



## APPRECIATION MERREDIN FARMS

Merredin Farms recently donated \$ 2,500 towards the Swimming Pool Upgrade Project which will be used to assist in buying the new S/S electric BBQ's. Appreciation on behalf of the community is extended to Merredin farms for their contribution.



## PAINTING OF WOLFRAM STREET FOOTPATH

A contractor recently painted the grey concrete section of the Wolfram Street footpath so it would blend in better with the red tinted concrete giving it an aged look in front of the facades. Even though the colours are not exact the new section will fade over time and blend in with the rest



## TIDY TOWNS COMPETITION

After several years absence from the Tidy Towns program Council has again decided to renominate in 3 of the 10 categories within the judging criteria.

We have entered into the;

1. General Appearance – which speaks for itself and with the continued streetscape projects in Wolfram Street such as the murals and the shelters in front of the Old Hall are standouts.
2. Community Action & Wellbeing – nominating the wellbeing and HCS program that has been implemented to the community in the past 12 months.
3. Community Containers for Change – Nominating the outstanding household kerbside monthly pick-up program which is a joint venture between Wheatbelt Containers for Change (Guest's), Council and the Westonia Progress Association and unique to WA.

The judging will be taking place on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September so Council would be very grateful if residents could make a concerted effort to make sure your yards and frontages are in a neat and tidy state, because the Council will be making a huge effort to make sure the remaining of the town presents itself as best it can.

## LEISURE CENTRE PROJECT UPDATE

The Leisure Centre project for the Old School site is progressing well with final design of the Warm Water Pool addition and installation. Once this is completed, works will progress on this component of the project, an application is still being finalised to be submitted to Lotterywest for the remainder of the project upgrades including the Men's Shed, Community Nursery Garden, Gazebo Upgrade and the Museum extension.



**1st September: Ray McLaughlin**  
**7th September: Amanda Corsini**  
**8th September: Ross Crews**  
**9th September: Tia Penny**  
**10th September: Jess Fitzgerald**  
**13th September: Arnold White**  
**15th September: Celia DuPlessis**

**17th September: Mal Nicoletti**  
**22nd September: Greta Gejas**  
**23rd September: Blanche Streich**  
**24th September: Stacey Geier, Zac Crees**  
**26th September: Lydia Nicoletti**  
**27th September: Kane Corsini**

 The advertisement features a white 2020 Toyota RAV 4 Hybrid parked on a light blue surface. In the background, there is a large white oval with the words "PUBLIC TENDER" in blue capital letters. To the left of the car is the Shire of Westonia logo, which includes a stylized flower and the text "SHIRE OF WESTONIA A vibrant community lifestyle". Below the car, the words "OUTRIGHT PURCHASE" are written in blue capital letters. At the bottom, the text "2020 TOYOTA RAV 4 HYBRID" is displayed in blue capital letters, flanked by two blue arrow-like shapes pointing outwards. Below this, it says "Tenders will be accepted until 4PM Friday the 20th of September 2024 via Email [ceo@westonia.wa.gov.au](mailto:ceo@westonia.wa.gov.au)".

## WARRALAKIN TANK REFURBISHMENT

Recently the Council took over management of the Warralakin (Geelakin) Tank from the Water Corporation.

With the assistance of the Department of Water & Environmental Regulation (DWER) \$ 231,000 funding has been secured so that the old timber and tin roof, which is now derelict to be removed from out of the tank

This will obviously require that the tank be emptied which is currently about a 1/3 full. This will commence immediately.

The refurbishment work will commence third week of September so there will be no access to the tank for several months. The tank will be cleaned out, new steps and platform for access, concrete repairs where required and finally the installation of a floating Hexa - Cover.

Even though this work has a short term impact to the surrounding community the refurbishment will be hugely beneficial to the asset long term. Its still a bit of a disappointment to Mick Fox though, who reckons the bowling club stadium was really earmarked as the new cover for the Warralakin Tank!!



## BOOK ENTHUSIASTS ENJOY LITERARY LUNCHEON

On Thursday 15th August Kay, Sandra, Zeta and Liz had an early start and headed off to Bencubbin. We were soon joined by Ada, Helen, Margaret, Kerry and Vicki to enjoy a morning with other similar minded people and to be inspired by the guest author Fleur McDonald.

