



# Councillor Information Bulletin

For the Ordinary Council Meeting  
held on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2025

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# SHIRE OF WESTONIA

## Oct/Nov 25

| Date & Time             | What                                          | Where        | Who                       |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|--------------|---------------------------|
| Thursday<br>23 October  | Council Meeting                               | Chambers     | Councillors, Senior Staff |
| Friday<br>24 October    | Rural Water Council Meeting                   | Westonia     | President and Deputy      |
| Friday<br>24 October    | Meeting with Traditional Owners Townsite Lots | Kalgoorlie   | CEO                       |
| Friday<br>7 November    | Coopers Garage Official Opening Ceremony      | Westonia     | Invited Guests            |
| Saturday<br>8 November  | Xmas Markets and Opening Ceremony             | Westonia     | Community and Guests      |
| Thursday<br>13 November | GEZ Meeting                                   | Kellerberrin | President & CEO           |
| Tuesday<br>20 November  | Council Meeting                               | Chambers     | Councillors, Senior Staff |

## CEO'S REPORT

- **GENERAL MATTERS**

- During the month was the exciting trip over to SA to attend the Bank of Ideas Small Town Re-invention Conference with the majority of the Council and the DCEO. My take on the outcomes of the conference were that Westonia community is on the right track with a lot of the initiatives highlighted being
  - the usefulness of Cooperatives,
  - the importance of Home Care Service provision,
  - Tourism market as a major economic driver (museums, features and events),
  - The importance of strategic sporting facilities and community hubs.

Initiatives and areas that that can be further explored are

- Engage and upskill the younger generation (invite Peter Kenyon to facilitate a one day session in Westonia)
- The caravan tourism industry is enormous, and we need to tap further into this economic driver.
- Each community requiring their own identity and WOW Factor!!!!!!!
- The Westonia Bush Fire Brigade meetings have been arranged with the Advisory meeting being held on Tuesday 28 October.
- Some water damage had occurred from the HWS at the new Pool Kiosk which has been rectified by the builder. The Power connection was finally installed after a 25 month wait during the month.
- Peter Antonio has nearly completed the passageway accessing the new Cooper garage Museum in readiness for the official opening ceremonies on 7 & 8 October. Final curation works and signage is currently progressing also in readiness for the opening ceremonies.
- The President and I attended the WEROC meeting held in Southern Cross on Tuesday 14 October.
- Film crew from Australian Golden Outback visited Westonia on Wednesday 15 October to take new footage of Westonia features for promotional material in future advertising.

- **DELEGATED AUTHORITY ACTIONS**

- I issued work notices on the Carrabin Hotel and the Old Post Office properties during the month to address the fire hazard and vermin issues due to the overgrowth of weeds and grasses evident at both properties.

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- **ROADCREW**

- The construction crew are progressing extremely well on both the Mukinbudin and Nungarin Shires WFN projects on the Nungarin Mukinbudin Roads.
- Private works performed by the Roadtrains was completed at the end of September so that they would join the rest of the construction crew with neighboring shires.
- The maintenance grader has been undertaking drains and batters on Daddow, Warrachuppin and George Roads.

- **TOWN**

- The Town crew have continued in their efforts to present the town in pristine condition including the mowing of vacant lots.
- The lay down area has been tidied up.

- **PLANT HOURS**

The following is a list of plant and vehicle kilometre and hour readings for the period ending 30.9.25.

