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Dardanup Bull and Barrel the Biggest yet!





Well done to the volunteer Festival Committee who again staged a wonderful Bull and Barrel. The weather held out with only a couple of light sprinkles and this brought out a huge crowd. We all know finding parking is a challenge and the Committee thanks all those residents in town who allowed visitors to park on their verge which sends a welcoming message to our Festival visitors and in turn benefits many of our community groups who rely on the Festival for their annual fundraising. This includes Dardanup Cricket Club, Dardanup P&C, OLOL P&F, Australind SHS Concert band, Dardanup Playgroup, Men of Song, Dardanup Bushfire Brigade Cadets, Dardanup Lions and Dardanup Community Choir. Set up, manning ride ticket, merch and wine glass sales and pack up is no mean feat and the Festival Committee thanks those locals who turned up and pitched in. The Festival Committee appreciates the work by our local volunteer Bushfire brigades who put on a display during the Festival as well as attending the burning of the Bull. The new activity the Farm to Fork Cooking demos was very popular, showcasing our local produce. The vignerons in the Taste of Ferguson Valley marquee reported very good sales and the wine glasses sold out an hour before closing. Wonderful crowds supported the stages, dog high jump competition, billy cart races and both dog agility displays. The Kids craft marquee, kids in the kitchen, sand pit and animal nursery opposite the Hall was very popular all day. Jeff Woodman and his band of helpers created a very elaborate bull this year with lots of finer detailing burning beautifully to finish off a magical day.

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Festival Chairperson



Spotlight on Those Doing Good Things in Our Community

Solaris Cancercare High Tea At the Ferguson Hall

A whopping$5853.00 was raised recently for this worthy cause. The event was sold out and featured a fashion parade with fashions supplied by the Solaris Cancercare Op Shop, a silent auction and of course an array of delicious savouries and sweets enjoyed by all. The Ferguson Hall Committee generously waived the hall hire and many locals volunteered at this event.



The wait staff were kept on their toes at the Solaris Cancercare fundraiser



Solaris Cancercare High Tea



Photo courtesy of Norma Hurst

Eunice Bailey on left and Olive Kirkpatrick received an invite to attend the Bunbury Hospital Campus Carers Donators Lunch in recognition of all the knitted items for children and babies they supply to Bunbury Regional Hospital. Well **done Eunice and Olive**



Photo courtesy of Norma Hurst

Pat Rockcliff is a member of Knits and Knots who meet regularly at the Shire office in Dardanup and many of their members make knitted or crocheted items for causes in Bunbury. Pat is showing us the pot holders she crochets which are sold in Bunbury with proceeds going to Parkinsons Disease research. Well done Pat and the Knits and Knots team

Dardanup Volunteer Bushfire Brigade Cadets Feeling Blessed!

The Dardanup Bushfire Cadets gratefully received recent sponsorship and support from All Lift Lifting Services and Marinoni Ag Services. These two amazing locally owned companies regular support their local community and recently extended their support to the Dardanup Cadets. Their support has enabled the cadets to obtain new shirts and caps. Along with grant funding from South32, which was used to purchase new correctly sized firefighting jackets, gloves and googles, the cadets now have a uniform to be proud. The new jackets will be worn for community events such as appearances at the Bull and Barrel Festival, Australia Day and Dawn Service etc, whereas the old PPE will continue to be used for firefighting training activities. Thank you to all sponsors and supporters of the cadet program! **David Humphreys**



Pictured: Back row our wonderful sponsors - Shane and Marie Griffin from All Lift Lifting Services and Hayley Webb and Quentin Marinoni from Marinoni Ag Services
Front row some of our cadets - Cooper Normington, Alexander Humphreys, Chad Morris, Abbey Morris, Emily Humphreys and Eloise Griffin

Crooked Brook Forest Busy Bee

Thursday 5 November from 8.30am on. Jobs to do – oil the wooden tables and seats ready for Summer. Too many people in the Forest to do this job on weekends. If you use the Forest you may like to lend a hand, all welcome.
Bring gloves and morning tea.



Fr Victor has been the Dardanup Catholic Parish Priest for a while now and the Editors of the Dardanup Times thought our readers would be interested in getting to know Fr Victor a bit better. Thankyou Fr Victor for answering these questions and belated welcome to our community.

Where did you grow up, and what was your parish like as a child?

