Plan your Winter & Spring Weeds Control Now is the time to start planning ahead for Winter and Spring weed control across our area.

As soils become moist and seasonal weeds begin actively growing, early action can make all the difference between manageable outbreaks and a paddock or bush block that feels like it has been swallowed whole by winter weeds.

Priority declared pest plants within in our area that require attention during the cooler months include Arum Lily, Cape Tulip and Paterson's Curse. Other widespread Winter and Spring weeds causing ongoing concern for landholders across the Southwest include Caltrop, Watsonia, and Variegated Thistle.

The good news? Tackling weeds early is usually much easier, cheaper, and more effective than waiting until infestations become mature and widespread.

Our local Leschenault Biosecurity Group (LBG) can support private landholders within our area with:

- Property and pest-specific management guidance
- Equipment loan, including hand-held, backpack & trailer-mounted sprayers, tree poppers, weed wipers and herbicide injector for woody weeds and trees.
- Information about suitable control timing and techniques

Support for coordinated landscape-scale weed management efforts
Arum Lily (*Zantedeschia aethiopica*) is a priority declared pest plant in our area which landholders are required to control on their private properties. Native to South Africa, this highly invasive plant was introduced as a garden plant and as we can readily see in many areas, it has since spread extensively through damp paddocks, waterways, bushland, and drainage areas across the Southwest. This plant is most effectively controlled in winter, spraying it with Chlorsulfuron, a selective herbicide, before its flowers begin to

wither (note Glyphosate is not recommended for its control). Highly recognisable by its glossy green leaves and white flowers, Arum Lily can quickly dominate an area, crowding out native vegetation and reducing pasture productivity.

Variegated Thistle (*Silybum marianum*) is a declared pest plant in Western Australia, commonly infesting high to medium rainfall areas in the South West, such as near Donnybrook-Balingup Shire. "Variegated" is probably considered the worst of the big four thistles (Spear, Sheep, Milk) due to its size over 1m in diameter. It is highly competitive with other plants for light, moisture and nutrients and is toxic to livestock, as can cause high-nitrite poisoning in cattle and sheep, especially when wilting after being cut or sprayed. It forms a broad rosette of large, shiny, dark green spiny leaves with distinct white, marble-like veins, and sharp, long spines. It can produce large purple flowers in spring (October onwards) and the seed disperses widely on the wind. **It is essential to control this in winter before flowering starts in spring.** Control methods include spot spraying with herbicides (e.g., 2,4-D amine, Glyphosate) while actively growing, or physical removal.

Watsonia (*Watsonia meriana*), considered a serious pest plant in WA, is highly invasive in the Southwest, outcompeting native flora, spreading through gardens, and forming dense, hard-to-eradicate stands along waterways and bushland. It has stiff, sword-shaped leaves and tall (up to 2.5m) flower stalks, often with red, pink & white flowers. The sub-variant '*bulbilifera*' is particularly dominant along waterways, flowering exclusively orange in colour with small bulbils forming along flowering stems that disperse in flowing water. Watsonia spreads through underground corms (bulbs) and small bulbils (cormels) along stems, making it difficult to control. This pest plant is best controlled by applying Glyphosate (10% leaf wipe or spot spray) in late winter-spring, before it begins flowering. The selective herbicide 2,2-DPA (Dalapon) is back on the market (2025) after 6 years and can be used in bushland settings to control bulbs & grasses without off target damage (reach out to the LBG if you would like some information about Dalapon). Effective management requires multi-year efforts to exhaust the underground corm bank and prevent spread from bulbils.

Don't Wait for Flowers - By the time many weeds flower, seed production is already underway, and control options may become more difficult, expensive, or less effective. Winter and early Spring provide some of the best opportunities for strategic weed management across the Southwest.

The LBG team encourages landholders to inspect their properties now, before infestations gain momentum. Because pests don't respect boundaries, coordinated community-wide action remains one of the most effective tools we have.

Contact Leschenault Biosecurity Group: Private landholders within the LBG Operational Area are encouraged to contact the group to discuss support, resources, and practical options for managing declared pest plants on their properties.

