

Shire of Westonia

“Where Old is Gold”

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Dear Purchaser,

CONDITIONAL LAND RELEASE

Thank you for your expression of interest in purchasing a townsite lot under the Shire of Westonia's Conditional Land Release program.

Enclosed you will find the following documentation which will assist you in your decision to proceed with the purchase

- Advertisement of Land Release,
- Townsite map illustrating available lots for sale,
- Copy of conditional land release contract and associated conditions.

Once you have decided to proceed with a purchase, you are required to write to Council requesting your preferred block (it is advisable to provide a second preference in case the first preference has already been allocated), and provide details of what you propose to construct on the site.

This expression of interest will be processed at the next Council meeting and if successful, the Conditional Land Release Contract will need to be signed and stamped with the payment of \$10,000.

Purchasers need to be aware that the transfer of title will not transpire until Council are satisfied that a suitable construction will take place on the site and that the original payment will be forfeited if the two year condition is not met and that no prior extension has been agreed between the parties.

Council look forward to you being a part of the Westonia community and if you have any further enquiries please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned

Yours sincerely

Bill Price
Chief Executive Officer

Westonia Land Release

13 new lots are now available for sale in the Westonia Townsite. The lots identified below are part of a new townsite development project undertaken by The Westonia Shire Council.

- Lots 305, 336 342 Pyrites St (Zoned Residential)
- Lot 261 & 258 Quartz Street (Zoned Residential)
- Lot 234, 427 Diorite St (Zoned Residential)
- Lot 166 Wolfram St (Zoned Residential)
- 108 & 107, 103,104 & 105 Jasper Street (Zoned Residential)

The lots ranging in size from 1000sqm are located throughout the Townsite and are fully serviced with power, water and bitumen roads.

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. The community is experiencing a substantial amount of development, with future plans and mining potential offering exciting opportunities for growth. The lots are ideally suited for people wishing to retire to town or for families looking for a safe and relaxed lifestyle.

The lots will be sold for \$10,000, subject to a condition that the purchaser, within Eighteen (18) Months of the contract date, construct either

- A) in the case of a residential lot – a suitable residence, or
- B) in the case of a Commercial/industrial Lot – a suitable structure

and that such constructions are to be built in accordance with the relevant Building Codes of Australia and Local Planning Policies.

People interested in purchasing the lots should contact the undersigned and request an information pack at the Shire of Westonia during normal office hours.

This offer will remain in place until such time that all lots are sold or Council decides to withdraw the release.

Bill Price

Chief Executive Officer

Shire of Westonia

Wolfram Street

WESTONIA WA 6423

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WESTONIA TOWNSITE

JOANS LEAP

BOODAROCKIN RD

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411	396	395	300	257	242	241	201	202	217	218	233
410	397	394	301	256	243	240	200	203	216	219	232
409	398	393	302	255	244	239	199	204	215	220	231
408	399	392	303	254	245	238	198	205	214	221	230
407	400	391	304	253	246	237	197	206	213	222	229
406	401	390	305	252	247	236	196	207	212	223	228
405	402	389	306	251	248	235	195	208	211	224	227
404	403	388	307	250	249	234	194	209	210	225	226

MICA ST

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321	306	273	258		146	161	162	177	178	193
320	307	272	259		147	160	163	176	179	192
319	308	271	260		148	159	164	175	180	191
318	309	270	261		149	158	165	174	181	190
317	310	269	262		150	157	166	173	182	189
316	311	268	263		427	156	167	172	183	188
315	312	267	264		152	155	167	171	184	187
314	313	266	265		153	154	419	170	185	186

Westonia
Primary
School

DORITE ST

GOLD ST

GOLD ST

322	337	305	290	414	133	41	40	56	57	109	110
323	336	304	291		132	42	39	55	58	108	111
324	335	303	292			43	38	54	59	107	112
325	334	302	293			44	37	53	60	106	113
326	333	301	294			45	36	52	61	105	114
327	332	300	295			46	35	51	62	104	115
328	331	299	296		127	47	34	50	63	103	116
329	330	298	297		416	48	33	49	64	102	117

