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Merry Christmas & A Happy New Year

THE SHIRE WISHES YOU A VERY
MERRY CHRISTMAS AND MAY THE
NEW YEAR BRING YOU LOTS OF
JOY AND HAPPINESS! WE HOPE TO
SEE YOU ALL IN THE NEW YEAR



Further Council information is available at Shire of Westonia 41 Wolfram Street, Westonia 6423
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DFES BUSHFIRE TRAINING

BFS Bush Fire Fighter Course

With significant changes to WHS Act the Executive of Council have an increased burden for the Health and Safety of its Bushfire Volunteers. Hence Council are endorsing a policy that strongly encourages mandatory minimal training to remain as a volunteer with a brigade and to enter the fire ground.

DFES Training has been organised as following.

Monday 20th & Tuesday 21st March 2023 – Individual 1-day Courses (usually 2-Day Course) for experienced volunteers to gain BFS Bush Fire Fighter accreditation.

Wednesday 22nd & Thursday 23rd March 2023 2-Day Course for new inexperienced volunteers to gain BFS Bush Fire Fighter accreditation.

Frequent reminders will be sent out in the New Year encouraging your participation.



SENIORS CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON



The luncheon was held at the Westonia Tavern on a very warm Thursday 8th of December. 54 attendees from all parts of the shire enjoyed the festivities and it was great to see some new faces in the room. The air-conditioning was welcome relief though the heat didn't deter the guests from having a laugh and an end of year catch up over a beverage or two. The room was full of Christmas cheer, decorations and the meal was fabulous! Everyone was very appreciative of the efforts from Cindy and her Staff. There were a couple of large fires in the area and our Chief Fire Control Officer and CEO had to rush off before the lunch began and we were unable to hear the CEO speech, please see the recap on 2022's undertakings and future projects.

- Since the takeover of the CRC has seen plenty of changes with the new service delivery focus being centered on Health & Wellbeing initiatives as well as 2 x community events held annually. With the appointment of Stacey as Manager Community Development and Emilie as Wellbeing Officer inroads are being made on Council's application as a Home Aged Care Service Provider (HACC). Planning is also underway for the redevelopment of the Westonia Primary School as a permanent Seniors Activity Centre.
- Council has worked diligently on securing permanent funding for the Nurse Practitioner clinic which is held on a weekly basis.
- Special mention to Mr Robert Murray from Walgoolan who has volunteered a significant amount of his time to restore the old Walgoolan Wagon which will be on display in a new shelter adjacent to the history gazebo in the truck bay.
- Exciting times ahead with the proposed redevelopment of the Diorite Street Recreation Precinct which will see the construction of a new Bowls shelter over an expanded 6 rink playing area. Designs are nearly completed for the construction of a new Pool kiosk and ablution facility at the pool.

Luckily we had a willing Councilor in attendance who thanked everyone for joining the celebration, the Westonia Tavern for their efforts, the Shire for putting it together and wished all who attended a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Thank you to all who attended. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year From Councillors and Staff at the Shire of Westonia.



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4	5	6  Laura Black	7	8  Seniors Luncheon	9	10
11	12  DR Olga Ward	13  Laura Black	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22  COUNCIL	23	24
25  Merry Christmas	26  BOXING DAY	27	28	29	30	31

Happy Birthday



1st Ada Barnett

3rd Steve Hale

7th Makayla Geier

Shaun Crees

9th Clare LeMoignan

10th Isabel Hage

17th Ned Millington

21st Mark Crees

John Townrow

24th Harold Millington

26th Kay Geier

Moe Hodge

28th Dan Barnett

30th Laura Black





Merry Christmas

THANK YOU FOR BEING PART OF OUR COMMUNITY!

WISHING YOU ALL A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS. COUNCIL, MANAGEMENT AND STAFF WOULD LIKE TO THANK RESIDENTS AND RATEPAYERS FOR THEIR SUPPORT IN 2022 AND LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITY IN 2023. COUNCIL WISHES EVERYONE ACROSS THE SHIRE A HAPPY AND SAFE FESTIVE SEASON.




MERRY CHRISTMAS WESTONIA TAVERN

Wishing you and your family health, happiness, peace and prosperity this Christmas and in the coming New Year.

