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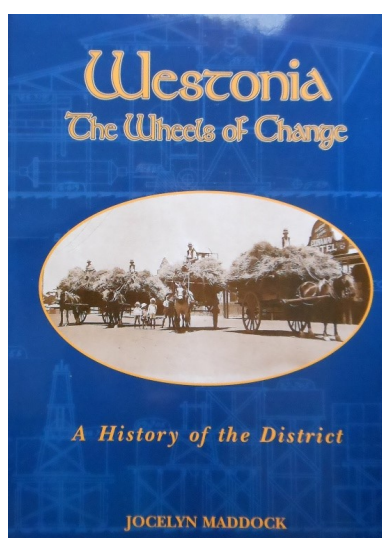
WESTONIA, DECEMBER 6TH 2023

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25 YEAR ANNIVERSARY WESTONIA 'THE WHEELS OF CHANGE' HISTORY BOOK

This month marks the 25th Anniversary of Westonia 'The Wheels of Change' History Book which was written by Jocelyn Maddock, ex resident of Mukinbudin. The book is a significant record of Westonia's colorful and diverse history and was a great achievement by both Jocelyn and the Council at the time.



ROAD OPEN

Warralakin Road
between Leach Road
and the Great Eastern
Highway is now open
again for all road users

NEW KENWORTH PRIME MOVER

After a nearly 2 year wait the Council has finally taken delivery of its new Kenworth 659 prime mover. This new addition will compliment the already impressive fleet that Council operate.

This will replace the 2014 Freightliner which is available for outright purchase. Details can be obtained by contacting Kevin Paust on 0427 467 077.



LIFESTYLE VILLAGE LEISURE CENTRE SURVEY RESULTS

During the seniors luncheon on the 6th of December, everyone was given a survey to have their say in what they want to see in the future lifestyle centre. Some questions were;

Q1. Would you use a warm water leisure pool? 76% said yes.

Q2. Would you be likely to get involved in a Community/Workshop Shed? 64% said yes.

Q3. Would you be interested in partaking in the Nursery/Community Garden? 54% said yes

If you would also like to have your say, complete the survey via the link below.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YQK6Z8V>

Happy Birthday



1st December: Ada Barnett

3rd December: Steve Hale

7th December: Makayla Geier

Shaun Crees

9th December: Clare LeMoignan

10th December: Isabel Hage

17th December: Ned Millington

21st December: Mark Crees

John Townrow

24th December: Harold Millington

26th December: Kay Geier

Moe Hodge

28th December: Dan Barnett

30th December: Laura Black

HYDROTHERAPY POOL FUNDRAISING PROGRESS

GOAL: \$10,000



Holiday Opening Hours

	Shire Office	Swimming Pool
Fri 22nd Dec	8:30am - 12pm	11am - 7pm
Sat 23rd Dec	Closed	11am - 7pm
Sun 24th Dec	Closed	11am - 7pm
Mon 25th Dec	Closed	Closed
Tue 26th Dec	Closed	11am - 7pm
Wed 27th Dec	Closed	11am - 7pm
Thu 28th Dec	Closed	Closed
Fri 29th Dec	Closed	11am - 7pm
Sat 30th Dec	Closed	11am - 7pm
Sun 31st Dec	Closed	11am - 7pm
Mon 1st Jan	Closed	11am - 7pm
Tue 2nd Jan	Open as usual	11am - 7pm

The Caravan Park will operate as Normal

*Merry
Christmas!*



Free Admission

Season Open 1 Nov 2023

Westonia Swimming Pool

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

Pool Contact Details:
 Pool Manager : Scott Huggett
 P: 9046 7053 E: pool@westonia.wa.gov.au

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE POOL WILL NOW BE OPEN ON TUESDAYS AND WILL BE CLOSED ON THURSDAYS.

THE POOL WILL ONLY BE CLOSED ON CHRISTMAS DAY, POOL HOURS WILL REMAIN THE SAME OVER THE CHRISTMAS PERIOD.

