

Shire News

Lotterywest \$2.09 million boost in Burekup's future

The Shire of Dardanup has welcomed a significant grant from Lotterywest, with \$2.09 million in funding announced today for the next stage of the Burekup Community and Sporting Precinct Upgrade.

The grant will support Stage 2 of the project, transforming the precinct into a vibrant community destination with a new skate park, pump track, playground and nature play area, community amphitheatre improvements and supporting public spaces.

Shire President Tyrrell Gardiner said the precinct has been designed to provide more opportunities for active recreation, social connection and community wellbeing for people of all ages.

Cr Gardiner said the announcement follows years of planning, advocacy and community engagement involving local residents, sporting groups, families and students from River Valley Primary School.

More than 400 pieces of community feedback have helped shape the vision for the precinct, with strong support identified for youth-focused recreation infrastructure.

Cr Gardiner said the Lotterywest funding was a major milestone for Burekup and the broader district.

"This grant from Lotterywest is a significant milestone for Burekup and demonstrates a shared commitment to building vibrant and connected communities in regional Western Australia," Cr Gardiner said.

"We appreciate Lotterywest's ongoing contribution to regional communities. This grant will help deliver modern, inclusive spaces where local families, young people and visitors can come together, be active and connect with one another.

Cr Gardiner said Stage 1 works, currently underway, include new changerooms and public toilets, cricket facility upgrades and supporting infrastructure improvements, made possible through funding from the Western Australian Government's the Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund (CSRFF).

"Stage 2 will build on these foundations by delivering a contemporary recreation precinct that responds directly to community priorities and the needs of local families and young people.

"Looking ahead, Stage 3 will focus on further sporting infrastructure improvements, including changeroom extensions, new sports oval infrastructure, oval lighting and reticulation upgrades to support the precinct's long-term growth and functionality.

"The project aligns with the Shire's long-term vision for healthy, connected and active communities and will provide significant benefits for local youth, families and sporting clubs for generations to come.

"Renewing community assets is a key priority for Council, and this project demonstrates our commitment to providing modern, accessible facilities that will serve our growing communities well into the future."

Cr Gardiner said the work to deliver this project starts now. "Projects of this size and scale take time, and we're committed to keeping the community informed as planning progresses," he said.

"Detailed planning is currently scheduled to commence in mid-2027, with the community having opportunities to help shape the design of the new facilities. Construction is anticipated to be completed and the facilities opened to the community by mid-2029."

Photo: Shire of Dardanup President Tyrrell Gardiner, and Member for Collie-Preston Jodie Hanns MLA, with River Valley Primary School students Anthea Simpson and Isaac Brezovnik at the grant announcement in Burekup.

Scan the QR code to read the full news story.



Seniors Week 9-13 November

The Shire has a great program of events planned for Seniors Week from 9-13 November.

Seniors aged 55-plus, are invited to get involved in a range of activities, information sessions and social events.

Visit the Shire website for the full program and booking information, or contact Will Tuck on (08) 9724 0323.

Library event: Let's Talk

Join us for Let's Talk: Connecting You with Community on Monday, 9 November, from 11am to 12.30pm at Eaton Library.

Each session connects residents with local services and support organisations covering topics such as health and wellbeing, housing, legal advice, cultural support and more. Visit dardanup.wa.gov.au/library for more information.

YAG Halloween Party

The Youth Advisory Group is hosting its annual Halloween Party, featuring spooky games, activities, snacks and prizes for the best dressed.

Open to children aged 5-12 years, the free event will be held on Thursday, 29 October from 5.30pm to 7.30pm at Burekup Hall. No RSVP is required.

MBMIS Repair Workshop

Give your broken items a new lease on life with Repair Café Greater Bunbury! Join the friendly volunteers on Thursday, 5 November from 6pm to 7.30pm, at the Mick Bennett Make-It Space. For more information and bookings visit dardanup.wa.gov.au/events



ERC's newest class:

GYMFIT30

Designed to give you an effective, results-focused workout combining strength, cardio and functional fitness. Scan the QR code for more information.



A brighter future for Glen Huon Reserve

The Shire of Dardanup has completed a major lighting upgrade at Glen Huon Reserve, delivering improved facilities for local sporting clubs and community groups while supporting the long-term renewal of community infrastructure across the Shire.

Delivered as part of a Cook Government election commitment, the \$425,015 project has seen the installation of four new 200-lux light towers at the reserve, enhancing the venue for the Eaton Boomers Football Club and wider community by expanding access for night training, matches and events.

Shire President Cr Tyrrell Gardiner said the new lighting improves visibility, safety and flexibility at the popular sporting precinct, allowing more activities to be held outside daylight hours and helping meet the needs of a growing community.

Cr Gardiner said the upgrade would deliver lasting benefits for local clubs, volunteers, players and spectators.

"Glen Huon Reserve is an important community asset that brings people together through sport, recreation and social connection, and these new lights will significantly improve the experience for everyone who uses the facility," Cr Gardiner said.

"This investment gives local clubs greater flexibility to train and host activities, while creating more opportunities for participation in community sport.

The lighting upgrade forms part of broader improvements planned for Glen Huon

Reserve, with a new scoreboard and extended verandahs also scheduled for delivery.

Cr Gardiner said the project reflects the Shire's commitment to renewing and improving community assets to ensure residents have access to quality facilities now and into the future.

"Investing in facilities like Glen Huon Reserve is about supporting active lifestyles, strengthening community connections and ensuring our sporting infrastructure keeps pace with community needs," Cr Gardiner said.

"The Shire is committed to renewing and enhancing its assets across the district so our residents can continue enjoying safe, modern and functional facilities for many years to come."

Photo: Shire of Dardanup President Tyrrell Gardiner (right) with Eaton Football Club President Troy Kent.



Countdown to Spring Out: Sunday, 1 November

Just over a week to go until the Tronox Spring Out Festival returns to the Eaton Foreshore!

Join us from 9.30am to 12.30pm for entertainment, food trucks, children's activities and the new Fancy Dress Playground Parade.

Entry is free and all activities are free.

Proudly hosted in partnership with Tronox and supported by Lotterywest and Meerilinga.

Scan QR code for details.



New Wellington Dam Road bridge now open

The new Wellington Dam Road bridge is now open, providing safer access, smoother traffic flow and a dedicated walkway for pedestrians.

Shire President Cr Tyrrell Gardiner joined stakeholders on 7 October to celebrate the milestone and this exciting upgrade for our community and visitors.

Featuring two traffic lanes, a dedicated

pedestrian walkway and incredible views of the dam, it's a fantastic addition to one of the South West's most popular destinations.

The \$37 million modern dual-lane traffic bridge, delivered by Water Corporation, replaces the single-lane crossing built in 1966 and can accommodate larger buses and coaches.

Scan the QR code for the full story.



Changes to rates payments

A reminder that Australia Post Billpay has not been available for Shire of Dardanup rates payments since March this year, following significant increases in Australia Post fees and low usage of the service.

Residents can continue to pay their rates through a range of convenient options, including BPAY, credit card, direct debit, by post, or in person at the Eaton or Dardanup Administration Centres. For assistance, contact the Rates Team on (08) 9724 0371.

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