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ROADWORKS

The construction crew are completing a 3km gravel re-sheeting of McPharlin Road and a Polymer treatment of the last 3km section of the South Walgoolan Road.

Like farmers the Council are keen for some soaking rains so that we can commence winter grading of our gravel roads.

OILING ANGLICAN CHURCH

Council have got Scott (Pool Manager) out of hibernation to oil the exterior boards on the old Anglican Church. As you can see from the photos the boards were pretty dry and are going to benefit immensely from the soaking.



The DPIRD dry season hotline is now live!

The number is **1300 489 832** and open to anyone with questions about what information and support is available this dry season. Calls will be answered 24/7.



Department of
Primary Industries and
Regional Development



DRAFT BUDGET

The draft budget is currently being compiled. Council are requesting any submissions or suggestions from the community on budget considerations. These can be emailed to shire@westonia.wa.gov.au up until Friday 7th June 2024.

BLUE TREE PROJECT

Kobe come up with the idea to have a blue tree painted in his front yard which is highly visible to visitors attending the stadium.

Well done Kobe the Blue Tree project is a very important social welfare initiative.



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



NOTICE OF INTENTION TO LEVY DIFFERENTIAL RATES 2024/2025

Pursuant to Section 6.33 and 6.36 of the Local Government Act 1995, notice is hereby given to ratepayers of the intention of the Shire of Westonia to impose the following differential and minimum rates for the 2024/2025 rating year. This rate is taking into consideration Council's proposal at May meeting to impose a 5% rate increase:

RATE IN THE DOLLAR

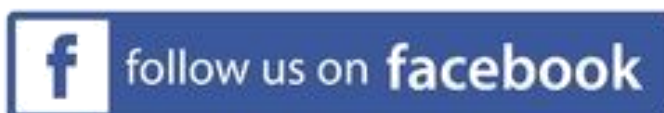
Category	Rate in the \$	Minimum Rate \$
GRV General	8.3833	370.00
GRV Mining	23.538	370.00

The proposed rates-in-the-dollar and minimum payments are based on estimates at the time of giving public notice and may change as part of Council's 2024/25 budget consideration. The object and reasons for each proposed rate may be inspected at the Shire Office, Wolfram Street, Westonia during normal business hours or by visiting our web site www.westonia.wa.gov.au. All submissions in writing with reference to the proposed differential rates or minimum payments should be forwarded to the Shire of Westonia no later than 4.00pm Friday 7th June 2024.

Bill Price

Chief Executive Officer

Shire Of Westonia



LOCAL LAW AMENDMENTS

Council has resolved to adopt the following local laws.

Westonia Historical Precinct Local Law 2024

Shire of Westonia Shipping and/or Sea Container Local Law 2024

Shire of Westonia Fencing Local Law 2024

Shire of Westonia Repeal Local Law 2024

GIVES NOTICES - by the Presiding Member at the meeting of the purpose and effect of the following local laws

Shire of Westonia Historic Precinct Local Law 2024 as follows:

Purpose: To prescribe the design of development, including buildings and fencing, within the Westonia Historical Precinct.

Effect: The effect of this local law is to prescribe the design of development, including buildings and fencing, within the Westonia Historical Precinct.

Shire of Westonia Sea-Containers Local Law 2024 as follows:

Purpose: To prescribe the approval process required for the placement of shipping and/or sea containers on residential, commercial, and industrial land within the Westonia townsite.

Effect: The effect of this local law is to establish minimum requirements for the placement of shipping and/or sea containers on land within the Westonia townsite.

Shire of Westonia Fencing Local Law 2024 as follows:

Purpose: To prescribe a sufficient fence and the standard for the construction of fences throughout the district.

Effect: The effect of this local law is to establish the minimum requirements for fencing within the district

Shire of Westonia Repeal Local Law 2024 as follows:

Purpose: To repeal local laws that have been superseded by other legislation

Effect: The effect of this local law is to ensure the local laws are repealed

Westonia CRC Tupperware Fundraising Party!!



