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Wishing our Westonia community a happy and safe festive season

WESTONIA STANDS OUT!

Go Westonia! At the recent WALGA Local Government Week Mr. Bernard Salt the widely regarded Australia's Leading Demographer, presented The Next Five Years Demographic Trends Shaping The Future for LGA's in WA.

Westonia was mentioned as the only Wheatbelt Town with significant Population Growth, having witnessed a 16% increase in population, the further development of agriculture and mining across the Shire and making our mark as a unique and visually attractive town site. Go Westonia!

In this map I show population growth (blue) and loss (red)



WELCOME TO ADMINISTRATION TRAINEE

Chantelle Pedrotti has recently joined the Shire Office team.

Chantelle has hit the ground running the last couple of weeks, by attending Department of Transport Training and completing the Staff inductions process. We hope Chantelle will get a great deal of experience and knowledge from the traineeship. The Shire of Westonia is glad to have Chantelle on board.

GOOD BYE GOOD LUCK Council and Staff at the Shire of Westonia would like to extend our best wishes to Elizabeth (Lizzie) Townrow on her new future endeavours as she has now completed her 18 Month Traineeship with the Shire. We hope you have gained further knowledge and experience while working with us. Lizzie will be with us until the 23rd Dec 2022, Please help us extended our communities gratitude.



Further Council information is available at Shire of Westonia 41 Wolfram Street, Westonia 6423
Telephone: 08 9046 7063 Email: shire@westonia.wa.gov.au Web: westonia.wa.gov.au





KEEP SAFE ON THE ROAD THIS CHRISTMAS

While we wind down for the year and enjoy all the wonderful things the season has to offer, Council wishes to encourage everyone to be aware of the keep safe on our roads message. The most important thing you can do this Christmas is to enjoy time with family and friends. If you're driving home or away for Christmas, keep safe on the roads by following these few safety tips.

Plan extra time into your journey If you're heading away for the holidays, or plan on you and the kids spending Christmas with the Grandparents, then chances are, you'll be sharing the road with many other families who are doing the same.

Check the weather and conditions Watch out for unpredictable weather and plan accordingly. Northern Australia can experience cyclones and flooding, and southern Australia has unfortunately played victim to some large bush fires. Keep abreast of the news and listen to local radio on your journey to keep up-to-date on any changes to the conditions ahead of you.

Be aware of fatigue The lead up to Christmas and the holiday period can be a very busy time of year. Christmas Day itself can be exhausting, with all the present opening, abundance of food and family times!

Prepare for different driving conditions At Christmas time, city folk can end up in the country, and country folk might end up touring the city. Driving conditions can feel very different if you're not used to it.

On behalf of the Council Members and staff, at the Shire of Westonia we wish you a safe and peaceful festive season and a happy and healthy New Year. Please drive safe if you are travelling.

ROADWORKS

The construction crew have completed a 3.5km section of South Walgoolan Road and a 1km section of 6 Mile Gate Road with the Polymer stabilizing product.

A 4.6km section of Warralakin Road has had its old bitumen surface removed in preparation for new reconstruction works which will commence in January once harvest is completed.

The crew will be reconstructing the Carrabin South/ Clothier Road intersection over the next two weeks.

FOOTPATHS

Footpath reconstruction will be carried out on a section of Wolfram Street this month prior to some additional streetscape initiatives that will continue to improve the amenity for the community.

GOOD BYE GOOD LUCK








Council and Staff at the Shire of Westonia would like to extend our best wishes to Danny Gates on his new future endeavours in the South of WA. Danny will be with us until the 23rd Dec 2022, Please help us extended our communities gratitude. His dedication to the Job will be sorely missed.

TO DO ALL YOUR ADVERTISING

ADVERTISING

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4	5	6  Laura Black	7	8  Seniors Luncheon	9	10
11	12  DR Olga Ward	13  Laura Black	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22  COUNCIL	23	24
25  Merry Christmas	26  BOXING DAY	27	28	29	30	31

Happy Birthday

1st Ada Barnett

3rd Steve Hale

7th Makayla Geier

Shaun Crees

9th Clare LeMoignan

10th Isabel Hage

17th Ned Millington

21st Mark Crees

John Townrow

24th Harold Millington

26th Kay Geier

Moe Hodge

28th Dan Barnett

30th Laura Black







PUBLIC NOTICE OF TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE SECTION - WARRALAKIN ROAD

It is hereby notified for public information that the Chief Executive Officer, under Delegated Authority of the Shire of Westonia agrees to the temporary closure of section of Warralakin Road, Westonia in accordance with



Sections 3.50, 3.50 (a) and 3.51 of the *Local Government Act 1995*.