I am from a beautiful coastal village in Chennai Region, down south of India, gifted with two older brothers and two younger brothers. Since we were five boys, I was brought up by maternal grandparents during my childhood.

What first inspired you to consider the priesthood?

My maternal grandparents were the first inspiration to consider the Priesthood. They introduced the faith, taught me all the prayers and used to recite the Rosary at the age of 6. After reciting Rosary every evening, they used to bless me saying" If it is God's will, you would become a priest!"

Was there a particular person who influenced your vocation?

My Parish Priest had been a great model who deepened the desire for priestly vocation.

What did you do before entering the seminary?

I was a young boy just finished year 8 before entering into the seminary.

What is something people might be surprised to learn about you

I remain calm and composed, regardless of how much work I have to do.

What part of being a priest brings you the greatest joy?

There is a special joy in celebrating the Eucharist, administering the sacraments, and proclaiming God's Word. However, what touches me most deeply is being present with people in their moments of suffering and grief. When I see a sick person comforted, a wounded heart begin to heal because someone has taken the time to listen, or a lonely person feel loved through a simple visit, I realise how meaningful my priesthood truly is.

7.What are your hopes for our parish over the next few years?

a)Build a welcoming and inclusive parish- To help every person feel that they belong to our parish family.
b)Strengthen our faith and spiritual life- Organise Bible-sharing groups and occasional faith-formation sessions.
c)Establishing a small pastoral care team to identify and support people who are sick, elderly or isolated.
d) Encourage the participation of families, children, and young people- Strengthen collaboration between the parish, Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School, parents, and teachers. Encourage children to participate in liturgical ministries, including altar serving and reading

A Little Fun

Tea or coffee?

I'm a coffee person. Without coffee, I'm not responsible for what I say before 8 am!

Early bird or night owl?

I'm an early bird because my alarm clock doesn't believe in my freedom!

Favourite cricket team?

The team that wins! I'm a very loyal fan... of winning teams!

Favourite AFL team?

I support Fremantle. I believe in the Dockers... even when they test my faith!

What is your go-to comfort meal?

My comfort meal is whatever someone else cooks for me!

If you weren't a priest, what might you be doing?

If I weren't a priest, I might have become a chef. I started cooking when I was in Year 5 because I wanted to help my mum. So, cooking has been part of my life since childhood!

Ferguson Valley Visitors Centre is humming!

Pop in and visit for local information, locally sourced gifts and cards for Christmas or that special occasion at 5 Ferguson Road right in Dardanup, open for summer hours 9.30 – 3.30 pm daily. The Centre will have the centre table Christmas themed from the 1st November and welcome any new local Suppliers with Christmas handmade goods.

Note the Wellington Dam Bridge at the bottom of the dam wall mural is now open although caravans and large recreational vehicles have easier access from Coalfields Highway.

Sara Brandli is our featured Local Artist for November whose work has a whimsical flavour as Zentangle Inspired Art (ZIA) seen in her collection of cards and small prints in the Visitor Centre. Sara is known as a visual storyteller and developing vibrant colour in her designs.

Sara, being a ZIA Artist, doesn't work in patterns. "When I start a piece, I have no idea what is going to happen - to quote Zentangle: *anything is possible one stroke at a time.*"

Sara spends time at the Stirling Art Centre belonging to the Paper Meddlers, Yarn Creatives and Weaving Groups and is lately enjoying blending her own colours of dyed wool, spinning and weaving.

The Volunteers manning the Visitor Centre giving their time and local knowledge are very much appreciated. Thank you to our newish Vollie Nola for filling many gaps in the Roster and welcome back to those Vollies returning from the North. We will be catching up as a group in January so we can meet each other!

If you are interested in becoming a new Supplier for Christmas or Volunteering from 4 hours a month, call in or ring us on 97 281 551 and we will put you in touch with Lindsey. Learn with a Buddy and training is provided.

Robyn Jones



Sara Brandli, Artisan of the Month at FVVC for November at Stirling Art Centre featuring a coloured print

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Shire of Dardanup Events

Free Jingle Tots(walking to 5 years), 9.30am – 10.00am @ Wells Rec Park Clubrooms, 9 November and 23 November.