The Westonia CRC are hosting a Tupperware Party to raise money for the Cancer Council's Biggest morning tea.

I will be donating 10% of sales and \$20 for every party booked back to the Cancer Council.

You can shop anytime through the ordering link below or by scanning the QR code above or by contacting Marie Bartlett on 0417 458 223.



<https://tinyurl.com/5as6d7bx>

The party will run from the 13th to the 26th of May via Facebook - ask to be added to the party!!

Thank you for your support



Australia's Biggest Morning Tea



Bring & Buy Table

Bring along some homemade items such as arts & crafts projects, sewing items, pot plants, cakes and so on to donate to our 'bring and buy table'.

Everything must be under \$10



Sunday 26th May 2024
Westonia Old Miners Hall
10AM-1PM

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea



WESTONIA'S BIGGEST MORNING TEA

You are invited to our Australia's Biggest Morning Tea. Let's get together and enjoy a cuppa so we can support those impacted by cancer.

Host Liz Richter
Where Westonia Old Miners Hall
Date Sunday 26th May 2024
Time 10:00AM - 1:00PM
Details \$5 Entry
Raffles, Money Boards and Wood Raffle

Phone 0419 199 716

All donations and sponsorship is appreciated
This years awareness is Childrens Cancers



WOOD RAFFLE TICKETS ARE \$2 EACH

Grab your tickets from the Westonia Co-Op or contact Liz on 0419 199 716





1st May: Glenda Cunningham

3rd May: Rebecca Barnett

4th May: Zeta Mather

6th May: Kerry Townrow

7th May: Maree Le Moignan

12th May: Ian (Possum) Stevens

13th May: Ivan Paust

14th May: Jazmine Parker

16th May: Blake Parker

18th May: Walter Geier

19th May: Renae Corsini, Karin Love

22nd May: Ethan Glass

23rd May: Lewis Parker

24th May: Dave Junk

25th May: Ashley Geier

29th May: Keith Downsborough, Liz Richter

31st May: Belinda Mahon



SENIORS BOWLS FUN



Wednesday 29th May

1:30PM- 2:30PM

Come have a laugh and enjoy some fun at our opulent Bowls Stadium.

This afternoon is open to anyone wanting to either learn how to play bowls or just have a friendly roll-up. Ainslie Faithful will be your guiding bowls expert to help show the right and wrong side of a bowl. Gotta get ya bias right.

Tea and Coffee Available



Join our guest speaker Renae to chat about the importance of cervical screening and the self-collection option.



Friday 31 May, 2pm-3pm

Held in the Westonia Health Centre

Afternoon Tea included

Please contact the Shire Office to RSVP



ARE YOUR DETAILS UP TO DATE?

An updated Westonia Community Directory will be sent out with all rates notices this year. Please contact the Shire office to update, remove or add your phone numbers before the 30th of June 2024.

The directory is only issued biannually so it is important to make sure your details are up to date.

If you don't receive a rates notice, you will be able to collect a copy a copy from the Shire Office or the Community Co-op.



BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL, RSVP BY THE 30TH OF MAY. \$15.00 PER HEAD. THE BUS WILL LEAVE THE MEDICAL CENTRE AT 9:45AM



CUMMINS
THEATRE

Morning Melodies

Featuring Earl Cole - Rat Pack Tribute

**Cummins Theatre
Friday, 7 June 2024**

Morning Tea at 10:30am

Concert starts 11:00am

Bookings Essential

\$15

Morning Tea is included in ticket price

Get Tickets at cumminstheatre.com.au

or Central Wheatbelt Visitor Centre



Do you have what it takes to be the ultimate quiz champion? Then, gather 6 of your friends and join us for Quiz Night at the Old Miners Hall. This is your chance to show off your knowledge and have fun in a friendly competition.

