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Dardanup's Chief Bushfire Control Officer Presented with the Highest Award

At a recent ceremony in Perth, Chris Hynes, Shire of Dardanup Chief Bushfire Control Officer and member of Waterloo Bushfire Brigade was presented with the Murray Lang Bushfire Excellence Award for 2026 – the highest individual honour one can receive as a bushfire Service volunteer. For an incredible 41 years Chris has put his hand up time and time again to help protect our community. Across 8 brigades he has given countless hours, supported his fellow volunteers and shown the kind of courage and leadership that inspires.

Kaitlin Southgate, 1st Lieutenant of Waterloo Bushfire Brigade said “but for those at Waterloo Chris is more than a boss, a mentor, a leader and someone we know we can always count on. He’s the sought of person who gets on with the job, looks out for others and never asks for recognition. We are incredibly proud of you Chris”

Eds note; the entire community is very proud of you Chris and thanks you for everything you do to support all the Brigades and protect our community



Ferguson Valley Vignerons Pick Up Awards

The 2026 Labelmakers Group of Companies WA Alternative Varieties & Geographe Wine Show has celebrated another outstanding year, recognising excellence across Western Australia's alternative varieties and the Geographe wine region.

Willow Bridge Estate took home the prestigious Geographe Wine of the Show for its 2025 G1-10 Chardonnay, marking the second consecutive year the winery has claimed the show's top Geographe honour.

Chief Steward Peter Rigden said the 2026 show demonstrated the continuing strength and diversity of both the Geographe region and Western Australia's alternative varieties. “There was great depth across a number of classes this year, particularly Tempranillo, Italian red varieties, Chenin Blanc and the alternative white varieties. It was exciting to see such a strong range of wines come through the judging and the continued development of these varieties across Western Australia.”

Ferguson Valley Wineries Who Won Prizes Were -

Best Geographe White

Willowbridge Estate

2025 G1-10 Chardonnay

Best Geographe White Varietal or Blend

Talisman

2026 Riesling

Best Geographe Sweet Table, Fortified and Dessert Style Wine

Saint Aidan

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Best Geographe Alternative Red Varietal

Fearon

2025 Rouge

Best Sparkling Wine

Saint Aidan

2023 Sparkling Chardonnay

Best Label Artwork Ironcloud

2023 Rock of Solitude Touriga



Jeff Dewar from Willow Bridge Estate with his award – Wine of the Show



Jason Borgomastro from St Aidans won Best Sparkling and Best Dessert Style wine



Congratulations to everyone and most of these wines will feature in the All Lift Lifting Services Tastes of Ferguson Marquee @ the Bull and Barrel

In 1881, a timber mill was built in the scenic Ferguson River Valley to meet the world-wide demand for jarrah, a highly valued hardwood. Five years later, the Canning Jarrah Timber Company constructed a settlement, which grew into WA's largest private timber town at the time - Wellington Mills. At its peak, the town accommodated two mills and about 800 residents. Many descendants of the Wellington Mills townsfolk still live in the Dardanup area. While the timber mills closed in 1929 and a devastating bush fire destroyed most of the town in 1950, Wellington Mills is still a vibrant community of about 150 people. To recognize 130 years since the foundation of the town, Wellington Mills Community Association is hosting a celebration in the Wellington Mills Community Park on for past and present residents and friends to come together as we acknowledge our place, our people and our story.

The day will kick off at 10 am with a coffee and pizza van on site. Opening of the Time Capsule sealed in 2001 will take place at 11am and the birthday cake will be cut at 1pm. Wellington Mills new signature wine glasses and tumblers, as well as our Jenni Doherty design Tea Towels and Janice Calcei's book "Wellington Mills – A History", will be available for purchase. Guests are welcome to BYO BBQ, as there are two BBQs on site in the Community Park.

WMCA would like to acknowledge the Shire of Dardanup, who has contributed to this event with a Minor Community Event Grant.



How lucky are we! Kerry Guimelli recently made this beautiful bunting for the Dardanup Heritage Collective to use when we are out and about. Thankyou Kerry and when you check out the DHC's Map themed display in the Hall during Bull and Barrel you will no doubt see Kerry's bunting



Ferguson Hall- 18 October, Fiddle and Flute Duo; Robert Zielinski & Manuela Centanni, see details under Ferguson Hall News

Green Door Sundowner – 17 October – extended hours

Talisman Wines – 18 October – oysters and wine

Dardanup Tavern – 17 October – family friendly self-drive mystery adventure returning to the Dardanup Tavern

St Aidans – 16 October – Fiano Fiesta – Fiano tastings, shared Italian banquet and live music

Check out the Ferguson Valley marketing website for further details



Dardanup Playgroup News

Spring has arrived, and the children at Dardanup Community Playgroup are making the most of the warmer mornings with plenty of fun, friendship and play each week.

