

OLD PRIMARY SCHOOL CLEAN-UP

A significant clean-up of the Old Primary School grounds has been undertaken since the Council has taken back possession of the property from the Highway/MRWA lease arrangement in preparation for the proposed upgrades in the new financial year, subject to successful funding outcomes. This will be ongoing over the next few months.



The construction crew are part way through the reconstruction of a 3.6km section of the Warralakin Road between the M040 and Daddow Roads. This has involved new drainage, removal of old seal, gravel resheeting the total length and will soon be receiving a water binding treatment prior to a new 2 coat seal in early March.

POOR WATER PRESSURE IN TOWNSITE

The Council has noticed a further reduction in the water pressure in the townsite which has been pretty ordinary at best for sometime.

A formal complaint has been lodged by the Council with the Water Corporation who are making some investigations on the matter.

We have on several occasions over the years contacted the Water Corporation about the towns water pressure without any noticeable improvement.

Council are keen to lodge a whole of community formal complaint with a petition signed by all residents affected so we might get some better results.

The petition will be in the front office of the administration building if you wish to participate. The stronger the community response will hopefully get some results.



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

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

MOIRINE ROCK P&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



OFFICE**CLOSURE****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**.

STAFF CHANGES

Council would like to welcome new employees Damien & Fiona Hird who have been employed to fulfill the duties of Road Train Operator and Caravan Park Caretaker respectively.

As you may be aware the couple will be building a new residence in town in the near future.

Council would also like to extend our appreciation to Brendan & Jodie Ferguson who unfortunately will be moving on the greener pastures. Council extend their best wishes on their new venture together.

USED CULVERTS—FREE, FIRST IN BEST DRESSED

14 x 450mm x 1200mm

6 x 300mm x 1200mm

Good enough for farm creek crossings.

Contact Kevin Paust, 0427 467 077

**2024 DR OLGA DATES**

29th January	22nd July
26th February	26th August
18th March	23rd September
6th May	28th October
17th June	9th December

**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



community@westonia.wa.gov.au






USE IT OR LOSE IT

Every Wednesday that there is no outings planned

- ◀ Wednesdays
- ◀ Rec Centre
- ◀ 10AM - 11AM




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.

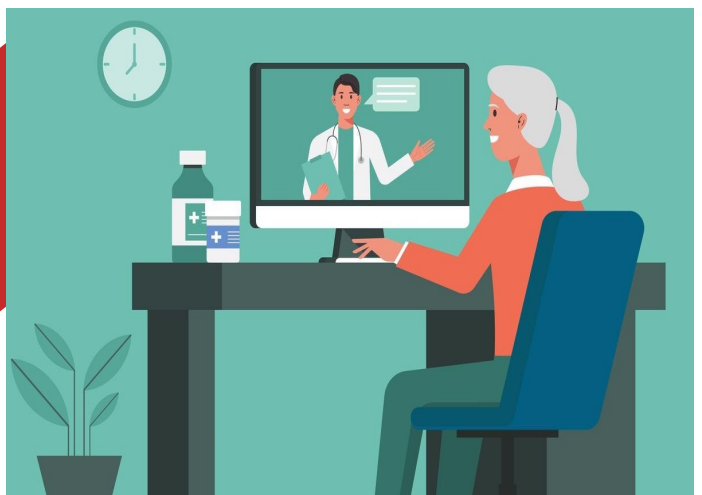


Plonk and Donk

CROCHET
FEBRUARY 23RD
6PM
MEDICAL CENTRE

**POSTPONED
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

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

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.

WESTONIA SPORT AND RECREATION NEWS

Westonia Bowling Club News

Pennants

On the 10th February the men played on home ground against the very strong Merredin Club Team. The day was perfect under our roof with some outstanding bowling from both clubs. The games were evenly poised with both clubs winning two rinks each but Westonia came out on top with shots up, winning 93 to 84, 6 points to 2. They travelled to Civic on the 17th January and played in a blistering 40+ heat. Civic handled the conditions better and came out on top with an 8 point win.



The women travelled to Bruce Rock on the 7th February and came away with a win 46 shots to Bruce Rock 30 shots. 4 points to our ladies. The game played on the 14th February at Westonia against Civic proved to be a tussle for both teams. Each club won one rink Westonia 17 shots Civic 16 shots. On the other rink it was Westonia 18 shots to Civic 19 shots. Both clubs came away with 2 points each. With only one game to play in Naremburn on the 21st February Westonia must win with a minimum of 3 points to remain on top of the pennant ladder and host the first finals at home.