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What's on In Dardanup

- 2 June – South West Veteran Car Club meeting, 7.30pm at Wells Clubrooms
 2 June – Mens Welfare Group – 2pm at the Wells Recreation Park Clubrooms
 2 June - Chair Yoga organised by the Shire of Dardanup @ Wells Clubrooms, free, 1-2pm
 3 June– Lions Lego Social Club, 10-12 @ the Dardanup Library
 5 June – Ferguson Hall Sundowner, 6pm
 10 June – Dardanup Bull and Barrel Festival meeting, 7.30pm at Wells Clubrooms
 10 June – Mahjong at the Shire office, free, 1.30- 4.00pm
 10 June - Lions Lego Social Club, 10-12 @ the Dardanup Library
 11 June - Sustainable Living Workshop at the Dardanup Hall. Topic: Plants for Free! Propagating techniques for the home gardener - Bookings essential ph: 9724000 or on the website dardanup.wa.gov.au/events
 12 June – Dardanup Heritage Collective hosts Opening of the trail sign recognising Irrigation in the Shire, 10am in Charlotte St. All welcome
 14 June- South West Rose Soc. General Meeting - Soup Day - @ Wells Recreation Park Clubrooms 10.00am. All interested gardeners welcome
 16 June - Dardanup Seniors meeting, 9.30am, Wells Rec Park Clubrooms
 16 June - Mens Welfare Group – 2pm at Wells Recreation Park Clubrooms
 16 June - Chair Yoga organised by the Shire of Dardanup @ Wells Clubrooms, free, 1-2pm
 17 June - Lions Lego Social Club, 10-12 @ the Dardanup Library
 24 June - Lions Lego Social Club, 10-12 @ the Dardanup Library
 24 June – Mahjong at the Shire office, free, 1.30- 4.00pm
 28 June- Boyanup Farmers Market, 8am
 30 June - Chair Yoga organised by the Shire of Dardanup @ Wells Clubrooms, free, 1-2pm
 27 July – Dardanup Cricket Club AGM, 7pm Wells Rec Park Clubrooms, see poster this edition

If you have an event to add please email jill.cross@bigpond.com

Dardanup and Localities Clubs and Meetings

- Dardanup Community Choir- every Monday, 7pm @ the Ferguson Hall, Helen 0422 095 870
 Edible Gardening Group – 2nd Saturday of the month at 9.30am, ph Ros 0408949160 or Leanne 0418781121
 Cardinal Junior Football Club - winter
 Dardanup Bull and Barrel Festival Committee – 7.30pm, 2nd Wednesday of every month, Wells Recreation Park Clubrooms
 Dardanup Cricket Club(Junior and Senior) - summer
 Dardanup Horse and Pony Club – meets 4th Sunday of the month at the DEC
 Dardanup Lions Club – 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month, 6:30pm at the Dardanup Tavern
 Dardanup Environmental Action Group – 1st Tuesday of the month, 5.30pm, contact Sec for further details 0418 281 201
 Dardanup Playgroup – every Wednesday of school term, 9.30am – 11.30am @ Dardanup Community Centre
 Dardanup Shire meetings – every fortnight on Wednesday @ Eaton. ph 97240000
 Dardanup Senior Citizens – 3rd Tues of the month @ the Wells Recreation Park Clubrooms, 9.30am – 11.30am.
 Dardanup Social Dance – 1st Saturday of each month, Dardanup Hall, 8pm, \$12 ea, supper to share.
 Dardanup Sporting and Community Clubs – 7.00pm, bimonthly at the Wells Recreation Park Clubrooms
 Dardanup Tennis Club – every Saturday from 9.00am, beginners welcome
 Eaton/ Dardanup Football Club(Soccer) – winter season
 Ferguson Hall Committee– 1st Fri of the month @ 5pm, prior to the sundowner. For Hall booking Robyn Jones, 0468 576 950, email bse7@bigpond.com
 Ferguson Hall Sundowners – 1st Friday of the month @ 6.00pm, BYO drinks and nibbles.
 Ferguson Valley Visitor Centre Volunteers- 1st Tuesday of each month @ the VC Centre, 9.30am.
 Ferguson Valley Marketing- 3rd Thursday of each month, 5.30pm at the Thomas Little Hall
 Henty Riding Club – meets Wednesdays and other days at the Dardanup Equestrian Centre
 Joshua/ Crooked Brook Sundowner – 2nd Friday of the month, 7.00pm at the Fireshed.
 Knits and Knots Group – Every 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month, 1.00 -3.00pm @ the Dardanup Shire office
 St Aidans Church, every 3rd Sunday, 9am, all denominations welcome.
 SW Rose Soc – 2nd Sunday of each month, 10.00am, @ Wells Recreation Park Clubrooms
 SW Veteran Car Club – 1st Tuesday of the month, 7.30pm at the Wells Recreation Park Clubrooms.
 Wellington Mill Sundowners – last Friday of the month, 6 – 8pm @ the Fireshed
 Wellington Mills Community Association- for upcoming meeting details please contact Sarah, sarahhennigankeen@gmail.com
 Dardanup Central Bushfire Brigade training @ the Fire Station, Recreation Rd, 5.30pm every Wednesday
 Ferguson Valley Mountain Bike Club – 1st Wednesday of the month at the Wells Rec Park Clubrooms, Mark, 0408 331 447
 Mens Welfare Group – 1st and 3rd Tuesday, 2-5pm at the Wells Recreation Park Clubrooms, Ray 0417 932 898
 Mahjong - Every fortnight on Wednesdays 1.30pm to 3.30pm at the Dardanup Shire office in Dardanup Revely 0408 833 761