The kids love spending time in the sandpit and cubby house, as well as on the new play structure and slide. They have also been getting creative with a variety of craft activities, including for Father's Day. The playgroup provides a relaxed and welcoming environment for children and their caregivers to connect, play and learn together.

The Bull and Barrel Festival is also a big one on the playgroup calendar. Each year we run the baby feeding and change tent, which is a free, quiet spot for feeds and nappy changes, with activities set up for the little ones. A big thank you to the Bull and Barrel Festival committee for having us back again and for making it possible to offer that space to families on the day.

Dardanup Community Playgroup meets every Wednesday during school terms from 9.30am to 11.30am at the Community Centre on Little Street.

New families are always welcome. Attendees are encouraged to bring along a piece of fruit for the children to share for morning tea, and enjoy a cuppa while making new friends in the community.

Sheree



Ferguson Valley Community Hall News

The Ferguson Hall have some exciting events coming up including a Fiddle and Flute Duo; **Robert Zielinski & Manuela Centanni** playing on the Ferguson Found weekend on Sunday 18th October 2 – 4 pm followed by a gathering to 5 pm to chat and meet this talented Duo. BYO drinks and a plate to share is optional. Robert and Manuela play Irish jigs, haunting slow airs and Robert's own compositions inspired by the SW of WA. Please come and support the Ferguson Hall for this musical event with profits to the Hall upkeep. Tickets can be booked on Sticky Tickets via <https://fergusonvalley.net.au/ferguson-found/> with any spare tickets not sold online to be sold at the door. Tickets are \$25 per person with each ticket including admission for a child under 16 years of age.

The Mucky Duck Bush Band is returning for a high energy family friendly event on Saturday 21st November with tickets available on Sticky Tickets under Ferguson Valley Bush Dance, \$25 per person and \$15 for children 16 years and under. The tickets were sold out last year with half sold to date so get yours now on; [Mucky Duck Bush Band Tickets](#)

Fire Season Is Almost Upon Us

The West Dardanup Bush Fire Brigade would like to remind people that time is quickly running out for people to finish preparing their property for this fire season. The preparation work required is to be completed prior to the 30th November is dependent on the type of property. Property types are described in Fire Prevention Order that can be viewed on the shire of Dardanup website (www.dardanup.wa.gov.au/our-services/fire-and-emergency/firebreaks-and-fire-control).

The Fire Prevention Order also outlines the dates for the restriction and prohibited burning periods. Burning may occur during the restricted period subject to the issue of a permit issued by your local Fire Control Officer. When a permit is issued, it will contain conditions that must be adhered to and may be cancelled by the FCO should weather conditions change.

Restricted Period (permit required) commences from 2 November to 14 December.

Prohibited Period (no burning) commences on 15 December to 14 March and

Restricted Period (permit required) commences 15 March to the 8 May.

Please note these dates may vary so always check the shire website or contact your FCO if you are unsure.

It is a good time to catch up with neighbours and friends for a **Sundowner** gathering on the first Friday of the month – BYO drinks and a finger snack to share if you like, next date on Friday 2nd October. There are some regular local venues open on Friday nights so the Committee is looking at changing the night in the New Year.

Community Choir continues on Mondays 7-9 pm at no charge (thanks to Helen as Choir Master) and **Yoga with Gyani** is held on Wednesdays 5.45 – 7 pm during the school term. There will be an early start to the yoga term on 7th October with no classes on 28th October and 4th November.

Keep Sunday afternoon on 20th December free for the **Community Family Christmas Tree** – details in the next edition and thank you for the donated tea towels as requested last month. Much appreciated.

Robyn Jones

Registering a burn with Emergency WA (1800 198 140) is requested immediately prior to lighting any fire. This ensures emergency services are aware of when and where a fire will be lit. The burn will be shown on the Emergency WA (www.emergency.wa.gov.au) and can prevent brigade wasting valuable time attending a false alarm. The site also has information relating to the Fire Danger Index and Total Fire Bans.

With the weather warming up fire season getting closer the West Dardanup BFB is becoming more involved in training so they are ready to assist should the need arise. The brigade is still welcoming new members however with the fire season fast approaching you will need to act quickly to ensure you have enough time to complete the training required to get you onto a fire truck and really become involved. If you would like more information you can contact Rob on 0417 532 825 or email WDBFB@outlook.com or just turn up to a training night and meet the membership. Training happens on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month.