PRIZES TO BE WON

SATURDAY 22ND JUNE

6:00PM

WESTONIA OLD MINERS HALL

RSVP YOUR TEAM OF 6 BY MONDAY THE 17TH OF JUNE

\$10 PER HEAD

BYO ALCOHOL AND NIBBLES

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE MERREDIN HYDRO POOL TRIPS HAVE BEEN CHANGED FROM THURSDAYS TO FRIDAYS. THE TIME HAS ALSO CHANGED TO 9:30AM - 10:30AM. THE BUS WILL NOW LEAVE THE MEDICAL CENTRE AT 8:45AM.

**WARM WATER LEISURE POOL MEETING
MONDAY 27TH MAY 2024
2:30PM
WANDERERS STADIUM**



COMMUNITY FEEDBACK SURVEY – SHAPING OUR FUTURE

Thank you to the 56 community members who completed the survey over the last few weeks regarding Westonia's Future. Your valuable feedback and insights are greatly appreciated. We are committed to ensuring that our decisions are informed by the voices of our community members, and your participation in this survey is a testament to the strong sense of civic engagement in Westonia. We have analysed the survey results and will be sharing them with the community. Together, we can create a thriving and inclusive community.

Q1. Museum strategy 1 is for an expansion of the museum				
Strongly Agree	Agree	Nor agree/disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
47.17%	45.28%	5.66%	1.89%	0%
Q2. Caravan Park Strategy 2 is for further redevelopment and expansion of the Caravan Park				
Strongly Agree	Agree	Nor agree/disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
66.04%	32.08%	1.89%	0%	0%
Q3. Other tourism initiatives that you would like to see				
Majority of the responses were regarding tours for tourists especially during wildflower season and more advertising along the highway.				
Q4. School Strategy 3 is the establishment of a Community Leisure Space				
Strongly Agree	Agree	Nor agree/disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
54.72%	39.62%	5.66%	0%	0%
Q5. Would community 'meeting rooms' be beneficial to the community				
Strongly Agree	Agree	Nor agree/disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
49.06%	39.62%	9.43%	1.89%	0%
Q6. Do you think a warm water activity pool would benefit the community				
Strongly Agree	Agree	Nor agree/disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
66.04%	26.42%	5.66%	0%	1.89%
Q7. Do you support the provision of an indoor exercise space				
Strongly Agree	Agree	Nor agree/disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
44.23%	44.23%	11.54%	0%	0%
Q8. Would renovating the kitchen and gazebo at Westonia Primary School be beneficial				
Strongly Agree	Agree	Nor agree/disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
44.15%	38.89%	11.11%	1.85%	0%
Q9. Relocating the greenhouse behind the Shire to the Westonia Primary School site to act as a Community Garden				
Strongly Agree	Agree	Nor agree/disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
50%	35.19%	17.81%	0%	0%
Q10. Using appropriate wastewater from the community centre to water and support the native eremophila.				
Strongly Agree	Agree	Nor agree/disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
51.85%	35.19%	12.96%	0%	0%

Q11. Would an indoor toddlers playground be beneficial for the community

Strongly Agree	Agree	Nor agree/disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
44.44%	33.33%	18.52%	3.70%	0%

Q12. Do you support the creation of a Mens Shed at the Westonia Primary School

Strongly Agree	Agree	Nor agree/disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
57.41%	37.04%	5.56%	0%	0%

Q13. What else do you think the community needs with the proposed closure of the mine

Majority of the comments stating to keep all the local business going, more markets throughout the year to promote the town and start up more business in town.

