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RURAL HEALTH EXCELLENCE NURSE PRACTITIONER FUNDING AWARDS FINALISTS Council has been able to secure an additional

Laura Black and Dr Olga Ward have been selected as finalists in this year's WA Rural Health Excellence Awards. Laura has been selected as finalist a for the People's Choice Award and Dr Ward has been selected as a finalist for GP of the Year.

The winners will be announced at the WA Rural Health Excellence Awards on Saturday 11 March, which is being held at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre. If any representatives from the Shire or practice would like to attend, tickets are available at the following link: https://ruralhealthwest.eventsair.com/2023-warha/awards-night

Council has been able to secure an additional 6 months funding from WAPHA for our extremely valued Nurse Practitioner Laura Black. This funding will again run out by 30 June 2023 so Council are continually investigating more permanent funding options for the service.





CONGRATULATIONS

Celebrating **Dr Olga Ward**, finalist in the **GP of the Year** category at the 2023 WA Rural Health Excellence Awards

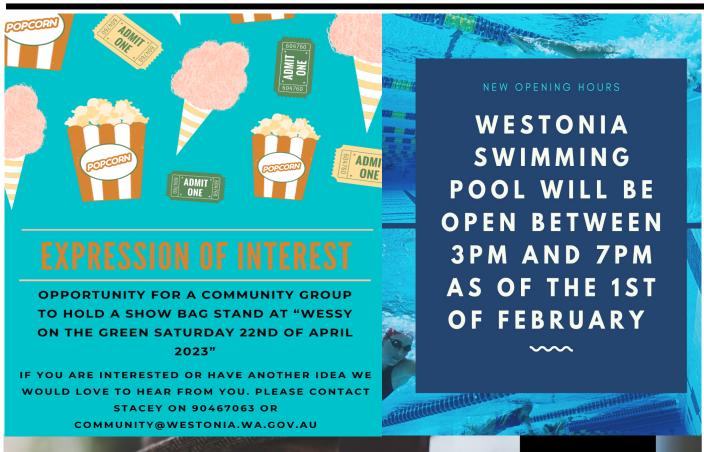


CONGRATULATIONS

Celebrating Laura Black, finalist in the People's Choice category at the 2023 WA Rural Health Excellence Awards









Photography Westonia is h

Westonia is holding a Photo Competition to be showcased and winners to be announced at the Wessy on the Green event being held on 22nd of April 2023

Theme: Westonia

Join the contest now!

Categories: 1. Kids & Animals 2. Flora & Forna 3. Farming & Mining 4. Drone & 5. Peoples Choice. Please get involved we want to showcase as much local talent as possible.

Looking forward to seeing what you all come up with Hundreds of dollars worth of prizes to be won!



FEBRUARY 2023



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5	6	Laura Black	8	9	10	11
12	R Olga Ward	Laura Black	15	16 COUNCIL	17	18
19	20	Laura Black	22	23	24	25
26	27	Laura Black				

3 Feb: Jarryd Antonio

Amy Stevens

7 Feb: Graeme Bright

Asha Geier

11 Feb: Lilly Townrow

17 Feb: Joan Smith

18 Feb: Adrian Townrov

Jordi Smith

Stewart & Jessica Mcdowall

22 Feb: Lex Townrow

23 FEB: Dean Penny

26 Feb: Louis Geier



GRANT FUNDING

Application Opportunities Closing 28th February 2023



WHERE THE WILD THIINGS ARE? Do you have a Eucalypt Woodland you would like to protect? Funding of up to \$15,000 is available for activities to manage the impact of feral animals, stock grazing and weeds on Eucalypt Woodland bushland, to protect and enhance the habitat of threatened flora

and fauna within Eucalypt Woodlands and to protect and enhance significant Eucalypt Woodland patches.

Applications and more details on our website.

Contact Project Manager: Alex Griffiths at agriffiths@wheatbeltnrm.org.au or (08) 9670 3102.



PICK OF THE LITTER: We are committed to protecting Malleefowl in the Wheatbelt and we can only do it with your help. Funding of up to \$10,000 is available to assist landholders working to protect these birds in patches of native vegetation. Applications are invited for actions like fencing to protect habitat from stock, feral animal control and revegetation

to improve connections between patches. Applications and more details on our website.

Contact Project Officer: Kate Nicol at

knicol@wheatbeltnrm.org.au or (08) 9670 3111.





HEALTHY BUSHLANDS: Our Healthy Bushland Program provides support to community groups, groups of neighbours and individuals to help cover the cot of materials for a range of activities including feral animal control, habitat augmentation and fencing, for the purposes of protecting remnant vegetation within the Wheatbelt NRM region.

Applications and more details on our website.

Contact Project Manager: Alex Griffiths at

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To apply scan the QR codes or visit:

wbnrm.your2cents.com.au









This project is supported by Wheatbelt NRM through funding from the Australian Government's National Landcare Program.

