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WESTONIA Christmas MARKETS

**SATURDAY 8 NOVEMBER
2025**

**FREE
ENTRY**



FOOD

**LIVE
MUSIC**





RAFFLES

**DRESS
UP
PARADE**

10:00am – 2:00pm • WOLFRAM STREET, WESTONIA

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Further Council information is available at Shire of Westonia 41 Wolfram Street, Westonia 6423
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Happy Birthday



2nd November: Kate Crees

5th November: Jocelyn Antonio

4th November: Robert Morales

7th November: Chantelle Pedrotti

10th November: Clinton Townrow (stix)

11th November: Ross Della Bosca, Margaret Crees, Christine Geier, Peter Lilly

18th November: Ernie Douglas

20th November: Priscilla Stephens

21st November: Mitch Crews

24th November: Chloe Corsini

25th November: Joan Huxtable

28th November: Jackson Kelly (Hale)

BROUGHT TO YOU BY WESTONIA
COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE AND THE
SHIRE OF WESTONIA

COOPER'S GARAGE



**SATURDAY 8TH
NOVEMBER AT 10AM**



THE SHIRE OF WESTONIA ARE
PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THAT IT
WILL BE OFFICIALLY OPENING
ITS SECOND REMARKABLE
MUSEUM TO BE ENJOYED BY
THE COMMUNITY AND VISITORS
ON CHRISTMAS MARKET DAY.

A STUNNING RANGE OF FULLY
RESTORED ANTIQUE FUEL
BOWSERS AND ASSOCIATED
GARAGEANALIA COLLECTABLES

Westonia Pool Open Day

NOVEMBER 1ST 2025

11AM-7PM

SAUSAGE SIZZLE FROM

12PM-1PM

BOMBIE COMP

1:30PM

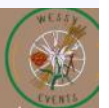
PRIZE FOR THE WINNER



CONTACT
POOL@WESTONIA.WA.GOV.AU
FOR MORE INFORMATION



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 NOVEMBER @ 9:30AM, At the Old School



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PUBLIC NOTICE OF TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE

WOLFRAM STREET (PART)

It is hereby notified for public information that the Chief Executive Officer, under Delegated Authority of the Shire of Westonia agrees to the temporary closure of Part of Wolfram Street, Westonia in accordance with the Road Traffic (Events on Roads) Regulations 1991 and Sections 3.50, 3.50 (a) and 3.51 of the Local Government Act 1995.

The temporary Road closure will occur at 8.00am, Saturday 8th November 2025 until 3.00pm and will involve closing a portion of the street from the island near the CWA building to the CAFÉ and Cement Street, from the park to the Depot. Bollards will be erected to ensure that traffic is controlled.



Apologies for any inconvenience.

Bill Price

Chief Executive Officer

Your local voice for Westonia!

HERE TO HELP

✉ lachlan.hunter@mp.wa.gov.au

Northam Office

☎ (08) 9622 2871

📮 PO Box 92

📍 185 Fitzgerald St Northam

Merredin Office

☎ (08) 9041 1702

📮 PO Box 66

📍 Old Town Hall, Mitchell St, Merredin

LACHLAN HUNTER MP
MEMBER FOR CENTRAL WHEATBELT

Authorised by L. Hunter, 185 Fitzgerald St, Northam WA 6401

Share what living in the Wheatbelt is like with doctors of the future

One hundred medical students will be coming to the Wheatbelt in March 2026.

During their stay, they will visit local farms, industry, general practices, hospitals and schools, and participate in community activities.

We need you to provide real-life experiences that will give them an understanding of what it is like to live in the Wheatbelt and perhaps inspire them to become rural doctors.

The students will visit the following towns:

- Bruce Rock
- Cunderdin
- Kellerberrin
- Merredin
- Narrogin
- Southern Cross
- Tammin
- Westonia

As a host, we will ask you to provide accommodation for two or three students, to assist with transporting them to/from town, and share what it is like to live in your town with the students. You are invited to come along to a Thank You Dinner with the students on the Thursday night.

Why host?

This is a life-changing experience for the students, with many having no previous exposure to rural life or the Wheatbelt. By providing these rural immersion opportunities early in their degree, it has been proven that students are:

- more likely to explore rural career opportunities; and
- better able to provide patient-centred care to rural people.

Some students, who have previously been hosted through this program, continue to keep in touch and visit their host families, some return to do seasonal work and placements, others have joined mentoring programs, some have inspired host family members to pursue tertiary studies in health and medicine, and numerous students are now doctors in the Wheatbelt and other parts of rural/remote WA and Australia.

For further information, contact **Rural Health West**:
T 08 6389 4509
E futureworkforce@ruralhealthwest.com.au

We want to hear from you if you would like to host, even if you need the students to roll out a swag in the living room.



WESTONIA BOWLS CLUB

The 2025-2026 pennant season for the ladies and men's competition has not got off to an ideal start. The men have lost their first three games of the year to Narembeen, Bruce Rock and Merredin Club. Their next game will be against Civic at the Westonia Wanderers Stadium on 1st November. Spectators are more than welcome.



The ladies had a bye this Wednesday. They also have lost their first two games to Tammin and Narembeen respectfully. The next game will be on Wednesday 5th November against Civic at home.

Sunday social bowls is being well attended. New members are more than welcome to attend. Brian Johnston (Boulder) will organize a team and even provide visitors with a set of bowls.



The weekend of the 24th, 25th and 26th saw three of our lady bowlers Heather Lockyer, Kylie Gibson and Kay Geier selected in the ILRR Fours played at Kellerberrin. Westonia hold the position of League president and League Secretary so ran and organized the event. The Kellerberrin Sports Club were exemplary hosts and kept the 100 plus women who attended well fed and hydrated. The league from Avon Valley proved too strong and won the event with 8 points. Our League, South East Bowling League came a close second with 6 points, followed by East Avon, Central Wheatbelt and Goldfields.



