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STREETSCAPE PROJECTS

A new 3 x rail plastic fence has been installed on the vacant lot adjacent to the Industrial shed which compliments the Wolfram Street Facades.



FIRST RESPONDER/PARAMEDIC

The community may be aware that Westonia currently does not have their St Johns Ambulance parked locally as we do not have any volunteers since the retirement of Karin & Rohan Day.

We are still serviced by the St John Ambulance sub centre of Southern Cross and Merredin but there is obviously a time delay in response. Council believe that this is really unacceptable

Council at its February meeting have resolved that we advertise an Expression of Interest (EOI) for a practicing and/or retiring health professional who may be able to fill this void. Subsidised housing, monetary retention payment and other incentives are being offered. The Council intend to hold a public meeting with the community to discuss the outcome of the EOI as well as the different options of funding this position which is likely to include contributions from the Council, Westonia Progress Association, Corporate sponsorship and individual community memberships.

A recruitment drive will also be initiated to get more volunteers to assist with the operation of the ambulance.

Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development
Shire of Westonia
Westonia Community Resource Centre

WESSY ON THE GREEN

RAFFLE TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE

FOR OVER THE COUNTER PURCHASE

RAFFLE DRAWN 5/4/25 DURING "WESSY ON THE GREEN"

RAFFLE TICKETS \$10.00 EACH

FROM THE SHIRE OF WESTONIA AND WESTONIA CO-OP

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For all "Wessy on the Green" enquiries please contact the Westonia CRC & Shire office on (08) 9046 7063

Further Council information is available at Shire of Westonia 41 Wolfram Street, Westonia 6423
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SEEKING A RURAL COMMUNITY PARAMEDIC

The idyllic town of Westonia, located in the Eastern Wheatbelt, is seeking the services of either a practising and/or retiring health professional to join our rural community as a first responder or Paramedic. Having promoted Westonia as a lifestyle village attracting many retirees to the town has made Health Care a priority for the community.

The Council already has invested heavily into a Health Clinic with visiting Doctor, Nurse Practitioner, Physiotherapist, Chiropractor, Podiatrist and currently provides Home Care Services to our eligible local residents. To compliment these services the community are seeking the right person to provide the emergency first responder role.

Responsible for being the primary local St John Ambulance Officer, (with the assistance of local volunteers), living locally and being available to provide first response medical aid to the occasional local incident. This is a unique opportunity to make a significant impact on the health and well-being of our community.

Incentives that the community are willing to offer the right person are:

- Negotiated monetary retainer
- Subsidised modern accommodation

Opportunities for professional growth and support

If you have the skillset and desire to contribute to the well-being of a close-knit rural community, we want to hear from you!

For more information or to submit your expression of interest, please contact Mr Bill Price CEO on (08) 90467063 or email ceo@westonia.wa.gov.au

EOI's close 9am Wednesday , 19 March 2025.

AGROFORESTRY/TREE FARMS

The Council is fielding more and more development applications for the establishment of new tree farms on rural agricultural land as Carbon Offset projects for large corporate entities. This seems to be an ever growing industry particularly in the eastern wheatbelt.

Under Council's Local Planning Strategy (LPS), Council's policy states that *'Rural use of land should be protected to support agricultural activity while facilitating a wide variety of complimentary land uses.'*

With reservations that rural agricultural land is being threatened Council has allowed the last 2 x applications with a range of conditions.

In summary the conditions address the following

- That Tree Farm Management Plans including Plantation Design Mapping are produced and adhered to.
- That Bushfire Management Plans are produced and adhered to.
- That weed management and pest control measures are in place.
- That internal firebreaks and access tracks are maintained.
- That if trees are to be harvested in the future a Harvesting Plan is produced and adhered to.
- That a development contribution equivalent to 1% of total development costs be established for community development initiatives.

Council currently are aware of 2 x further applications to be considered and if you require any further information please contact the CEO.