Neil Dyer



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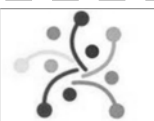
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Dardanup Art Spectacular
AGM, 6pm @ Wells Rec Park Clubrooms.
We welcome some new members onto the
Committee, Drinks and nibbles provided.
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Vale; Denise Gillies, a contribution to the arts, Crooked Brook Forest and the community

Denise and Lynton opened Lyndendale Gallery on their farm on Crooked Brook Road in 2009, shortly after purchasing the property. The Gallery became a valued part of the local arts community, providing a welcoming venue for both established and emerging artists to showcase and sell their work. Denise was passionate about supporting new and emerging artists, while also providing opportunities for well-known artists to exhibit their work. During the ten years the Gallery was open, Denise and Lynton hosted an annual fundraiser in support of Solaris Cancer Care, as well as numerous exhibition openings featuring the work of local artists. Their Gallery became a place where artists could connect with the community and where people could come together to appreciate and support the arts.

When Denise and Lynton sold their property and moved to Burekup in 2019, Lyndendale Gallery closed. However, Denise's contribution to the arts and the wider community continued to be remembered and valued.

Denise was also deeply involved in the Dardanup Art Spectacular over many years. She served as Secretary from 2012 to 2017, always striving to improve the quality and presentation of the event. Lyndendale Gallery was a venue on the Dardanup Art Spectacular trail throughout the entire time it was open.

A gifted printmaker herself, Denise had a genuine passion for art and was always eager to promote the work of artists in the local community. She believed in giving artists opportunities and in creating spaces where their work could be seen, appreciated and sold.

Denise and Lynton were also instrumental in the development of Crooked Brook Forest. Denise served as the inaugural Secretary of Crooked Brook Forest Group from 1996 to 2008 and then as President from 2008 to 2010. She remained a valued friend and supporter of Crooked Brook Forest until her passing.

Through her art, her support of fellow artists, and her tireless involvement in community organisations, Denise made a lasting contribution to the cultural and community life of the region. Alongside Lynton, she helped create places and opportunities that brought people together, supported local artists and celebrated the natural and creative character of the community.

I wanted to share this message below as it sums up Denise's contributions to Crooked Brook Forest.

Jill Cross

Denise gave a speech at the 32 year celebration of CBF Group at the Ferguson Hall in May this year. L to r Drew Griffith, Lynton Gillies, Denise Gillies, Iris Mountford, Cecil Mountford and Chris Shine

To the Volunteers, Committee, and friends of Crooked Brook Forest

Like you, I was deeply saddened to hear of Denise's passing. I had the privilege of working with Denise when the Friends group was first established.

Denise was, in so many ways, the heart and soul of Crooked Brook. She took on many complex challenges not with noise, but with quiet courage, incredible organizational skill, and sheer grit.

Denise had a rare talent for bringing people together, guiding every project with intelligence, creativity, and a level of grace and patience that put many of us to shame.

The beauty, accessibility, and community spirit of Crooked Brook Forest today stand as a living testament to her vision and dedication.

It was an honor to work with her, and her legacy will continue to live on through the forest and the wonderful group she helped build.

My heart goes out to Lynton, her family, and all of you who shared in her work and friendship.

Drew Griffiths

Former District Manager Parks & Wildlife



Dardanup Senior Citizens Inc News

We held our Meeting on the 15th September with 14 in attendance & 6 apologies.

Discussions regarding Seniors outings.

23/9 Tour of Dardanup Heritage Park with morning tea, free to Members with 17 to attend.

28/10 Bunbury Bus Service trip to Willyabrup, Cheeky Monkey Brewery, Origin Market in Busselton & Simmo's Ice Cream. Bus trip paid by club, all meals etc member's cost.

24/11 Our Christmas Dinner at the Dardanup Heritage Park. Always very enjoyable.

Will Tuck from Shire of Dardanup visited with informative Seniors Week activities.

Denise Hough who volunteers at In Town Lunch in Bunbury gave a talk on how she started

and what her weekly routine is, one very busy lady.

Raffles won by Joyce Chapman, Pat English & Gwen Wells.

Next Meeting at Wells Recreation Hall, Recreation Rd, Dardanup on 20th Oct, 26.

Visitors most welcome. Membership \$15.00 Application Forms available. *"Take the Time to Smell the Roses"*

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Boyanup Farmers Market News

Boyanup Farmers Market wish everyone involved with the Dardanup Bull & Barrell Festival a great day. Some of our regular stall holders will be there too.

