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NURSE PRACTITIONER SERVICES

As you are already aware we are so very fortunate to have an excellent Nurse Practitioner Service provided by our own Laura Black.

This position has been funded over the years by various pilot programs under different guises. Typical of government though, there is never any long term meaningful commitments to things that work.

Another pilot program was recently announced by the Federal Government targeting Nurse Practitioners to service rural and isolated communities. Being a rural and isolated community we thought we were in with a chance.

Unfortunately this was not the case as the government have decided not to recognise the Westonia Health Clinic as an eligible service provider. Instead the decision makers offered Laura a position in a muti million dollar turnover indigenous Health Service based in Kalgoorlie. Kalgoorlie being so remote and isolated after all and Laura just living down the road????????

Its fair to say that the Council, Dr Ward, Laura and our local politicians are stirring the pot to see if we can get a satisfactory outcome.

Moving forward though and largely thanks to Laura's commitment to the local community, we will still be offering a weekly service in Westonia. The Health Clinic has now registered itself with Medicare so we can now claim a rebate per consultation which helps cover a portion of the costs. The patient fee which was originally \$ 20 will need to increase to \$ 25/consultation and the Council will be meeting the shortfall in the interim until a more sustainable solution can be made. This new fee will apply from the new year (2024).

The Health Clinic and services provided by both Laura & Olga are a critical asset to our community and we are trying our best to make sure that it is retained for the benefit of us all.

BITUMEN SEALING DELLA BOSCA ROAD

Another milestone for the Westonia Shire is the bitumen sealing of another 3.8km of new road out to the Golf Club on DellaBosca Road. This has been fully funded by the R2R program and LRCIP federal grants with no contribution required by the Council.

An interesting fact is that pre 1995 Council had only @ 62km of bitumen seal and since that time a further @ 120km of new bitumen seal has been completed throughout the shire.

This figure does not include town streets and reconstruction works of existing seals ie Warralakin Road.

A special mention and much appreciation is extended to the DellaBosca & Crees Families who donated the gravel, several items of plant including road train, loader and bobcat including operators to complete the project.





2nd November: Kate Crees

5th November: Jocelyn Antonio

7th November: Chantelle Pedrotti

10th November: Clinton Townrow

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Ilth 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)



COUNCIL BANKING CHANGES

Council has recently switched over to Bendigo Bank, therefore the banking details have also changed.

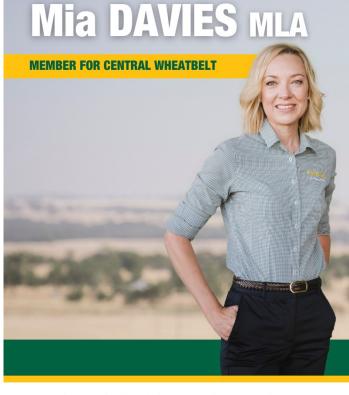
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Affordable and Practical Farm Safety

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 Slyns

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Regional Safety Services Helping Make Regional Businesses Safer







Join us for practical advice and ideas around building resilience on your farm!

Get to know the health of your soil through simple DIY tests in this practical field day led by Soil Scientist Philip Mulvey. We will discuss the importance of mending and maintaining the small water cycle and how to build and track carbon on your farm.

Bring along with you a sample (about 250g) of your best and your worst topsoil and a 30cm deep sample. Bring 4 empty jars to do your testing with. 4 samples in total to participate in the DIY testing.

During this event we will discuss:

- What is a healthy water cycle, actions that contribute to loss of water cycle and maintaining a healthy water cycle
- Why carbon in soil requires water cycling, how carbon in soil builds drought resilience and measuring carbon in soil as a crop
- DIY Soil Assessment in practice using Ryzo's Soil Properties Observation Tests (SPOT)

Event Details

When: Thursday 7 December 9.30am – 2.30pm with lunch provided

Address: Bencubbin Recreation Centre, 283 Monger Street, Bencubbin WA 6477

To Register

Visit https://www.trybooking.com/CNFCZ or scan the QR Code. Tickets capped at 15 soil sampling participants'.



Participants will receive a pH kit, Access to SPOT App and Carbon Farming Handbook.

wheatbeltnrm.org.au/events













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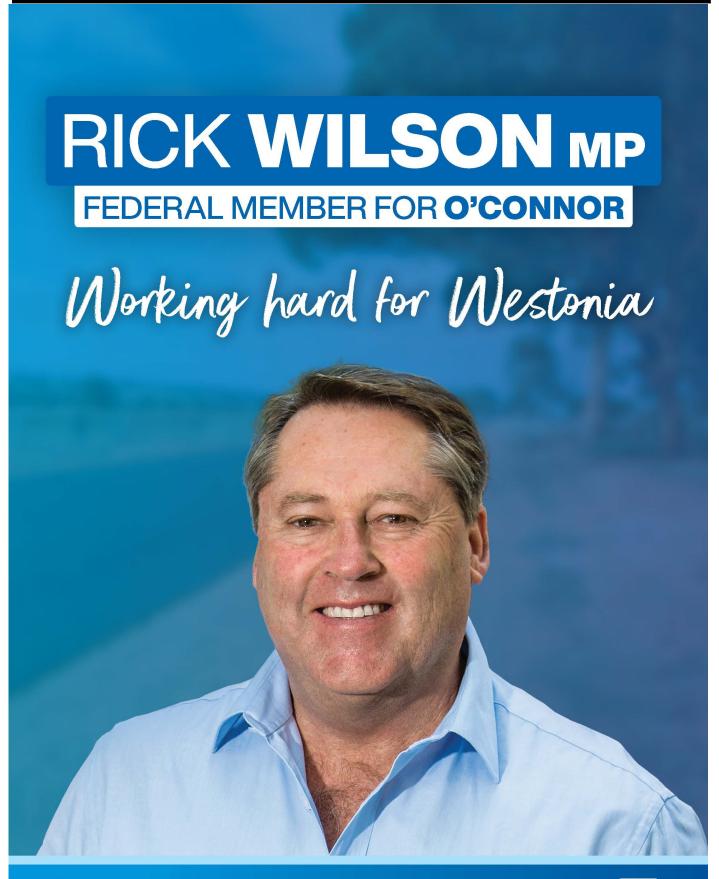
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26 NOVEMBER	27 NO VEMBER Water Aerobics with Emilie at the Swimming pool 2:30PM—3:30PM	28 NOVEMBER Laura Black Scrabble at the Medical Centre 1PM—4PM	29 NOVEMBER Fairy bread morning tea at the Medical Centre at 10:00AM. Bring your own fairy bread.	30 NO VEMBER BINGO 1PM—3:30PM at the Medical Centre	1 DECEMBER	2 DECEMBER
3 DECEMBER Church Service at 10AM at the Old Miners Hall. Morning tea	4 DECEMBER DR Olga Ward Water Aerobics with Emilie at the Swimming pool 2:30PM—3:30PM	5 DECEMBER Laura Black Scrabble at the Medical Centre 1PM—4PM	5 DECEMBER	6 DECEMBER BINGO 1PM—3:30PM at the Medical Centre	7 DECEMBER	8 DECEMBER
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