| Item |                               | 31.8.25     | 30.9.25    |
|------|-------------------------------|-------------|------------|
| P1   | CAT 140 GRADER                | 3,786hrs    | 3,930hrs   |
| P2   | CAT 12M GRADER                | 10,180hrs   | 10,349hrs  |
| P3   | PRIME MOVER (KENWORTH)        | 60,166ms    | 62,151ms   |
| P4   | ROAD TRAIN (NEW FREIGHTLINER) | 155,554kms  | 157,935kms |
| P5   | JOHN DEERE LOADER             | 5,745hrs    | 5,763hrs   |
| P6   | CAT ROLLER (SKIP)             | 2,574hrs    | 2,781hrs   |
| P7   | MINI-EXCAVATOR                | 1,390hrs    | 1,390hrs   |
| P8   | TELEHANDLER JCB               | 467hrs      | 504hrs     |
| P9   | TOYOTA (GRADER UTE)           | 70,145kms   | 73,433kms  |
| P10  | MITSUBISHI CANTER             | 33,247 kms  | 33,546 kms |
| P11  | TOYOTA HILUX (GARDENER) WT 35 | 113,751kms  | 113,907kms |
| P12  | JOHN DEERE (5100)             | 2,746hrs    | 2,776hrs   |
| P14  | TOYOTA LANDCRUISER GXL (CEO)  | 7,113kms    | 13,272ms   |
| P15  | TOYOTA HILUX D/CAB (W/SUPER)  | 55,880kms   | 58,574kms  |
| P16  | TOYOTA RAV4 (Community)       | 12,977kms   | 150,45kms  |
| P17  | TOYOTA HILUX DUAL CAB         | 67,113kms   | 68,687kms  |
| P19  | FAST ATTACK                   | 20,217kms   | 20,217kms  |
| P20  | FIRE TRUCK                    | 7,416kms    | 7,416kms   |
| P18  | WESSY BUS                     | 15,393kms   | 15,393kms  |
| P22  | KUBOTA RIDE ON MOWER (OVAL)   | 2,157hrs    | 2,173hrs   |
| P23  | TOYOTA MINI-BUS (WT COM V)    | 49,267kms   | 49,628kms  |
| P24  | CAT ROLLER (LOLA)             | 3,028hrs    | 3,185hrs   |
| P25  | MICK's BEAUT UTE              | 183,660 kms | 184,431kms |
| P27  | TOYOTA PRADO GXL (DCEO)       | 23,826 kms  | 28,568 kms |
| P28  | TOYOTA HILUX UTILITY (TOWN)   | 7,142kms    | 7,7673kms  |
| P29  | MOWER                         |             | 6.1hrs     |

# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND WELLBEING REPORT

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Working group meetings held every 3rd Wednesday of the month:

Event planning – Christmas markets, Coopers Garage Museum opening, Masquerade Ball, Painting of Mural old school, Quiz Night, Exercise lessons.

There is now a Westonia Workers WhatsApp group which anyone can join as a way of activating volunteers for events and projects.

CRC - MSC story and statistical reporting due March and September each year is completed

CRC – Annual report and Health check report are due annually by 1 December currently underway.

DPIRD visit – CRC service contract review, Variations have been sent to the Department currently waiting on their acceptance of the new contract.

### Grant applications & award nominations submitted:

13/8/25 applied for Collgar Community Fund grant \$6000 to go towards the 28th March 2026 “Back to our roots, Bring your Boots” Ball. Successful applicants will be notified in October

### Future grant opportunities & award nominations:

We will be applying for a further \$2000 from another Grant provider in the coming months to go towards expenses for the Ball.

## WELLBEING REPORT

### Age Care

Westonia Home Care Services

We are continuing to provide community Wellbeing activities

We continue to provide Meals on wheels, Lite N Easy Equipment and Aids for our clients

Westonia Home Care Services Clients: **24.**

New clients about to join service: **1?**

Staff delivering services: 5

Services: Administration and Package management, Cleaning and Household tasks, Medical, Personal Care, Social Support, Support work, Gardening & Maintenance, Meals, Allied health, Medicine management, Equipment and Home modifications.

Monthly and annual reporting – Quarterly and annual financial reports to Department of health, disability and ageing. SaHCC annual reporting (Support @ Home cost collection).

Various SaH rollout training sessions (online) ongoing.

### Community activities and resources

2025 Activities/ Events:

1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> of September – Every Monday the Sewing Group meet at the sewing room from 9am – midday. 6pax

2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> of September – Scrabble 4 Pax

4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> of September – Bingo 8-9pax.