Our market days have been incredibly busy throughout the year, and we have been delighted to welcome a number of not-for-profit stalls. More recently, when available, the St John Ambulance Boyanup Sub Branch has also joined us. Their volunteers have been a wonderful addition to our market, with both children and adults enjoying the opportunity to learn from them and gain valuable knowledge about first aid and the important work they do in our community.

Visitors to the Boyanup Farmers Market can discover the delicious taste of fresh handmade Italian pasta at our wonderful stall PastArtisan.

Specialising in fresh, handmade pasta, PastArtisan offers a tempting selection including ravioli, gluten-free gnocchi and a range of homemade sauces. Customers can choose from rich tomato sauce, spicy arrabbiata and hearty bolognese — perfect for creating an easy and delicious meal at home. For something sweet, PastArtisan also makes traditional Sicilian cannoli, bringing a little taste of Italy to the market. Be sure to stop by the PastArtisan stall at the Boyanup Farmers Market and see what's cooking with Andrea.

We look forward to seeing you at our next market day on 25 October, 2026.

Tanya Williams
Market Manager

Wespine News

Last call for Wespine 2026 Community Grant Applications

Wespine has proudly supported local communities since we began operations at West Dardanup in the 1990s. Our commitment extends that support to all regions where we operate and source logs.

Eligible groups can now apply for wood product donations, in-kind support or grants. Apply or find out more at <https://wespine.com.au/community/>.

Applications close 4 October 2026.



Ferguson Valley Visitors Centre News

Thank you to all those people who bought tickets and donated to the **Fathers' Day Raffle** won by the Daughter of a local Resident for a lucky Dad.

Visitors to the Centre continue to trickle in and grateful for the personal service on what to see in the Ferguson Valley and around Dardanup according to their interest and "where to see wildflowers" Pins complete with a gnome (lounging in the image of the Sculpture "Convergence" by Andrew Frazer) have proven popular as a collectable item. The sculpture is at the lookout section of Pile Road between Ferguson and Henty Roads is an instagrammable spot – popular with visitors scanning the internet.

Artisan of the Month for October is in memorium for **Denise Gillies** (11/7/1947 – 21/8/2026) and a collaboration with **Lenore Fairfield** of Deeply Felt Designs. Denise and husband Lynton arrived in Crooked Brook and opened Lyndendale Gallery in 2007. Denise originally trained as a language teacher becoming an experienced printmaker and mixed media artist having exhibited extensively throughout

Australia as well as internationally. Denise participated annually in the Tree St Art Safari since 2017 alongside friend and fellow Ferguson Valley artist, Lynne Mitchell, under their combined banner **LinkD** (Denise and Lynne linked by ink). Thank you to Lenore and Lynne for honoring Denise's commitment for October's display in the Visitors Centre. "Traditional printmaking is my primary passion, but in recent years mixed media works have become increasingly important to me in my art practice. All these techniques have the possibility of the unexpected in common, which is an aspect I find liberating I use a variety of printmaking and mixed media techniques to create artworks that explore the passing of time, the environment and our impact on it"

Volunteers man the Visitor Centre with many contributing their time for administration and opening the Centre for Visitors – it is a pleasant few hours and always welcome new volunteers – pop in or leave a message on the phone. Training provided.

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Robyn Jones

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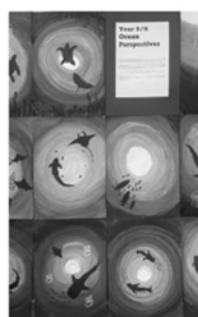
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Term 3 Wrap Up

Thank you to our wonderful community for supporting our school this term. A special mention to our P&C for our new Football and Soccer jerseys. The students loved wearing them for the Winter Carnival and Rugby Carnival.

Some highlights from the term:

Soapbox Public Speaking Competition

Fathers Day

Book Week
Author Visit – Leanne White

Open Classrooms

Maypole

STEM Incursion

Vex Robotics Competition



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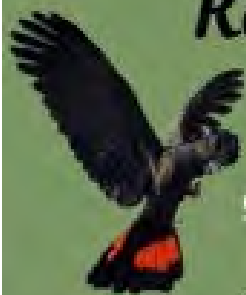


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FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Dardanup Cricket Club is excited to be heading into another season, and there is plenty happening around the club as we prepare to get underway.

This season we are once again planning to field both C Grade and E Grade senior sides, 4 Junior sides and our amazing cricket blast program! There will be a great mix of returning players and some new faces joining us across our teams. It is always fantastic to welcome new people into the club and see our community club grow.

