



# The Westonian



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happy new year

What a way to start the new year! Our little community has reached our goal of raising \$10,000 to go towards the new warm water activity pool in just a few months! A big thankyou to our hardworking locals who came up with ways to donate!!

**NEXT MEETING 28/02/24 1.30PM**  
**Medical Centre**



Celebrations were held on Friday the 26<sup>th</sup> of January, at Westonia's wanderers Stadium. This

event was to all community members and visitors to town on the day. It was a very hot Sunday and the pool was a very good option for most. Celebrations at the stadium ran from 5pm onwards starting with a free Sausage sizzle, the bar was open and there were free Ice-creams at the pool all day. It was a great evening for everyone who attended.

A big thank you to those who volunteered their time to help out on the day from decorations to cooking the barbie to running the bar and more. Your help was greatly appreciated and valued! It was great to see people happy to step up to the plate when so many people were away.



## AVAILABILITY OF ANNUAL REPORT 2022/23 AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ELECTORS

The Annual Report of the Shire of Westonia for 2022/23 is available for inspection at the Shire Office, Wolfram Street Westonia during office hours or via the Shire Website [www.westonia.wa.gov.au](http://www.westonia.wa.gov.au).

The Annual General Meeting of Electors will be held on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at the Old Miners Hall, Wolfram Street, Westonia commencing at 6.00pm.

The purpose of the meeting of electors is to discuss the Annual Report for 2022/23 and any other general business.

Bill Price  
Chief Executive Officer

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## AGED CARE COURSES AVAILABLE

If you are interested in completing a course in Aged Care now is the time to Enroll!

Westonia Home Care Services are up and running and the need for qualified Individual support workers in Westonia is growing.

Thanks to Government Jobs & Skills WA funding program

There are a number of courses available for minimal cost to the student.

For more information on Cert II (introduction to Aged Care), Cert III (Individual Support - ageing), short courses available & signing up to achieve your qualification;

Please contact Stacey at Westonia CRC



(08) 9046 7063



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## WHEATBELT CASH FOR CONTAINERS

Our first cash for container bin pick up was on the 16th of January, a total of 4,760 containers were collected. Everyone did a great job in participating and should be congratulated on their efforts!! The next bin collection will be on the 13th of February so please remember to put your bins out before 8AM next Tuesday. Below is the statistics from the last bin collection.

Summary for January 16 2024 Collection	
Total Containers Collected:	4,760
Total Value of Refunds:	\$476.00
Total Value of Personal Refunds:	\$309.50
Number of Personal Refunds:	21
Total Value of Donations:	\$166.50
Total Number of Donations:	15
Donated to WPA:	\$130.90
Number of Donations:	12
Donated to Hydrotherapy Pool Fund:	\$35.60
Number of Donations:	3
Number of Residences Collected From:	36
Number of Residences Issued Bins:	68
% of Residences Participated: (No allowances made for properties currently unoccupied)	53%

Material Type Summary	
Glass	1,367
Aluminium	2,569
PET - Clear	606
PET - Colour	72
HDPE	87
LPB	57
Steel	2
Other	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,760</b>

Ineligible Containers	10
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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.



## WESTONIA TENNIS CLUB INC

### EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST NEEDED!

FOR THE CONTINUANCE OR RESTRUCTURE  
OF WESTONIA TENNIS CLUB INCORPORATED.

**EOI SHOULD BE RECEIVED NO  
LATER THAN 5PM 31/3/24.**

NO EOI WILL RESULT IN THE DISCONTINUATION OF THE CLUB AT EOFY 2024 AND DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS TO THE RE-DEVELOPMENT OF THE WESTONIA SPORTING PRECINCT IN PHASE THREE OF THE PROJECT.

PLEASE CONTACT STACEY GEIER

**(08) 9046 7063**

**community@westonia.wa.gov.au**



### Labour Day

Please note the Shire office, CRC and public library will be closed for the Labour Day public holiday on **Monday 4 March 2024.**



# Happy Birthday



3 February: Jarryd Antonio, Amy Stevens

7 February: Graeme Bright, Asha Geier

11 February: Lilly Townrow

12 February: Debra Godwin

16 February: David Townrow

17 February: Joan Smith

18 February: Adrian Townrow, Jordi Smith, Stewart & Jessica McDowall

22 February: Lex Townrow

23 February: Dean Penny

26 February: Louis Geier

27 February: Alison Townrow

30 February: Kim Poole



**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

**Moore Rock Pool & C**

**Join our 2024 Footy Tipping Competition**

Begins 14th March

**\$60** to register

Register and go into the draw to win **\$100!!**  
(closes 12th March)

**Overall Prizes**  
1st - \$500  
2nd - \$250  
3rd - \$100  
**\$50 Weekly Prizes**

For more information contact Aleisha  
aleisha456@hotmail.com or 0439 350 838



**HAPPY 2024 TO EVERYONE AND READ ALL ABOUT WHATS COMING UP!!!**

Hoping you all had a wonderful Christmas and the coming New Year is all you could wish for.