Fleur is an author who has the ability to draw her readers into the storyline by the second chapter, and I quote Sandra "her books are very dangerous- once you start reading you can't stop, so nothing gets done". Fleur has written 24 novels and those of us who are familiar with her stories know of a prominent character Detective Dave who has been in a few of her books. We now learnt that his character has been an avenue for her to vent some past hurts in her life and she has now moved on. She also shared the hurdles that present when you have children born with extra needs but by all account both children are thriving adults and successful in their chosen fields. It was such an inspiring morning with lots of laughter and sound making as Fleur read one of her children stories and all the guest had to make the animal noises as she went through the book. Just made for a fun time. (Laughter is always the best medicine ) Compliments must be made to the Ladies of both Bencubbin Book Club and the CRC. The venue looked beautiful, the morning tea was most enjoyable and the luncheon was delicious.

All in all a great day out, and each of us purchased a book which we have shared between us. So if there is anyone else who would like to read them, you can join us at sewing on a Monday morning for a cuppa and a chat.

We are looking forward to next year's event which will be in Mukinbudin with the host club being Bonnie Rock Book Club. Liz.



# WESSY CHRISTMAS MARKETS

26/10/2024

## DRESS UP PARADE & COMPETITION

**ITS TIME TO DRESS UP IN YOUR BEST CHRISTMAS GETUPS!**

**MANY PRIZES TO BE WON**

- DRESS UP YOURSELF
- DRESS YOUR BIKE/SCOOTER
- DRESS UP YOUR GOPHER

Please Join us in Wessy for our Annual

# 2024 Christmas MARKETS

RAFFLES, MARKET STALLS, FOOD VANS, BEST "CHRISTMAS" DRESSED COMPETITION AND PARADE - DRESS UP YOUR GOPHER, BIKE/SCOOTER OR YOURSELF & A VISIT FROM THE BIG MAN

**Wolfram Street, Westonia**

OCTOBER 26 10AM - 2PM

**ENTRY \$5 & KIDS (0-3) FREE**

GENERAL STORE-TAVERN-CAFE-MUSEUM OPEN

## Wessy Wildflower Tours

Join us on Wednesday the 4th, 11th or 18th of September for a wildflower tour

You will need appropriate footwear and be able to walk on uneven ground

The bus will leave the Medical Centre at 12:30PM

Please contact the shire to book a spot on 9046 7063

RENEE FROM WONGAN HILLS PHARMACY WILL BE HOLDING A Q & A AT THE

OLD SCHOOL ON THURSDAY  
THE 19TH OF SEPTEMBER AT  
12:00PM

TO ANSWER ALL YOUR QUESTIONS ABOUT THE NEW PHARMACY DELIVERY SERVICE.



**OFFICE**

**CLOSURE**

Please note the Shire Office, Museum and Public Library will be closed on **MONDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> OF SEPTEMBER 2024.**

## WESTONIA BRIGADE AGM

**TUESDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER 2024**  
**5:30PM**  
**SHIRE DEPOT**

## WESTONIA ADVISORY AGM

**TUESDAY 8TH OCTOBER 2024**  
**5:30PM**  
**SHIRE DEPOT**

## PUBLIC NOTICE OF CHANGE OF MEETING DATE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING SEPTEMBER 2024

It is hereby notified for public information that the ordinary meeting of Council scheduled for Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2024 will now be held on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2024, at the Westonia Council Chambers, Wolfram Street, Westonia, commencing at 3.30 pm. In accordance with Section 5.24 (1) of the Local Government Act 1995 and regulations, there will be a public question time at the commencement of the meeting @ 3.30pm.

The purpose of the change of meeting date is to allow for all members to be present for the meeting

Apologies for any inconvenience.

**Bill Price**  
**Chief Executive Officer**





## WHEATBELT AVON BIRD GROUP VISIT WESTONIA

On the weekend of 23/24/25th of August 16 members of the Wheatbelt Avon Bird Group ventured to Westonia for a weekend of Bird watching and recording the different species. Also take the opportunity to take a wander out to the rocks, to watch for both birds and wildflowers along the way. Then enjoy the hospitality of the town. (many having visited Westonia previously).

Unfortunately the weather had a different view for the weekend as it was very wet and miserably cold. Most members arrived throughout Friday so they headed to the Tavern for both a warm environment and good food. Saturday morning wasn't any better it was so cold and wet that members were waiting for the Co-Op to open to get a hot drink, before venturing out around the Townsite and the Common. 27 species were sighted despite both heavy wind and rain.

On Saturday afternoon the group set out for Baladjie where another 27 species sighted and

this proved to be an exciting time for some who saw their first Peregrine Falcon. Again the strong winds made it a cold trip and many were very happy to return to Westonia to enjoy hot showers before enjoying another welcome meal at the tavern.

Sunday morning 8am despite the heavy fog the next destination was Sanford Rock where they spent a couple of hours and recorded 39 species.