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Merry Merry Merry XMAS :)

COUNCIL BANKING CHANGES

Council has recently switched over to Bendigo Bank, therefore the banking details have also changed.

Please get in contact with the Shire on 9046 7063 if you require the new bank details.



Bendigo Bank



OUTRIGHT PURCHASE OF FREIGHTLINER CORONADO 2014 PRIME MOVER

Council are seeking tenders for the Outright Purchase of the following:

2014 Freightliner Coronado Prime Mover
WT1220 Vin 1FVJF7DR5DLFG4199

90 Tonne rated, Eaton Road Ranger Transmission with approximately 235,000kms at time of release.

Inspections of the Prime Mover can be made by contacting the Construction Supervisor Mr Kevin Paust 0427467077 or email ceo@westonia.wa.gov.au

Tenders be accepted until 5pm 15th December 2023 and should be submitted via email marked 'Freightliner Prime Mover Tender' to the above email address:

Bill Price

Chief Executive Officer



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A vibrant community lifestyle

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BUSHFIRE IMPORTANT CONTACTS

CHIEF BUSH FIRE CONTROL OFFICER

Frank Corsini | 0429 467 042

DEPUTY CHIEF BUSH FIRE CONTROL OFFICER

Michael Crook | 0428 449 004

WESTONIA BRIGADE FIRE CONTROL OFFICERS

Frank Corsini | 0429 467 042

Colin Lindley | 0427 467 004

Brad Penny | 0429 467 046

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Jason Wahlsten | 0429 447 020

Shaun Crees | 0428 447 057

WARRALAKIN BRIGADE FIRE CONTROL OFFICERS

Michael Crook | 0428 449 004

Brayden Brennan | 0447 098 662

Steve Lemoignan | 0428 449 002

SHIRE FIRE CONTROL OFFICER

Bill Price | 0427 467 063

(General enquiries only. In an emergency call 000)

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WESTONIA SPORT AND RECREATION NEWS

My apologies for not keeping up with the reporting of all the Bowling news this year. We will endeavor to bring you all the news from now on.

We are hoping that we can also keep up to date with all our current sports as well as also report on sport and recreation outside of our town which involves members of our community, current or previous, who are involved in some compacity. The basketball season has just about been completed but we have had three of our young Westonians competing in the competition in Merredin on Thursday afternoon/night. Well done to Makayla Geier, Tyler Geier and Jackson Kelly.

If any of our readers know of someone from Westonia involved in sport or recreation, please let us know so that we can share their achievements with members of our Community.

Westonia Bowling Club News



Pennants

In the 2023-2024 men's pennant season the format for pennants was changed to Division 1

and Division 2. Each Club has the two divisions with Division 1 having 16 players and Division 2 having 12 players. Due to the declining membership in Yilgarn, Westonia and Yilgarn combined, with Westonia forming the Division 1 and Yilgarn forming the Division 2. Players from each of these two clubs are permitted to play for either division as required. The season commenced on the 21st of October with Westonia D1 and Yilgarn D2 travelling to Bruce Rock. Unfortunately, Bruce Rock came out on top in Division 1 with 108 points to 87. A win by Bruce Rock 7 to 1 points.

Game 2 on the 28th October Corrigin Blue travelled to Westonia and were soundly thrashed by our teams 123 to 68, 8 points to 0. By the third round scheduled for 4th November, Covid raised its ugly head with many of the Corrigin players unable to fill their side so this round has been postponed.

Saturday 18th November Westonia Division 1 outplayed Civic to come away with an impressive win of 100 to 61, 7 points to one. The tide was turned in the match at Narembreen on the 26th of November with Westonia going down to Narembreen 97 to 81, 8 points to 0.