SHEELITE ST

PYRITES ST

QUARTZ ST

Pioneer
Park

WOLFRAM ST

JASPER ST

GRANITE ST

CEMENT ST

CEMENT ST

353	338					16	1		32		118
352	339					15	2		31		119
351	340					14	3		30		120
350	341					13		355	29		121
349	342					12	5	354	28	100	122
348	343					11		356	27	99	123
347	344					10	7	355	26	98	124
346	345					9	8	359	25	97	125

ROSE
GARDEN

Recreation Centre
& Oval

Shire

LEACH ROAD

KAOLIN ST

DELLA BOSCA RD

274	80	65		96	289	371
275	79	66		95	288	372
276	78	67		83	287	373
277	77	68		84	286	374
278	76	69		85	285	375
279	75	70		86	284	376
280	74	71		87	283	377
281	73	72		88	282	378

PEGMATITE ST

HOSPITAL
SITE

CEMETERY

WOLFRAM ST

CARRABIN-WESTONIA ROA

CARRABIN 8km

- Index Key**
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 - Old Town Hall Lot 49
 - Zoned Residential
 - Light Industrial

Conditional Land Release Agreement

Document Signing Instructions

Attached are two (2) copies of the Conditional Land Release Agreement for signing by both parties.

Can you please arrange for the following to take place

- Sign where indicated as the purchaser
- Date the first page
- Return ***both copies*** in the envelope supplied for Council seal and signing. Council will then return a copy for your records,
- Provide payment of \$ 10,000 by either cheque or direct deposit into Council's Bank Account
 - Shire of Westonia Municipal Fund
 - Bendigo BSB 633-000
 - Account 209 483 437

Thankyou for your assistance in this matter and I look forward to future dealings with yourself

Bill Price
CEO

7. THE Purchaser shall not so long as any money remains due and owing here under be at liberty to sell or otherwise dispose of or part with the said property or the right to purchase the same given hereunder.
8. THE Purchaser shall bear the costs and expenses of the incidental to the preparation of this Contract according to scale and the transfer of the said land into the Purchaser's name together with all stamp duty and registration and legal fees payable thereon.
9. SAVE as is hereby negatived or modified the provisions of Table A of the Transfer of Land Act 1893 – 1950 shall apply to these presents.
10. Subject to the Shire of Westonia being satisfied that a residence or suitable structure has been constructed to "lock up" stage (being not less than 50% completed) in accordance with paragraph 3 above, the payment of the Purchase Price and otherwise having complied with the terms and conditions of the lease, the Shire of Westonia will transfer the fee simple interest in the land to the lessee. If a residence or suitable structure has not been constructed to "lock up" stage (being not less than 50% completed) in accordance with paragraph 3 above, the lessee's lease interest, any improvements made on the land may be forfeited.
11. Council may, by resolution, extend the Eighteen (18) months timeframe if application is received in writing stating extenuating circumstances.

IN WITNESS whereof the parties hereto have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first hereinbefore written.

THE COMMON SEAL of the WESTONIA SHIRE COUNCIL was hereunto affixed in the presence of

Signed for and on behalf of the Purchaser

Print Name:-

Print Name:-

PRESIDENT
Mark Crees

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
Bill Price



Shire of Westonia

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Welcome to Westonia

Westonia is a small and friendly rural community where people from all walks of life can participate.

Westonia has a strong network of community and sporting groups working and living together. A variety of council services, such as transport licensing, recreation facilities, and a library are provided. Westonia also boasts a Community Resource Centre.

Whether you are looking for a holiday destination, a place to live, work or raise children, Westonia has something for everybody.

Size - 3,268 square km ,

Local Industries - Farming, Mining, Heavy Transport.