We will close on Fri 23th Dec 22 and return Wed 4th Jan 23

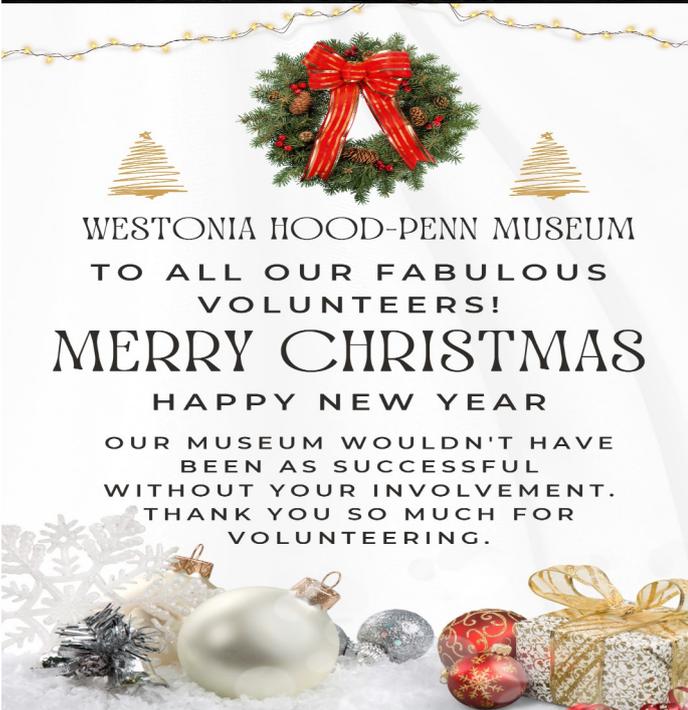



MERRY Christmas & HAPPY NEW YEAR

THE STAFF & DIRECTORS OF THE WESTONIA COMMUNITY CO-OP, CAFÉ & POST OFFICE WOULD LIKE TO WISH ALL OUR CUSTOMERS A HAPPY & SAFE CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR. THANK YOU ALL FOR SHOPPING LOCAL AND WE HOPE TO SERVE YOU AGAIN IN 2023

Christmas Opening Hours

24.12 Christmas Eve	8.30am - 12.00pm
25.12 Christmas Day	closed
26.12 Boxing Day	closed (No Papers)
27.12 Tuesday	closed (Papers out front)
28.12 Wednesday	9.00am - 2.00pm
29.12 Thursday	9.00am - 2.00pm
30.12 Friday	9.00am - 2.00pm
31.12 New Year's Eve	9.00am - 12.00pm
1.01 New Year's Day	closed
2.01 Monday	closed (Papers out front)

WESTONIA HOOD-PENN MUSEUM TO ALL OUR FABULOUS VOLUNTEERS!

MERRY CHRISTMAS

HAPPY NEW YEAR

OUR MUSEUM WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN AS SUCCESSFUL WITHOUT YOUR INVOLVEMENT. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR VOLUNTEERING.





POSITION VACANCY- ROAD TRAIN/GRADER OPERATOR

An excellent opportunity exists for a person with road train side tipper operation experience to join Council’s outside work force. Requirements for the position include:

- Previous Plant Operation Experience
- Hold a current ‘MC’ Drivers License (minimum)
- Police Clearance, and
- Pass a pre-placement medical examination.

Attractive conditions of employment are offered including salary in the range of \$62,000- \$66,000, inclusive of guaranteed overtime, service payments, matching superannuation contributions and other benefits. Suitable housing can be arranged if required.

Westonia is a dynamic rural community situated 316km east of the Perth in the Wheatbelt. The town is well serviced with shopping, medical, swimming pool, excellent sporting facilities and a primary school in nearby community of Merredin. The community is currently experiencing substantial development through mining and lifestyle growth.

Interested persons should obtain an information package by contacting Jasmine Geier at the Shire Office on 9046 7063 or emailing admin@westonia.wa.gov.au.

Further details regarding the position can be made by contacting Kevin Paust, Construction Supervisor on 0427 467 077.

Applications should be sent to the undersigned at Shire of Westonia, Wolfram St, Westonia 6423, by 4.00pm Friday 27th January 2023

Bill Price
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR OFFICE CLOSURE

Notice is hereby given for the closure of the Shire of Westonia Administration Office during the Christmas / New Year holiday break.

All residents are encouraged to complete their business transactions on or before lunchtime Friday 23rd December 2022

For emergency callouts, please call Bill Price, Chief Executive Officer on 0427 467 063.

	Admin/CRC Office	Westonia Swimming Pool
Friday 23 Dec	8.30am - 12.00pm	11.00am - 7.00pm
Christmas Day	CLOSED	CLOSED
Boxing Day	CLOSED	11.00am - 7.00pm
Monday 26 Dec	CLOSED	11.00am - 7.00pm
Tuesday 27 Dec	CLOSED	CLOSED
Wednesday 28 Dec	CLOSED	11.00am - 7.00pm
Thursday 29 Dec	CLOSED	11.00am - 7.00pm
Friday 30 Dec	CLOSED	11.00am - 7.00pm
New Year’s Eve	CLOSED	11.00am - 7.00pm
New Year’s Day	CLOSED	CLOSED
Monday 2 Jan	CLOSED	11.00am - 7.00pm
Tuesday 3 Jan	8.30am - 5.00pm	CLOSED
Westonia Caravan Park will operate as Normal		

Bill Price
Chief Executive Officer





Wishing our Westonia community a happy and safe festive season



PENNANTS

Unfortunately, the Men's Wessy Pennant Team went down to Merredin Club Red 7 to 1 on their last pennant match for 2022. They are still up there so will come out fighting when Pennants commences again on the 9th February.



After the two weeks break the ladies came out trumps against Bruce Rock on the 7th December with another impressive win of 4 to 0. On the 14th December the ladies hosted Civic on the last pennant game for the ladies on the old green. 3 to 1 to Wessey which puts them firmly on top of the pennant ladder for the first time in the Clubs history.