Happy Birthdays



1 March: Scarlett Crees	9 March: Des O'Rafferty	23 March: Steve LeMoignan
2 March: Narelle Millington	10 March: Charli Pobke	24 March: Joel Corsini
3 March: Lani Hale	11 March: Stephen Werner	25 March: Ian Mahoney, Jan Swanepol
4 March: Dave Price	13 March: William Day	26 March: Jo Millington, Jill Glass
5 March: Pam White, Phil Read	14 March: Lorna Crews	29 March: Robert McDowall
7 March: Annemaree Jensen	16 March: Olga Ward, Ben Millington	
8 March: Brad Penny	18 March: Aaron Smith	



Want to help out with the planning of future events in Westonia? Come along to our working group meetings which are held regularly.
Next Meeting: Wednesday 19th March @ 2PM, At the Old School



PUBLIC NOTICE CHANGE OF COUNCIL MEETING DATE

*Local Government Act 1995 Section 5.25(g)
 Local Government (Administration)
 Regulations 1996 12(3)*

Public Notice is hereby Given the March Ordinary Meeting of Council scheduled for Thursday 20th March 2025, will now be held on **Thursday 27th March 2025** commencing at 4.00pm. Public Question time will commence at 4.05pm and limited to 15 minutes.

Members of the public are welcome to attend the Council Chambers located on Wolfram Street, Westonia.

For further information, please contact Jasmine Geier, Deputy Chief Executive Officer at the Shire of Westonia on (08) 9046 7063 or by email at dceo@westonia.wa.gov.au.

Apologies for any inconvenience.

Bill Price
Chief Executive Officer





THE ULTIMATE CLIFF RICHARD TRIBUTE
**FEATURING
RON FISCHER**

CUMMINS THEATRE
Friday, 14 March 2025
10:30am

Morning Melodies

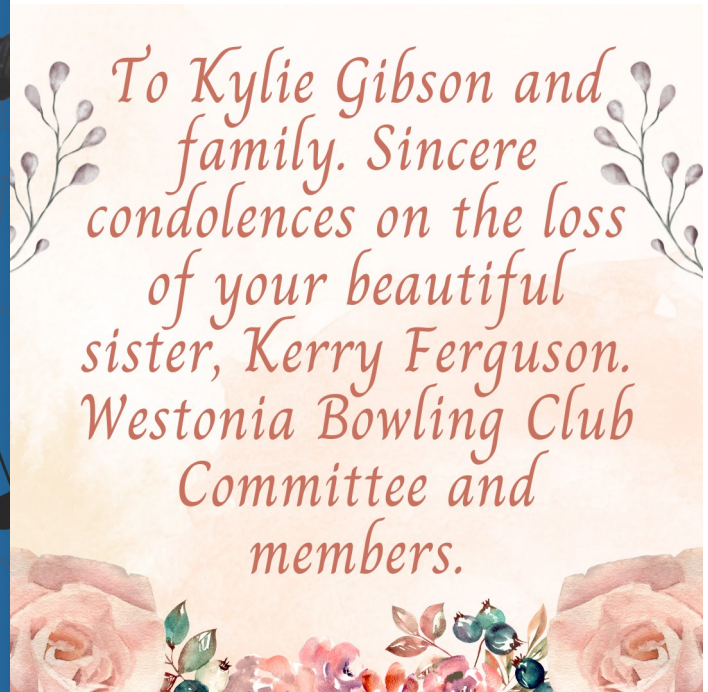
SCAN ME

TICKETS \$15 INCLUDES MORNING TEA
Book your tickets online at by scanning the QR code above or head into the Central Wheatbelt Visitor Centre

CUMMINS THEATRE

SHIRE OF MERREDIN
INNOVATING THE WHEATBELT

There will be a bus heading into Morning Melodies, leaving the Medical Centre at 9:45am. Please RSVP to the Shire Office by Monday the 10th of March.




**WARM WATER LEISURE POOL DONATION
SAUSAGE SIZZLE**

**THE LADIES WILL BE HOSTING A SAUSAGE SIZZLE
ON THE 8TH OF MARCH FOR THE STATE ELECTION
AT THE OLD SCHOOL. DON'T FORGET TO BRING
YOUR COINS!**

**\$3 - SAUSAGE
\$5 - SAUSAGE AND COOL DRINK**

Bendigo Bank

Tara from Bendigo Bank Mukinbudin will be visiting Westonia on Thursdays and is taking appointments. To book in with her, give her a call on 0499 460 635.



Council would like to extend their condolences to the extended family of Rachel Grant. We wish the family courage and peace during this time of mourning.