Shire Attractions - Westonia Facades, Walk trails Granite Outcrops, Westonia Common, Historic Westonia Tavern, Golden Pipeline Drive Trail, Hood- Penn Old Club Hotel Museum



128 Dwellings



Population 302



Avg. max. temp. 21.7°

Avg. min. temp. 2.7°

Avg. Rainfall 256mm

History

The town of Westonia was named after Alfred David Weston, a sandalwood cutter who prospected in his spare time, and discovered gold near Boodalin Soak in 1910. He pegged the lease and started mining, creating a rush of gold prospectors to the area.

By the 1930's the district had been extensively developed for agriculture, specifically broadacre wheat and sheep farming. Today Westonia's main industries are agriculture and gold mining.

Our Community

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Education

Westonia Primary School Campus

Primary school students are bussed daily to various Merredin Primary schools. The existing Westonia Primary School building is currently used as a community facility with accommodation options for groups and school camps.

Merredin Senior High School

A bus travels daily to Merredin Senior High School which provides secondary education for Year 8 to year 12. For further information contact the school (08) 9041 0900.

TAFE

TAFE courses can be arranged through the Westonia Community Resource Centre and the CY O'Connor TAFE in Northam.

Shire of Westonia

Westonia Shire Offices

Wolfram Street
Westonia WA 6423

Phone: (08) 9046 7063
Fax: (08) 9046 7001
Email: shire@westonia.wa.gov.au

Office Hours: Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 5.00pm
Located behind historic facades in Wolfram Street, the Westonia Community Resource Centre is a one stop shop for a wide range of Council Services including:



Library

Books, videos and audio tapes are available. Special requests can be ordered from anywhere in the state.

Visitor Information

A wide range of information on the local and surrounding areas is available including brochures and maps. Our staff are always willing to chat with visitors about the best places to see and visit.

Transport Licensing

Pay your motor vehicle and driver's licences at our on-line agency at the Shire Offices.

Rates and Council Payments

Staff are available to assist you with your rates enquires and payments.

Dog/Cat Registrations

All dogs over three months of age should be registered and Microchipped. Dog registrations can be paid at the Shire Office. All cats over 6mths of Age should be registered and Microchipped.

Council Meetings

Council meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month (except January) commencing at 3.30pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

Community Resource Centre

Open Monday to Friday, 9.00am to 5.00pm

Situated in the old shire building opposite the Westonia Tavern, the Community Resource Centre provides a range of facilities including internet access, lifestyle courses, occupational training and secretarial services. For further information contact the Westonia Community Resource Centre on (08) 9046 7077.



Recreation Facilities

Westonia boasts a comprehensive range of sporting facilities and has numerous recreational areas including picnic spots, parks and gardens.

Recreation Complex and Oval

Located near the centre of town the Westonia Recreation Complex includes a function hall with kitchen facilities and a grassed oval and artificial cricket pitch is located adjacent. The Recreation Complex can be hired for events where alcoholic beverages aren't consumed for \$66, or for \$110 for events where alcoholic beverages will be consumed.



Playground & Skate Park

Recently upgraded, the children's playground is a pleasant place to stop and let the kids have a run around. The playground features a range of play equipment under coloured shade sails, a small skate park, a cold water fountain and well serviced public conveniences. The playground and skate park is located on the corner of Diorite and Cement Streets in Westonia.

Wanderers Stadium

The Wanderers Stadium is a unique design first for a Wheatbelt town. The Wanderers Stadium is nestled amongst the Diorite Street Sporting Precinct, the delightful Westonia Memorial Swimming Pool, Tennis Courts and Bowling Green which creates an ideal setting for any occasion. You will be impressed by its unique and tranquil environment. The building consists of a function area with bar, kitchen facilities, and an alfresco dining area. A multi purpose Stadium serves as club rooms for the Westonia Tennis Club and the Westonia Bowling Club. The Wanderers Stadium can be hired for \$88.00 if it isn't being used by the Westonia Tennis or Westonia Bowling Clubs.