Congratulations to the winner of the ladies Club Championship singles, Joan Smith. It was a pleasure to see so many good close games and



some skillful bowling over the day.

Congratulations to Bill Price, Shaun Crees and Aaron Smith for being selected to represent the league in the Men's ILRR to be played at Quairading on January 6th 2023.

LAST ROAD TRIP FOR 2022

The Westonia team of Ainslie Faithfull, Diane Jones and Kylie Gibson travelled to Mukinbudin for the annual Christmas Gala Day Triples. A wonderful day of Christmas Carols and some beautifully amusing and funny Christmas dress ups. The Westonia team came in fourth with 3 wins but 1 point out of the Trophys. They were the second round winners and Di and Kylie came away with the Christmas puddings. Congratulations to the Civic team and the runner up combined team of Joan, Norma and Dianne Jones.

Club Day

An enthusiastic group of Wessy Wanderers played triples on the Club day on the 11th. Some very friendly banter between the Downsborough and Johnston Spouses. Funny how playing against your partner brings out the best bowls and the most cutting wit. Winners for the day were Ainslie, Keith and Marie. The last Club Day for 2022 will be on the 18th with the Johnston Family Skins.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy Safe New Year to all the Wessy Wanderers.





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“Quotation
Aggregate Cartage”
SHIRE OF WESTONIA
A vibrant community lifestyle

QUOTATION – AGGREGATE CARTAGE

The Shire of Westonia seek quotations from local contractors for the provision of cartage of aggregate for Council’s sealing program.

An estimated 375 Tonne of 7mm and 550 Tonnes of 14mm is required to be carted to the Shire 30SLK along Warralakin Road from Hanson Australia Quarry Red Hill. Cartage will be required by Mid February 2023.

Quotations close 4pm Wednesday 4th January 2023 and will be received via the below mentioned email.

Further enquiries can be made with Bill Price on 0427 467 063 or email, ceo@westonia.wa.gov.au.

Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

Bill Price
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



THERE WILL BE NO CHANGE TO THE GENERAL WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES FOR THE CHRISTMAS PERIOD.



TO DO ALL YOUR ADVERTISING

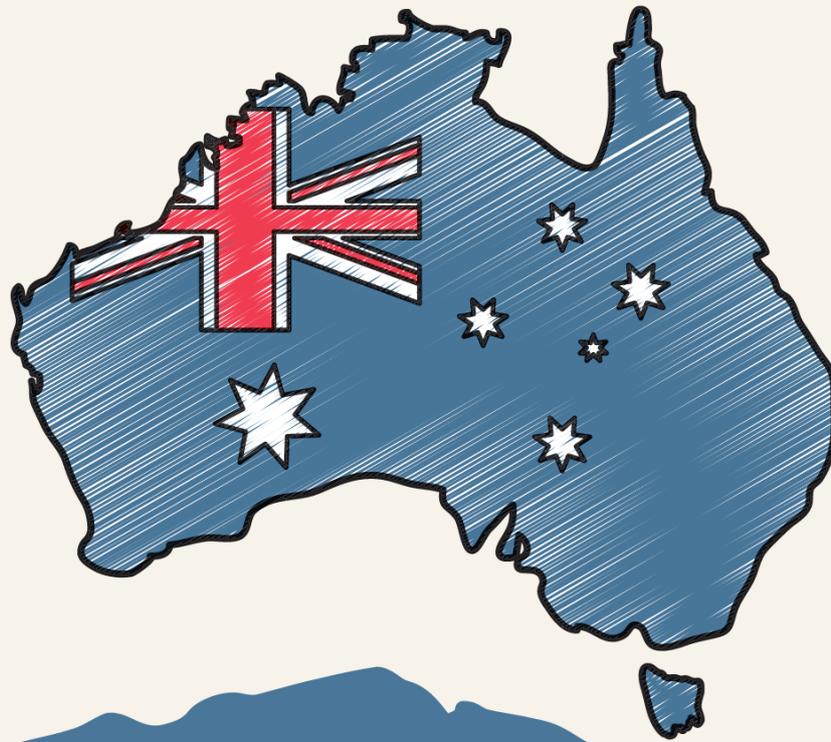


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★ FIGHT the BITE ★

MOSQUITO FOGGING

Shire of Westonia will be undertaking mosquito fogging in Westonia townsite over the coming weeks. Fogging will be as weather permits



✦ *Happy* ✦
Australia Day

FREE AUSTRALIA DAY SAUSAGE SIZZLE
WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY 26TH JANUARY 2023 @ 5.00 PM AT
THE WANDERERS STADIUM/SWIMMING POOL
POOL WILL BE OPEN FROM
11AM—7PM
FOR ENQUIRIES PLEASE CONTACT WESTONIA SHIRE
ADMINISTRATION ON 9046 7063. FURTHER UPDATES WILL BE ON
OUR FACEBOOK PAGE CLOSER TO THE EVENT