Each session is packed with songs, dancing, instruments, and interactive play, helping children build confidence, coordination, and social skills — all while having lots of fun!
Led by qualified and experienced instructors, Jingle Tots classes create a supportive space where children can learn through music and parents or caregivers can share in the joy of discovery.
Sessions are held at Eaton Community Library, Dardanup Wells Recreation Centre, and Burekup Hall, offering families flexibility to join at the location that suits them best.
Bookings are essential through the Shire, as places are limited.

Discover Your Family History

Need assistance with finding records from overseas, how and where to look.
Free event Thursday 26 November, 5.30-7.30pm @ the Eaton Community Library**. Enquires Phone:** 97240470

Seniors Week – Monday, 9 Nov to Friday, 13 Nov

The focus Seniors Week 2026 has been designed to promote health, wellbeing, social connection, and access to local support services. Join us in celebrating Seniors Week 2026 in a range of topics designed to suit a variety of seniors aged 55+. For more information and bookings, please contact Will Tuck from the Shire of Dardanup on (08) 9724 0323.

Monday, 9 November | 10am-12pm | Eaton Community Hive
Dementia Morning Tea at Eaton Community Hive, delivered in partnership with Dementia Carers Support Group and Eaton CWA. Participants will receive information, dementia activities, lunch and resources to support living with dementia.

Tuesday, 10 November | 10.30am-1pm | Dardanup Wells Recreation Pavilion
Think Outside the Box will provide practical information on end-of-life planning, including wills and funeral planning, complemented by chair yoga, a catered lunch, and health information stalls at Dardanup Wells Pavilion

Tuesday, 10 November | 1pm-2pm | Dardanup Wells Recreation Pavilion
Enjoy a gentle chair yoga session designed to improve relaxation, flexibility and muscle strength. Suitable for a range of abilities, this welcoming class offers an easy and accessible way to move your body and enjoy the benefits of yoga.

Wednesday, 11 November | 9.30am-12pm | Burekup Country Club
Burekup Hall will host a guided water colour paint and sip workshop followed by lunch in partnership with Burekup CWA.

Thursday, 12 November | 11am-1pm | Eaton Community Library
Eaton Library will host Cards and Cake, bringing together local organisations to provide informal conversations and information on ageing, health, wellbeing, and community services in a friendly card playing activity.

Friday, 13 November | 11.30am – 1pm and 1.30pm – 3pm | Bethanie Fields Eaton
The week concludes at Bethanie Fields with a Live Lighter healthy cooking workshop delivered by Cancer Council WA, showcasing nutritious, affordable recipes and practical cooking tips to support healthy ageing.

Christmas in the Park

Free, Friday 4 December, 5pm - 7.30pm @ Burekup Oval,



Join us for a magical evening as the Burekup Oval transforms into a Christmas wonderland! This FREE family-friendly event is filled with festive fun for everyone.
Artisan market stalls: Find unique Christmas gifts and treasures while you explore the local market stalls.
Live performances: Enjoy the beautiful sounds of Christmas carols all evening, featuring performances by the Philharmonic South West (Youth) Orchestra "Sinfonetta", Tartan Tempest, and the much-loved Bel Canto Choir!
Food trucks and entertainment: Indulge in delicious food from a variety of food trucks, and keep the little ones entertained with children's activities.
Special guest: Keep an eye out for a special appearance from Santa Claus himself!
Bring your family and friends and celebrate the festive season with us. Don't miss out on this magical Christmas experience!
Bookings not required. All ages welcome.

Wespine News

Another Brilliant Bull & Barrel



We had a fantastic time at this year's Bull & Barrel Festival! A little wet weather certainly didn't dampen the spirits, with a great crowd turning out to enjoy the day.
A huge congratulations to Jill, the committee and everyone involved in bringing together another outstanding event. We're incredibly proud to be part of such a wonderful community celebration and loved chatting with everyone who stopped by the Wespine stand throughout the day.

Dardanup P&Cs Women's Wellness Afternoon

Join us for a wonderful afternoon celebrating women's wellness, while raising funds for new playground equipment at Dardanup Primary School.
Enjoy three inspiring key speakers sharing insights on important women's issues, browse our markets stalls, enjoy door prizes and discover a range of products, services and information focused on all things women's wellness. Tickets include individual charcuterie board, mocktail, sweet treat and ticket in the door prize.
A relaxed afternoon to connect , learn, support local businesses and celebrate women - all while supporting a great cause!
See poster on back pages and Whats On for the details.