The men were back in the winning circle on Saturday 2nd December at home. Westonia D1 91, 7 points to Bruce Rock 72, 1 point. This puts our Division 1 Westonia in 2nd place on the Pennant Ladder. Keep it up guys.



The ladies travelled to Tammin on the 11th of October and commenced the season with a 35 to 31, 3 to 1 win. The first home pennant game on our beautiful new facility on the 18th of October saw the ladies once again triumph with a 42 to 36, 3 points to 1, win over Corrigin Blue. We then travelled to Corrigin on the 25th of October and came away with a well fought win 40 to 30, 3.5 points to .5 points. The ladies continued with their winning streak against Bruce Rock on the 8th of November with an impressive win 51 to 20, 4 points to 0. On the 15th of November we travelled to Civic and once again came away with another win 40 to 33, 4 points to 0. Although we came crashing down on the 22nd of November with a 37 to 48, 0 points to 4 points against Narembreen, the Westonia Ladies Pennant team is still holding onto top position of the Pennant ladder. Well done to our pennant players. Our next game will be on the 6th of December when we host Tammin at Westonia.

On the Road Again

The members of the ladies and men's Wessy Wanderers have once again been seen to be wandering all over the state. Teams have represented Westonia in the Kalgoorlie Ladies and Men's Carnivals, Kulin Open Day,

Doodlakine, Corrigin Open Fours, Bruce Rock Open Fours, Quairading Open Day, Narembreen Ladies Fours Open Day, Tammin Open Day and the Corrigin open Day. There have been successes and some not so successful, but all were attended with enjoyment and good sportsmanship which is the trademark of all Wessy Wanderers.



Competitions and Championships

Joan Smith and Ainslie Faithfull were selected in the ILRR Pairs which was played at Northam on the 17th, 18th and 19th November. Our very own Kay Geier stepped up to become manager and selector after a family incident prevented Lorraine Crombe, the League's normal manager and Selector, from attending. Well done, Kay. A massive job achieved by you in the professional manner as always.

Ladies Championship fours was played on the Wednesday 1st November with eventual winners being the team of Kylie Gibson, Heather Lockyer, Kerryn Townrow and Lesley Pascoe. The winners of the Men's Championship Fours were Stephen Lunn, Graham Jones, Dave Hamilton and Arthur Mather.

Ladies Championship pairs winners were Lesley Downsborough and Helen Barnett with 3 wins + 4. Runners up were Ainslie Faithfull and Jocelyn Antonio 2 wins + 13.

Congratulations to all.

Social Bowls and Barefoot Bowls

Sunday Social Bowls has been running very smoothly with lots of laughter and new games introduced by our Kay Geier. If any new players out there wish to get involved, please come down. We play most Sundays from 2 o'clock for 2.30 start.

Congratulations to Steve Lunn on the first successful night of barefoot (Jack Attack) bowls on Thursday 30th November. Well run and organized with lots of humorous moments. The next night will be Thursday 7th December at 6pm.



expressions of interest

BLOKES BREWING CLUB

Learn how to home brew and swap brewing ideas, most likely with a shared beer or two.










Contact the Shire on 9046 7063 if you are interested.



White Elephant Christmas Gift Rules

20/12/2023

10:30AM, Medical Centre

-  Buy a gift to the value of \$10. it can be funny, funky, flavoursome or plain and simply nice.
-  Wrap your gift in newspaper
-  Bring it to lunch and put it under the Christmas Tree
-  Players pick a number to see what order they choose their gift
-  First player picks a gift or steal the previous players gift
-  The following players can choose to either pick an unwrapped gift or steal the previous players gift
-  Anyone who gets their gift stolen in this way can choose a new gift or steal from someone else.
-  A gift can only be stolen once per turn
-  After three swaps, the turn comes to an end and you have to be happy with what you have in your hand



COMMUNITY WELLBEING NEWS

On the 13th of October, Alex Rae held a pottery workshop at the Medical Centre. The girls had a fun filled evening learning how to make pottery and went home with some fabulous pieces.