9/9/25 Bus trip to Mukinbudin railway café 7 pax

17/09/2025 Working Group Meeting 11pax

24/9/25 Bus trip to Narrogin Nursery Café & Gallery 8pax

## WESTONIA TOURIST PARK

The Park has recorded its highest income for a one month period. September was not only busy with tourist in vans, the addition of the 8 single units have been very popular tourists and contractors working in the district

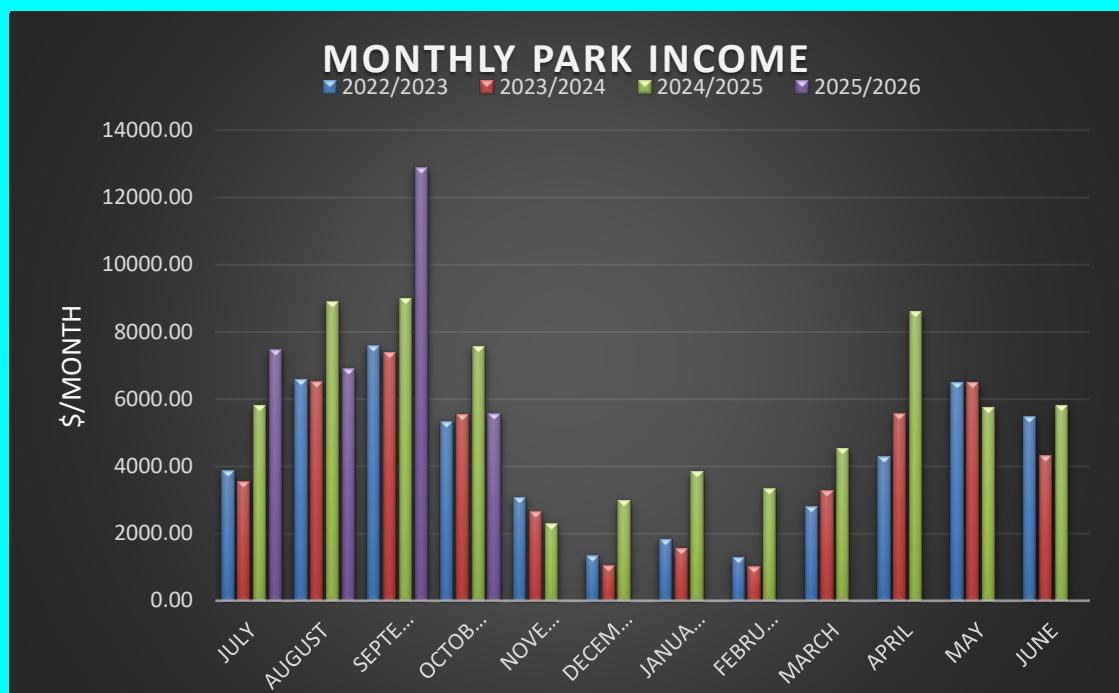
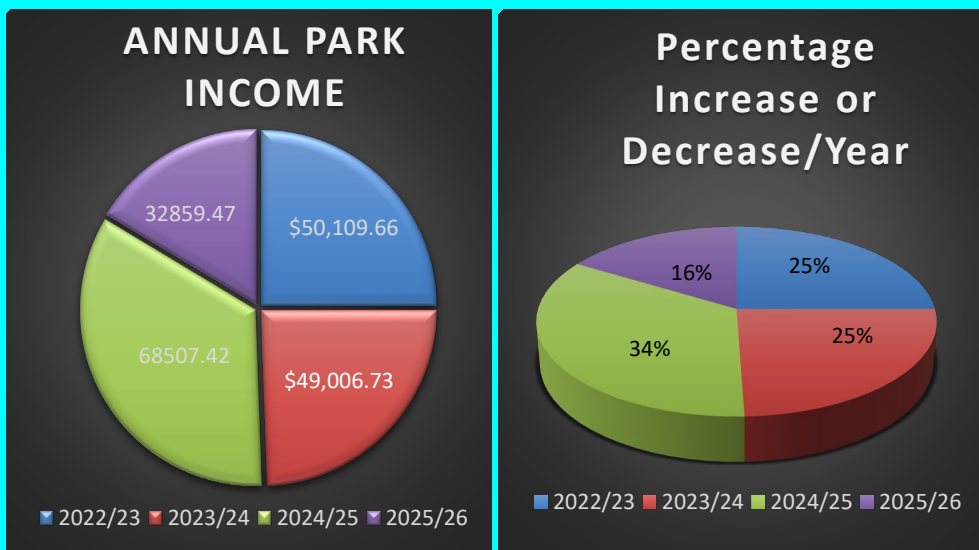
## REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE

