

## Council Controlled Standpipes

Council resolved at its July meeting to install two (2) solar powered standpipe controllers with the purpose of achieving better cost recovery for water taken from a Council provided facilities and reduce the misuse of water by outside users. The problem with the standpipe usage within the Shire at present, is the misuse of water by outside users such as contractors and non-residents.

While Council have historically not charged for water usage for the purpose of tendering of stock and household use, Council should not be subsidising the cost of business practices for the purposes of spraying and other such uses. The intention is not to cut off the supply of water, it is purely trying to recover the cost of supply.

The cost the Council/Ratepayers over the past three years after deducting the cost of Shire road-works equates to the following, which approximately 2% of rate income:

Year	Cost	Recoup \$
15/16	\$14,500	(\$800)
16/17	\$16,500	(\$700)
17/18	\$18,000	(\$800)

A company by the name of Waterman Irrigation have designed and manufactured a solar powered standpipe controller which is operated by a swipe card. The information is then stored within the controller and downloaded via a laptop computer from which accounts can be generated once back in the office. Council have a total of eight standpipes within the shire and 3 strategic emergency use only water tanks.

Council suggested that we trial the use of Standpipe Controllers at high use, high access strategic sites such as the ones located in the Carrabin and Walgoolan townsites.

It is then suggested that Council budgets for at l

east one (1) additional controller each year, until the more strategic standpipes are fitted.

As part of the roll out, it is also suggested that an extensive media campaign occur to ensure that affected landholders have sufficient time to make “on farm” arrangements. Council anticipate that the roll out of the project will occur in December 2018.

Access to Emergency Service vehicles such as the local fire brigades will also be investigated. This will be alleviated by placing swipe cards in the emergency vehicles and if water was used on a farmer’s card then they would advise Council to have the charge deleted.

For further information, please don’t hesitate to contact Jamie Criddle at the Shire Office on 9046 7063.



## Fortnightly Roads Report



### Roadworks

The works crew are winter grading roads at the top end of the shire with conditions continuing to be ideal for this work. Nearly two thirds of all gravel roads have been winter graded to date and we hope that all roads will get completed this year.

Council are about to adopt their 18/19 financial budget which includes the following capital works programme

- 3.5km of new bitumen construction
- 4km of bitumen re-seal
- 21.5km of gravel re-sheeting
- Installation of 5 x 900mm pipes in floodways

Trail of 1.2km of gravel road with a poly stabilising product.

### Appreciation

The Council would like to express their appreciation to Renae and Jocelyn for pruning all of the roses in the Memorial Rose Garden last Saturday, which is greatly appreciated with Belinda's absence.

### New Town Gardener

Council welcome Michael Iburg who has been appointed as town gardener for a 6 month period. Mike has been working with Belinda for several months and is familiar with the gardening program for the town.

### NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given that the Shire President of the Shire of Westonia, in accordance with the provisions of Section 5.4 of the *Local Government Act 1995* has exercised his power to call a Special Council Meeting.

The Meeting specifics are as follows:

**Date:** Thursday 26th July 2018

**Time:** 5.00pm

**Place:** Shire of Westonia Council Chambers, 33 Wolfram Street, Westonia WA 6423

**Purpose:** Adoption of the 2018/19 Annual Budget.

**JAMIE CRIDDLE**  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



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Primary Care Nurse Practitioner

**Laura Black**

Every Wednesday @ Westonia Shire Office

9.00am—2.00 pm

Booking made through

WESTONIA SHIRE ADMIN on **(08) 9046 7063**



**Hood-Penn Museum Busy Bee**

**14th August 2018**

The Hood-Penn Museum volunteer workspace and archive room is complete and volunteers are asked to come along and help with boxing/ packaging stored items ready for moving into the new store room. The Museum also have a new scene which we would like to start working on in the coming few Busy Bees. The more volunteers we have the quicker this project will be with the less disruption to visitors.

**NEW MEMBERS ARE NEEDED!**

The Historical Society meet roughly 3 times a year. The Historical Society plays an important role with our museum in that it helps secure much needed grant funding for upcoming projects, discuss areas for improvement, make decisions on future projects and items needed for the museum. If you are interested in becoming a Museum volunteer or a Historical Society member please come along on the **14<sup>th</sup> of August** at the Hood-Penn Museum. Contact Stacey at the shire of Westonia for more information on 9046 7063.



**Dr Olga Ward**



**MBBS, FRACGP, GDRGP, FARGP  
Procedural Surgical GP Westonia**

Consulting Dates 2018 (Monday's)

16th July 2018

20th August 2018

**1st October 2018 (Change of Date)**

5th November 2018

17th December 2018



The podiatrist will be back in town on the following dates appointments are available starting at 11am

**7th August 2018**

Please call the Shire Office on **(08) 90467063** for more information or to make an appointment.

**Welcome to Town Gardener**

Michael Iburg has been recently appointed the position of Town Gardener for 6 Months

The Shire of Westonia is glad to have Michael on board.



**August Council Meeting**

The next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held at the Westonia CRC Building (Old Administration Building) in the Council Chambers, on Thursday 16th August 2018 and will commence at 3:30pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend. The Agenda will be available to view on Council's website on Monday 13th August 2018.