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Merry  
Christmas

& HAPPY NEW YEAR



**THE SHIRE WISHES YOU A VERY  
MERRY CHRISTMAS AND MAY THE  
NEW YEAR BRING YOU LOTS OF JOY  
AND HAPPINESS! WE WILL SEE YOU  
ALL IN THE NEW YEAR**



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# SHIRE OFFICE MUSEUM CLOSURE

*The Shire of Westonia  
will close @ 12pm on  
Friday 22 December 23  
and reopen on Tuesday 2  
January 24*

## **PUBLIC NOTICE CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR OFFICE CLOSURE**

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

All Residents are encouraged to complete their business transactions on or before 12PM on Friday the 22nd of December 2023. The office will reopen on Tuesday the 2nd of January 2024.

If you have an emergency during this time, please phone 000.



**Free Admission**

*Season Open 1 Nov 2023*

# Westonia Swimming Pool

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

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE POOL WILL NOW BE OPEN ON TUESDAYS AND WILL BE CLOSED ON THURSDAYS.

THE POOL WILL ONLY BE CLOSED ON CHRISTMAS DAY, POOL HOURS WILL REMAIN THE SAME OVER THE CHRISTMAS PERIOD.



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**THE WESTONIA CO-OP AND CAFE WOULD LIKE TO WISH EVERYONE A SAFE AND MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR! WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR SUPPORT THROUGHOUT THE YEAR AND WE WILL SEE YOU AGAIN IN 2024!**

## **CHRISTMAS OPENING HOURS**

**SATURDAY 23RD // 8:30AM - 12PM**

**SUNDAY 24TH // CLOSED**

**MONDAY 25TH // CLOSED**

**TUESDAY 26TH // CLOSED - PAPERS OUT THE FRONT**

**WEDNESDAY 27TH // 9:00AM - 2:30PM**

**THURSDAY 28TH // 9:00AM - 2:30PM**

**FRIDAY 29TH // 9:00AM - 2:30PM**

**SATURDAY 30TH // 9:00AM - 12PM**

**MONDAY 1ST // CLOSED- PAPERS OUT THE FRONT**

**JANUARY 2ND, HOURS BACK TO NORMAL**

**FRIDAY 26TH JANUARY - AUSTRALIA DAY CLOSED**



# Happy Birthday



1st December: Ada Barnett

3rd December: Steve Hale

7th December: Makayla Geier

Shaun Crees

9th December: Clare LeMoignan

10th December: Isabel Hage

17th December: Ned Millington

21st December: Mark Crees

John Townrow

24th December: Harold Millington

26th December: Kay Geier

Moe Hodge

28th December: Dan Barnett

30th December: Laura Black

## Australia Day Celebration

5pm 26th January 2024

@ Wessy's Wanderers Stadium & Swimming Pool

- Free Sausage Sizzle & Ice Creams
- Bar will be open for the purchase of refreshments.

(Westonia pool open from 11am -7pm)



# WESTONIA SPORT AND RECREATION NEWS

## Westonia Golf Club News

Lani Hale, Steve Hale, Heather Lockyer and Joel Corsini met up with Scott Ballantyne, RCSO Wheatbelt/Goldfields Golf WA on the 11<sup>th</sup> to discuss future resources and promotions for the Westonia Golf Club. Scott was very impressed with the Golf Club and the membership numbers. Due to a number of changes and improvements to the course in the last 10 years Scott has suggested that the course would justify a re-rating. He also discussed Junior Golf, coaching, community instructors, Golf RV tours and future funding applications. The Committee will meet in the new year to discuss these exciting new innovations to promote the growth and sustainability of the Golf Club.



## Westonia Bowling Club News

### Pennants

The men's Division 1 and Division 2 teams travelled to Corrigin on the 16<sup>th</sup> December. In a very closely contested competition Corrigin came away with a win in Division 1, 94, 6 points, to Westonia 89, 2 points. The Yilgarn Division 2 team, with local Westonia players Doug Herman, Peter Lilly and Ash Geier playing for Yilgarn came out on top 6 points to 2.