After enjoying morning tea and having a recap on the whole weekend it was confirmed that 49 different species had been recorded over the two days.

A very successful weekend despite the weather. If anyone in the Westonia area are interested in birds there is a FB page Wheatbelt Avon Bird Group or you can contact the President Max Howard on 0475724233.

Thanks for wonderful memories at a truly delightful place.





**NOW  
OPEN**



**A total of \$2,000 in prizes to be won!**

#### 2024 Mukinbudin Community Bank #wheatbeltway Photo Competition

NEUTRAVEL together with Mukinbudin Community Bank is giving people a chance to win up to \$2,000 in cash prizes in its 2024 Wheatbelt Way Photo Competition.

Key themes we are interested in seeing images of are:

- **Harmony of Horizons:**

Explore the balance between the natural environment and human activity from new perspectives. Whether from the ground or the sky, we want to see how the region's landscapes blend with agriculture, industry, and daily life. Drone imagery that captures these unique viewpoints is especially welcomed.

- **Moments in Time:**

Focus on fleeting moments that capture the spirit of the region. Whether it's a sunrise over the paddocks or a candid moment in a Wheatbelt Way town, show us the essence of life in the Wheatbelt Way.

Visit [www.wheatbeltway.com.au/photo-competition/](http://www.wheatbeltway.com.au/photo-competition/) for full competition information.

2024

**Wheatbelt  
ART PRIZE**

HON MIA DAVIES MLA MEMBER FOR CENTRAL WHEATBELT, IS PROUD TO BE HOSTING THE "2024 WHEATBELT ART PRIZE," AN AWARD FOR WORKS BY FINE ARTISTS THROUGHOUT THE CENTRAL WHEATBELT.

#### EXHIBITION OF WORKS

Friday 11th to Sunday  
13th October 2024

#### OPENING NIGHT AND PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Friday 11 October 7:00pm  
Cummins Theatre  
31 Bates Street, Merredin

#### EVENT SPONSOR



#### ENTRY FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE SOON

Open to all artists residing in the  
Central Wheatbelt Electorate

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact Kath at Mia's  
Central Wheatbelt Electorate Office,  
Merredin  
Tel: 08 9041 1702  
Email: [kathleen.brown@mp.wa.gov.au](mailto:kathleen.brown@mp.wa.gov.au)

# FIRST AID COURSE

**WEDNESDAY 23/10/24**

Written component to be completed prior to course!  
Assistance and computers available at the CRC

**SIGN UP NOW**

Contact 90 467 063 or  
[community@westonia.wa.gov.au](mailto:community@westonia.wa.gov.au)



*Working  
Group  
Meeting*

**Wednesday 18th  
September @ 9:30AM  
Westonia Complex**

*Regular meetings to help with the  
planning of future events in Westonia*



*Upcoming Events*

*Masquerade Ball ➤ 5/10/2024*

*Wessy Christmas Markets ➤ 26/10/2024*

*Wessy On The Green ➤ 5/04/2025*







# FREE PHARMACY DELIVERY

**We Deliver Prescriptions & Pharmacy Goods  
WEEKLY on Thursday to Westonia. Orders in  
before 11 AM for same day delivery.**



Call or email us your prescriptions and pharmacy orders on:

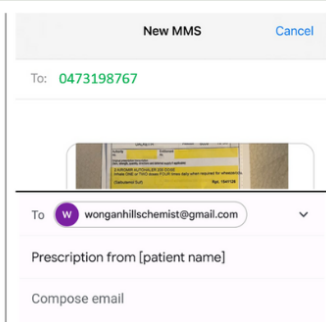
**08 9671 1157**

**wonganhillscemist@gmail.com**

You can also text our pharmacy mobile on **0473 198 767**

**Card payments can be made over the phone or cash/cheque  
payments placed in the pharmacy box at the shire.**

**Please put your prescriptions in the pharmacy box and we will  
return any repeats once it has been processed. We can also  
keep your prescriptions on file at the pharmacy for your  
convenience.**





# MASQUERADE BALL

*A Recreation From The 1920's Gold Rush Era*

October 5th 2024

6PM

Old Miners Hall

Wolfram Street, Westonia

Formal Dress

Live Music, Entertainment  
All Night Tapas

Tickets \$100/Person  
Limited Tickets Available  
18+ Event - Licensed Bar (no BYO)

To book, search  
'Westonia Masquerade Ball 2024'  
at [www.trybooking.com](http://www.trybooking.com) or scan this QR code