Swimming Pool

Located in Diorite Street, Westonia, the pool is open from early November to late March every summer season. The pool has a 25m 8 lane pool and a shaded wading pool for younger children. A kiosk and barbecue facilities are also available. Entry to the pool is free of charge. During the school term the pool is open from 3 pm until 7 pm on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, and from 11 am until 7 pm on weekends. During the school holidays the pool is open every day between 11 am and 7 pm except Tuesdays and Christmas Day. For more information contact the Pool Manager on (08) 9046 7053.

Tennis Courts

The Westonia Tennis Club has 4 supergrass tennis courts with quality lights for evening games. Tennis season generally runs from October to March, with social and competition tennis normally played on Friday evenings or Sunday afternoons. The courts can be used free of charge when competition or social tennis is not being played, with a spare net kept in the box on the adjacent deck. The tennis courts are located in Diorite Street near the playground and swimming pool.





Golf Course

The Westonia Golf Course is a short 5 minute drive east of the town on Della Bosca Road. The course has 18 holes with sand greens. Members of the public are welcome to play. Green fees are \$5.00. Golf season is April to October.

Public Halls

The Shire of Westonia has two historic halls available for hire in Warralakin and Westonia. The historic Old Miner's Hall in Westonia is equipped with a commercial fridge, as well as a kitchen area including a sink and hot water urn at the rear of the building. Toilets are located behind the building. The Old Miners Hall in Westonia can be hired for \$88.00.



Airstrip

Westonia has an unsealed airstrip located near to town which is regularly used by the visiting Royal Flying Doctor Service and is available for public use. For information about the airstrip contact the Shire Office on (08) 9046 7063.

Sporting Clubs

Wessy Wanderers Bowling Club
Westonia Golf Club
Westonia Tennis Club
Burracoppin Football Club
Burracoppin Hockey Club

For further information about local sporting clubs please contact the Shire Office on 9046 7063.

Community Groups

Westonia Progress Association

The Westonia Progress Association provides support and funds to community groups, sporting clubs, organisations or individuals that provide services or organise activities which benefit the Westonia Community. Funds are raised through a volunteer community cropping program. For further information contact the Shire Office on (08) 9046 7063.

Churches

St Lucy's Catholic Church
St Luke's Anglican Church



Medical Services

Royal Flying Doctor Service

Westonia is serviced by the visiting Royal Flying Doctor Service on a 4-6 weekly cycle. For information and appointments contact the Shire Office (08) 9046 7063.

Hospitals

Merredin District Hospital (08) 9081 3222
Southern Cross District Hospital (08) 9049 1101

Doctors

Merredin (08) 9041 2900
Southern Cross (08) 9049 1152

Dentist

Merredin (08) 9041 1735

Emergency Services

Police

Emergency 000
Merredin Police Station (08) 9041 1322
Mukinbudin Police Station (08) 9047 1005
Southern Cross Police Station (08) 9049 1000

Fire

Emergency 000
Westonia Bush Fire Brigade (08) 9046 7063
Merredin Fire & Rescue 0428 415 308

Ambulance

Emergency 000
Westonia St John Ambulance (08) 9046 7116
Merredin St John Ambulance (08) 9041 2209
Merredin Hospital (08) 9081 3222



State Emergency Service

Merredin SES 9041 1783

Businesses

Westonia Community Cooperative

Wolfram Street, Westonia

(08) 9046 7222 - Open Mon-Fri 8am-5pm and Sat 8am-12pm

Post Office & Commonwealth Bank Agency

Wolfram Street, Westonia

(08) 9046 7222

Open Mon to Fri 8:30am - 4pm

Westonia Tavern And Motel

Wolfram Street, Westonia

(08) 9046 7012

Open from 4pm

Centek Constructions

Builder, Carpenter, Cabinet Maker

Wolfram Street, Westonia

(08) 9046 7073

Mining Rehabilitation Services

Dozer & Excavator Hire

Jasper Street, Westonia

(08) 9041 3222

Westonia Magnesite

Dolomite Road, Westonia

Mobile: 0428 467 766

Email: mobilegoldmining@live.com.au

Location: Dolomite Road off Stoneman Road.