Our Christmas raffle was won by Abigail Townrow and the last scratchie board was won by Joan Huxtable (who I see has not won a million dollars). Thanks goes to all those that donated to the raffle and to Pat Rule our scratchie board expert.

As it was such a busy 2023, we have decided to slow events down and only have one Wednesday outing our guest speaker each third Wednesday of the month. Scrabble and Bingo will still be as usual on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Our first Wednesday outing of the year will be 21/02/2024 and we are off to the Merredin Railway Museum and then on for a yummy lunch at the Commercial Hotel.

Emilie will resume Water Aerobics on Mondays and is introducing 'Use it or Lose it' Sessions on the Wednesdays that we are not having an outing. These sessions will keep you moving in a most gentle way.

The Warm Water Leisure Pool fund raising will be cranking up again soon with a quiz night and a car boot sale in the coming months. So, start Googling General knowledge and check out the Westonian for these up and coming events.

We are wanting expressions of interest for people interested in medication blister packs. These packs are filled by the Pharmacist at \$6.00 a pack (fortnightly) the pharmacy liaises with Laura Black for scripts and the Shire will pick packs up in bulk and then distribute. PLEASE contact the Shire for more information.



## ROADTRIP TO THE MERREDIN RAILWAY MUSEUM AND LUNCH AT THE COMMERCIAL HOTEL

Wednesday 21st February

**Bookings Essential, Book at the Shire Office**

The bus will leave the Medical Centre at 10:00AM

*Plonk and Donk*  
CROCHET  
FEBRUARY 23RD  
6PM  
MEDICAL CENTRE

Come join us and  
learn how to do basic  
granny squares.  
Please Bring your own  
beverages and a plate  
of nibbles to share

# WESTONIA SPORT AND RECREATION NEWS

Thank you to Lesley and Brian Pascoe for their donation of exercise equipment for the local gymnasium. Their generous donation has added to the already wonderful array of exercise equipment available at our fantastic gym.

## Westonia Bowling Club News

### Pennants

The men will continue their pennants on the 10<sup>th</sup> February with Westonia playing the Merredin Club at the Westonia Stadium. All are welcome to come down and cheer on our team. We can be assured that there will be some fantastic bowls played.

Corrigin Gold travelled to Westonia on the 20<sup>th</sup> December to play the Westonia women's team. The result for that game was Westonia 53 shots 4 points, to Corrigin Gold 24 shots 0 points. The ladies enjoyed a Christmas luncheon at the stadium after the game. We had the first bye on the Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January and then travel to Bruce Rock on the 7<sup>th</sup> February to continue our campaign for our first ever pennant Flag.

### Competitions and Championships

Congratulations to Aaron Smith, Shaun Crees and Jason Guerini who all played in the men's Interleague in Kalgoorlie on the 5<sup>th</sup> to the 7<sup>th</sup> January. Our South Eastern Bowling League were the winners.

The ladies Club Championship singles was played on the 31<sup>st</sup> January with the winner being Lesley Downsborough, 4 points with 20 shots up over Ainslie Faithfull 4 points 19 shots up. Congratulations Lesley.

Our ladies played very well in the interleague fours on



the 2<sup>nd</sup> to the 4<sup>th</sup> February in very trying conditions. The game on Friday night was held over until 7pm due to the heat. A late night for our players but they came out firing on Saturday. Again, the second game on Saturday was halted for 40 minutes due to the heat rule. The South Eastern League came in second to Avon overall. Congratulations to Diane Jones and Kylie Gibson on being selected to compete in the inter zone fours to be held in Kulin on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> March.

## Social Bowls and Club Events

The Presidents New Year ANY GENDER Pairs was played on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> January. With many amusing, and probably original sledges though all the games the eventual winners were Lunny and Ainslie. Runners up were Ross and Murray. Thank you again to the Crees Family for a wonderful day.

The Australia Day celebrations on the 26<sup>th</sup> January were once again catered for and organized by our wonderful council staff. After a fun day of bowls, everyone settled in to enjoy the good company and to partake of a sausage sizzle cooked by our esteem BBQ kings, Bill and Doug. In the bowls the ladies eventually came out on top with a win over the men's team. Well done to Margie, Heather, Kerry, Ainslie and Lani.