We are also very pleased to have some new sponsors coming on board this season, alongside the businesses and supporters who continue to back our club year after year. Their support plays a huge part in helping a community sporting club like ours continue to grow and provide opportunities for local players and families.

There are also some exciting events in the works throughout the season, and we are looking forward to bringing our players, families, supporters and wider Dardanup community together both on and off the field.

We are looking forward to another great season of cricket, welcoming some new faces to the club and seeing plenty of people down at Wells Park supporting the Bushrangers.

Bring on the 2026/27 season!

Sean Child

President

Dardanup Cricket Club

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Our Lady of Lourdes - Dardanup



Book Week and Mercy Markets

It has been a busy and exciting few weeks at Our Lady of Lourdes School with Book Week and Mercy Markets.

Book Week was a wonderful celebration of our love of reading. Students and staff embraced the theme with a fantastic dress-up day, with the school filled with an array of colourful and creative characters. The celebrations continued with a special Book Week assembly, where students had the opportunity to parade their wonderful costumes.



We also held our much-loved annual Mercy Markets, giving students the chance to experience the excitement of a real market right here at school. The school was transformed into a bustling marketplace, with a range of stalls and activities for students to enjoy. From the White Elephant stall and face painting to biscuit decorating and plenty more, there was something for everyone.

The best part? Everything cost just 50 cents!

Students were given the opportunity to bring along their money, make purchases and move around the school independently, choosing how they wanted to spend their money — just like they would at a real market. It was a wonderful way for students to develop practical skills while having plenty of fun along the way, with all money raised being donated to a good cause.





Our local Jarrah forest is a riot of colour as we enter 'Kambarang' the Noongar season from October to November. At home the fruit tree blossoms are fading and the trees have begun to dress in their best shades of green ready for the warmer months. The weeds are

wild, the soil is warming up and the veg patch beckons on a daily basis.

Now is our prime planting time in the vegie patch and occasionally we can get a bit over enthusiastic and plant everything at once. It is helpful to remember that what you plant now will be ready at Christmas - a plentiful supply is good but a glut in peak holiday season can be overwhelming! I sing the praises of *Succession planting* as a fantastic way to maximise garden abundance while ensuring less gluts and lower food waste. Stagger the sowing of your seeds or seedlings to help you have plants maturing at different times. This technique works for any sized garden. If you love your summer salads a great tip is to use *Leafy greens* as 'space fillers' and they in turn act as living mulch. For quick growing crops like lettuce, rocket, radish and asian greens you can plant them fortnightly. I add another crop of dwarf beans, beetroot and carrots every 4-6 weeks and just before Christmas plant another lot of zucchini, corn and climbing beans to make sure the garden keeps producing right through until Easter.

I love my seasonal vegies but relying on annuals can be hard at times with weather fluctuations, seed/seedling availability and the odd well meaning dog - *does anyone else have one that loves laying on your freshly weeded veg beds?* A good back up in the garden is to have a few hardy perennials to cover the gaps between seasons and to add extra bulk during the year. In general they require the same growing conditions as your traditional annual vegetables with many requiring much less water and have less pest pressure.

There is a huge variety to choose from and these are Six easy to source ones suitable for growing locally. **1. Perennial leeks** (*Allium ampeloprasum*) provide a year round mild onion flavour with the bonus of producing small leeks to replant. You can harvest as you need and don't need to wait 100 days like tradition leeks grown from seed. Their leaves are edible, they tolerate hot and dry conditions and a tip for getting a good length of 'white' stalk is to plant them 10-15cm deep. **2. Jerusalem Artichoke** or Sunchoke (*Helianthus tuberosus*) has a sweet nutty tuber that can be eaten raw, cooked and even fermented. They have beautiful displays of small sunflower blooms in the summer and give great yields that can be harvested as needed Autumn onwards. Dig them as you need them and they don't take up valuable pantry space. **3. Choko** (*Sechium edule*) has edible fruits, leaves and roots. It is a Herbaceous vine that is makes a great summer shade then crops prolifically in Autumn. Super versatile as it can be used in both sweet and savoury dishes. I love making chilli choko chutney. **4. Warrigal greens** of NZ spinach (*Tetragonia tetragonioides*) is a fabulous edible ground cover. Hardy growing in both full sun and part shade it can feed you and your chooks year round. High in oxalic acid so must be blanched first and discard the