- Various minor repairs and maintenance ongoing. Focal area being bathroom maintenance (fixtures and disabled bathroom upgrade)
- Disabled toilet drainage will need some major work as tree roots have made their way into the pipes.

## FUTURE PROJECTS

- Permanent signage required to say "If office is unattended, please ring the caretakers phone or Shire office alternatively you can visit the Shire office during business hours Monday to Friday to complete your booking".
- Overflow – new signs needed for sites and information sign needed to describe who to ring or see to book in and outline that you must un-hook. Defined bays might be a good idea for this area.

## STATISTICS



HOOD-PENN MUSEUM and COOPERS GARAGE MUSEUM

The hallway into Coopers Garage is nearly complete everything is tracking nicely to be ready for the Official opening on the day of the Wessy Christmas Markets

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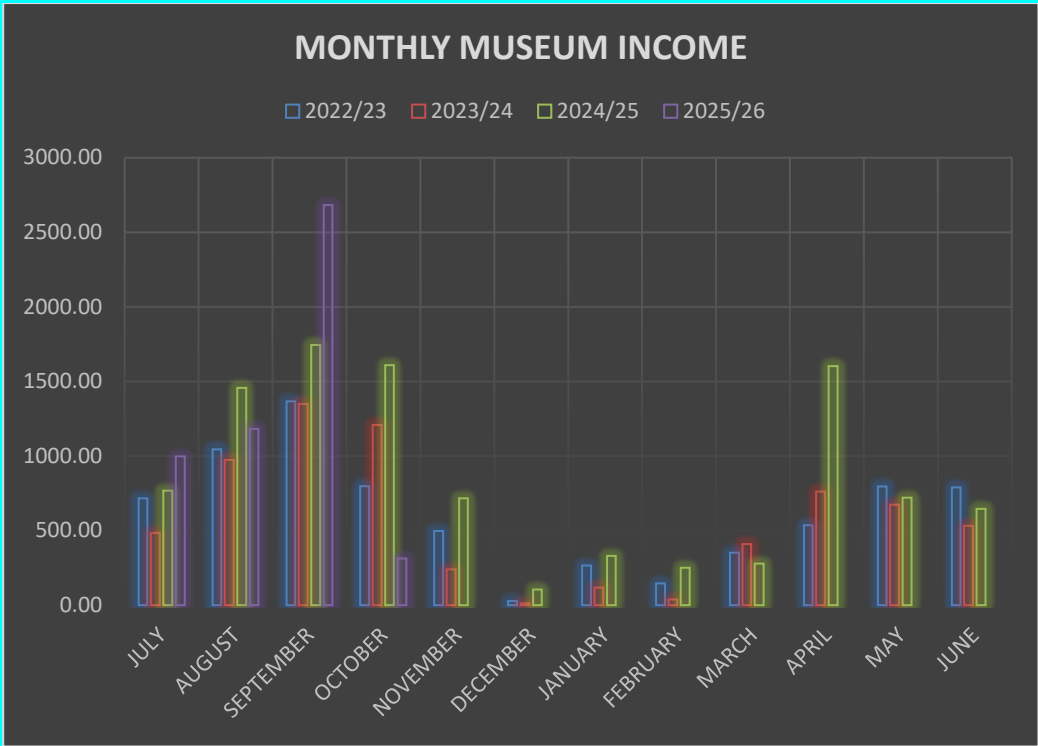
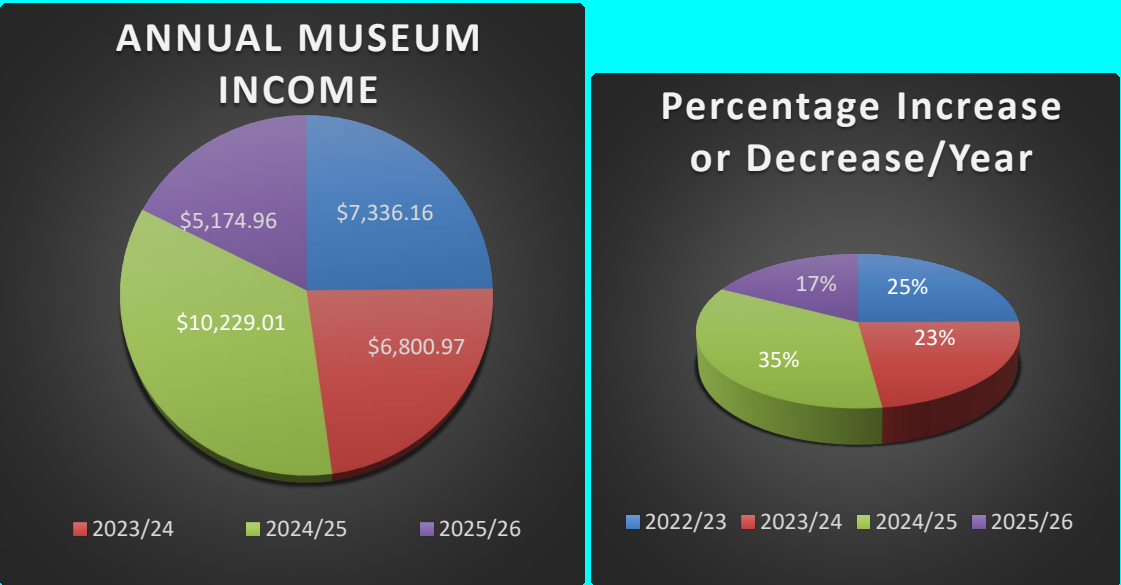
RECENT PROJECTS