**FRRR**

Foundation for Rural  
Regional Renewal

**WESTONIA EVENTS FUNDRAISER**

for event information contact Stacey or Lani -  
**9046 7063** [community@westonia.wa.gov.au](mailto:community@westonia.wa.gov.au)



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Western Australian  
Community  
Resource  
Network



SHIRE OF  
**WESTONIA**  
A vibrant community lifestyle





# Westonia Co-Op & Cafe & Post Office



**Peters Vanilla  
Drumstick 24 pk - \$25**

**Fantastic Hokkien Noodle 450g - \$3**

**Campbells Soups Assorted - \$3.99**

**Uncle Toby's Plus Cereal - \$6.90**

**Come and check out  
our Gift Table!**

**DROP IN AND BROWSE OUR SELECTION OR  
PLACE AN ORDER 90467222**

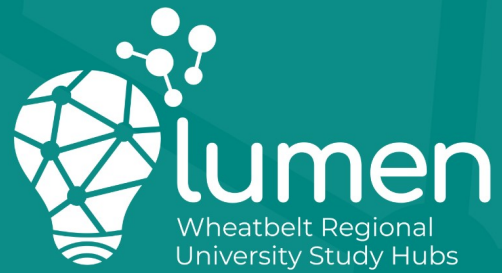
**Cafe Open Monday to  
Friday 9:30am to 2pm**  
**Hot chips, Burgers,  
Seafood, Fish & Chips,  
Meat & Salad Bowls**  
**Order ahead : 90467222**



**Mrs Mac Traveller  
Beef Cheese & Bacon  
pie - \$4**



**Cooked Chooks Monday,  
Wednesday & Friday**



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# WHEATBELT CASH FOR CONTAINERS

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PHONE: 0429 467 178  
CASHFORCONTAINERS@OUTLOOK.COM



## WESTONIA TOWNSITE RESIDENTIAL COLLECTION SCHEDULE 2024

TUESDAY 16 JANUARY  
TUESDAY 13 FEBRUARY  
TUESDAY 12 MARCH  
TUESDAY 09 APRIL  
TUESDAY 07 MAY  
TUESDAY 11 JUNE  
TUESDAY 16 JULY  
TUESDAY 20 AUGUST  
TUESDAY 24 SEPTEMBER  
TUESDAY 22 OCTOBER  
TUESDAY 19 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.



## Local businesses, how can your CRC help you?

- Advertising/Promotion (including Design)
- Staff training assistance (First aid, MC licenses, White card and more)
- Printing, Laminating, Binding
- Computer hire and individual support
- Training room and facility hire

CONTACT WESTONIA CRC ON 90467063  
TO PERSONALISE YOUR REQUIREMENTS

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## Hon Mia DAVIES MLA Member for Central Wheatbelt

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

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## YILGARN LADIES *Long Lunch*

SATURDAY 14  
SEPTEMBER, 2024

10:00AM  
TOWN HALL  
SOUTHERN CROSS

\$50 PER TICKET

PURCHASED VIA TRY BOOKING  
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OR VISIT OUR LOCAL CRC FOR SUPPORT

TICKET PRICE INCLUDES GUEST  
SPEAKERS, ENTERTAINMENT,  
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& BYO ALCOHOL


TICKET SALES CLOSE  
WEDNESDAY  
21 AUGUST



Jemaine Finlay  
Keynote Speaker



# September 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Earl Cole at the Westonia Tavern 6PM-9PM	2 Sewing with Kay at the Sewing room Old School 9AM- 1PM	3 Laura Away	4 Wessy Wildflower Tours book @ Shire	5 	6 Hydro Pool- Bus leaves Med Centre at 8:45AM	7
8	9 Sewing with Kay at the Sewing room Old School 9AM- 1PM	10  Laura Away	11 Wessy Wildflower Tours book @ Shire	12 	13 Hydro Pool- Bus leaves Med Centre at 8:45AM Expert Hearing Clinic Visit	14
15	16 Sewing with Kay at the Sewing room Old School 9AM- 1PM	17  	18 Wessy Wildflower Tours book @ Shire Working Group Meeting @ Rec Centre, 9:30am	19  Wongan Hills Pharmacy Q&A @ Old School at 12PM	20 Hydro Pool- Bus leaves Med Centre at 8:45AM <b>Council Meeting</b>	21
22	23 <b>Shire Office Closed</b>	24  Westonia Bushfire Brigade Meeting 5:30PM @ Shire Depot	25  Robyn's Beauty Salon	26  <b>DR OLGA DAY</b>	27 Hydro Pool- Bus leaves Med Centre at 8:45AM	28
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