cooking water, then use them as you would other leafy greens (stir fry, steam or added to soups & stews). The young tips are tastiest and picking these will encourage branching and more growth = more greens. **5. Queensland Arrowroot** (*Canna edulis*) has the benefit of looking like its ornamental Canna relative but gives you delicious tennis ball sized tubers that you can use as a potato substitute. Peel and make them into oven baked chips, cut into cubes and add to soups or simply steam until tender. The leaves are great to use for steaming fish or dumplings and the leaves contain 10% protein so are great to give to your chooks for homegrown forage. **6. Pepino** (*Solanum muricatum*) is a herbaceous shrub that gives you portion size melons, similar to a honeydew melon in taste, without taking up the entire back yard! The fruit is ripe when the skin turns yellow and will store for 3-4 weeks. It is best grown up a trellis so the slaters don't beat you to your harvest.

Food for thought... Often plants that multiply well, spread or grow vigorously get labelled as 'weedy' or 'invasive'. Mint, perennial leeks, sunchokes, asparagus, sweet potatoes to name a few. *Yes*, we should carefully consider how something grows and where to position it in the garden or a well placed pot. Perhaps rather than demonising all plants we could see their ability to adapt and survive in our climate as a positive trait, especially when it comes to edible ones. They are easily contained when we eat more of them!

What can we plant in October? *Just about everything!* **Leaf crops** - Amaranth, Lettuce, Mustard, Silverbeet, Fennel, Celery, Watercress, Purslane, Rocket, French Cress, Sorrel, NZ spinach, Chicory, Cabbage, Chinese cabbage **Root & onion crops** - Beetroot, Radish, Kohlrabi, carrot, Parsnip, Scorzonera, Turnip, Celeriac, Daikon, Potato, Leeks, Spring Onions, Yacon, Yam/Oca, Jerusalem Artichoke **Legume crops** - Dwarf Beans, Climbing Beans, Snow peas, Asparagus pea **Curcubit & Solanum family** - Cucumber, Luffa, Sweetcorn, Gourd, Melons, Pumpkin, Squash, Marrow, Zucchini, Tomato, Capsicum, Chilli, Tomatillo, Eggplant, Okra, Rosella, Sunflower. **Herbs** - Globe Artichoke, Asparagus, Basil, Buckwheat, Coriander, Strawberry plants, Dill, Borage, Nasturtium, Oregano, Sage, Cape Gooseberry, Mint, Tarragon, Lemon Balm, Edible Chrysanthemum, Parsley, Rhubarb, Rosemary and Summer savoury. *Plant with abandon, try new varieties and enjoy your harvests.* Happy Gardening!

My last Sustainable Living Workshop for the year is at the Dardanup Hall on Thursday 15th October, 10-11.30am. **Note this is on the third Thursday due to the Bull and Barrel.* **Topic: Summer Garden Abundance** - A veg patch can be useful way to buffer the rising cost of vegies is to grow your own and *Yes!* there are budget friendly ways to get a veg patch started. Learn how to Garden smart, Grow more and Waste less! Focusing on the skill of seasonal planting so you know what to plant now for an abundant summer harvest. Find out what staples you can grow to reduce costs and increase yields in your vegie patch. **Bookings preferred ph: 9724000** or on the website dardanup.wa.gov.au/events



Dardanup Community Choir

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Contact Olive Kirkpatrick 0419411000

Combined Parish and OLOL P&F Curry Evening

The recent Curry night held at the Thomas Little Memorial Hall was a very enjoyable evening, bringing the local community together for good food, friendship and plenty of fun. The Catholic Parish and OLOL P&F committees combined to raise funds for the upkeep of the Hall.



During the evening Peter Giumelli dedicated the occasion to the late Danny Harris, recognising his important contribution to the restoration of the Hall. Danny was paramount in helping bring the Hall back to life, and it was fitting that his contribution was remembered and acknowledged at this evening. The Dardanup Store provided the amazing curry and rice, as well as naan bread, while the P&F provided the antipasto platters. A special thanks to a local lady for donating the 'high tea' desserts. Her generosity was very much appreciated. Everything was amazing! There was plenty of fun with raffles, and a quiz, as well as a singalong. It was a wonderful opportunity for everyone to relax, and catch up with friends, and enjoy the strong community spirit.

A heartfelt thanks goes to the combined committee, along with all the helpers who gave their time to make the evening such a success.

Thomas Little Memorial Hall is available for hire for anything from meetings to intimate weddings. Bookings can be made on 0418781121.



Dardanup Heritage Collective News Roads Names Stories

Roads and tracks are interesting when discussing history. They are necessary to move people, produce and other resources around the country. Often basic dirt tracks in the earliest times, the Roads Boards (now Councils) would contract local farmers to maintain certain sections.