Contact: Edd

Edna May Gold Project (Ramelius Resources Ltd)

For enquiries please contact Edna May site office

(08) 9046 8000

Westonia Gallery Café & Sublime Imaging

Wolfram Street, Westonia

(08) 9046 7200

Open Thursday to Sunday 8am - 4pm

<http://www.westoniagallery.com.au>

www.sublimeimaging.com.au

Hi-Lo Constructions

Builder, Plumber, Gas Fitter

Wolfram Street, Westonia

(08) 9046 7111

Wessy Woods

Yilgarn Timbers & Furniture

Wolfram Street, Westonia

(08) 9046 7111 or (08) 9046 7073

Places to Visit

Westonia Historic Townsite

Westonia has a unique charm, nestled amongst 4,000ha of salmon gum, morrell and gimlet woodland interspersed with granite outcrops and remnants of the town's gold mining past.

The town has been preserved to reflect its days as a booming gold mining town, old buildings have been restored and new buildings constructed in a style that represents the past.

Hood-Penn Museum - Old Club Hotel Building

Westonia's Hood-Penn Museum is now open. Entry is \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for anyone under the age of 18 years. The museum is open Monday to Friday 9.00 am to 4.30 pm (except on Public Holidays) via the Shire Office. The museum is also open on Saturdays and Sundays from 10am to 12pm. (Summer Holiday weekends open by appointment only.)

The Hood-Penn Museum in Westonia is the result of a an extremely generous donation of a large historical collection from the Hood-Penn family who previously owned the Burracoppin Store. The museum features a variety of scenes showcasing early life in the shire including a pub scene, a shop/hardware store scene, a petrol station/garage scene, a kitchen scene, a bedroom scene and a blacksmith/farm workshop scene. Each scene also includes a realistic lifelike mannequin, complete with wrinkles and blemishes.



The museum also includes a vibrating mine tunnel that aims to replicate life in an early Westonian gold mine.

The display area of the museum incorporates early maps of the area, 1930's photographs of Perth and surrounds and many other displays housed in exquisitely made jarrah cabinets that were originally used by the Perth Mint.



The museum building & it's Club Hotel façade was designed by David Guest of Eastern & Guest Design Architects. The façade aims to represent the real life Club Hotel which operated on Westonia's main street between 1913 & 1922.



Wolfram Street Facades

The bright red doors on Westonia's Fire Station are part of the town's plan to step back in time. The colourful exteriors of the Façade Shop Front Project aim to recreate the look of the main street during the 1900's mining boom.

Down the street, the facades of the town's original bank, café and green grocer store have been recreated. The doors on these facades are real and open to the library and Shire Offices.



Westonia Nature Heritage Trail

Just outside the entrance to the caravan park you will find the start of the Westonia Nature Heritage Trail. This 4km walk trail will take you through the Westonia Common woodland and back to town past historic points of interest. Keep an eye out for wildflowers in season.

Westonia Shire Caravan Park

Westonia Shire Caravan Park is located in the small scenic town of Westonia in the Western Australian wheat belt. It is known for its stunning natural woodlands, breathtaking granite outcrops, beautiful wildflowers and vast open skies. The Caravan Park offers budget friendly powered and Unpowered Cemented sites, a grassed tent area. All available for caravans, campers and motorhomes, as well as New clean ablutions, laundry & Campers Kitchen

The park offers powered and unpowered sites with cement slabs. There is also a grassed tent area. It is a pet friendly site with new clean ablutions, laundry, and a great camp kitchen. Larger caravans and 5th Wheelers can use the 'overflow' area located at the Recreation Complex which is adjacent to the oval.

The park prides itself on courteous and friendly service, and makes sure that your stay will always be comfortable and enjoyable.



