

# Community Advisory Group Meeting

Shire of Dardanup Council Chambers  
Wednesday, 21 April 2021 | 5.00pm - 7.00pm

## Meeting Notes

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### Attendance

Bill Adams	-	Eaton Senior Citizens
Jill Cross	-	Bull & Barrel Festival
Mike Anderson	-	Eaton Lions
Rebecca Ward	-	St John of God Hospital

### Observers

Andre Schönfeldt	-	Chief Executive Officer
Susan Oosthuizen	-	Director Sustainable Development
Lucy Owen-Conway	-	Manager Place and Community Engagement
Neil Nicholson	-	Principal Environmental Health Officer
Michelle Dennis	-	Environmental Health Officer
Murray Connell	-	Manager Development Services
Kathleen Hoult	-	Acting Personal Assistant, Sustainable Development

### Apologies

Patricia Sherwood	-	Resident
Cr Patricia Perks	-	Councillor
Cr Stacey Gillespie	-	Councillor

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### Welcome

Chairperson Cr Patricia Perks was absent from the meeting so Mrs Susan Oosthuizen resumed the chair at 5:05pm and welcomed those in attendance and referred to the Acknowledgement of Country:

#### *Acknowledgement of Country*

*The Shire of Dardanup wishes to acknowledge that this meeting is being held on the traditional lands of the Noongar people. In doing this, we recognise and respect their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the life of this region and pay our respects to their elders, past, present and emerging.*

Mrs Oosthuizen introduced her staff and herself to the members of the group and gave an outline of the meeting agenda. Reference was also made to the resolution that was passed at the last Ordinary

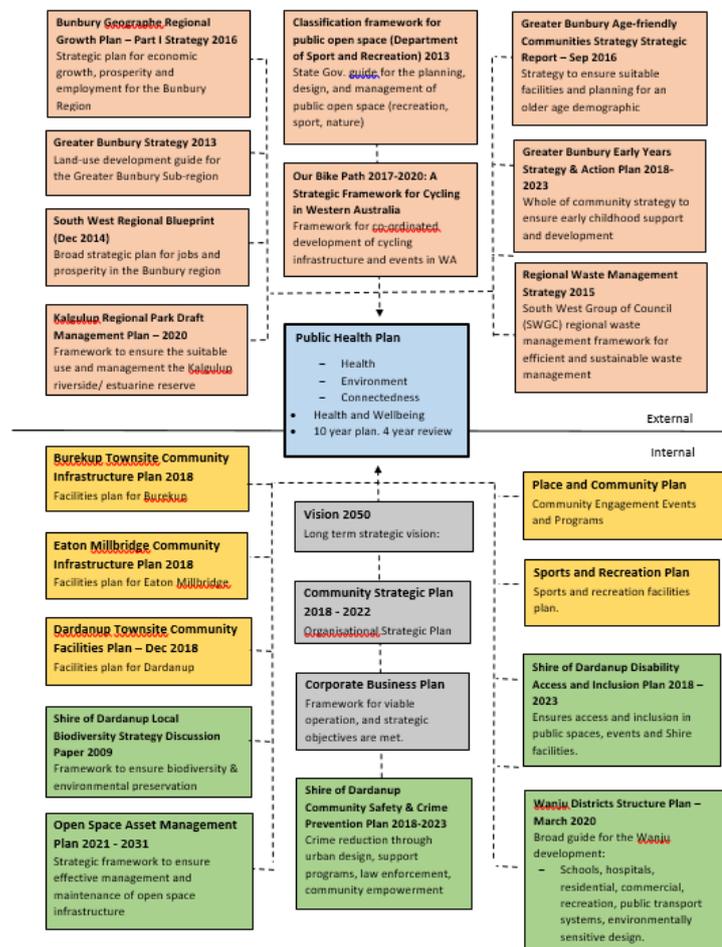
Council Meeting held 31 March 2021 stated that the minutes of the Advisory Groups will now also be published on the Shire of Dardanup website with the names of the members of the group. The group were advised that should they have any concerns with this to address them to the CEO.