Stories about the names of roads have arisen in conversation over years of meetings at the Dardanup Heritage Collective. For example, the Ferguson Road was originally known as the Bunbury to Kojonup Road or more simply, the Kojonup Road. It likely followed tracks used by Nyoongar people as they migrated towards the coast in the summer and back towards Kojonup and Mount Barker in the winter months. Some of these stories have now been added to the Dardanup Heritage Collective web site. Jenny Golding recently provided explanations for roads in Padbury Fields. To look at the stories of road names on the DHC website go to: dardanupheritagecollective.org.au. Use the Search button (top right corner) and type in the words: *Road Names Stories*

If you have a story about a road within the Shire, let us know. Contact the DHC at: dardanupheritagecollective@gmail.com.

Janice Calcei



The northwest entry road to Wellington Mills, c. 1920. The photograph illustrates the likely condition of most early dirt roads in the Dardanup area.

Free Chair Yoga

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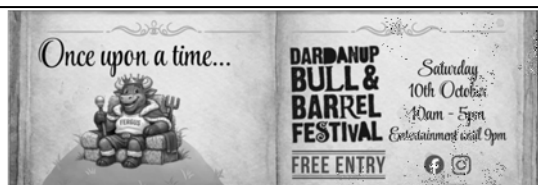
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What's on In Dardanup

- 2 October - Ferguson Hall Sundowner, 6pm
 4 October - South West Rose Society- General Meeting 9.30am for 10.00am Wells Rec Park Clubrooms - all welcome
 4 October - Wespine grants close, see info this edition
 6 October - Womens Wellness morning @ the Eaton Sports Club, supported by the Shire of Dardanup, see poster this edition
 6 October- Mens Welfare Group - 2pm at the Wells Recreation Park Clubrooms
 6 October - South West Veteran Car Club meeting, 7.30pm at Wells Clubrooms
 8 October - Think Outside the Box, at Community Hive, Eaton, 10-1, end of life planning, supported by the Shire of Dardanup, see poster this edition
 10 October - Dardanup Bull and Barrel Festival, 10-9
 12 October - Jingle Tots @ Wells Rec Park Clubrooms, 9.30-11.00. Book through the Shire
 13 October - Chair Yoga organised by the Shire of Dardanup @ Wells Clubrooms, free, 1-2pm
 14 October - Mahjong at the Shire office, free, 1.30- 4.00pm
 15 October - Sustainable Living Workshop @ the Dardanup Hall, 10 - 11.30am, Topic: Summer Garden Abundance
 Bookings essential ph: 9724000 or on the website dardanup.wa.gov.au/events
 16-18 October - Ferguson Found events, see details this edition
 18 October - Robert Zielinski & Manuela Centanni performing at the Ferguson Hall, see poster this edition
 20 October - Dardanup Seniors meeting, 9.30am, Wells Rec Park Clubrooms
 20 October - Mens Welfare Group - 2pm at Wells Recreation Park Clubrooms
 24 October - Spring Into the Garden @ Thommos Community Garden, 9-1, see poster this edition
 25 October - Boyanup Farmers Market, 8am
 26 October - Jingle Tots @ Wells Rec Park Clubrooms, 9.30-11.00. Book through the Shire
 27 October - Chair Yoga organised by the Shire of Dardanup @ Wells Clubrooms, free, 1-2pm
 28 October - Mahjong at the Shire office, free, 1.30- 4.00pm
 27/28 October - St Johns 1st aid course in Dardanup @ Wells Rec Park Clubrooms, see poster this edition
 28 October - Leschenault Biosecurity Group Inc AGM, see poster this edition
 31 October - closing date for nominations for Citizen of the year, see poster this edition
 1 November - All Souls Day Outdoor Mass, 5.30pm at the Dardanup Pioneer Cemetery, all welcome, see poster this edition
 1 November - 130 years Wellington Mills Celebration, 10-3, see poster this edition
 12 November - Dardanup Arts Spectacular AGM, 6pm @ Wells Rec Park Clubrooms
 21 November - Mucky Duck Bush Band @ Ferguson Hall, 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 Sporting and Community Clubs - 7.00pm, bimonthly at the Wells Recreation Park Clubrooms
 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 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 Revelly 0408 833 761

Tronox Spring Out returns with a colourful new twist for 2026

Spring will be in full swing when the annual Tronox Spring Out Festival returns to the Eaton Foreshore on Sunday, 1 November 2026, featuring a vibrant new fancy dress competition alongside a program packed with family-friendly fun.