On Wednesday the 15th of November, Pauline Guest gave a very informative chat about our up and coming Residential Kerbside Container Refund program that will be starting in our Shire in January 2023. the Recycling bins will be rolling out in the next few weeks.

This is the first Kerbside Cash for Container pick-up in Australia, so Westonia leads the way again.

To become a recipient for the cash, you need to register. Pauline has offered her time in January to help those that need help with registering. Date TBC, watch the Westonian for date set. For more information about cash for containers, visit the website;

<https://www.containersforchange.com.au/wa/>

RESIDENTIAL KERBSIDE CONTAINER REFUNDS COMING SOON TO THE WESTONIA TOWNSITE!!



CHECK FOR THE 10c MARK

It's easy to save your 10c containers from landfill so they can live another life — just check for the 10c mark!

Most aluminium, glass, plastic, steel, and liquid paperboard drink containers that are 150ml to 3L are accepted.

This includes:

- Most single-serve water and fizzy drink containers up to and including 3L.
- Most single-serve alcohol containers, like beer bottles and pre-mixed spirits.
 - Flavoured milk containers that are 150ml to 999ml.
- Coconut water, pure fruit, or vegetable juice containers that are 150ml to 999ml.

Make sure you take off the lids — we recycle those too, just separately.



WHEATBELT

CASH FOR CONTAINERS

HOW WILL IT WORK?

YOU WILL BE GIVEN A 120L CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE BIN TO DEPOSIT YOUR ELIGIBLE EMPTIES INTO. ON PICK UP DAYS, YOU'LL PUT YOUR BIN OUT AND WE'LL EMPTY YOUR CONTAINERS INTO A COLLECTION BAG. THEN, WE TAKE YOUR CONTAINERS TO THE DEPOT TO COUNT AND ISSUE YOUR REFUND.

WHEN WILL THE COLLECTIONS BE?

WE ARE WAITING ON THE ARRIVAL OF THE BINS, WHICH ARE MADE IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA. WE EXPECT THEM TO ARRIVE IN PERTH IN LATE OCTOBER, SO HOPE TO HAVE OUR FIRST COLLECTION IN DECEMBER 2023 OR JANUARY 2024.

WE WILL ISSUE A HANDY COLLECTION CALENDAR SOON.

WHO GETS MY REFUND?

YOU CAN GET A PERSONAL REFUND OR SELECT A CHARITY VIA YOUR MEMBER NUMBER, OR YOU CAN DONATE IT TO THE WESTONIA PROGRESS ASSOCIATION, WHO WILL USE AND DISTRIBUTE THE FUNDS TO BENEFIT OF THE COMMUNITY.

IF YOU DON'T HAVE A MEMBER NUMBER YET, HEAD TO WWW.CONTAINERSFORCHANGE.COM.AU/WA/ TO SIGN UP.

WHAT DO I DO WITH MY CONTAINERS BEFORE THEN?

DEPOSIT BAGGED OR BOXED CONTAINERS IN THE BAG DROP POINT (BEHIND THE OLD CWA BUILDING). USING YOUR MEMBER NUMBER, YOU CAN RECEIVE A PERSONAL REFUND OR YOU CAN DONATE TO A GROUP OR CHARITY OF YOUR CHOICE BY WRITING DOWN THEIR MEMBER NUMBER.

YOU CAN COLLECT BAGS AND TAGS AT THE WESTONIA GENERAL STORE, BUT ANY STURDY BAG OR BOX WILL DO.

YOU CAN ALSO DEPOSIT LOOSE CONTAINERS INTO THE DONATION BINS THERE, WITH THE PROCEEDS GOING TO THE PARNANA PIKURTU WILDLIFE SANCTUARY.

QUESTIONS?