### Health Plan Presentation – Neil Nicholson, Principal Environmental Health Officer

Mr Neil Nicholson welcomed those in attendance to the group and gave an overview of the Public Health plan which he was presenting tonight. The full presentation handouts were given to members along with the Place and Community Plan.

Some key notes taken from the presentation include the following:

- The Shire has commenced the development of a Draft Public Health Plan – 2021 -2025.
- The Health Plan will fall into line with other plans that are already endorsed by Council as well as developing plans. The Public Health plan is a 10 year plan that will be reviewed every 4 years. The core objectives of the plan will be based on a number of internal and external plans that have implications for public health and wellbeing in the district:



The Shire will consider the objectives of the plan against those of the State Public Health Plan:

- Empowering and enabling people to live healthy lives.
- Providing health protection for the community.
- Improving Aboriginal health and wellbeing.

Questions were raised about the statistics of the health risk factors which are highlighted in the Health data snapshot located on slides 12 and 13, if this information was available via suburb as opposed to just a “region”. Neil advised that the data does not draw down to the levels of suburb per region as the data is only provided at a local government level. And this may be due to the fact that the state and federal health services may not have wanted to ‘single-out’ specific low socio-economic areas.

Further information on the performance of the Shire of Dardanup can be found in the Public Health Presentation which accompanies these notes.

5:28pm Neil commenced the workshop with the aim to get feedback on each of the 3 main areas within the Public Health Plan and these include the following:

- Health
- Sustainability
- Connectedness

And rate their ideas into 3 levels of priorities ranging from *Immediate Action, Moderate Action and Long Term Planning*.

Due to time constraints of the meeting, ideas were not able to be prioritised, however were noted and will be sent out to all members of the group to rate those into priority so the Health Plan can be developed to meet the needs and requirements of the community. Ideas under each category included the following:

### Health

- Focus on exercise and health knowledge as a priority.
- Passive recreation options.
- Suggestion of engaging community gardens for better eating and nutrition awareness.
- Delivery of Suicide Awareness programs. Why are these happening, Demographics and what can we do to raise awareness as a community to stop these from happening.
- Group raised going into Partnership with other major organisations and State Government to deliver services to the community which include the following:
  - Cancer Screening (Cancer Council)
  - Men’s Shed (RSL, Veterans Affairs, Lions Clubs)
- Build capacity within existing team in health promotion.
- Community Services are already delivering a lot of community events targeting a range of demographics in the community. In particular, those with an exercise and wellbeing focus. In addition to these events look at bring on more services to be part of the event targeted at the demographics to advise the community of what is available to them
  - Headspace
  - Cadets
  - Cancer Council
  - PCYC
- Installation of cycle ways – Looks at ways to encourage the community to cycle and exercise more. In particular in rural areas. Implementation of cycle ways would need further community consultation and assessment to the type of cycle way needed whether this be a shared pathway or designated cycling lane on our roads.
- Regular, free kids exercise programs within existing facilities.
- Over 55’s – promote existing programs and explore funding initiatives.
- Early childhood initiatives – align existing programs to demonstrated need.
- Screening opportunities

- Liaise and engage with existing programs through service clubs, allied health and support agencies.
- Promote existing programs

### **Safe/Sustainability**

- Planting of more trees – The group suggested the encouragement of planting more trees on verges and introducing the development of urban greening.
- ‘Improve the journey’ initiatives:
  - Greening strategies
  - Dual use pathways, access corridors
  - Well lit public pathways
- Increase water pressure within townsites