Crooked Brook Forest Group Enjoyed A Week Of Celebrations

Commencing with Dept of Biosecurity, Conservation and Attractions presenting a number of our members with 20 and 30 year Service Awards at an event held at the Lighthouse Resort. Absent on the day were Trevor and Lesley Houden and Lynton and Denise Gillies. The Awards recognize the years of volunteering service at Crooked Brook Forest.



Members of CBF with their 20 and 30 year Service Awards

Following on from this 55 people gathered at Crooked Brook Forest to mark 32 years since Crooked Brook Forest was open to the public. Brian Barrett CBF Chairperson welcomed everyone to the Forest, the time capsule buried 20 years ago was dug up and Drew Griffith, now retired from DPAW unveiled the 32 year plaque. From the forest everyone went to the Ferguson Hall for lunch, more speeches, viewing of the time capsule contents and a catch up with people who were no longer involved with Crooked Brook Forest but had returned for the day to enjoy and mark this special occasion. A slide show of photos from 1994 – 2026 was prepared by Tina Garbelini, Secretary for the last 18 years and a keep sake booklet for everyone organized by Tom Cross and Tina showing milestones at CBF from 1994 - 2026.



New, Past and Current members of CBF. L to r, Peter Robinson, Deb White, Daniel and Jessica Palazzolo, Andrew White and Vicki Robinson Attended the 32nd CBF Birthday Celebrations



ROLLER SPORTS IN DARDANUP?

The South West Spartans Inline Hockey Club is in the early stages of discussions with the Shire of Dardanup to use the existing basketball courts for roller sports. As a club we would like to upgrade the existing surface to make it suitable for inline hockey and other sports. To move forward with the Shire, we are looking to make sure that we have community input into our ideas for the courts. **If you or your children currently use the basketball courts, we want to hear from you. Please email sw.spartans.inline@gmail.com.**
Ron Reid

Boots and Buckles A Yeehaw of A Success

Take a bow Darline Morgan, Tonia Dau, Tanita Moorhouse, Ros Ruland, Di Rayner, Kendal Colegate, Ebony Harding and Lorellie Ratcliffe. You all organised a spectacular night – Codee- Lee and band kept everyone on the dance floor, the Hall decorations were the best and everyone looked so good in their country gear. Thankyou to the Dardanup Lions for running the bar. We are all now looking forward to the next Dardy Party.



Darline Morgan and Rhys Yuill Took Out The Best Dressed Award

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**AGM
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7PM**

Have you been wanting to get back into cricket, give it a go or show your kids you can still play! Our Cricket Club is looking for more players & committee members for the upcoming season. If this is something you would like to do then come along to our **AGM, Monday 27th July at 7pm** at the Dardanup Sporting & Community Centre, Wells Recreation Park, Dardanup.

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Dardanup Lions LEGO Social Club

- **When:** Every Wednesday
- **Time:** 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
- **Where:** Dardanup Library
- **Cost:** Free

Bookings: No bookings required—simply drop in

- **Social Connections:** A relaxed setting to meet new people and enjoy a chat over a cuppa.
- **Kit Borrowing:** Participants can borrow specialized LEGO kits to take home and continue building between sessions.

Inclusive Environment: While this specific session focuses on an adult-only social club, the library also offers separate, inclusive all-ages sessions and school-holiday LEGO programs.