WESTONIA CARAVAN PARK

HOW TO GET THERE

Westonia is located 9km north of Carrabin, off the Great Eastern Highway. Carrabin is 300km east of Perth or 253km west of Coolgardie. Turn North into Carrabin-Westonia Road at the Carrabin Hotel and follow for 7.5km then turn right to stay on Carrabin-Westonia Road for a further 1.2km. As you continue into Wolfram Street the Park is on the right.


SITE ACCESS

Off Wolfram Street, pull into the parking bay and the caretaker will come out to your car. If unattended please call council on 08 9046 7063

FEES & BOOKING

Bookings are preferred during office hours and if possible prior to the weekend. For bookings and enquiries call the Shire Office on (08) 9046 7063 or call in to the Shire reception on Wolfram Street (Look for the Australian Flag).

Tariffs from \$25/night.

	Toilets Available		Showers Available		Drinking Water Available		Rubbish Bins Available
	Power Available		Emergency Phone		Mobile Phone Reception		Pets Permitted
	Suitable for Tents		Camper Trailers		Caravans		Campervans & Motorhomes
	Big Rig Access		Picnic Table Available		BBQ Available		Shelter Available
	Camp Kitchen		Laundry 1 x \$2 + 1 x \$1 coins per load				

Elachbutting Rock

Elachbutting Rock is a massive granite outcrop, a very popular camping spot for 4x4 wheel clubs and for locals, also a popular site for weddings and other gatherings. Elachbutting Rock is a spectacular natural rock formation with similar features to Wave Rock. The rock has a number of large cavern areas and is surrounded by natural bushland.

Elachbutting has a reputation for being bigger, better and more pristine than any Wheatbelt granite rock formation that you may have seen before.

The name Elachbutting is thought to mean 'that thing standing' which is quite feasible as Elachbutting is a large granite rock, a prominent landmark standing out from the surrounding countryside. It has a spectacular colourful wave similar to Hyden's Wave Rock with the added beauty of 'Monty's Pass', a 30m tunnel caused by a rock slide. An echoing cave similar to an amphitheatre is close by.



The rock is around 100km north of Westonia and is easily accessed via well maintained gravel roads.

A single unisex toilet facility is present at Elachbutting Rock. Visitors are encouraged to take all they need for a day trip and then take all they took home with them again.

The 6km track around the rock with its dense trees and shrubs hide many interesting species of flora. The east side is renowned for its masses of Donkey Orchids at the base to the rock. It is also on the western fringe of the Great Western Woodlands.

HOW TO GET THERE

Elachbutting Rock, surrounded by the Elachbutting Nature Reserve, is located in the North East Wheat Belt – right at the boundary where the wheat fields give way to dry red earth and gimlet scrub.

From Westonia :- head north west out of town along Stoneman Road past Boodalin Soak, then north (right) onto Warralakin Road. Turn left onto Koorda-Bullfinch Road then right onto Echo Valley Road which will take you the rest of the way to the rock. Another option would be to head north out of town via Sandford Rocks Reserve before meeting up with Koorda-Bullfinch Road.

From Mukinbudin – either head north on Mukinbudin-Wialki Road then right onto Beringbooding then Masfield Road to get to Elachbutting Rock via Bonnie Rock and Beringbooding Rock. Alternatively turn right off Mukinbudin-Wialki Road onto Walgoyne Road, right onto North Road then left onto Forty Six Gate Road which will take you past Yanneymooning Hill and join up with Echo Valley Road.

FEES & BOOKINGS

There is no charge for the use of this facility, so if you are staying at this site we encourage you to help keep it clean and tidy.



Toilets Available



No Pets Permitted



Suitable for Tents



Camper Trailers



Caravans



Campervans & Motorhomes



Some Shade Available



Picnic Table Available



Nice Views From Location

* BYO Firewood & adhere to Seasonal restrictions

Yanneymooning Reserve

Located on the corner of Elachbutting and Echo Valley Roads 75kms north of Westonia, Yanneymooning is a 513ha reserve comprising granite rock formations and bushland.