WESTONIA BOWLING CLUB

The Bowling Club continued to operate over the Christmas and New Year period with various games of scroungers and Social Bowls. Our Christmas wind up, The Johnston Skins, sponsored by Brian and Marie Johnston and Graham and Shirley Johnston, was held on the 22nd December. A wonderful day and a fitting end to 2024.



The Presidents any gender pairs was played on the 1st January 2025 with a record 12 pairs fighting it out on the day. Winners were Michael Lane and Ainslie Faithfull. We had a very successful day on Australia day on the 26th January followed by the traditional Sausage sizzle organized by the Shire of Westonia.

The ILRR Fours were held at Kalgoorlie on the 1st and 2nd of February with our two girls, Heather Lockyer and Kylie Gibson being selected to play in the Zone fours in Kalgoorlie on the 8th and 9th March. We wish both ladies all the best.



WESTONIA BOWLING CLUB

The champ of champion ladies' fours was played in Civic on January 18th with the Westonian team of Ainslie Faithfull, Kylie Gibson, Helen Barnett and Heather Lockyer coming out as the Champ of Champion fours team for 2024/2025.

The champ of champ pairs for the ladies was played in Bruce Rock on Saturday 15th February with our pair of Ainslie Faithfull and Kylie Gibson just being beaten by Narembreen by two shots in the final.



A very successful day for the men's Westonia Open Sponsors Day was held on Thursday 13th February. The event saw a maximum entry of 24 teams who enjoyed the day with fabulous food, camaraderie and just a few drinks. Due to the wonderful sponsorship from our sponsors, prizes were given to winners from both sections of the competition. Thank you to Liberty Oil, AFGRI Equipment, McIntosh & Sons, Merredin Panel @ Paint, Elders, Hutton @ Northey, Marleys Transport, Seven Oaks South, Merredin Rural Supplies, Great Southern Fuels, Olympic Motel, Moylan Silos, Della Bosca Transport, Mech Tech, Westonia Community Co-Op, Mace Services, Ancor Electrical, MR/AC, Outwest Mechanical, Road Bend, Shire of Westonia and the Westonia progress Society.

The ladies played their singles on Saturday 1st March with some amazing bowls played on the day. The competition was very close and it came down to a count back that separated Kylie Gibson, Heather Lockyer and Ainslie Faithfull by just shots up. Ainslie was declared the winner by a mere 2 shots up. Thanks to our Captain and organizer Kay Geier, our cheering crowd on the observation deck and Diane Jones for marking all day.

The ladies have only got one more pennant day left and unfortunately are not in the finals for this season. Some of our men are currently at country week and will continue their drive to get in the pennant finals on the 15th of March when they will be challenging the Merredin Club team at Merredin.

WESSY ON THE GREEN

5/4/25

Ticket Prices:

Adults \$30

Child (5-17yrs)/Senior (64+) \$15

Family 2x Adults & 2 x Children \$75.

(Kids under 5 FREE)

MUSIC FESTIVAL

BOOK ONLINE.

Search
'Wessy on the Green'
at www.trybooking.com or
scan this QR code



GATES OPEN: 3PM

**Live Music, Kids
Entertainment, \$5000
fuel gift card raffle,
Fireworks, Community
stalls/demos, Food Vans
& licensed bar. FREE
onsite camping (MUST
HAVE EVENT TICKET).**



Featuring
Ez & J'nita
Brother & I
Adele Oliver
Billy Higginson and
the Pale Moon Riders
Sophie Jane Music

FOR ALL ENQUIRIES: 90467 063 or
community@westonia.wa.gov.au

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WESTONIA COMMUNITY ART PROJECT



ART EXHIBITION

FRI 28TH MARCH 2025 6PM-8PM

WESTONIA OLD MINERS HALL

Showcasing local artists, photography and the unveiling of our community art project 2025. FREE ENTRY. This is a BYO event, light refreshments and charcuterie will be provided.



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Moorine Rock P&C
FOOTY
TIPPING COMPETITION 2025

\$60 TO REGISTER
 REGISTER AND GO INTO THE
 DRAW TO WIN \$100!
 (CLOSES 10TH MARCH)

OVERALL PRIZES!