Dardanup Senior Citizens Inc News

Our Meeting was held on Tuesday the 20th October with 15 in attendance & 5 apologies.
We are looking forward to our bus trip on the 28th October.
Preparations are being made for our Christmas Dinner at the Dardanup Heritage Park on the 24th November. It will be great to catch up with invited guests.
Our Guest Speaker was Kahlia Murray, our Chair Yoga teacher, kindly sponsored by the Shire of Dardanup.
An upcoming Seniors Week free event with light refreshments, organised by the Shire of Dardanup on 10th Nov is "Think Outside the Box" Guest Speaker Mr Chris Garvey, Will & Estate planning to be held at the Wells Recreation Hall 10.30am to 1.00pm. Everyone welcome.
On 19th Nov , "Smart to Ask" at the South West Sports Centre, Bunbury, information, free gifts, vouchers, prizes, op shop goods, connect with local organisations. Community Spirit can make a difference with the right support.
It was great to welcome 3 new members, Jenny & Ian Trigwell & Ann Cowen.
Membership open to those over 55 years young. Membership $15.00. Application forms available.

Our **next Meeting is on the 17th November** at the Wells Recreation Hall, Recreation Rd, Dardanup. Start time 9.30am. Visitors very welcome.

"Take the Time to Smell the Roses"

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For the calendar - Chair Yoga Dates - 10/11, 24/11, 9/2, 23/2, 9/3, 23/3, 27/4, 11/5, 25/5 & 8/6



Guest Speaker at the Recent Seniors Meeting - Kahlia Murray, Chair Yoga Teacher Discussed the Benefits of Exercise

Dardanup Community Playgroup News

Last month we were delighted to run our baby feeding and changing tent at the Bull and Barrel Festival again. Parents really appreciated having a quiet, comfortable space for their little ones. Kids also enjoyed the activities we set up, with the rainbow rice a big hit, and free fruit thanks to Bunbury Farmers Market. Thank you to Bunbury Farmers Market and the Bull and Barrel committee for your support!
Term Four is now underway, and we've loved welcoming new families. The children have been making the most of the sunshine with water play, bubbles, chalk and free play.
Our Christmas party will wrap up the term (date TBC). New families are always welcome, so come and say hello! **Sheree**



When: Wednesdays, 9:30–11:30am (school terms)
Where: Dardanup Community Centre, 9 Little Street
Who: Children aged 0–5 and their parents or carers
Cost: $3 one child, $5 two, under 1s free. First session free!
Bring: A piece of fruit to share
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Our Lady of Lourdes - Dardanup

Creative Edge

A huge congratulations to our team of seven students, Heidi, Hayley, Mila, Finn, Jett, Abigail and Bella who represented Our Lady of Lourdes School in the 2026 Creative Edge Problem Solving Challenge.
Creative Edge is a fantastic competition that challenges students to work together to solve real-world problems using creativity, critical thinking and teamwork. Students are encouraged to share ideas, think outside the box and come up with creative solutions to a range of challenges.
Our students approached the competition with great enthusiasm and determination. They worked incredibly well as a team, showing creativity, problem-solving skills and a willingness to give everything a go. Their hard work paid off when they secured a place in the State Finals, which was a fantastic achievement.

At the State Finals, the team continued to represent our school with pride and were thrilled to receive the Alex Pascoe Spirit of Creative Edge Award, which includes scores from the regional and state finals. This was a wonderful recognition of their positive attitude, teamwork and the spirit they brought to the competition.
We are incredibly proud of the team and all they achieved throughout their Creative Edge journey. What a fantastic experience!





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Monday, 9 November to Friday, 13 November

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Welcome back to Term 4! Our students have been exploring The Resilience Project with a lovely activity celebrating one another. Using photos of each student, classmates shared the first word that came to mind when they thought of that person. What a wonderful way to recognise each other's strengths, build connections and start the term with kindness!



MINDFULNESS GRATITUDE G.E.M. EMPATHY



The Noongar season of *Kambarang* continues. It is drying out and starting to heat up!! Make the most of the nice weather, get busy tidying up before it gets too hot and plant out the remainder of your long season crops. Now is your last chance to plant long season crops that require 100 days to mature for storage in Autumn - this includes many Pumpkin varieties, Sweet Potatoes, Maize and Gem corn. And don't forget to MULCH!!

