

# Shire News

Shire of Dardanup Newsletter



Our Youth Advisory Group is looking for more passionate young people to join the conversation, make an impact and shape the future of our community. Could that be you?

## Calling all young people: join YAG

The Shire of Dardanup is calling for enthusiastic young people to step forward and have their say by joining the Youth Advisory Group (YAG).



YAG is your chance to be heard, make a real impact in your community, and help shape initiatives, events and decisions that matter to young people across the Shire.

Whether you're passionate about youth programs, community development, or simply want to contribute your ideas, YAG is a welcoming space to get involved.

We're currently inviting Expressions of Interest (EOI) from young people who are keen to connect, collaborate and create positive change.

To apply scan the above QR code or visit the Shire website at [www.dardanup.wa.gov.au](http://www.dardanup.wa.gov.au)

### Why join YAG?

Being part of the Youth Advisory Group comes with a range of benefits, including:

- Free professional training opportunities to build valuable skills.
- Career insight and networking opportunities with local leaders and organisations.
- The chance to meet new people, build friendships and grow your confidence.
- An opportunity to give back to your community and make a meaningful difference.

### Have your voice heard

YAG provides a platform for young people to share ideas, raise issues and contribute to projects that directly impact local youth.

It's also a great stepping stone for future leadership, study or career opportunities.

If you're ready to be part of something positive and empowering, we encourage you to submit your EOI today.

Don't miss your chance to get involved, your voice matters!



### School holidays: Library

Looking for something to keep the kids entertained these school holidays? Eaton Community Library is hosting a fantastic line-up of free activities for all ages. From storytelling and comedy to crafts, gaming and nature-based workshops, there's something for everyone to enjoy. Bookings are required for some sessions, so get in early to secure your spot. For more details please visit [www.dardanup.wa.gov.au/library/](http://www.dardanup.wa.gov.au/library/)

### Make-It Space closing early

The Mick Bennett Make-It Space will close early at 5pm on Thursday, 25 June 2026. The space will still be open from 12pm to 5pm, so you'll have plenty of time to come in and work on your projects. Please plan your visit accordingly to make the most of your time in the space. If you have any questions, please contact our customer service team on (08) 9724 0000.

### Community meetings

The Shire would like to thank residents for their participation in the recent 2026 Community Meetings and Strategic Community Plan survey. Congratulations to the four winners of the Strategic Community Plan online survey prize draw: Carol Raunjak, Leanne Depiazzi, Wendy Lee and Helen Dovey, who received a \$100 voucher for participating in the survey. The new Strategic Community Plan will be taken to Council at the July Ordinary Council Meeting.

### Dog exercise areas info

Dogs are required to be on a leash in all public places, except in designated off-lead dog exercise areas. In these areas, dogs must be supervised by a person who can maintain effective control at all times and carry a leash if needed. For a list of dog exercise areas in the Shire please visit the Shire's website.

Be sure to check signage at each location for specific rules and guidelines before letting your dog off-lead.



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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 June meeting is on 24 June and the July meeting is 22 July. 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's Director Infrastructure, Theo Naudé (right), has been awarded a Merit Award at the 2026 WALGA Local Government Honours Program. He is pictured at the awards ceremony with Shire President Cr Tyrrell Gardiner. Photo Credit: WALGA/Portia Gebauer – Photographer.

# Shire director receives honoured WALGA award

The Shire of Dardanup is proud to announce that Director Infrastructure, Theo Naudé, has been awarded a Merit Award at the 2026 WALGA Local Government Honours Program, presented recently.



The award recognises Mr Naudé's outstanding contribution to Local Government, following more than 35 years of service across metropolitan, regional and rural communities.

Shire President, Cr Tyrrell Gardiner, said the award highlights Theo's individual achievements, but also the Shire of Dardanup's ongoing commitment to strong leadership, sound governance and delivering high-quality infrastructure for its community.

"Theo is a highly respected and humble leader who has been with the Shire of Dardanup for five years and is held in high regard by both elected members and staff," Cr Gardiner said.

"This recognition reflects not only his technical expertise, but the way he leads and supports his team each day."

Mr Naudé was also recently recognised as a Fellow of Engineers Australia and the Institute of Public Works Engineering Australasia, which further reflects his standing within the profession and his contribution to advancing best practice across the sector.

Mr Naudé said he was honoured to receive the Merit Award.

"I'm incredibly honoured to receive this recognition from WALGA. Local Government has been my career for more than three decades, and it's a sector I'm deeply passionate about," Mr Naudé said.

"This award really reflects the teams and communities I've had the privilege to work with over the years. Infrastructure and asset management are ultimately about delivering sustainable, practical outcomes for our communities, and that's always been my focus."

"At the Shire, we've made significant strides in strengthening our systems and planning for the future, and I'm proud to be part of an organisation that is committed to continuous improvement.

"I'm also passionate about supporting and mentoring others in the sector, so we continue to build strong leadership and capability into the future."

The WALGA Local Government Honours Program recognises outstanding individuals who contribute to the advancement of Local Government in Western Australia.

The full list of award winners can be viewed on the WALGA website.

## Keeping our community safe online: FREE workshops

Have you ever received a text message or email and weren't quite sure if it was real or a scam? You're not alone!

Our FREE Cyber Aware Program is designed to help you feel more confident using technology, recognise potential scams, and protect your personal information.

Join us at Eaton Community Library on Wednesdays from 10am-11.30am for a friendly, easy-to-follow session led by industry professionals, The Telco Spot.

These sessions are designed to be relaxed, supportive and easy to understand, no prior knowledge needed.

You'll gain practical knowledge and have the opportunity to ask questions in a comfortable environment.

The sessions are FREE to attend. No bookings are required.

For more information visit the library website at [www.dardanup.wa.gov.au/library/](http://www.dardanup.wa.gov.au/library/)