Westonia Co-Op & Cafe Open Monday to Friday 8.30am to 2pm & Post Office Hot chips, Burgers





\$8 Milk Shakes \$5



Nice new ornaments etc at the Post Office



Keep an eye out for the summer fruits Cafe Open Monday to Friday 8.30am to 2pm Hot chips, Burgers, Seafood, Fish & Chips, Meat & Salad Bowls Order ahead: 90467222

> Fabulous Summer Fruit now in

Opening Hours
Mon 8.30am - 5.00pm
Tue 8.30am - 5.00pm
Wed 8.30am - 6.30pm
Thur 8.30am - 5.00pm
Fri 8.30am - 5.00pm
Sat 8.30am - 12.30pm



Cooked Chooks Monday & Friday

DROP IN AND BROWSE OUR SELECTION OR PLACE AN ORDER 90467222

COUNCIL MEETING DATES AND TIMES 2023

The Shire of Westonia hereby gives notice that the following dates, times and places of its Ordinary Meetings for the 2023 calendar year.

Ordinary Council meetings:

February – Thursday 23th March – Thursday 16th April – Thursday 20th (4th Thursday) May –

Thursday 18th

June – Thursday 15th July – Thursday 20th August – Thursday 17th September–Thursday

21st

October – Thursday 19th

November-

Thursday 16th

December – Thursday 21st

with all meetings commencing at 3.30pm in the Council Chambers, Wolfram Street, Westonia.

Audit Committee meeting:

The Audit Committee meetings is at this stage proposed for the following dates:

April – Thursday 20th (4th Thursday)

August – Thursday 17th

October - Thursday 20th

all Audit meetings commencing at 3.00pm in the Council Chambers, Wolfram Street, Westonia.





When donating cans for Parnana Pikurtu Wildlife Animal Sanctuary, please place cans and bottles in the small bins as the cages have been removed.



MUSEUM ABC TV FEATURE

The ABC sent a couple of reporters to Westonia late last year to do an article on the funding issues of Nurse Practitioners in Rural areas. This was featured Australia wide on the 24 hour news program.

Whilst the reporters were in town they were fascinated at how good the Hood Penn museum was and ended up doing a separate piece on the Museum. This was aired on national ABC TV on boxing day and Has since gained a lot of publicity and additional visitation.

The article can be viewed on the ABC news website. The article titles are "Outback wax museum frights and delights tourists" and "Outback museum frights and delights tourists".



RAC STREETSCAPE PROJECT

The Wolfram Street Streetscape project partially funded by RAC has commenced which will see a variety of improvements to the main street including

- · New Concrete Footpaths and Kerbing.
 - · New solar lighting.
- Murals and artwork on various bland surfaces to improve the visual amenity.
- Refurbishment of the little old shop between the Café and the COOP.
 - · New bike racks.
- New shelters and seating to be located in front of the Old Miners Hall.
 - 4 x new mini shops facades.

Council is looking for feedback from the community. This can be done by the following survey- monkey link



HELP US IMPROVE!

TO FIND OUT WHAT CHANGES THE LOCALS WOULD LIKE TO SEE MADE TO THE MAIN STREET, A SURVEY HAS BEEN CREATED. THE COUNCIL IS WILLING TO CONTINUE THE STREETSCAPE ENHANCEMENTS TO BENEFIT THE ALREADY IMPRESSIVE FACADES AND FEATURES WHICH THE COMMUNITY AND VISITORS ENJOY. WE WOULD LOVE FOR YOU TO HAVE YOUR SAY FOR THESE FUTURE IMPROVEMENTS. TO PARTICIPATE, TYPE IN THE LINK BELOW!

HTTPS://WWW.SURVEYMONKEY.COM/R/MRZQMYS



BUSHFIRE FIGHTING TRAINING

The Council at its December Council meeting resolved that for volunteers to be included on the Westonia Bush Fire Brigades volunteer register, a minimum standard of training is requiredWhich currently is the BFS Bush Fire Fighter. Fire Control Officers (FCO's) will be required to complete the BFS Advanced Firefighter course.

Council have organized for DFES to visit Westonia during the week of 20 – 24 March to undertake the training locally so as to avoid volunteers undertaking the training in Northam or Perth.

It is intended that Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st March be a (1 day course for both days) for experienced volunteers. It is hoping that at least 30 attendees attend each session.

Wednesday 22nd March will be the Advanced Firefighting course for the FCO's

Thursday 23rd and Friday 24th March is set aside as a 2 x day course for inexperienced volunteers to complete the BFS Firefighting course.

Registrations and further information will be provided soon so please keep these dates free.



New Bowls Shed

The new bowls stadium roof will commence in the third week of February only taking a couple of weeks to construct.

This has resulted in the bowling greens being out of action for the remainder of the season. The bowling club have chosen a new synthetic surface for the newly constructed 6 rinks which will be installed in late April/May.

ROADWORKS

COUNCIL ROADCREW HAVE
RETURNED TO THE
WARRALAKIN CONSTRUCTION
PROJECT WHICH WILL ENTAIL A
FULL RECONSTRUCTION AND 2
X COAT SEAL OF 4.6KM SECTION
OF THE ROAD. ROAD USERS ARE
ASKED TO BE CONSIDERATE OF
THE SPEED ZONES IN THIS AREA
DURING THE WORKS.



