



Governance Update

MEETING DATES AND TIMES 2021

The Shire of Westonia hereby gives notice that the following dates, times and places of its Ordinary Meetings for the 2021 calendar year.

Ordinary Council meetings:

February – Thursday 18th

March – Thursday 18th

April – Thursday 22nd

May – Thursday 20th

June – Thursday 17th

July – Thursday 22nd

August – Thursday 19th

September – Thursday 16th

October – Thursday 21st

November – Thursday 18th

December – Thursday 16th;

with all meetings commencing at 3.30pm in the Council Chamber, Wolfram Street, Westonia.

The Audit Committee meetings is at this stage proposed for the following dates:

April – Thursday 22nd

August – Thursday 19th October – Thursday 21st

Thursday 16th December 2021 ; at 3.00pm in the Council Chamber.

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Shire Office/Museum Closure

The Shire of Westonia will close at 12pm on Thursday 24 December 2020 and reopen on Monday 4 January 2021.



DR OLGA WARD

MBBS, FRACGP, GDRGP, FARGP Procedural Surgical GP Westonia

Consulting Dates 2021 (Monday's)

18th of January 2021 (Med Student Bailey Scotney from Badgy)

22th of February 2021

WEROC 16th-18th March 2021

29th of March 2021

3rd of May 2021

14th of June 2021

12th of July 2021

30th of August 2021

4th of October 2021

8th of November 2021

13th of December 2021



May memories comfort you in your time of sorrow.

Christine Hackling

passed away on 17/10/20.

Our condolences go out to David, Sam and Laura and respective families. From the Councillors and Staff at the Shire of Westonia.





Practitioner News

**Primary Care
Nurse Practitioner
LAURA BLACK**

Every Tuesday

9.00am—2.00 pm

**Booking made through
SHIRE ADMIN on
(08) 9046 7063**



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**MBBS, FRACGP, GDRGP,
FARGP Procedural
Surgical GP Westonia**

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(08) 9046 7063**

**Consulting Dates 2020
(Monday's)**

9th of November 2020

7th of December 2020



**Is your pet
registered?**

Dog and cat registration and renewals will be hitting your post boxes at the end of September with registration renewals due by 31st October 2020.

**FIREBREAKS MUST BE
INSTALLED BY THE 1ST OF
NOVEMBER .HAVE YOU
DONE YOURS?**

All land owners, or occupiers are required to plough, scarify, cultivate, spray or otherwise clear and thereafter maintain free of all inflammable material until the 31st day of March 2021



**IMPORTANT CONTACT
NUMBERS**

As Westonia approaches the Bushfire season the Shire would like to remind community members of Westonia's important contacts.

These contacts can also be found on the rear of the Fire Break Order 20/21 that went out with rates notices in July 2020. If community members have not received a copy of the Fire Break Order or have misplaced it, a copy of it is available for

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downloading and printing from Shire's website.

CHIEF BUSHFIRE

CONTROL OFFICER

Frank Corsini | 0429 467 042

DEPUTY CHIEF BUSHFIRE

CONTROL OFFICER

Mal Nicoletti | 0428 449 034



**Community
Citizen of the
year Awards**

Australia Day 2021 is set to be bigger and better than ever!

The Shire of Westonia is seeking nominations for community members who have stepped up and performed admirably within our community. There are four award categories that you may nominate a community member or group/event within. They include:

Citizen of the Year - a person you believe has delivered outstanding service to his or her community
Youth Citizen of the Year (under 25 as of 26 January 2021) - a young person you believe has delivered outstanding service to his or her community

Senior Citizen of the Year (over 65 as of 26 January 2021) - an older person you believe has delivered outstanding service to his or her community

Active Citizenship (group or event) - a group doing outstanding work or for an event staged in the community during the past year
Nominations close Saturday, 31 October 2020. To find out more or to nominate, simply download the application at <https://www.citizenshipawards.com.au/nominate/> Submit online or Complete and return it to the Shire by emailing shire@westonia.wa.gov.au or handing it in at the Shire Administration Office.



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The next Council Meeting will be held on **Thursday 19th November 2020**, from 3.30pm. The meeting will be held at the Westonia CRC Building (Old Shire Administration Building). The meeting's agenda will be published on Council's website from 5.00pm on **Friday 13th November 2020**.