For quite a few years there has been a "Dirty Dozen and Clean Fifteen" list published by the nonprofit Environmental Working Group (ewg.org) outlining the produce that has the highest and lowest pesticide residues. While this list is based on USDA data, conventionally grown Australian produce has similar acceptable levels of chemical use and it has widely been seen as a good reference guide here. The 2026 Dirty dozen comprises mostly leafy greens and fruit. *Yes* the samples are washed and prepared as they would be at home, so *No* that isn't the solution. Interestingly a smaller study was conducted here in Australia over recent months and even I was surprised by the results. Strawberries (#2), Grapes (#3) and Blueberries (#4) are usually highly sprayed and on the above list, but Capsicums #1 with high levels of PFAS, Organophosphates and Insecticides has me more keen that ever to grow my own! *So what does this mean for our weekly shop…* These results give us an opportunity to look closer at where we buy our food and make choices on what ones to perhaps spend the extra money on purchasing Organic. Or like me dial in the crops you choose to grow at home.

Over the last 25 years the list of what I grow and my gardens purpose has changed - it expanded, evolved and finally shrunk. Rather than trying to plant everything, I choose to focus on crops that we eat often (our staples), the ones that don't store well (fresh berries, leafy greens), ones that are expensive to buy (green beans, herbs) and ones that taste so much better with minimal food miles or refrigeration (corn, tomatoes). I do buy in some crops that don't grow well for me or require more land and time than I am able to give at this season of my life. I try to meet my farmers and growers, supporting people who have the same passion as me - to feed people healthy, chemical free food.

Have a think about the workhorse vegies and herbs in your kitchen, which are the ones you buy each week and those that you could grow them at home. You don't have to become self sufficient in everything but perhaps you could grow most of your herbs or salad vegies. Now is the perfect time to get planting!

What can we plant in November?
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, 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

Regardless of whether you have a potted paradise, a few raised beds or a larger patch, growing some of your vegies is worthwhile. You still have time to get started and growing before the weather gets too hot.
So Plant more and grow abundantly !

Dardanup Heritage Collective News

A secure location for Dardanup Archive
In 2025 the Shire of Dardanup agreed to some modifications at its Little St office to accommodate the Dardanup Heritage Collective, providing a secure space for their work, room to store a growing local studies Collection, and an area that could be used from time to time for displays. These changes are now almost complete and volunteers have begun setting up an office.
Having a permanent location has become important with a growing Collection of documents, letters, photographs, minute books and journals from the past. The DHC does not collect household or farm items. If you or your family have records like this relating to the history or heritage of Dardanup, Ferguson, Wellington Mills, Burekup, Eaton or Waterloo, or other localities, please consider donating them to the Collection. They will be kept secure and used for research and/or display purposes.

An example of this was the very successful display from the DHC map collection, set up at the 10 October Bull & Barrel Festival, with mums, dads, kids and grandparents all showing keen interest in historic maps of the towns and localities within the Shire.
To look at other stories of our past, go to: dardanupheritagecollective.org.au. Use the Search button (top right corner) and type in the topic you are interested in searching, for example: *Maps*
Janice Calcei



The maps displayed by the Dardanup Heritage Collective generated interest from a wide range of visitors at the Bull & Barrel Festival





CRICKET SEASON HAS STARTED FOR 2026/2027

SENIORS - 17/10/2026 E Grade, what a start to the season with a 1 run win over Burekup 7/101 to 1/102, Jack Dezotti 44 not out & David Wells taking 4/13! C Grade had two T20's winning both! 7/126 to 8/125 against Marist Tom Heenan making 37 & Todd Cowdrey 36, Keith Charchalis taking 3/11. The second game we defeated Burekup 6/144 to 3/143, Adam Scott making 80 with the bat & Chris Ruland taking 2/20.
18/10/2026 Seniors had a double header, E Grade with another win 4/101 to Eaton 9/98, Cole Sawyer making 55 not out & taking 2/12 with his bowling! C Grade lost to Eaton, 5/113 to 7/119. Sean Child taking 2/15 and making 49 runs.
JUNIORS - 17/10/2026
YEAR 6 Dardy Gold played at home on Wells oval beating Dalyellup Orange 122 to 101, POW went to Leo Magenta for his great batting performance & consistent bowling from training to the game. Arlo Gard made 19 runs & Archie Lloyd taking 2/2 off 2 overs. **Year 6 Dardy Green** played at home on OLOL school oval beating Capel Maroon 167 to 85, POW went to Tex Jefferies with a top batting score of 22, bowling figures of 2/1 off 2 overs & a run out. Another mentionable bowling performance was Arlo Hands taking 3/2 off 2 overs.
Year 6 Dardy Red, Our newest little cricketers travelled to Capel to play Capel Gold and came home with a great win 123 to 87, POW went to Lenny Brown making 8 runs, taking a catch in the field & as a Wicket Keeper and taking 4/6 off 3 overs! Myles Piacentini had a great morning with the bat hitting a 4 & a total of 14 runs. Felix Roberts had a good bowl taking 4/6 off 3 overs. An awesome start for these kids! **Year 8's** travelled to Leschenault & unfortunately didn't get a win, Leschenault Thunder 6/165 to Dardanup 6/107. POW went to Clayton Humphries for his great all round performance, 23 runs not out & taking 1/11 off 3 overs.