Social Bowls and Club Events

Sunday Social Bowls has been going well with us being able to play under our wonderful stadium which ensures that we are protected from the sun and are able to play in the extreme heat we have been experiencing the past couple of weeks.



The Men's Sponsors Day held Friday the 16th February was an overwhelming success. With 24 teams playing, 12 teams' hour on hour off, the comradery and sledging did not stop all day. Thankyou to our sponsors: McIntosh & Sons, Great Southern Fuel Supplies, Merredin Paint & Panel, Seven Oaks South Merino Stud, Hutton & Northey, Nutrien Ag, Elders, Merredin Rural Supplies, Liberty Oil, Moylan Silos, Afgri Equipment, Olympic Motel Merredin, West Coast Surface Coatings, Centek, Della Bosca Transport, Mace & Outwest Mechanics, Merredin Refrigeration, and Ancor.

The meals were wonderful again thanks to Ada, Diane and their crew. The bar personnel kept everyone hydrated. Thank you to Heather, Jonesy, Brad, Bob and Chantelle. Thank you again to our Shire workers who set up the pergolas out the back and supplied the extra table and chairs required for our first six rink 96 player event.



Our Burger kings, Phil Read, Bob Lockyer and Gary Angwin have been offered employment with Hungry Jacks their burgers being declared the best in the West. Thanks to Steve Smith, our game timer extraordinaire. No mention of the person who put the Westonia Flag upside down on the flag pole.



Congratulations to Ainslie Faithfull, Joan Smith and Kylie Gibson on completing their National Umpires Certificate. Thank you to Alan Yandle for making the trip across from Bruce Rock and taking the girls through their final assessment.

On The Road Again

Unfortunately, Southern Cross Ladies Open Day had to be cancelled due to lack of entries.

Some of our men, Bill, Aaron and Peter braved the heat on Sunday 18th February to play in the Merredin Club Annual Errol Pustkuchen Memorial Triples. Although they didn't bring home the prize, they certainly get our respect for their fortitude in the heat.

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 15th 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



Westonia Community Cooperative Inc.

Notice of Annual General Meeting (Shareholders & Community Members welcome)

It is hereby notified that the Westonia Community Cooperative will be conducting its Annual General Meeting for Shareholders for the year ending 30th June 2023, on Monday 26th February 2024 at the Old Miners Hall commencing at 6.30pm.

The order of business will include

1. Opening Comments & Announcements
2. Apologies
3. Confirmation Minutes – 2022.
4. Board of Directors Report
5. Annual Financial Report for the year ending 30th June 2023.
6. Auditors Report
7. Election of Board of Directors
 - Three Vacancies (2 Year term)
 - P Antonio,
 - C Lindley
 - S Bright
 - B Price, G Jones & G Bright (expire 2025)
8. Appointment of Auditors
9. General Business
10. Meeting Closure

Peter Antonio
Chairman

Westonia Community Cooperative - Board Vacancies

Three of the Six members of the Westonia Community Cooperative Board are currently vacant so there are currently three vacancies that need to be filled for the Westonia Community Cooperative Inc.

To enable your Shop to continue to operate, we need your assistance to become board members.

Interested persons are asked to send their nominations in writing to the Cooperative, C/- Post Office Westonia by Monday 26th February 2024.

Further information may be obtained by contacting Bill Price on 90 467 063 or fill out board nomination below (*you must be a Coop Shareholder to nominate*).

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Westonia Community Cooperative Inc
Post Office
WESTONIA

Dear Board Members

Please accept my nomination for a board position with the Westonia Community Cooperative.

I am looking forward to working with the local community in that capacity together with the opportunities of working with the Community Cooperative.

Signed



WHEATBELT CASH FOR CONTAINERS

Summary for February 13 2024 Collection

Total Containers Collected:	4,586
Total Value of Refunds:	\$458.60
Total Value of Personal Refunds:	\$342.20
Number of Personal Refunds:	21
Total Value of Donations:	\$116.40
Total Number of Donations:	13
Donated to WPA:	\$101.20
Number of Donations:	9
Donated to Hydrotherapy Pool Fund:	\$15.20
Number of Donations:	4
Number of Residences Collected From:	34
Number of Residences Issued Bins:	68
% of Residences Participated this month: (No allowances made for properties currently unoccupied)	50%
Year to Date % of Residences Participated:	63%

Material Type Summary

Glass	881
Aluminium	2,964
PET - Clear	422
PET - Colour	58
HDPE	95
LPB	164
Steel	2
Other	0
Total	4,586

Ineligible Containers	10
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Lumen Merredin Study Hub Open Day

The Merredin Study Hub hosted an Open Day on Tuesday 6 February for prospective and current students and had a great turnout. With special guests from Curtin and Murdoch University explaining more about scholarships, pathways, current and future career landscapes, time management and much more.