Congratulations to Heather Lockyer who was selected to play in the Inter Zone Round Robin Fours to be held in Jurien Bay in March 2026. Congratulations also to Kay Geier who was also selected as a reserve for the event.

A big thank you to Clare Smith from Muka who studiously kept all results for the weekend. The next inter league event for the women will be the ILRR Pairs to be played in Northam.



The Westonia Play Ground Association is holding a cake stall and raffles at the Westonia Christmas Markets and is looking for donations for both the cake stall and the raffles.

We will have a few different categories for raffles and will happily accept any donations that fit into a category. we will have:

- For the Man
- For the Woman
- For the Child
- For the Gardener
- Christmas

All donations can be dropped in to the Shire Office. Cut off date for these donations will be the 5th of November.

For the cake stall we will accept any cake, slice, cookie, cupcake, scone or baked good you can come up with. We will be in the hall next to the fridge so will be able to accommodate any items that need to be kept cold. These donations can be dropped to the hall the day before the Markets (Friday 7th November). Please make sure these items are clearly labelled (what it is, if it includes nuts/allergins, if it's gluten free)

We appreciate any and all contributions



WARRIOR WELLBEING ARTICLE

Keeping Safe – Everyone's Responsibility

BY THE REGIONAL MEN'S HEALTH INITIATIVE
November 2025

When we are nearing the end of the year, we are all busy trying to get jobs done and often feeling tired. Our nerves can be a bit raw and sometimes we are just *over it*. Everyone gets a bit tired and rundown, from kids at school to mums and dads at home and/or at work.

We all know there's lots of work to get done to get us through to the end of the year. This may include finishing the harvest, various stock work, that last FIFO swing before holidays, getting that last job finished and having kids end of year school events to attend. This can lead to us working beyond our limit.

We all have a varying capacity to both absorb those extra things thrown at us and our ability to get the job done, this can differ depending on an individual's work ethic and how we are hard wired (our DNA). We should never assume *what I can do is the norm*, then place that expectation on family members, employees or work colleagues.

Work Health & Safety (WHS) gives us a legislative framework to guide us, but it doesn't allow for the cultural context in which us blokes sometimes operate. The cultural context for blokes means our approach to risk taking (we are hard wired risk takers); our need to get the job done (task orientated/deadlines); and our approach to winning, can cloud our judgement around keeping safe both in the workplace and in our personal life. We need to be aware and manage our behaviour otherwise we will invariably fail in our responsibility to stay safe.

Keeping safe needs to start somewhere, it is no different to our individual health. I always say that my health is my responsibility, it is not my doctors, my workplace or my wife's. However, my wife is very good at giving me a good kick up the backside (nagging) to get me to the doctor to do my annual service visit, my dentist appointment or my skin check.

Therefore, when it comes to keeping safe, both as an individual and collective it is everyone's responsibility. It is up to all of us whether we are in the workplace, belong to a community group, or within our family setting to be vigilant about working and keeping safe.

Some tips for keeping safe:

- Constantly remind ourselves about work protocols;
- As employers, have realistic expectations of our employees, including family members in the family business;
- Look out for work colleagues, be aware and respond to behaviour changes. Talk to them about it;
- Try and maintain a balanced life, we can only do so much before fatigue becomes an issue;
- Outside busy times take time out;
- Enjoy what we do.



When another year winds down, let's keep safe by staying focused on the job at hand, so we all can get to enjoy the holiday break when it arrives.

✕ @RMHI_4blokes

🎧 Working with Warriors Podcast

🌐 regionalmenshealth.com.au



The Shire of Westonia are very excited to share our very own
Emilie's big news
Coming in November
Active Farmers @ Westonia

Emilie has been extremely busy behind the scenes, in between wrangling a rambunctious toddler and a sassy little baby, Emilie was a proud recipient of a scholarship through the Active Farmers Program, bringing fitness to the country. Whilst it has been very challenging Emilie is coming up to completion of the course and will soon be a qualified personal trainer, ready and excited to offer support and engage our small rural community in improving connection, health and wellbeing through group fitness activities.

Emilie has big visions for where Active Farmers can help Westonia reach its peak fitness and is very grateful to have use of the facilities and equipment provided around town.



Expressions of interest are welcomed Emilie will communicate through What's App so pop your name and number down on the sheets provided at the shire office or Co op

ACTIVE FARMERS

Powered by



Sing along, Xmas carols at Westonia

Followed by childrens Xmas tree

Where: Caravan park lawn
5:30pm
12th December

- Visit from Santa
- BYO nibbles, picnic and drinks
- Picnic rug, chairs
- Dress up, Wear Christmas shirts

Candle provided
Everyones welcome

If you would like to receive a gift from Santa
contact Emilie on 0401656977
\$ 15 dollars child name, gender and age
before 1st December



2025 November

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
27	28	29	30	31	01 Westonia Pool Opening 11am-7pm	02
03 Westonia Craft Group, 9AM	04  D S C R A B B L E Y	05	06 B I N G O	07	08  Wesley Christmas Markets	09
10 Westonia Craft Group, 9AM	11  D S C R A B B L E Y	12	13 B I N G O	14	15	16
17 Westonia Craft Group, 9AM	18  D S C R A B B L E Y 	19 Event working group meeting at 9pm	20 B I N G O Robyns Beauty Salon Shire Council Meeting	21	22	23
24 Westonia Craft Group, 9AM	25  D S C R A B B L E Y	26	27 B I N G O	28	29	30
01	02	Notes:				