The temporary road closure will be between the periods of Monday 12th December 2022 until 31st March 2023. The need for this temporary closure is for new construction works at the intersection of the Great Eastern Highway. Alternative routes will be well signed for road users.

Submissions in writing are invited closing COB Friday 9th December.

Apologies for any inconvenience.

Bill Price
Chief Executive Officer



CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR OFFICE CLOSURE

Notice is hereby given for the closure of the Shire of Westonia Administration Office during the Christmas / New Year holiday break.

All residents are encouraged to complete their business transactions on or before lunchtime Friday 23rd December 2022

For emergency callouts, please call Bill Price, Chief executive Officer on 0427 467 063.

The Office will be closed for the following dates;

	Admin/CRC Office	Westonia Swimming Pool
Friday 23 Dec	8.30am - 12.00pm	11.00am - 7.00pm
Christmas Day	CLOSED	CLOSED
Boxing Day	CLOSED	11.00am - 7.00pm
Monday 26 Dec	CLOSED	11.00am - 7.00pm
Tuesday 27 Dec	CLOSED	CLOSED
Wednesday 28 Dec	CLOSED	11.00am - 7.00pm
Thursday 29 Dec	CLOSED	11.00am - 7.00pm
Friday 30 Dec	CLOSED	11.00am - 7.00pm
New Year's Eve	CLOSED	11.00am - 7.00pm
New Year's Day	CLOSED	CLOSED
Monday 2 Jan	CLOSED	11.00am - 7.00pm
Tuesday 3 Jan	8.30am - 5.00pm	CLOSED
Westonia Caravan Park will operate as Normal		

The Shire of Westonia Administration Office will be re-opening on **Tuesday, 3rd January 2023**.

Bill Price
Chief Executive Officer





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OUTRIGHT PURCHASE OF TOYOTA LANDCRUISER LC300 V6

Council are seeking tenders for the Outright Purchase of the following vehicle:

2022 Toyota Landcruiser LC300 Series V6 registration: 1HMA620 Window Tint, Rubber Mats and Tow Pack (Vin JTMAA7BJ904010857) The vehicle is in as new condition with @ 25,000 km at time of release and is licensed until 1 August 2023.

Inspections of the vehicles can be made by contacting the CEO, Bill Price on 0427 467 063 or ceo@westonia.wa.gov.au

Tenders be accepted until 4pm Friday 16th December 2022 and should be submit via email marked 'LC VEHICLE TENDER' to the above address:

Bill Price

Chief Executive Officer



**Public
TENDER**

OUTRIGHT PURCHASE

2022 Toyota LC300
Landcruiser 3.3L V6 DSL GXL

Tenders will be accepted until 4pm
Friday 16th December 2022
via Email ceo@westonia.wa.gov.au




Government of Western Australia
WA Country Health Service



HEAL™ is coming to Westonia!

Join our FREE Healthy Eating Activity & Lifestyle (HEAL™) program!

Starting 21 February 2023 Tuesdays 10am-12pm

Sign up now! Contact Rain on: 0499 580 317
rain.rodenburg@health.wa.gov.au





Hopefully the weather continues to warm up and there are not too many more weather interruptions to harvest. Having said that, the hot weather also increases the chances of Fire and Harvest Bans. There are two types of Fire Bans which may be imposed.