CONTACT PAULINE ON 0429 467 178 OR AT CASHFORCONTAINERS@OUTLOOK.COM

IT IS BECAUSE OF THE GENEROUS SUPPORT OF THE SHIRE OF WESTONIA AND WESTONIA PROGRESS ASSOCIATION THAT WE ARE ABLE TO OFFER THIS INNOVATIVE SERVICE. THANK YOU.



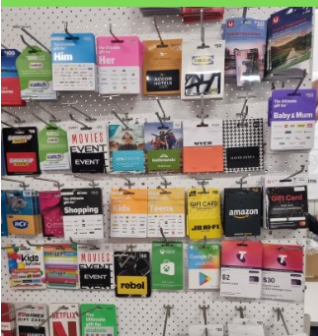
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\$6.90



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Christmas Opening Hours



SATURDAY 23TH— 8.30AM—12PM

SUNDAY 24TH—CLOSED

MONDAY 25TH—CLOSED

TUESDAY 26TH—CLOSED PAPERS OUT THE FRONT

WEDNESDAY 27TH 9.00 AM—2.30 PM

THURSDAY 28TH 9.00 AM— 2.30 PM

FRIDAY 29TH 9.00AM—2.30PM

SATURDAY 30TH 9.00AM—12PM

MONDAY 1ST JAN—CLOSED PAPERS OUT THE FRONT

2ND JANUARY HOURS BACK TO NORMAL

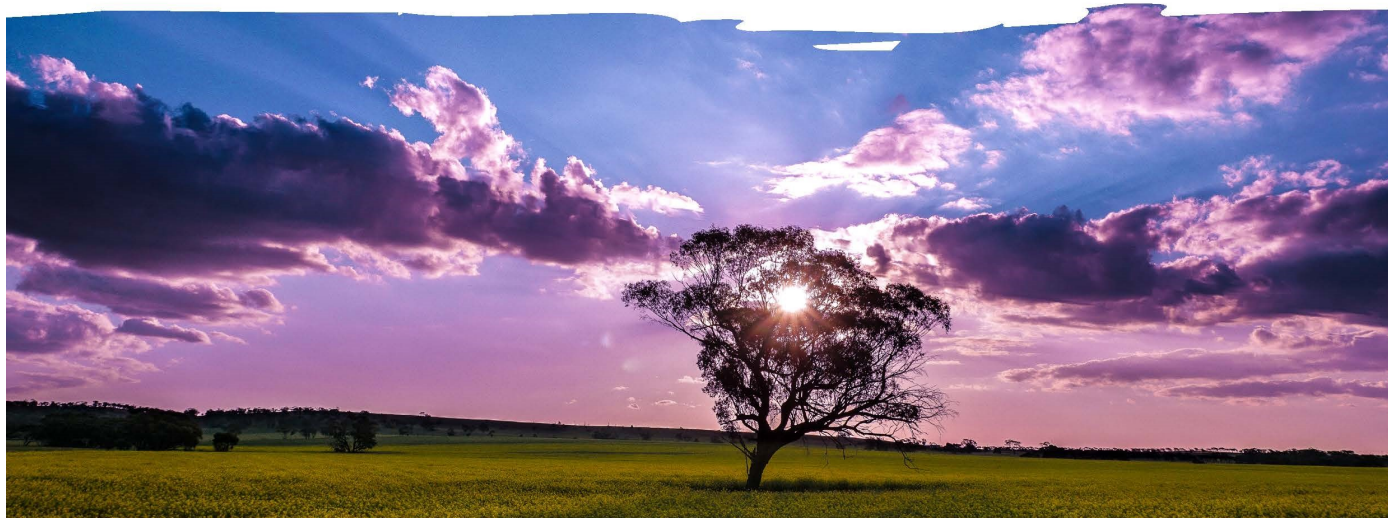
FRIDAY 26TH JAN AUSTRALIA DAY CLOSED

THANK YOU ALL FOR THE CONTINUED SUPPORT
AND SEE YOU AGAIN IN 2023





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Passion meets purpose at Wheatbelt NRM!