### **Connectedness**

- More “In the Park” events:
- Music
- Targeting specific groups with appropriate messaging, representative of relevant agencies and organisations.
- Encourage other organisations to host their events in the Shire of Dardanup public spaces and promote connectedness. Events don’t always need to be facilitated by Shire of Dardanup staff.
- Engagement of more community members to find out what they really want.
- Engage with the community on social and outreach programs, and partnership with Social Outreach.
- Implementation of more Corporate Partnerships
  - HBF (Run for a Reason)
  - Red Cross (Jump rope)
  - Friends with Dignity (Domestic Violence)
  - R U OK (Suicide Prevention)
- Raise awareness about the volunteering opportunities within the Shire.
- Consider various messaging options – e.g. reinstating notice boards in key locations.
- Shire of Dardanup to review the Welcome Pack that is given to new residents of the Shire and to be more “personal” instead of just the standard information. Examples to be added include:
  - Volunteer Groups within the community
  - Community Events
  - Support Networks
  - Sporting and Recreation Clubs
- Community Directory to be developed to have a list of appropriate services and programs in the community. To improve awareness of programs and groups available.
- Work with residents to suit community needs.
- St John of God’s currently has a volunteering program designed for people to visit “Lonely Residents”. They are currently struggling getting volunteers for these programs so more promotion and awareness of these in the community may bring more interest. There is a detailed and involved interview and screening process to become a volunteer, however applications are welcome from any persons over the age of 18 years.

Presentation and workshop was concluded and Neil advised that the ideas of the meeting will be collated and sent to the whole advisory group to get their thoughts on their priority to be addressed in the Health Plan and also if any further ideas are to come to mind these to be sent through to the Shire to be included.

### **2020 – 2021 Community Debrief – Ms Lucy Owen-Conway – Manager Place and Community Engagement**

Ms Owen-Conway addressed the group and advised the adoption of the Place and Community Plan and Sport and Recreation Plan had occurred at a recent council meeting. Community services have established a new advisory group the “Youth Advisory Group” which consisted of subgroups:

- Eaton/Millbridge
- Burekup
- Dardanup

*6:15pm Michelle and Neil left the room*

Lucy provided an overview of the current community events that have been in place for a few years and some that had been new. These events include:

- Summersounds
- Buy it Back Fair
- Movies by Moonlight
- Walk on the Wild Side

Lucy has advised that we have addressed the need to engage other services to be part of our events to better promote not only other business in the community but services that are tailored for those attending the events.

Events that are already tailored for Senior Citizens can be reviewed to be more inclusive and accessible. Some suggestions were that the programs be run at the Senior Citizens club or have a Shire of Dardanup staff member just help facilitate other events the Senior Citizens may want to run.

There have been 3 new murals implemented with the community – 2x Eaton and 1x Dardanup.

POD Casts were established during 2020 and the COVID-19 lockdown. Pod casts were promoted through the I Heart Dardanup Facebook page, which provided the community the opportunity to share their stories and experiences. The advisory group suggested that the focus to be moved towards on actual community groups and raising further awareness of joining their clubs and organisations as well as volunteering.

Previous events the Shire has had an AUSLAN interpreter at events as well as accessible ramps. These have all been added to promote the Shire of Dardanup as an accessible and inclusive Shire.

War Memorial upgrades at the Dardanup War Memorial have been completed on time for ANZAC Day 2021.

Funding has been granted for the Every Club Program. This is run in conjunction with the Shire of Capel, City of Bunbury. There will be 6 workshops conducted in 2021 and 6 in 2022. There needs to be further communication that the Shire of Dardanup are a part of this program so the community are aware that it is open to our Shire as well and not just “City of Bunbury” residents.



St John of God have partnered with the Smith family to deliver a program for year 10 students to give them the opportunity to get a glimpse in the life of different health care professions. Traineeships/Apprenticeships opportunities come from the work experience of these programs. This is currently a new program started in 2021 and is currently only available for Smith family kids.

Feedback was sort from the group about what the Shire isn't catering for or improvements. Suggestion was made for an "inter-generational" sharing and gathering day which will allow senior citizens to engage with the younger community.

## Next Meeting

The next Community Advisory Group meeting will be held 18 August 2021 at Shire of Dardanup Council Chambers from 5.00pm.

Meeting closed at 6:37pm