Total Fire Ban – imposed by DFES (Department of Fire and Emergency Services) A Total Fire Ban (TFB) is declared on days when fires are most likely to threaten lives and property. This is because of predicted extreme fire weather or when there are already widespread fires and firefighting resources are stretched. On a Total Fire Ban day, it is illegal to light an open-air fire or conduct any activity that could start a fire. Further information on Total Fire Bans can be accessed at [Total fire ban - Department of Fire and Emergency Services \(dfes.wa.gov.au\)](https://dfes.wa.gov.au)

Harvest and Vehicle Movement Bans – imposed by Shire of Westonia Harvest and Vehicle Movement Bans are issued by the Shire of Westonia during the Restricted and Prohibited Burning period (1st November 2022 – 15th February 2023) and are put in place when local Bushfire Control Officers identify the use of engines, vehicles, plant or machinery as high bushfire risk activities. It is your responsibility to find out if a ban is in place and the Shire of Westonia will

communicate Harvest Bans via SMS, and broadcast on ABC radio.

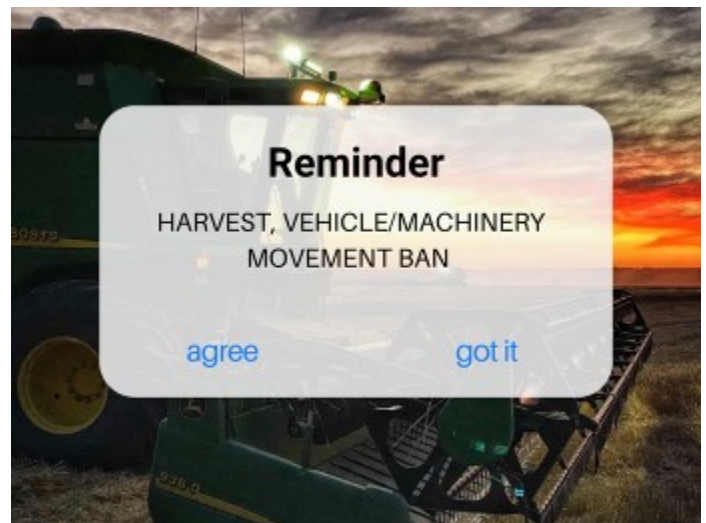
Fire Danger Ratings In addition to the bans the new Fire Danger Ratings have been developed. Fire Danger Ratings describe the potential level of danger should a bushfire start. Please refer to the graphic on this page and for more information

go to [Prepare for a bushfire - Department of Fire and Emergency Services \(dfes.wa.gov.au\)](https://dfes.wa.gov.au)



HARVEST BAN SMS

Call 9046 7063 to subscribe and receive SMS notification when the Shire places a 'Harvest & Vehicle Movement Ban'.