Tammin travelled to Westonia on the 6<sup>th</sup> December for the Ladies Pennants. Tammin turned the tables by defeating Westonia 34, 3 points to 32, 1 point. Whilst going down to Tammin, Westonia managed to retain the top position on the pennant ladder by .5 of a point. The next week, on the 13<sup>th</sup> December the ladies travelled to Corrigin but unfortunately could not come away with a win. Corrigin Blue 55, 4 points to Westonia 30, 0 points. The last pennant game for this year will be on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December at home against Corrigin Gold.

## Competitions and Championships

The men's Championship Pairs were played with nine teams competing over two days. Congratulations to Aaron Smith and Kevin Adriaens who came out winners over Arthur Mather and Gary Angwin.

Kylie Gibson and Heather Lockyer played in the State Masters Pairs and did us and them all proud by defeating some very notable pairs and coming in equal fifth in the competition. Well done to Kylie and Heather.

Heather Lockyer, Kylie Gibson, Ainslie Faithfull, Diane Jones, and Kay Geier were all selected to play in the Inter League Fours to be played in Cunderdin on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> February. Congratulations to all of them.



Congratulations also to Aaron Smith, Shaun Crees, Steve Lunn and Jason Guerini for the selection in the Mens interleague team for Kalgoorlie.

## Social Bowls and Barefoot Bowls

Congratulations to Steve Lunn once again on the successful running of the three weeks of Jack Attack, Barefoot bowls on Thursday Nights. The eventual winners for the night were Arthur Mather, Gary Angwin and Liz Richter. With the enthusiasm growing every week we are sure to have another session after the new year.



The ladies Open Day held on the 10<sup>th</sup> December has gone down as one of the most successful Open Days held this year. Thanks to the innovation and imagination of Kay and Joan, the culinary delights served up by Ada and her group of cronies, the abled bodied men helpers and all sponsors and donations received from members. Without sponsors it would have never eventuated though, so once again thank you to:

**Merredin Rural Supplies, Great Southern Fuel Supplies, Byfields, Trans-Plus, Hutton @ Northey, Nutrien Ag, Mia Davies, Australian Honey Ventures, Wild Poppy Merredin, Westonia Progress Association, and the Shire of Westonia.**

The Johnston Family Skins played on Sunday the 17<sup>th</sup>. Winners for the day were Joan Smith Graham Jones, Helen Barnett, and Margie Crees. Runner up were the team of Pete Antonio, Bill Price and Kylie Gibson. Well done to Kay Geier for constantly challenging us all with her imaginative new forms of the game of bowls. Great to see Bounder and Marie back in our fold. We also combined our 2022 -2023 presentation on the night due to it having been postponed because of the construction of the new facilities. Winner of the MVP 2022-2023 Shirley Simmonds Shield was Joan Smith. Arron Smith took out the 2022-2023 MVP Alan Barnett Shield. Both deserving winners.



I would like to thank all our wonderful Seniors for attending Westonia’s activities program over 2023.

I hope you have had some fun, learnt some interesting facts and enjoyed all the events you managed to come to.

We have lots more up our sleeve for 2024 but we will give you a break over Christmas and New Years. Scrabble and Bingo will still run over that period, just in case you get bored. Our Water Aerobics will finish on the 18th of December and will resume on the 15th of January. Many thanks to our gun instructor Emilie!

Big thanks to our Hydrotherapy Fund Raising Volunteers, what a bunch of go getters! We set our goal for \$10,000 in September and we are almost there. The tally at the moment is \$9,300.

I want to wish you all a wonderful Christmas and a Healthy and Safe 2024. Looking forward to spending time with you all in the new year.

Love and Hugs, Kerry

### HYDROTHERAPY POOL FUNDRAISING PROGRESS

GOAL: \$10,000



expressions of interest

## BLOKES BREWING CLUB

Learn how to home brew and swap brewing ideas, most likely with a shared beer or two.

Contact the Shire on 9046 7063 if you are interested.







# WHEATBELT CASH FOR CONTAINERS

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## ***WESTONIA TOWNSITE RESIDENTIAL COLLECTION SCHEDULE 2024***

**TUESDAY 16 JANUARY**

**TUESDAY 13 FEBRUARY**

**TUESDAY 12 MARCH**

**TUESDAY 16 APRIL**

**TUESDAY 14 MAY**

**TUESDAY 11 JUNE**

**TUESDAY 16 JULY**

**TUESDAY 13 AUGUST**

**TUESDAY 17 SEPTEMBER**

**TUESDAY 15 OCTOBER**

**TUESDAY 12 NOVEMBER**

**TUESDAY 17 DECEMBER**

***PUT BIN OUT BY 8.30AM ON COLLECTION DAY PLEASE***

IT IS BECAUSE OF THE GENEROUS SUPPORT OF THE SHIRE OF  
WESTONIA AND WESTONIA PROGRESS ASSOCIATION THAT WE ARE ABLE TO  
OFFER THIS INNOVATIVE SERVICE. THANK YOU.