### On The Road Again

Kay, Lesley, and Ainslie were joined by past Wanderer's member Aida Poecock and travelled to Hope Town to compete in the Hope Town Classic held over two days. The ladies went very well and were just pipped at the post on shots up. Second was an unexpected but memorable result. Lesley, Ainslie and Kay then competed in the Annual National Emu Round up. They again didn't quite come in first place, but they did manage to round up and reunite father emu and his four chicks in just under an hour. All three will not be competing in this event next year.



The men's team of Bill, Bob, Phil and Jonesy took out the Yilgarn Fours Open Day on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> with the second place going to Drake, Fred, Lunny and Brad. Drake also won the raffle. As you can imagine, this being the best the men have done in a while, celebrations continued on overtime. Well done guys.



### PUBLIC NOTICE—COUNCIL MEETING DATES 2024

The Shire of Westonia hereby gives notice that the following dates, times and places of its Ordinary Meetings for the 2024 calendar year.

#### Ordinary Council meetings:

February - Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>

March – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>

April - Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>

May – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>

June - Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>

July – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>

August - Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>

September–Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>

October - Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>

November–Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>

December - Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>

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 (or as required):

April – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>

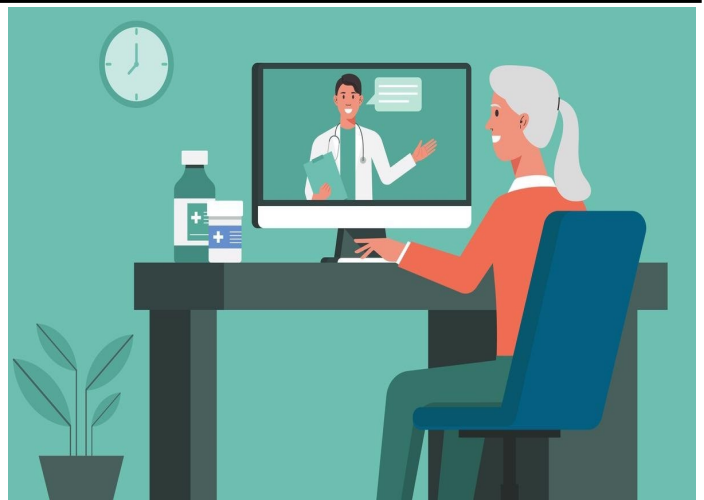
August – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>

October – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>

All Audit meetings commencing at 3.00pm in the Council Chambers, Wolfram Street, Westonia.

Bill Price

**Chief Executive Officer**



## TELEHEALTH APPOINTMENTS

Your telehealth appointments can now be booked at the Shire Office. For more information, contact Lani on 9046 7063.

Application via zoom, teams or facetime.

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**WESTONIAN@WESTONIA.WA.GOV.AU**



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[westonian@westonia.wa.gov.au](mailto:westonian@westonia.wa.gov.au) for more information.

#### Accepted document formats:

• EMAIL • WORD • PDF • JPEG

#### Have you got news?

If you would like to share news or information with the Westonian community, please email [westonian@westonia.wa.gov.au](mailto:westonian@westonia.wa.gov.au).





## PREVENT MOSQUITO BITES

Many mosquitoes bite around dusk and dawn, but some can bite day and night. The only way to prevent mosquito-borne disease is to avoid being bitten. Know how to prevent mosquito bites – cover up, repel, clean up.

★ COVER UP. REPEL. CLEAN UP. ★



### Cover up

Wear long, loose-fitting, light coloured clothing, covering as much of the body as you can. Mosquitoes can bite through tight clothes like jeans. Make sure children are also appropriately covered up.



### Repel

Use [insect repellent](#) containing DEET (diethyltoluamide) or picaridin and always follow instructions on the label.



### Clean up

Stop mosquitoes breeding in water pooling around your home or holiday accommodation by emptying water from containers.

**Cheers to Fossil for his fogging program**

## Bush Fire Act 1954

Restricted burning period will commenced within the Shire of Westonia on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2024 Landholders will still require a permit to burn and adhere to burning permit conditions.

### RESTRICTED BURNING PERIOD



15 February 2024

to 31 March 2024

**BURNING PERMIT REQUIRED**

**NO BURNING PERMITTED ON DAYS WHEN VERY HIGH, EXTREME OR CATESTROPHIC FIRE DANGER IS FORECAST**



## St John FIRST AID TRAINING

WE HAVE A VERY EXCITING OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR SENIORS AND MUMS WITH TINY TOTS COMING UP.