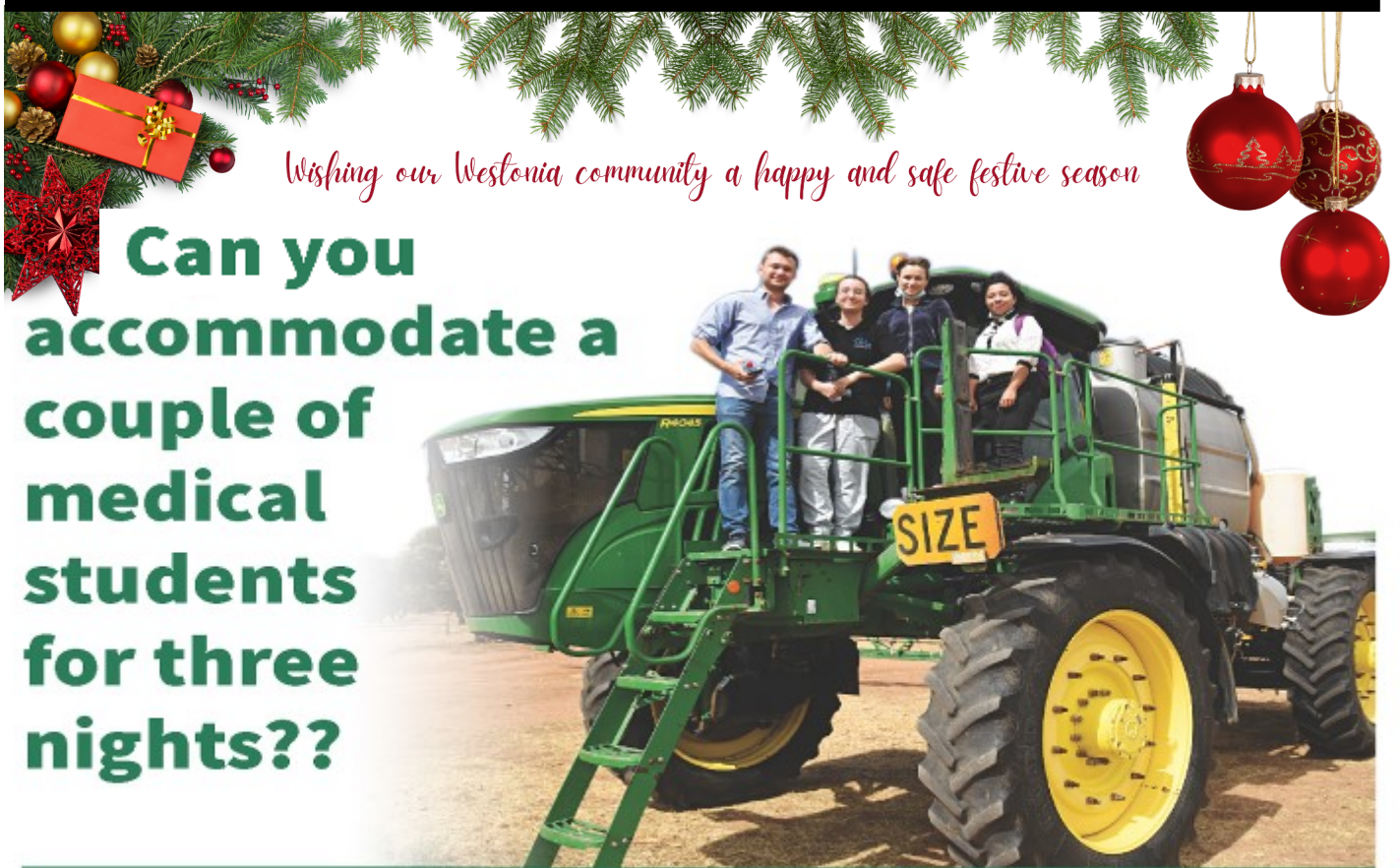


Harvest & Vehicle Movement Bans (except for tendering to stock) will be in place on:

Sunday 25th December 2022 – Christmas Day; and Sunday 1st January 2022 –

New Year's Day





Can you accommodate a couple of medical students for three nights??

Wheatbelt Medical Student Immersion Program

TUESDAY 14 TO FRIDAY 17 MARCH 2023

Share what **living in the Wheatbelt** is like with **doctors of the future**

One hundred medical students will be coming to the Wheatbelt in March 2023. During their stay, they will visit local farms, industry, general practices, hospitals and schools, and participate in community activities.

We need you to provide real-life experiences that will give them an understanding of what it is like to live in the Wheatbelt and perhaps inspire them to become rural doctors.

The students will visit the following towns:

- Bruce Rock
- Kellerberrin/Tammin
- Merredin
- Southern Cross
- Westonia
- Narrogin

As a host, we will ask you to provide accommodation for two or more students, be able to assist with transporting them to/from town, and share what it is like to live in your town with the students. You are invited to come along to a Thank You dinner with the students on the Thursday night.

Why host?

Even if you need the students to roll out a swag in the living room, we want to hear from you if you can host.

This is a life-changing experience for the students, with many having no previous exposure to rural life or the Wheatbelt.

By providing these rural immersion opportunities early in their degree, it has been proven that students are more likely to explore rural career opportunities.

Some students continue to keep in touch and visit their host families, some return to do seasonal work and placements, others have joined mentoring programs, some have inspired host family members to pursue tertiary studies in health and medicine, and some students are now doctors in the Wheatbelt and other parts of rural/remote WA and Australia.

For further information, contact **Betony Dawson:**

T 08 6389 4567 | E betony.dawson@ruralhw.com.au



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Pennants

The ladies have had a couple of byes in the last two weeks and will be back on the road on Wednesday 7th December when they take on Bruce Rock in Bruce Rock.

The men's Pennant team had an amazing 8 to 0 (148 to 62) win over Yilgarn in Southern Cross on the 3rd December. The team of Fred Faithfull, Bill Price, Dave Hamilton and Steve Smith won their game 56 to 7 whilst the team of Peter Lilly, Graham Daddow, Graham Bright and Aaron Smith scored the elusive 8 badge.