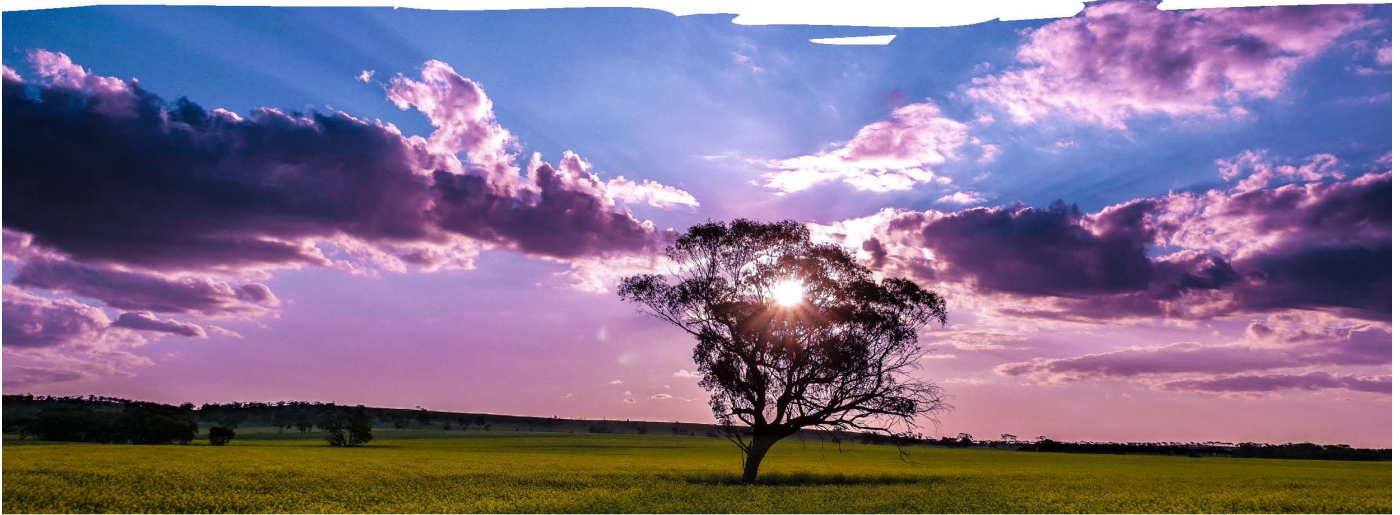


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## Passion meets purpose at Wheatbelt NRM!

Are you ready to be part of a dynamic team dedicated to cultivating a vibrant Wheatbelt community? Wheatbelt NRM invites passionate community leaders and aspiring leaders to join our Board and play a pivotal role in shaping a thriving and sustainable future for our local environment.

Passion meets purpose at Wheatbelt NRM; share your unwavering passion for the Wheatbelt and contribute your expertise from community groups, other Boards, or your professional endeavours.

We're looking for individuals with experience and passion in one or more of the following areas:

- Governance literacy and experience
- Company Secretary experience or training
- Aboriginal engagement and liaison
- Financial governance and reporting
- Natural resource management

Board Members must live, own land, work within and/or operate within the Avon River Basin. If you are ready to contribute to a thriving Wheatbelt community and make a lasting impact on our environment, we invite you to submit your Resume and a Cover Letter addressing your experience in the above areas. While we value diverse experiences, it is not expected that candidates have experience in all areas.

**Want to know more?** Please contact Valetta Roberts, Executive and Governance Coordinator on 9670 3138.

**Ready to make a difference?** Applications are to be sent to [vroberts@wheatbeltnrm.org.au](mailto:vroberts@wheatbeltnrm.org.au) by Friday 1 December 2023.



# 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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# RICK WILSON MP

## FEDERAL MEMBER FOR O'CONNOR

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