Q14. How important is Tourism to Westonia

Extremely Important	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not so Important	Not at all Important
54.55%	41.82%	3.64%	0%	0%

Q15. How important is Agriculture to Westonia

Extremely Important	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not so Important	Not at all Important
66.67%	18.52%	12.96%	1.85%	0%

Q16. How important is Mining to Westonia

Extremely Important	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not so Important	Not at all Important
27.27%	25.45%	30.91%	14.55%	1.82%

Q17. How important is Local Businesses/Emerging Businesses to Westonia

Extremely Important	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not so Important	Not at all Important
64.81%	27.78%	3.70%	3.70%	0%

Q18. How important is Aviation to Westonia

Extremely Important	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not so Important	Not at all Important
20.37%	20.37%	42.59%	11.11%	5.56%

Q19. What industry or industries would you like to see operating in Westonia

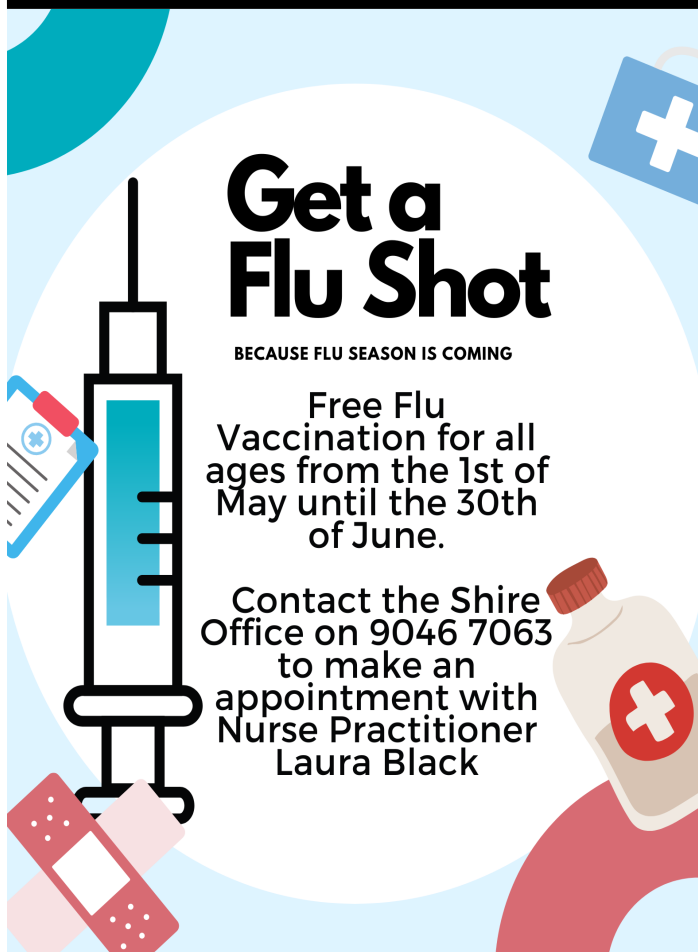
Majority stated more Plumbers, Electricians, Builders, etc.

Q20. Any other initiative that you would like to see

Majority comments stated more housing, more food options in town and to support local businesses more

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WESTONIAN@WESTONIA.WA.GOV.AU





Get a Flu Shot

BECAUSE FLU SEASON IS COMING

Free Flu Vaccination for all ages from the 1st of May until the 30th of June.

Contact the Shire Office on 9046 7063 to make an appointment with Nurse Practitioner Laura Black

WESTONIA BOWLING CLUB

Scroungers commenced at the Wanderers Stadium at 2pm on Saturday 11th May. This will be run every Saturday with the winner taking all. \$10.00 to play and is open to all. The Club can supply bowls for those enthusiasts that just want to try the game for the first time. The bar will be open. Winner of the first scroungers game was Ainslie who now takes a handicap of 6 into the next game.



Corporate/Bare foot bowls will commence on Tuesday May 21st, 5.30pm on the green. The club will be open from 5pm. Teams of triples. Please nominate your teams to Stephen Lunn on 04 03667253 or Ainslie Faithfull on 04 09573097. If you have not got a team, we will take individual names and try and place you in a team. \$10.00 per person covers a meal of hot soup and Bun.