Congratulations to Diane Jones and Kylie Gibson on winning the hotly contested Ladies Club Championship pairs. They will represent Westonia in the Champ of Champ Pairs to be held in Bruce Rock on March 3rd 2023.

On the Road AGAIN!

Kay Geier, Ainslie Faithfull, Ada Barnett, and Marg Penny travelled to Corrigin for the Corrigin ladies Open Day on Friday 2nd December. Ada came away with the money board, Kay and Ainslie both won a pot plant and Marg came up trumps with the Lead

draw. It is not always about the bowls!

Congratulation to Bill Price, Graeme Jones, Shaun Crees and Aaron Smith Who were all selected to play in the inter league practice match on Sunday 4th. They all contributed to the win of the Button Shield for the South Eastern League.

Corporate/Barefoot Bowls.

A successful two nights of Barefoot Corporate Bowls has now been completed. Lots of laughs and some interesting bowling from the Ramelius crew and our local potential newer bowlers. With the enthusiasm shown we will definitely look at starting this up again once the new greens have been completed.

Thank you to our volunteers, Arthur, Jonsey, Heather, Dawes, Diane, Fred and any other member who assisted over the two nights.



Sunday 4th December also saw a small but competitive group of bowlers attend the stadium for the Simmonds Family Trophy day. A sincere thank you to the Simmonds family for sponsoring the day again.

Winners were Ainslie Faithfull, Graham (Yokka) Johnston and Heather Lockyer. Runners up were Kay Geier, Arthur Mather, and Helen Barnett. Third place went to Graham Daddow, Doug Herman and Marg Penny.





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Westonia Co-Op & Cafe & Post Office



**Get your
Xmas Hams**



**Meat & Salad
\$8.50**



All shapes \$2.50



**Great range
of gift cards
for the hard
to buy for!**



Currants \$3.50



**Mangoes & grapes & all
the summer fruits now in.**

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Friday 8.30am to 2pm**

**Hot chips, Burgers,
Seafood, Fish & Chips,
Fresh Rolls, Meat &
Salad Bowls**

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Fruit & Veggies & Milk
orders need to be
placed with the girls.
If you want Fresh meat
please order this week.
Note we are closed for
the 26th & 27th Dec
& the 2nd Jan
Reduced hours 28th to
the 31st Dec**



Cooked Chooks Monday & Friday

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






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Work has begun on applications, for the Shire of Westonia, to become a Home & Community Care (HACC) provider. If successful the Shire will be able to provide Domestic support, Gardening/ Home Maintenance, Transport and will be able to support existing programs such as wellbeing activities, nursing and other health related areas. The initial application to Australian Government Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission will take a few months to be approved, then we can make application to the Australian Government department of health. Once approved the community will be able to take applications for this program. Approved applicants will include the elderly and frail, people with disabilities and carers who require assistance. Please see the Westonian for future updates on this service.



Working Group Meeting

It is time to form a working group for "Wessy on the Green" (April 2023)

Westonia this is your community event, why not be part of it from start to finish!

Please come down, share your ideas, offer support and help with what you are able.

Wednesday Dec 14th @ 6:30pm

OLD MINERS HALL - WESTONIA

AVON WASTE 

THERE WILL BE NO CHANGE TO THE GENERAL WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES FOR THE CHRISTMAS PERIOD.



★ **FIGHT the BITE** ★

MOSQUITO FOGGING

Shire of Westonia will be undertaking mosquito fogging in Westonia townsite over the coming weeks. Fogging will be as weather permits





✦ *Happy* ✦
Australia Day

FREE AUSTRALIA DAY SAUSAGE SIZZLE
WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY 26TH JANUARY 2023 @ 5.00 PM AT
THE WANDERERS STADIUM/SWIMMING POOL
POOL WILL BE OPEN FROM
11AM—7PM
FOR ENQUIRIES PLEASE CONTACT WESTONIA SHIRE
ADMINISTRATION ON 9046 7063. FURTHER UPDATES WILL BE ON
OUR FACEBOOK PAGE CLOSER TO THE EVENT