

Shire of Westonia Council News

20 March 2019

fortnightly information from us to you

Local Westonia families host city Medical Students.

Last week the Wheatbelt welcomed medical students from Notre Dame and Curtin University as part of an immersion program with the aim of addressing a state-wide regional doctor shortage.

Over the four days, the students immersed themselves in rural life, billeted with local families across seven Wheatbelt towns – Bruce Rock, Cunderdin, Kellerberrin, Merredin, Narrogin, Southern Cross and Westonia – to learn about the realities and daily challenges faced by regionally located families.

The Program was developed in an effort to shift student perceptions about rural medicine early in their studies. Studies show a link between early exposure to rural medicine and a willingness to practice medicine in a rural location. This program offers students a unique opportunity to immerse themselves in rural medicine and to truly understand the challenges and needs of remotely located communities.

The immersion experience included three circuits covering the entire Wheatbelt with students remaining in their respective circuits for the duration of the Program.

They visited a number of hospitals, health services, GPs and primary schools. The Shire and local families were looking forward to personally hosting the students.

During the four days, students will participated in a range of activities including visits to the local hospital and medical practices, holding teddy bear clinics with students at the local primary school. They even visited Jimmy's Hut!!!

The Students were presented with an official Council tie or scarf at a thank-you function on Thursday where students then provided the locals with their thoughts of their stay and "new views" on rural medicine.

The Westonia Shire wishes to thank Dr. Olga Ward, Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Laura Black, Local Medical Patients, Ramelius Resources, PTA, Dave & Tam Hendriks and Local Billet Families .



Primary Care Nurse Practitioner**Laura Black****3rd April 19 @ Westonia Shire Office****9.00am—2.00 pm****Booking made through****WESTONIA SHIRE ADMIN on (08) 9046 7063****DR OLGA WARD****MBBS, FRACGP, GDRGP, FARGP****Procedural Surgical GP Westonia****Consulting Dates 2019 (Monday's)**

25 March 2019	9 April 2019
10 June 2019	22 July 2019
27 August 2019	23 September 2019
28 October 2019	2 December 2019



The podiatrist will be back in town on the following dates appointments are available starting at 9am

29th March 2019

Please call the Shire Office on

(08) 90467063 for more information or to make an appointment.

Westonia Swimming Pool will be closed on Wednesday 20th March 2019 & Thursday 21st March 2019. The Shire of Westonia would like to apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

**POOL
TEMPORARILY
CLOSED**

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

The next Council Meeting will be held on **Thursday 21st March 2019**, from 3.30pm. The meeting will be held at the Westonia CRC Building (Old Administration Building) The meeting's agenda will be published on Council's website from 5.00pm on **Friday 15th March 2019**.

For more info:  (08)9046 7063  www.westonia.wa.gov.au/council-meetings

**Hood-penn Museum Update****Hood-Penn Museum Busy Bee 9th April 2019 9am—12 noon**

If you have an interest in your towns history and preserving it's historical assets please come down and help. Everyone is welcome!

Historical Society meeting 9th April 2019

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 and rabbits.

The baiting programme is due to commence after Wednesday, 27 March 2019 and be completed by Saturday, 11 May 2019.