Are you ready to be part of a dynamic team dedicated to cultivating a vibrant Wheatbelt community? Wheatbelt NRM invites passionate community leaders and aspiring leaders to join our Board and play a pivotal role in shaping a thriving and sustainable future for our local environment.

Passion meets purpose at Wheatbelt NRM; share your unwavering passion for the Wheatbelt and contribute your expertise from community groups, other Boards, or your professional endeavours.

We're looking for individuals with experience and passion in one or more of the following areas:

- Governance literacy and experience
- Company Secretary experience or training
- Aboriginal engagement and liaison
- Financial governance and reporting
- Natural resource management

Board Members must live, own land, work within and/or operate within the Avon River Basin. If you are ready to contribute to a thriving Wheatbelt community and make a lasting impact on our environment, we invite you to submit your Resume and a Cover Letter addressing your experience in the above areas. While we value diverse experiences, it is not expected that candidates have experience in all areas.

Want to know more? Please contact Valetta Roberts, Executive and Governance Coordinator on 9670 3138.

Ready to make a difference? Applications are to be sent to vroberts@wheatbeltnrm.org.au by Friday 1 December 2023.



Affordable and Practical **Farm** Safety

Are you aware there is another very affordable and practical farm safety option on the market? We are visiting a few other farmers in your region and wanted to let you know about the services we offer; in case you haven't heard about us. We are the fastest-growing safety business for many great reasons. Affordability, practicality and a 'friend in the know' to call if an incident occurs are just a few.

We were recently announced State Finalists in the 2023 Telstra Best of Business Awards, beating over 20,000 businesses Australia-wide, so we know we are on the right track. We honestly believe that if safety is not affordable, practical, and quick to implement, it just won't happen. The feedback we are receiving is that our approach is very practical and supportive. We won't ask you to throw away any old equipment, just consider it comes with a separate set of instructions for those that use it.

After a 25-year policing career (but starting off as a farm hand when I first left school) I am committed to keeping people safe in my business called Regional Safety Services. As you can appreciate, I have seen all aspects of farming tragedies, and the new Industrial Manslaughter Legislation is not something to be taken for granted. Even if you do not hire staff, you can still find yourself subject to this legislation if something happens and you do not have the required safety systems or records in place.

Most farmers are doing the right thing to keep their team safe but lack the evidence to prove it. This is where we can help you! Unlike our competitors, we come to you and conduct a two-hour on-site safety appraisal for only **\$880.00**. We will arm you with lots of tips and knowledge, prepare the documentation for you with a clear overview of your position and actions to take. You will not be left guessing what you need to do.

To make life easier we have introduced our own online safety forms to help capture your current effort in this area. We have spent over two years developing our Plant and Machinery Risk Assessment forms, which include Harvester, Seeding, and other farm machines. These forms are only \$99.00 to access them for 12 months. These forms have been recommended by farmers like you and most can be done in 1-2 minutes. They can be done on your mobile device, and we provide QR codes for quick and direct access.

If you undertake a service like ours, it would be virtually impossible for someone to say you were grossly negligent, as you are doing something proactive and demonstrating an open commitment to safety. Too many farmers are saying they will plead ignorant if something happens. In light of the recent WorkSafe review of the agricultural industry, there is a massive target on the back of farmers and as such I urge you to help raise the bar of safety in your industry. The WorkSafe review into the agriculture industry is now complete and I look forward to helping my clients get on the front foot with the changes soon to be implemented.

If you have any further questions, I am available on my mobile or feel free to make contact via email and I can send you more details about what we will do when we attend your farm to conduct an appraisal. We also service many other businesses, not just farms.

Darren Slys

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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31 DECEMBER	1 JANUARY 	2 JANUARY SHIRE OFFICE BACK OPEN	3 JANUARY	4 JANUARY	5 JANUARY	6 JANUARY