Public Question Time commences at 3:30pm and is limited to 15 minutes

for more info: 📞 (08) 90467063

🌐 www.westonia.wa.gov.au/council-meetings.

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WESTONIA SHIRE MEMORIAL SWIMMING POOL

OPENING FROM SATURDAY 31 OCTOBER 2020

Opening hours for the season will be:
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
 3pm to 7pm
 (school holidays) – 11am to 7pm
Tuesday – closed
Weekends – 11am to 7pm
Public Holidays – 11am – 7pm

Snake Safety

Snakes will avoid people if they can. But if they feel threatened and can't find a way to escape **they will defend themselves by biting.**

If You See a Snake

- **Stay calm and walk away from it**
 Do NOT try to Catch it
 Do NOT try to kill it
 Do NOT make it feel threatened
 Most people bitten by snakes are bitten when trying to Catch or kill the snake.

- **Report it** as you would any other hazard.
- **Warn others** away from it until it is dealt with by a suitably trained Person.

If you see the snake in a building leave the room and close it so the snake is contained until help comes

If You Are Bitten by a Snake
STAY CALM—DON'T PANIC By following these steps you should have plenty of time to get to a hospital for Anti-Venom.

- **Call for help immediately** You or someone call 000 (triple Zero) - do not hang up until the operator tells you to.
Do NOT try to suck out the poison
Do NOT cut the wound
Do Not apply an arterial tourniquet
Do NOT wash the bite
 The hospital has the best chance of

identifying the snake by any venom still around the wound.

- **Apply a broad Bandage tightly across the bite and up the limb to immobilise it.** This helps prevent venom from entering the blood stream.
- **Stay as Calm and as still as possible while you are waiting for help to come.**

call 000 (triple Zero)



Natural Resource Management Update

Date: Wednesday, 16 September 2020

To: Westonia Landholders, Residents, and Visitors

Notice of Intention to Lay 1080 Poison in the Westonia Common.

Notice is hereby provided that the Shire of Westonia intends to lay 1080 poison baits in the Westonia Common for the control of foxes.

The baiting programme is due to commence after Monday, 28 September 2020 and be completed by Saturday, 14 November 2020.

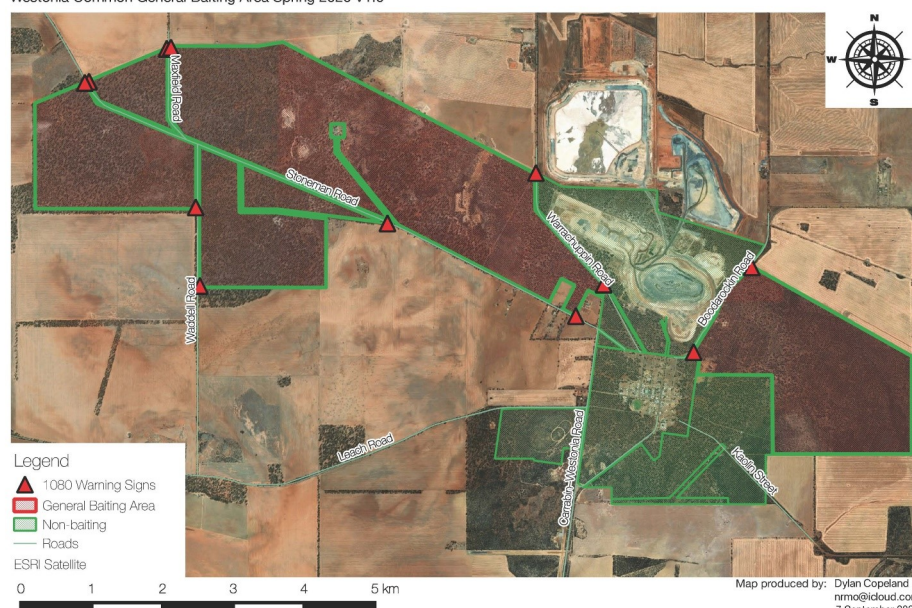
Please be advised that 1080 is highly toxic. The consumption of an animal that has ingested a lethal or sub-lethal dose of 1080 poses a serious risk of secondary poisoning to humans and other species. Taking of carcasses, removal of hides, and shooting or trapping animals (for human or animal consumption) is prohibited during the baiting period and for at least 14 days after the completion of the baiting program.