Hosted by the Shire of Dardanup in partnership with Tronox, the free family-friendly festival will once again transform the Eaton Foreshore into a hub of entertainment, activities and community connection.

Shire President Cr Tyrrell Gardiner said this year's event marks a move from its traditional late October timeslot to the first Sunday in November, with organisers looking forward to embracing the best of the South West's spring weather.

Cr Gardiner said festival-goers can once again enjoy all their favourite attractions, including food trucks, children's entertainment, live performances, interactive activities and plenty of free family fun throughout the morning.

Adding a fresh twist to the 2026 event is the introduction of a Fancy Dress Fashion Parade and Competition, with residents of all ages encouraged to unleash their creativity and arrive dressed as their favourite character, hero, profession or imaginative creation.

"The Tronox Spring Out Festival has become a much-loved event on our community calendar, bringing people together to celebrate spring, connect with friends and neighbours, and enjoy a fantastic morning at the Eaton Foreshore," Cr Gardiner said.

"We're always looking for ways to keep the festival fresh and engaging, and this year we're encouraging the community to get involved in a new Fancy Dress Fashion Parade and Competition."

Tronox Site Director Ian Rennie said the company was pleased once again to partner with the Shire of Dardanup to support an event that brings the community together.

"Events like Spring Out create opportunities for people to come together, celebrate their community and enjoy the best of what the South West has to offer," Mr Rennie said.

"As a long-time member of the community, Tronox is proud to support initiatives that build strong, connected communities where our team members and their families live and work."

The Shire also acknowledges the generous support of Lotterywest, whose funding has helped enhance this year's festival and ensure the event remains accessible and enjoyable for the whole community.

The 2026 Tronox Spring Out Festival will be held on Sunday, 1 November 2026, from 9.30am to 12.30pm at the Eaton Foreshore.



Shire of Dardanup News

Eaton Rec Centre unveils exciting gym changes

Members at the Eaton Recreation Centre (ERC) are set to benefit from a refreshed gym experience, with a range of improvements recently completed as part of the Shire of Dardanup's ongoing investment in community recreation facilities.

The upgrades include:

- New cardio equipment to support a variety of fitness goals and training styles.
- Improvements to the gym layout, creating a more functional and comfortable training environment.
- Upgraded systems and infrastructure to support a modern gym experience.

Enhancements designed to improve the overall member journey. Members returning to the gym will notice a range of changes designed to improve comfort, accessibility and the overall workout experience, with further

opportunities continuing to be explored as the centre grows and adapts to community needs.

Whether you're a long-time member or looking to start your fitness journey, now is a great time to discover everything the Eaton Recreation Centre has to offer.

For more information about memberships, programs and services, visit <https://erc.dardanup.wa.gov.au/>



Ferguson Road project progressing with focus on safety and community input

Planning is continuing for the proposed Ferguson Road landscaping project, with community feedback and road safety considerations helping shape the next stage of works.

Shire President Cr Tyrrell Gardiner said Council had listened to community concerns and was committed to delivering an outcome that balanced streetscape improvements with safety.

"This project started as a community request to enhance Ferguson Road, but consultation highlighted broader concerns around traffic movements, pedestrian safety and visibility near the school and town centre," Cr Gardiner said.

"Council made the decision to defer the landscaping works so we could take the time to investigate traffic management options and ensure we get the best outcome for the community."

Council resolved in April 2026 to defer the landscaping component of the project while further investigations into traffic calming, pedestrian crossing options and local traffic management were undertaken.

A community working group, including residents, businesses, representatives from the school and church, councillors and Shire staff, has since been established to help guide the project.

"We're working closely with the community to develop a solution that improves the look of Ferguson Road while supporting the safety of everyone who uses it," Cr Gardiner said.

"The group is providing valuable local feedback as planning progresses, and we will continue to keep the community informed." **Residents seeking further information can contact the Shire of Dardanup on (08) 9724 0000.**

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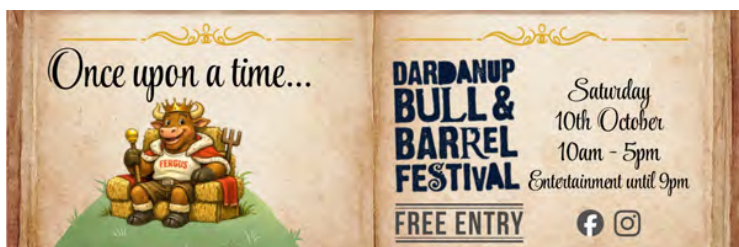
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