Club Contacts
Seniors - Sean Child 0422 295 053
Juniors & Blast - 0418 247 780

Eds Note; looks like Dardanup Cricket off to a flying start. Well done everyone and love the news, thanks Leila.

Dardanup Lions Club News

SAVE THE DATE: 5th & 6th Feb, 2027:
Dardanup Lions are holding the fifth AAA Clinic on Feb 5th (Fri) & 6th (Sat - if needed) at the Dardanup Community Centre for over 55's, or who are younger but have high blood pressure, or have been a smoker, or who have a family member who has had an abdominal aortic aneurysm.
Our community is very honoured that Dr Kishore Sieunarine, vascular surgeon, is willing yet again give his time voluntarily to provide this vital screenings. He has been coming to Dardanup every 5 years since 1999. Screening takes less than 30 minutes from arrival.
Dr Kishore together with our helpers and the Dardanup Lions Club saw 125 last time, possibly saving 3 locals lives. Other years same to "more"!
Bookings opening January 2027 - Save the Date ! Keep and eye out in the Dardanup Times and local posters

BOYANUP FARMERS MARKET NEWS

The Boyanup Farmers Market was once again a hive of activity, with the weather staying kind and the rain holding off for a busy and enjoyable market day.
A big thank you goes to everyone who came along and supported the market. Visitors were able to browse a wonderful selection of fresh produce, plants, local products and plenty more, making it a great morning for the whole community.
Among the market's much-loved long-standing stallholders is Boreham Nursery, a small, family-run nursery located near Donnybrook in the South West of Western Australia.
Boreham Nursery has been part of the Boyanup Markets since they first began 24 years ago, making them a valued part of the market's history and community.
The nursery specialises in ornamental and fruit trees, supplying the retail market as well as the advanced tree market. Boreham Nursery also welcomes members of the public by appointment.
With their extensive experience and passion for growing quality trees, Boreham Nursery continues to be a popular stop for gardeners and property owners looking to add something special to their gardens.
The Boyanup Farmers Market is proud to have such dedicated local businesses as part of its community and looks forward to welcoming everyone back at the **next market on 22 November, 2026.** **Tanya Williams**



Free Chair Yoga

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for all residents.

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Dardanup and Districts Residents Assoc AGM

Interested in helping out with key community events such as Australia Day breakfast and Anzac Day or new to town and want to meet others then come along to the AGM on Tuesday 17 November, 7.30pm at Wells Recreation Park Clubrooms. Supper provided.

Wanted – Secretary - Dardanup and Districts Residents Assoc

Not an onerous position, good for someone wanting to help out with a community organisation without too much correspondence involved.

Enquires to Jill, 0418281201.