Please ensure children and other persons in your care are restricted from entering the site of baiting. Please restrain your pets, working dogs and stock to avoid the possibility of poisoning through direct baiting or through eating 1080 poisoned animals.

If you would like further information about this proposed baiting programme please contact the Shire of Westonia through the details below.

Alternatively, you can speak to a Biosecurity Officer at the Department of Agriculture and Food, Western Australia (DAFWA). More information about the use of 1080 is available from DAFWA's website: www.agric.wa.gov.au.

Westonia Common General Baiting Area Spring 2020 V1.0





Mosquito Management Notice

During the summer months or warmer weather each year, the Shire of Westonia carries out a fogging program to help suppress the presence of mosquitoes in and around town. The active chemical within the 'fog' is called Aqua K-Othrine which is used by many Local Governments and State Government Agencies around Western Australia.

The fogging program usually commences in October and will cease in/around April of each year, depending on the temperatures and general weather conditions.

As the practice is weather dependent, fogging dates and frequency may vary from week to week, you will however, you will hear the machine operating, usually around dusk (from 5.30pm – 7pm) up to 3 times a week.

If you become aware of the Shire fogging down your street, if possible, move indoors. If your evaporative air conditioner is in operation at the time, it is best to turn the fan off for the duration of the event (it is fine to keep the water component of the air-conditioner running). It is also advised to switch off any reverse cycle air-conditioners, and ensure doors and windows are closed for the duration of the fogging procedure (approx. 30 min). Aqua K-Othrine is a chemical with similar properties to that of household fly-spray and

while it is not toxic to humans, it is advised that exposure to the 'fog' should be limited if practicable.

Going on Holiday?

If you are visiting Perth, Mandurah, the coastal areas south of Mandurah down to Albany, or even the Kimberley/Pilbara region, please take precautions against being bitten by mosquitoes that may carry the Ross River, Barmah Forest and Murray Valley encephalitis virus by doing the following: (People travelling interstate and overseas can also be exposed to other mosquito diseases not found in WA, such as Dengue fever.)

Avoid outdoor exposure to mosquitoes from dusk and the first few hours after dark;

Wear protective (long, loose-fitting) clothing when outdoors;

Use a personal repellent containing diethyl toluamide (DEET) or picaridin. The most effective and long-lasting formulations are lotions or gels. Most natural or organic repellents are not as effective as DEET or picaridin. Refer to the [Guide to personal protection strategies against Australian mosquitoes](#);

Install insect screens on doors and windows of homes, and on enclosed outdoor recreation areas; Use mosquito nets and mosquito-proof tents if camping/living outdoor; and

Ensure infants and children are adequately protected, preferably with suitable clothing, bed nets or other forms of insect screening.

Check Possible Breeding Sites Around Home

You should also check possible breeding sites around the home: Dispose of all containers which hold water; Keep ornamental ponds stocked with mosquito-eating fish, eg goldfish; Keep margins free of vegetation; Keep swimming pools well chlorinated and filtered and free of dead leaves. Fill or drain depressions in the ground that hold water; Vent pipes on septic tank systems must be fitted with mosquito proof cowls; Seal all gaps in lid and ensure leach drains are completely covered; Screen rainwater tanks with insect proof mesh, including inlet, overflow and inspection ports. Ensure guttering does not hold water; Empty pot plant drip trays once a week or fill with sand. Empty and clean animal and pet drinking water once a week; Some pot plants (such as bromeliads) hold water in their leaf axils. These should be emptied of water once a week.

Residual pyrethroid sprays, eg deltamethrin, permethrin can be used to further reduce nuisance mosquitoes. However this should not replace the removal and prevention of backyard breeding, which is a permanently effective control.

Larval mosquito insecticides: S-methoprene is registered (in briquette formulation) for control of mosquito larvae (wigglers) in rain water tanks.

A range of 'larvicides' are available for control of mosquito wigglers in other domestic breeding sites. However, the use of chemicals for adult or larval mosquito control should not replace the removal and prevention of backyard breeding, which is a permanently effective control.

For more information please contact the CEO, Jamie Criddle on 9046 7063 or Council's Environmental Health Officer, Mr Allan Ramsay, 9046 7063.