NURSE PRACTITIONER LAURA BLACK

Visit weekly on Tuesdays
Contact the Shire Office to book an appointment on 9046 7063



\$25 Service Fee



NEW \$10 no visit, script renewal fee



New patients need to bring their Medicare card



WESTONIA GOLF CLUB

The opening day of the season was held on Sunday 5th May with the Pip and Elsie Della Bosca Memorial Shield. Thanks to our leftie patron, Ross Della Bosca who officially opened the day with the first tee off.



The day was run as a two-person Ambrose event and with 6 teams competing the pressure was on. Congratulations to Nigel Edgecombe and Deb Pascoe our winners for the day. The runners up were Rohan and Karin Day.



Mothers Day 12th May 2024 saw 10 players enjoy the beautiful day with another mixed Ambrose event. Winners for the day were Rohan Day and Stacey Geier over Karen and Harry Day. A delicious casserole meal was served up after the AGM. Just a reminder that fees are now due. \$80.00 Adults, \$50.00 High School Students, \$5.00 Primary Students, \$50.00 Social Members. Green fees are \$5.00 and \$2.50 for students. All committee positions were filled, congratulations to all. Next Sunday will be Stacey and Ashley Geier Trophy Day teeing off at 12 noon. All new players are welcome.



Enroll Now!

Vacancies currently exist for 2024 student enrolments at St Mary's School from Pre-Kindy – Year Six.
For enquiries please contact the school:



admin@stmarysmerredin.wa.edu.au Phone 08 9041 1907
37 South Ave (PO Box 41) Merredin WA 6415.

National
Volunteer
Something for Everyone Week

Thank you

Southern Cross & Westonia Sub Centre
Volunteers 2024

*Bryan Close, Sandy Close, Karin Day, Rohan Day,
Amanda Eiffler, Shona Gordon Glassford, Lisa Granich,
Clint Jones, Clarissa Panizza, Steph Smylie and Josh Thomson.*

To our current and past serving regional St John WA Volunteers,
as well as their friends, families and employers who support them,
we just wanted to say.....

Thank you for the strength you give to the communities across WA.
Thank you for your resilient, courageous actions.
Thank you for always helping those in need.
Thank you for the vital role you play in building a stronger WA.



Wheatbelt Regional Office Team

St John volunteers are living legends
are we're looking for more. Join Us.

St John Volunteer

Westonia Co-Op & Cafe & Post Office



Fresh Fruit &
Vegetables
available on
Fridays



Cube Rolls
\$52/kg

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Cafe Open Monday to
Friday 9:30am to 2pm

**Hot chips, Burgers,
Seafood, Fish & Chips,
Meat & Salad Bowls**
Order ahead : 90467222

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your fresh meat
orders



Cooked Chooks Monday,
Wednesday & Friday





Hon Mia DAVIES MLA

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Authorised by M Davies, Northam Boulevard Shopping Centre, Fitzgerald Street, Northam



May 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Use it or lose it at the Rec Centre 10AM - 11AM	2 	3	4
5	6	7 	8 Use it or lose it at the Rec Centre 10AM - 11AM	9 	10 Mothers Day Morning tea 10AM at the Medical Centre	11
12	13	14 	15  Expert Hearing Care. 10AM at the Medical Centre	16  Council Meeting	17	18
19	20 Sewing with Kay at the Sewing room Old School 9AM-1PM	21 	22 Robyns Beauty Salon Use it or lose it at the Rec Centre 10AM - 11AM	23 	24 Hydro Pool- Bus leaves Med Centre at 8:45AM	25
26 Biggest Morning Tea at the Old Miners Hall	27 Warm Water Leisure Pool Meeting at Wanderers Stadium. 2:30PM	28 	29 Use it or lose it at the Rec Centre 10AM - 11AM Seniors Bowls Day 1:30PM-2:30PM	30 	31 Womens Health Webinar, Contact the Shire to RSVP	 *Move it or lose it symbol