



# The Westonian



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## NEW SHIRE COUNCILLORS

At the Council Meeting held on the 19th of October, the swearing in of new Councillors Ainslie Faithfull and Denver Simmonds occurred. Ross Della Bosca was re-elected to be Deputy President for the next 2 years and Mark Crees was elected to be Shire President again.

We wish them well and look forward to their leadership for Westonia's future



The Council has adopted a new sign design and colour palette that is more fitting to the heritage theme of

the town. The rustic brown and gold lettering for the street names will be used on signs that will be need

replacing over time throughout the town and shire.



Our Melbourne Cup Luncheon was enjoyed by all those that attended with a free glass of bubbles to start the event and a beautiful atmosphere created with very flash décor (we even had a silver Melbourne Cup!)

Our volunteers did amazing work providing delicious food and service. So many people to thank but you all know who you are! The day raised a total of \$1,506.70 for the Westonia Hydrotherapy Pool.

Our target of \$10,000 is within reach, well done everyone!!

A big thank you to the Della Bosca and Crees families for donating the dressed lamb meat which was appreciated by all who attended.



# Happy Birthday



2nd November: Kate Crees  
5th November: Jocelyn Antonio  
7th November: Chantelle Pedrotti  
10th November: Clinton Townrow (stix)  
11th November: Ross Della Bosca, Margaret Crees, Christine Geier, Peter Lilly

18th November: Ernie Douglas  
21st November: Mitch Crews  
24th November: Chloe Corsini  
25th November: Joan Huxtable  
28th November: Jackson Kelly (Hale)

## HYDROTHERAPY POOL FUNDRAISING PROGRESS

GOAL: \$10,000



## UNITING CHURCH SERVICE

WILL BE HELD ON  
**SUNDAY 3RD DECEMBER**  
**10:00AM**

THE OLD MINERS HALL

MORNING TEA AFTER

FOR FURTHER  
INFORMATION  
PLEASE CONTACT  
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**PREVENT MOSQUITO BITES**

Many mosquitoes bite around dusk and dawn, but some can bite day and night. The only way to prevent mosquito-borne disease is to avoid being bitten. Know how to prevent mosquito bites – cover up, repel, clean up.



**Cover up**

Wear long, loose-fitting, light coloured clothing, covering as much of the body as you can. Mosquitoes can bite through tight clothes like jeans. Make sure children are also appropriately covered up.



**Repel**

Use [insect repellent](#) containing DEET (diethyltoluamide) or picaridin and always follow instructions on the label.



**Clean up**

Stop mosquitoes breeding in water pooling around your home or holiday accommodation by emptying water from containers.

**Cheers to Fossil for his fogging program**

**OUTRIGHT PURCHASE OF FREIGHTLINER CORONADO 2014 PRIME MOVER**

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

2014 Freightliner Coronado Prime Mover  
 WT1220 Vin 1FVJF7DR5DLFG4199  
 90 Tonne rated, Eaton Road Ranger Transmission with approximately 235,000kms at time of release.

Inspections of the Prime Mover can be made by contacting the Construction Supervisor Mr Kevin Paust 0427467077 or email [ceo@westonia.wa.gov.au](mailto:ceo@westonia.wa.gov.au)

Tenders be accepted until 5pm 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023 and should be submitted via email marked 'Freightliner Prime Mover Tender' to the above email address:

**Bill Price**

Chief Executive Officer





PLEASE JOIN US FOR

**FREE**

# Narembeen Seniors Luncheon

NOVEMBER  
**16**  
10AM - 2PM  
NAREMBEEN RECREATION CENTRE

LUNCH PROVIDED  
INTERACTIVE ACTIVITIES & GAMES  
PRESENTATIONS BY HOLYOAKE'S  
PREVENTION TEAM & AMITY HEALTH  
MEET & GREET WITH THE NEW DOCTOR

PLEASE RSVP TO THE CRC ON 9064 7055

PROUDLY BOUGHT TO YOU BY:




## Free Admission

*Season Open 1 Nov 2023*

# Westonia Swimming Pool

Opening hours for the season will be:  
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday - 3 to 7pm  
(school holidays) - 11am to 7pm  
Tuesday - closed  
Weekends - 11am to 7pm  
Public Holidays - 11am - 7pm

Pool Contact Details:  
Pool Manager : Scott Huggett  
P: 9046 7053 E: pool@westonia.wa.gov.au

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Enrolments for 2024 are now open.  
Places are limited!



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37 South Ave (PO Box 41) Merredin WA 6415.





# Affordable and Practical **Farm** Safety

Are you aware there is another very affordable and practical farm safety option on the market? We are visiting a few other farmers in your region and wanted to let you know about the services we offer; in case you haven't heard about us. We are the fastest-growing safety business for many great reasons. Affordability, practicality and a 'friend in the know' to call if an incident occurs are just a few.

We were recently announced State Finalists in the 2023 Telstra Best of Business Awards, beating over 20,000 businesses Australia-wide, so we know we are on the right track. We honestly believe that if safety is not affordable, practical, and quick to implement, it just won't happen. The feedback we are receiving is that our approach is very practical and supportive. We won't ask you to throw away any old equipment, just consider it comes with a separate set of instructions for those that use it.

After a 25-year policing career (but starting off as a farm hand when I first left school) I am committed to keeping people safe in my business called Regional Safety Services. As you can appreciate, I have seen all aspects of farming tragedies, and the new Industrial Manslaughter Legislation is not something to be taken for granted. Even if you do not hire staff, you can still find yourself subject to this legislation if something happens and you do not have the required safety systems or records in place.

Most farmers are doing the right thing to keep their team safe but lack the evidence to prove it. This is where we can help you! Unlike our competitors, we come to you and conduct a two-hour on-site safety appraisal for only **\$880.00**. We will arm you with lots of tips and knowledge, prepare the documentation for you with a clear overview of your position and actions to take. You will not be left guessing what you need to do.

To make life easier we have introduced our own online safety forms to help capture your current effort in this area. We have spent over two years developing our Plant and Machinery Risk Assessment forms, which include Harvester, Seeding, and other farm machines. These forms are only \$99.00 to access them for 12 months. These forms have been recommended by farmers like you and most can be done in 1-2 minutes. They can be done on your mobile device, and we provide QR codes for quick and direct access.

If you undertake a service like ours, it would be virtually impossible for someone to say you were grossly negligent, as you are doing something proactive and demonstrating an open commitment to safety. Too many farmers are saying they will plead ignorant if something happens. In light of the recent WorkSafe review of the agricultural industry, there is a massive target on the back of farmers and as such I urge you to help raise the bar of safety in your industry. The WorkSafe review into the agriculture industry is now complete and I look forward to helping my clients get on the front foot with the changes soon to be implemented.

If you have any further questions, I am available on my mobile or feel free to make contact via email and I can send you more details about what we will do when we attend your farm to conduct an appraisal. We also service many other businesses, not just farms.

Darren Slys

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Helping Make Regional Businesses Safer





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



## Wheatbelt Medical Student Immersion Program

TUESDAY 12 TO FRIDAY 15 MARCH 2024

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

More than one hundred medical students will be coming to the Wheatbelt in March 2024. 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
- Cunderdin
- Kellerberrin/Tammin
- Merredin
- Narrogin
- Southern Cross
- Westonia

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, who have previously been hosted through this program, 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 **Rural Health West:**

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*Working hard for Westonia*



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