What's on In Dardanup

3 November- Mens Welfare Group – 2pm at the Wells Recreation Park Clubrooms
3 November – South West Veteran Car Club meeting, 7.30pm at Wells Clubrooms
5 November – Crooked Brook Forest Busy Bee, 8.30am on, bring gloves, all welcome
6 November - Ferguson Hall Sundowner, 6pm
7 November – Dardanup P&Cs Women's Wellness Afternoon@ the Dardanup Hall 3.00pm – 7.00pm, see poster this edition
8 November - South West Rose Society- General Meeting 9.30am for 10.00am Wells Rec. Club Rooms - all welcome
9 November- Jingle Tots @ Wells Rec Park Clubrooms, 9.30-10.00. Book through the Shire
9-13 November – Seniors Week, see planned events this edition
10 November - Chair Yoga organised by the Shire of Dardanup @ Wells Clubrooms, free, 1-2pm
11 November – Mahjong at the Shire office, free, 1.30- 4.00pm
12 November – Dardanup Arts Spectacular AGM, 6pm @ Wells Rec Park Clubrooms
17 November – Dardanup and Districts Residents Assoc AGM , 7.30pm at Wells Rec Park Clubrooms, all welcome
17 November - Dardanup Seniors meeting, 9.30am, Wells Rec Park Clubrooms
17 November- Mens Welfare Group – 2pm at Wells Recreation Park Clubrooms
21 November – Mucky Duck Bush Band@ Ferguson Hall, see poster this edition
22 November - Boyanup Farmers Market, 8am
23 November - Jingle Tots @ Wells Rec Park Clubrooms, 9.30-10.00. Book through the Shire
24 November - Chair Yoga organised by the Shire of Dardanup @ Wells Clubrooms, free, 1-2pm
25 November – Mahjong at the Shire office, free, 1.30- 4.00pm
4 December- Shire of Dardanup's Christmas in the Park, Free event, Burekup Oval, 5pm - 7.30pm

If youhave 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 – 2ndand 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 Revely 0408 833 761

Wellington Dam Road Opens At Long Last

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.

Many tourists visiting Dardanup and Ferguson Valley will use this bridge to access the Dam and kiosk.



Dardanup Art Spectacular Looking For Additional Committee Members

Dardanup Art Spectacular **AGM will be held on Thursday 12 November, 6pm** at Wells Rec Park Clubrooms and we are looking for a few more Committee members. You don't have to have a knowledge of the arts, just an interest in organizing a community event for Dardanup.

The Dardanup Art Spectacular has been running for over 20 years with last year awarding $12850.00 in prize money. Since 2017, 736 artists have entered this competition with categories for emerging artists and students at the heart of the competition.

The Shire of Dardanup is the major sponsor with many corporate sponsors also supporting this event.

The main exhibition is held in the Dardanup Hall with an art trail throughout Ferguson Valley and in the town showcasing the work of over 40 artists. The Art Spectacular is very important in bringing visitors to the area who also support the local wineries, brewery, restaurants and accommodation venues.

The Dardanup Art Spectacular will be held in 2027 on Friday 30th April, Saturday 1st May, Sunday 2nd May. For enquires about the Art Spectacular Committee contact Kerry on 0402 094 830



Ferguson Valley Community Hall News

About 40 people enjoyed an extraordinary afternoon with the Fiddle and Flute Duo; **Robert Zielinski & Manuela Centanni** playing on the Ferguson Found weekend on Sunday 18th October. Rob played his self-made fiddle beautifully, explaining how violins are made and regaled us with stories and music of Ireland where he lived for 14 years. He also played a 300 year old violin (played to sound like a viola by loosening the strings!), his own heartfelt compositions inspired by Torbay in the SouthWest of WA and mostly accompanied by Italian born flautist Manuela, talented in her own right, playing a black and silver wooden flute with a lovely complex tone. A real treat.

6th November Friday Sundowner is the last one for the year until February 2027, starting at 6 pm. BYO your own BBQ food, drinks, a salad/vegetable dish OR a dessert to share.

21st November Saturday is the **Mucky Duck Bush Band** returning for a high energy family friendly event with some tickets still available on Sticky Tickets at time of writing, $25 per person and $15 for children 16 years and under. The tickets were sold out last year so get your tickets now and should be a fun night.

20th December Sunday - save the date for the **Community Family Xmas Tree Gathering** on Sunday afternoon with Santa attending. Family tickets will be supplying face painting, kids drinks, a sausage sizzle and icecream – see poster in next edition for details including present collection for the star gentleman.

12th February Friday is the date for the next **Ferguson Hall Quiz Night** with doors open at 6.30 pm starting at 7 pm. Tickets will be available on Sticky Tickets in January.

The **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. Note no yoga classes on 4th November.

Thank you to those Community members (especially Irene!) for the tea towels. Our newish round tables have been well utilised this year with tablecloths on the Committee's Agenda. Enquiries for hire of the Hall to Robyn on bse7@bigpond.com or 0468 576 950.

Robyn Jones



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