**20TH MARCH 2024**

**9AM - 12:30PM**

**\$75.00 PER PERSON**

ST JOHNS REGIONAL TRAINING IS OFFERING A NON-ACCREDITED, SUBSIDISED FIRST AID TRAINING FOR SENIORS AND MUMS TARGETING CPR, CHOKING, ASTHMA, ANAPHYLAXIS, BLEEDS AND SNAKE BITES.

LIVING AND WORKING IN OUR REMOTE WHEATBELT AREA, WE NEED TO KNOW THESE BASIC SKILLS. YOU MIGHT JUST SAVE A LIFE!

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL, AND WE NEED NUMBERS NO LATER THAN 11/03/2024. PLEASE PHONE THE SHIRE TO SECURE A SPOT.



# USE IT OR LOSE IT



Every Wednesday that there is no outings planned

◀ Wednesdays

◀ Rec Centre

◀ 10AM - 11AM







# WHEATBELT CASH FOR CONTAINERS

3 BENSON ROAD, MERREDIN

PHONE: 0429 467 178

CASHFORCONTAINERS@OUTLOOK.COM



## ***WESTONIA TOWNSITE RESIDENTIAL COLLECTION SCHEDULE 2024***

**TUESDAY 16 JANUARY**

**TUESDAY 13 FEBRUARY**

**TUESDAY 12 MARCH**

**TUESDAY 16 APRIL**

**TUESDAY 14 MAY**

**TUESDAY 11 JUNE**

**TUESDAY 16 JULY**

**TUESDAY 13 AUGUST**

**TUESDAY 17 SEPTEMBER**

**TUESDAY 15 OCTOBER**

**TUESDAY 12 NOVEMBER**

**TUESDAY 17 DECEMBER**

***PUT BIN OUT BY 8.30AM ON COLLECTION DAY PLEASE***

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.



# Westonia Co-Op & Cafe & Post Office



**Bakery Hot Cross Buns  
Weekly \$6.90**



**Look out for Easter Eggs in  
the coming weeks**



**Fresh Veggies**



**Cafe Open Monday to  
Friday 8.30am to 2pm  
Hot chips, Burgers,  
Seafood, Fish & Chips  
Order ahead : 90467222**

**EASTER IS COMING  
SO LOOK OUT FOR  
EASTER EGGS AND  
OUR EASTER  
TRADING HOURS  
THE NEW DAY FOR  
FRESH FRUIT &  
VEGIES IS FRIDAY  
MORNING  
IF YOU WANT A  
SPECIAL ORDER  
PLEASE HAVE YOUR  
LIST TO US BY**

**MONDAY MORNING  
Cooked Chooks Monday & Friday**

**DROP IN AND BROWSE OUR  
SELECTION OR PLACE AN  
ORDER 90467222**



# THE Mt Marshall & DISTRICTS Show

Get ready to be entertained...

**BUNGEE TRAMPOLINES**

**LASER TAG**

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**BOUNCY CASTLES**

**CUDDLY ANIMAL FARM**

**FIREWORKS**

**MARKETS**

**FOOD VANS**

**LIVE MUSIC**

**MOTOR SHOW**

**HORSE EVENTS**



and more!



**SATURDAY 9TH MARCH**  
**BENCUBBIN RECREATION GROUNDS**

Gates open at 11am. Tickets available on the gate.  
For more information, follow @mtmarshallshow on Facebook

# February 2024

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
			1 BINGO at the Medical Centre 1PM	2	3	4
5 Water Aerobics at the Swimming	6 SCRABBLE at the Medical Centre	7 Use it or lose it at the Rec Centre	8 BINGO at the Medical Centre 1PM	9	10	11
12 Water Aerobics at the Swimming Pool 2:30PM- 3:30PM	13 SCRABBLE at the Medical Centre 1PM-4PM	14 Use it or lose it at the Rec Centre 10AM-11AM 	15 BINGO at the Medical Centre 1PM -3PM Annual General	16	17	18
19 Water Aerobics at the Swimming Pool 2:30PM-	20 SCRABBLE at the Medical Centre 1PM-4PM	21 Merredin Railway Museum and lunch at the Commercial	22 BINGO at the Medical Centre 1PM -3PM	23 Plonk and Donk (crochet) Medical Centre 6PM (more	24	25
26 Water Aerobics at the Swimming Pool 2:30PM-	27 SCRABBLE at the Medical Centre 1PM-4PM	28 Use it or lose it at the Rec Centre 10AM-11AM	29 BINGO at the Medical Centre 1PM -3PM			