The Merredin Study Hub offers free support to students studying at uni, TAFE or another registered training organisation and people who are thinking about studying and would like some more information.

We can assist you in accessing the correct study information, IT support, use of our study space and printer as well as offer social connection, activities and workshops.

If you are thinking of studying without leaving your community, pop by the Merredin Study Hub to have a chat to Rain, our Student Support Officer to see how we can support you in your studies. Rain is usually at the hub Monday-Thursday from 8.30am-4.30pm. You can also send her an email on merredin@lumenwruc.edu.au or register through our website: lumenwruc.edu.au

Where: Room 9 – North Merredin Primary School (Behind Merredin Library) on 22 Coronation Street.

When: The Merredin Study Hub is usually open Monday – Thursday from 8.30am-5pm, Friday from 10am-5pm and Saturday from 10am-12pm.



WESTONIAN ADVERTISING
WESTONIAN@WESTONIA.WA.GOV.AU





NUNGARIN

Wheatbelt Markets

Sunday 3rd March 2024

8am to 12noon

The Markets are back again for 2024! A great family day out!

Stalls are located in the main street and the hall.

The Markets own ice-cream van will be on site.

The March sausage sizzle will be run by the Markets Committee.

Our "Op Shop" has been given a giant clean out and revamp. There is a great variety of goods for sale.

The NCDG Café will be open in the hall for light lunches.

The Nungarin Heritage Machinery & Army Museum is open from 9am to 1pm.



If you want to book a stall call **90465174** or email

nungarinwheatbeltmarkets@gmail.com

Something for everyone at the Nungarin Wheatbelt Markets!!!

Follow us on Facebook



WHEATBELT CASH FOR CONTAINERS

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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.



Mia DAVIES MLA

MEMBER FOR CENTRAL WHEATBELT



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THE Mt Marshall & DISTRICTS Show

Get ready to be entertained...

BUNGEE TRAMPOLINES

LASER TAG

MINI GOLF

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



Reinvigorating Regional Australia: A Co-operative Approach

Join one of four free regional workshops to discover how the co-operative model has been successfully used in regional communities to create and retain important local services such as the supermarket, pub and even aged care.

Workshop
Dates and Venues

Wagin

18 March 2024
9:30am – 1:30pm
Uniting Church Centre

Ravensthorpe

19 March 2024
9:30am – 1:30pm
Ravensthorpe Community
Resource Centre

Perenjori

20 March 2024
9:30am – 1:30pm
Perenjori Recreation Centre

Wongan Hills

21 March 2024
9:30am – 1:30pm
Wongan Hills Community
Resource Centre

Supported by CBH Group through the Business Council of Co-operative and Mutuals (BCCM)'s Bunya Fund and delivered by Peter Kenyon from Bank of I.D.E.A.S., the workshops explore the power of the co-operative model and its potential application in regional communities.

Workshop Content

The half-day workshops will explore rejuvenating our regional communities through the proven power of community ownership and enterprise. The sessions will highlight the benefits of the co-operative model and are practically designed to help you to streamline the process of founding and expanding a co-operative. You'll learn how to uncover community enterprise opportunities, enhance community awareness, effectively recruit members, successfully harness local investment, and identify the essential factors for success. Participants will gain practical strategies and be inspired by real-life examples where local businesses and services like the pub, supermarket and aged care have been saved or returned to communities.

Registration

Workshops are free with morning tea and lunch provided at no cost to participants. For more information or to register for your local workshop visit <http://bit.ly/coopworkshops>

Registrations close 10 March 2024 and places are limited. If you have any queries, please contact Peter Kenyon on 0417 183 719 or email pk@bankofideas.com.au



Westonia Co-Op & Cafe & Post Office



Look out for Easter

Eggs & Bunnies
coming in soon

Shapes \$2.90



Chicken Kebab
\$9.50



Hot Cross Buns
coming in each
week

Cafe Open Monday to
Friday 8.30am to 2pm

Hot chips, Burgers,
Seafood, Fish & Chips,
Meat & Salad Bowls
Order ahead : 90467222

The Co-Op and Post
Office will be closed
March 4th for the
public holiday.

The A.G.M. of the
Community Co-op is on
Monday 26th Feb in the
old miners hall at
6.30pm.

All Welcome

Cooked chooks on a
Wednesday as well!!



Cooked Chooks Monday & Friday
DROP IN AND BROWSE OUR
SELECTION OR PLACE AN
ORDER 90467222