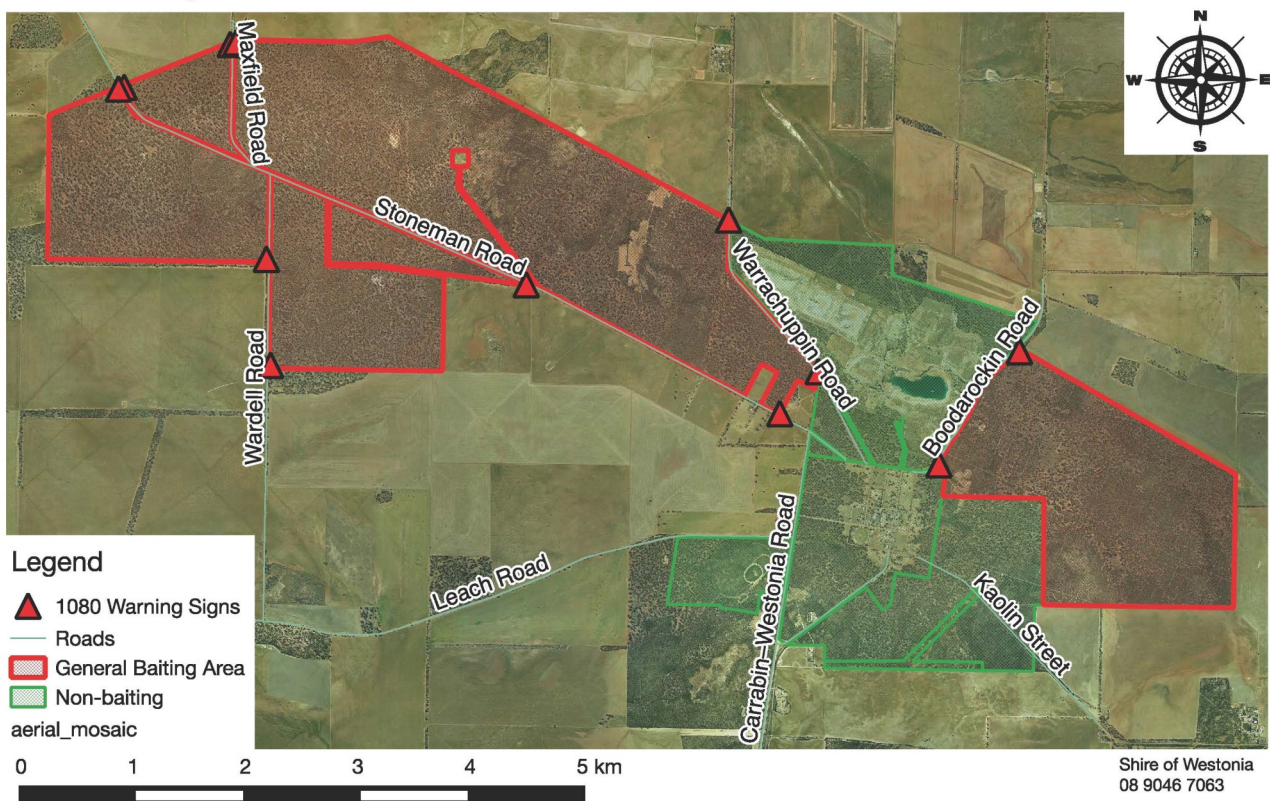
Please be advised that 1080 is highly toxic. The consumption of an animal that has ingested a lethal or sub-lethal dose of 1080 poses a serious risk of secondary poisoning to humans and other species. Taking of carcasses, removal of hides, and shooting or trapping animals (for human or animal consumption) 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.

General Baiting Area Autumn 2019 V1.0



Works Around Our Shire



Roadworks

A 1.2km section of Warrachuppin Road (located between mine entrance and Townrow's gateway) has been transformed with a trail of a Polycom product that is mixed with the existing gravel surface. Polycom provides a tighter bind to the gravel to reduce corrugation as well as act as a dust suppressant. The Polycom product is not cheap but if the trail is successful the Council will likely introduce the product on other high traffic gravel surfaces to get greater longevity on the running surface.

The works crew have mobilised to the M040 to commence reconstruction of another 2.2km section of bitumen surface West of the Warralakin townsite and just short of the Echo Valley Road intersection. The existing bitumen surface will be scarified with gravel heaps remaining in place for short periods before levelling and final trimming. The heaps will be well signed and all road users are asked to adhere to the traffic management measures for the safety of all.

Various sections of Morrison Road have been carted with the stockpiling of gravel heaps waiting to be levelled and graded once the construction crew can mobilise to site to complete works.

A drains and batters program is being undertaken by the maintenance grader on roads south of the highway.



Townsite Footpaths

Council have noticed that several local residents are making it common practise to park their vehicles on the asphalt footpaths adjacent to their properties. Footpaths are provided for pedestrian access particularly children, people with mobility issues and mothers with prams etc. Council ask that some courtesy be extended to pedestrians and that the practise of parking on footpaths be ceased.



Council and Staff at the Shire of Westonia would like to extend a goodbye and good luck messages to Leah on her new future endeavours in the North of WA.



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Our Strategic Community Plan 2018-2028

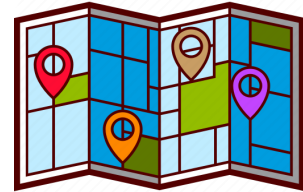
Now that five years have passed since the Strategic Community Plan 2013-2023 was adopted, back in April 2018 Council engaged Caroline Robinson from the Wheatbelt Business Network to complete the community consultation to develop a New 2018-2028 Strategic Community Plan. Which was developed using feedback received by the community, staff and Councillors of the Shire of Westonia.

You can let Council know your thoughts, the New Strategic Community Plan is available on our website www.westonia.wa.gov.au/documents/general or collect a hard copy from the Shire Administration office/Library. Your feedback will help guide our direction. Closing 3rd April 2019



Our Strategic Community Plan 2018-2028

Review For Comment



Quotation – Cartage of Blue Metal Product

Council are seeking prices, closing 4pm Thursday 28 March 2019, from local cartage enterprises for the cartage of

@ 680T Blue Metal Aggregate from WA Limestone Quarry, Byford to 2 individual sites located on the M040.

1. Warralakin Townsite adjacent CBH – 200T 7mm aggregate
2. Dave Crook's Driveway Paddock @ 12km East of Warralakin – 480T 10mm aggregate

Individual pricing will be accepted or if a preference a joint quotation from more than 1 provider will also be considered.

If you have any further enquiries please do not hesitate to contact Bill Price on 0427 467 082

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Shire of Westonia