Offering spectacular views with a variety of bird life and flowers, The eucalyptus garden species "Silver Princess" in its natural state can be found on top of the rock cascading into the valley below. Bottlebrush flowers in October/November. Cowslip and Patricia's Spinder Orchid along with many others can be found at the base of the rock.

The abundant, ornate dragon lizard (Ctenophurus Ornatus) is an entertaining feature of the Yanneymooning Rock.

HOW TO GET THERE

Yanneymooning is on the road to Elachbutting and is ideally situated to visit on a day trip to Elachbutting Rock. The reserve is situated on the corner of Echo Valley and Elachbutting Roads.

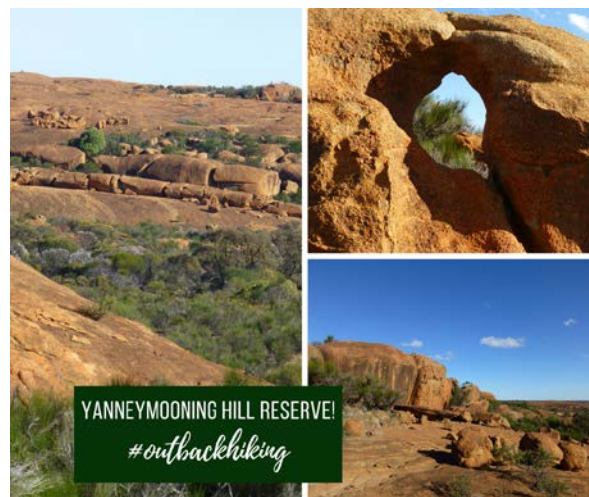


No Pets Permitted



Dry Weather Access

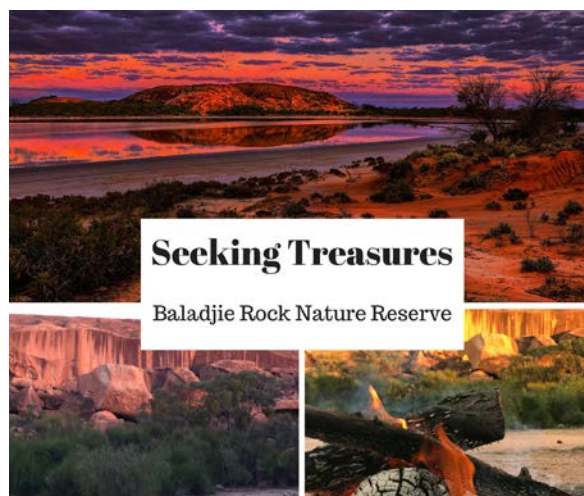
* NO Camping



Baladjie Rock

Baladjie Rock is a popular camping & picnic spot for locals and visitors to the Westonia Shire. Baladjie Rock is on the southern edge of the Baladjie salt lake system and is accessible via a well maintained unsealed track off the Koorda-Bullfinch Road, approximately 45km north-east of Westonia and has plenty of spots for camping, camper trailers and caravans.

The extensive rock outcrops are situated in an attractive woodland adjacent to the Baladjie Lake Nature Reserve. A climb up the main rock affords a spectacular view over the lake system and surrounding woodlands. Baladjie Rock is a treat. A real treat. This large granite outcrop has been sculpted by the elements over time, pockmarked with caves, overhangs and fractures and is peppered with ponds, fringed with sheoaks and alive with birds. Why not make Baladjie Rock a part of your next camping adventure?



HOW TO GET THERE

Baladjie Rock is located on the Koorda-Bullfinch Road 42kms north east of Westonia.

FEES & BOOKINGS

There is no charge for the use of this facility, so if you are staying at this site we encourage you to help keep it clean and tidy.