- War Memorial moved from OM Hall and photo signs now installed.
- Model War Planes hung in War Memorial scene

FUTURE PROJECTS

- New scenes to be created in the existing space of the old storage room to tell the stories of our primary industries of which Westonia was founded on.

STATISTICS



## Swimming Pool Manager's Report – October 2025

My first official working day was 1st October, but before that, the Wessy Pool had already undergone a few changes.

John installed the new Chemigem disinfecting control system, which now uses liquid chlorine and liquid acid. The previous Prominent system is currently stored in the back shed and will be useful for spare parts if anyone needs them. This new system will inevitably save the Shire thousands of dollars and is a much simpler and more efficient system to operate.

We experienced one week without power as the generator was tagged out during the Western Power changeover period.

During that time, we focused on garden maintenance, and the automatic cleaner has been working overtime. The manual cleaner has also been repaired and will be back in use shortly. We now have new shelving in the blue shed, which also houses the liquid chlorine. This has allowed us to take most items off the floor and keep the area tidy and organised.

I have posted on the Shire's new Westonia Swimming Pool Facebook page to gauge interest in:

- Early morning swimming (Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 6–7am)
- Little Kids 'Session on Mondays from 10am–12pm
- Seniors 'Session on Thursdays from 10am–12pm

We've had a few encouraging comments so far.

I have also registered for the Swim for Fruit program, run by Royal Life Saving Society and Healthway. This program provides a \$1,500 budget to spend on various items and incentives, including fruit purchased locally from the Co-op. I plan to run this program on Saturday afternoons.

I would like to continue with the Watch Around Water program that the pool has been registered for in previous years. It appears it has not been implemented effectively in the past, and I'd like to ensure it's done properly this season.

Water samples were submitted on Monday, and we are on track to open on 1st November. We'll be holding a lunchtime sausage sizzle, kindly supported by the Shire, to celebrate opening day.

Once the pool is open, we would love for Councillors to visit and take a walk around to see some of the improvements we've made.

The Swimming Pool Manager is happy — and so is her Assistant!