1st \$500
2nd \$250
3rd \$100

\$50 Weekly Round Prizes

TO REGISTER CONTACT:
 Aleisha Nicoletti
 M: 0439 350 838
 E: aleisha456@hotmail.com



How to REGISTER

1. EFT \$60 into Moorine Rock P & C Account BSB: 736 128 Account: 07 0085 Ref: Name
2. Send remittance to Aleisha Nicoletti M: 0439 350 838 E: aleisha456@hotmail.com
3. Receive ESPN Log in details for comp
4. Start Tipping!!





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All proceeds aid:

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Bendigo Bank

SAT 8TH MARCH 7PM

\$25 - AGES 14+

MUKINBUDIN MEMORIAL HALL

Warning : Contains content of sexual assault, strong language and theme from the #METOO MOVEMENT



TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLINE NOW

Cash Bar



TICKET INCLUDES INTERVAL SNACKS



Cash Bar

APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN!

Have you seen either
of these?



Chuditch

Did you know this mammal has the title of being the largest carnivorous marsupial in WA? They are a very cryptic and largely nocturnal animal, most likely to be seen in and around woodlands and mallee shrublands in the Wheatbelt.

Wheatbelt Woodlands

The Wheatbelt Woodlands include some of our iconic eucalypt woodlands such as Salmon gums, York gums and about 31 other species. We are working to protect patches of remnant bushland in good condition. Do you have your favourite patch of eucalypt woodland? Do you want to protect it and restore it?

Applications are now open to protect Eucalypt Woodlands and Chuditch!

If you have Eucalypt woodlands and/or Chuditch habitat on your property that you would like to protect, **please submit an Expression of Interest via our website below.**

Funding is available to help cover costs of materials for activities such as fencing, feral animal control, weed control and revegetation. We will also be providing and installing dens for Chuditch in suitable habitat.

Applications close on the **15th of March**, so be sure to get your application in as soon as possible. Please contact **Kate** at ksherlock@wheatbeltnrm.org.au for more information.

www.wheatbeltnrm.org.au



Australian Government



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natural resource
management

This project is funded by the Australian Government Natural Heritage Trust and delivered by Wheatbelt NRM, a member of the Regional Delivery Partners panel.

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How to vote for LACHLAN HUNTER

CENTRAL WHEATBELT



Western Australia Ballot Paper

Election of one Member of the Legislative Assembly

CENTRAL WHEATBELT DISTRICT

You must number every box.

- 3** HOLTEN, Les
- 2** FRENCH, Lance
Liberal Party
- 6** LEAM, Peter Stephen
- 4** LINES, Peter

1 HUNTER, Lachlan
The Nationals WA

5 ATKINSON, Rebecca

REMEMBER
Number every box

STEP 1
Number every
box as shown.

STEP 2 - Legislative Council
Place a number **1** in Box D
and then number the boxes as
indicated below.

Remember!

Voting for The Nationals WA in the
Legislative Council (the big ballot paper)
helps us make **any** government better
for regional people.










WHOLE OF STATE ELECTORATE

<p>B</p> <p>4</p> <p>SFFPWA</p>	<p>C</p> <p>2</p> <p>Liberal Party</p>	<p>D</p> <p>1</p> <p>The Nationals WA</p>	<p>E</p> <p>5</p> <p>Australian Christians</p>	<p>I</p> <p>6</p> <p>Libertarian</p>	<p>L</p> <p>3</p> <p>One Nation</p>
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NO NEED TO NUMBER BOXES BELOW THE THICK BLUE LINE



2025 March

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
24	25	26	27	28	01	02
03	04  D S C R A B B L E Y	05 Plonk and Donk, 6PM @ Old school - Community Art Project	06 	07 Hydro Pool, bus leaving Med Centre at 8:30am	08 State Election Day. Voting at the Westonia Old School	09
10	11  D S C R A B B L E Y 	12 Plonk and Donk, 6PM @ Old school - Community Art Project	13 	14 Morning Melodies, bus leaving Medical Centre at 9:45am. Please RSVP	15 Mrs McDowall's Memorial Service at the Old Miners Hall @IPM	16
17	18  D S C R A B B L E Y	19 Plonk and Donk, 6PM @ Old school - Community Art Project	20 	21 Hydro Pool, bus leaving Med Centre at 8:30am	22	23
24	25 Chiropractor Visit  D S C R A B B L E Y	26	27 	28 Hydro Pool, bus leaving Med Centre at 8:30am Westonia Art Exhibition 6-8PM	29	30
31	01					