No Pets Permitted



Dry Weather Access



Suitable for Tents



Camper Trailers



Caravans



Campervans & Motorhomes

* BYO Firewood & adhere to Seasonal restrictions

Sandford Rocks Nature Reserve

These rocks were named after surveyor Henry Sandford King who was active in the area in the late 1880s. He was Surveyor General of Western Australia from 1918-23.

We doubt if you will be disappointed. The rocks are home to a marvellous array of trees and plants - native peaches and sandalwood, wattles, myrtles, native orchids, tiny carnivorous plants and a profusion of colour, all emerging in a low phosphate environment.

Home to rock wallaby, numerous gnamma holes. Every little waterhole is worth looking at. They contain a profusion of life - tiny banded tadpoles, waterfleas and other creatures. The rocks are upholstered in lichens. The wind blows cold around you and civilisation is somewhere else. What a marvellous spiritual experience it is to visit such a place. No shops, no advertisements, Mother Nature totally in charge.

There's a little walk trail and places to sit for a picnic lunch. And from the summit, spectacular views of the impact of goldmining at Westonia. An authentic wild experience.

It protects 806ha of granite outcrop, pools, wildflowers, scrub and woodland. It has many diverse species of flora and fauna. The Sandford Rocks Discovery Trail guide booklet is available from the Shire Office.

HOW TO GET THERE

Sandford Rocks Nature Reserve is situated 10km north east of Westonia along the Boodarockin road.



No Pets Permitted



Some Shade Available



Picnic Table Available



Nice Views From

Location



NO Fires



Chiddarcooping Nature Reserve

Chiddarcooping Reserve is a DPAW nature reserve covering 5,262 hectares of bushland. The reserve is abundant with unique flora and fauna and also contains granite outcrops, breakaways and pools. Further information is available from CALM Merredin on (08) 9041 2488.

The reserve is home to the lesser bottlebrush or Callistemon Phoeniceus. One of only two bottlebrush species native to south-west Western Australia, as well as the Cowslip Orchid

HOW TO GET THERE

The reserve is located 50km north of the Westonia Townsite.



No Pets Permitted



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Edna May Gold Mine

Please note - the Edna May Gold Mine Lookout has recently been re-opened to the public. The Lookout is located just off Warrachuppin Road on the northern edge of the townsite and provides great views of an operating open pit gold mine.

In 1911, the prospector Edmund John Annear applied for the first mining lease at a strike 1km north of the Westonia Townsite. He quickly established a mine at the claim which he named the Edna May after his aunt.

The Edna May mine produced 171,000 ounces of gold but by 1922 the mine was forced to close due to problems with underground water and the exhaustion of the high grade ore supply.

In 1935 mining resumed with around 355,000 ounces produced before the mine closed in 1947. Water was again a problem as well as labour supply shortages created by the war.

New mining techniques saw the Edna May reopened as an open pit operation by ACM Gold in 1985. The mine produced 274,000 ounces at an average grade of 1.97 grams of gold per tonne of ore. Underground water and low ore quality were again factors resulting in the closure of the mine in 1991.

Ramelius Resources (previously Evolution Mining Ltd, Catalpa Resources Ltd & before that Westonia Mines Ltd) now owns the Edna May. After completing extensive drilling at the site, the company purchased a process plant from the Big Bell mine near Cue in Western Australia's north and transported it to the Edna May site in 2007. Catalpa Resources then commenced the process of re-building the Edna May mine and processing plant. This process was completed and Evolution Mining poured the first gold from the Edna May in April 2010. This signalled the Edna May's movement into full mining production for the fourth time. Ramelius Resources are forecasting an effective mine life on the Edna May exceeding nine years. For more information about the current project contact Ramelius Resources on (08) 9046 8000.

The photograph below shows the view of the Edna May Gold Mine from the Edna May Gold Mine Lookout which is accessed from Warrachuppin Road. The Edna May Gold Mine Lookout is located just one kilometre north of the Westonia town site.



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