Megan & Simmo

# Small towns get it done

## National Small Town Reinvention Conference inspires and informs



By Mel Jaunay

The Kapunda Football Club was bursting with ideas and enthusiasm last week, as the second annual Bank of I.D.E.A.S National Small Town Reinvention Conference rolled into Dutton Park.

Coordinated by Peter Kenyon, Director of Bank of I.D.E.A.S and the office of Tony Piccolo MP, the conference attracted 175 participants from small towns all over Australia and New Zealand, as an opportunity for community 'builders' and organisations to share inspiration and information.

It was also a platform for local groups and initiatives to be showcased, with field trips taken to Nuriootpa and Eudunda, as well as further afield to areas in the mid-North, as part of the conference program.

The *Leader* attended the final day of the conference on Thursday, and had the opportunity to hear first-hand some of the presentations, as well as speak with Peter Kenyon about the format of the conference.

"It's just about creating a fun space, where people can share stories, experiences, tools, challenges and their dreams," he said.

"I think the format we use is everything is short, sharp and punchy, no presentation is longer than 20 minutes, lots of opportunities for people to engage with each other in conversation, and on a bus, go out and have a look..."

"People have loved it, it's been amazing."

Peter said there were at least 90 small towns represented, and estimated \$250,000 had been generated into the local economy as a result of the conference being held at



Some of the conference delegates in attendance on Thursday. FRONT: Rhys Williams, Member for Mandurah, WA; Anita Thiele, Kapunda; Maxine Donald, Kapunda; Danny Menzel, Kapunda; and Peter Kenyon, Bank of I.D.E.A.S. Director. BACK: Tony Piccolo MP; Mel Zerner, Eudunda; and Mick Talbot, Kapunda.

Kapunda.

He praised the Kapunda Football Club for its support as the home base for the conference's four day program.

"Someone got up at 6.00am just to put the heating on. It's that cute, small town hospitality has just been amazing," he added.

As a visitor to the region himself, Peter was impressed by many of the local ideas and initiatives happening in the area, some of which were showcased as part of the program.

"This region always surprises me. I mean,

the Eudunda community and business association, how they're implementing their action plan. Mel Zerner, the ultimate network-weaver in what he's doing - fantastic," Peter said.

"The Barossa Co-operative, for example. There's no co-operative in rural Australia like the Barossa Co-op... it's out of this world, it's unbelievable, it's the best in the country... This area is just full of (great things)... It's been very inspirational."

Among a number of presenters on Thursday, Kapunda artists Danny Menzel and Maxine Donald had the opportunity to speak to the group about the Kapunda Mural Town project, and in particular the silo mural which is currently underway.

An auction of more than 20 conference-themed artworks drawn by veteran cartoonist Simon Kneebone, along with a few extra donations thrown in, raised \$4,000 towards the Kapunda silo mural project.

Tony Piccolo, who initiated the idea of bringing the conference to South Australia, delivered opening and closing speeches for the event and reflected on the common threads that emerged: connection, collaboration and community.

"We heard stories of towns that dared to dream big - and did," he said.

"Whether it's a brick-and-mortar project or a festival, the message was clear: be bold,

be courageous, and don't take no for an answer."

Penny Pratt MP, Member for Frome said earlier in the year she met Peter Kenyon in Western Australia to discuss regional tourism and to meet with businesses involved in his delivery of the first ever National Small Town Reinvention Conference, held at Pickering Brook.

"It was great to see so many communities represented at the Conference. The attendees left inspired after learning of how other small towns have been reinvigorated by thinking outside the square," Ms Pratt said.

Light Regional Council CEO Richard Dodson also gave a speech on the closing day of the conference.

"We've heard some bold ideas, practical insights, powerful stories that just re-affirm small towns are not only enduring, they are leading a new era of reinvention," he said.

"Our communities are not relics of the past, they are dynamic, determined and driving innovation from the ground up. The future is not something we wait for, it's something we build together..."

"The conference has reminded us that while small towns across Australia face many challenges, we also possess the creativity, resilience and determination to transform those challenges into some powerful catalysts for lasting change."

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