

Official Opening Cooper's Garage Museum

A wonderful evening was held on Friday 7 November for invited guests to the official opening of the Cooper's Garage Museum.

Attended by approx 50 people who were involved in and/or made a contribution to the project, with the attendance of Mr Murray Cooper and family, gave the Council the opportunity to extend their appreciation to all of the trades and donors involved in the project.

Special acknowledgement was given to Mr Cooper who gave a heartfelt speech about his 40 year love of restoration work of the bowlers, before unveiling a life like mannequin of himself which left him utterly speechless.

A second opening event was held the next day for the general public as part of the Christmas markets.

Appreciation is extended to everyone involved with this project

- Lotterywest (\$ 200,000 part funding for the building extension)
- Peter Antonio Centek Constructions who has done an amazing job on all of the construction works of the buildings.
- Des O'Rafferty from Hi Lo Constructions for his bobs and bobs.
- Anne Marie Jensen for her grant writing skills
- Anthony Nelson, Ancor Electrical for all of the electrical works which is quite complex
- Gordon and Corey Nelson from Merredin Refrigeration.
- Glen and Ric Antonio from West Coast Surface Coaters who have provided an outstanding finish on the floors.
- Ashley Geier for the earthworks
- Ben Gearing for concrete works



- Bob Lockyer who did a power of work in the packing, unpacking, transport and fitting out of the collection.
- Stuart and his fellas from Complete Removals who handled the transport of the bowlers (which has been estimated at about 10T).
- Ted Price for helping with the connection to Murray and that he can lift heavy things.
- Jonesy and Di for their volunteer work in assisting in setting up the display which has been an enormous feat.
- Donors of additional display items including the Hood Penns, Jonesy, Mick Cunningham, the Lindley's, Dave Lord, Dave Hendriks and Ross & Sue
- Employees of the Council who always perform above and beyond for the Council and the community.



Lastly, Council for having the foresight and courage to make decisions that may not be seen as core business, but will have everlasting benefit and legacy to the Westonia community.

Also to Mick & Glenda Cunningham and Bob & Joyce Hood-Penn who volunteered many hours over the weekend with the supervision and crowd control at the museums.

The opening was a very satisfying closure to what has been an amazing project and longtime legacy for the Westonia community



Warm Water Pool Project

Now Pete has completed the Museum project construction work he will be focusing all of his efforts into completing the build at the warm water Pool and men's Shed projects. The steel structure has been installed and a roof has been built covering the pool area. Concreters will be onsite this week to complete the formwork for the concrete pour of the pool surrounds.



westonia craft group

Thank you to the community for supporting our craft group market stall last Saturday. We sold all our items plus we received various Christmas orders.

I am having a little break now and won't be holding our Monday group sewing sessions till next March.

But.....I have planned a special Christmas sewing session for Monday 8 December – all day from 9am to 5pm. There will be a few sample gift ideas with construction notes (hopefully user friendly) on display.

We will share a special Christmas Lunch with bevy's which should make our afternoon sewing session interesting.

Look forward to seeing you all on the 8th.

Cheers

Kay



Happy Birthday



2nd November: Kate Crees

4th November: Robert Morales

5th November: Jocelyn Antonio

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)**

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



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 @ 8:45AM, At the Old
School**



Wessy Xmas Markets 2025



Wolfram Street, was a buzz of activity from 10am on Saturday the 8/11/25. The new Coopers Garage Museum was officially opened between 10am and 11am by the shire president Drake Crees, Mr Murray Cooper and Mr Lachlan Hunter MLA. The large crowd were able to watch history unfold and then moved on to enjoying all that the annual Westonia Christmas market day had to offer. After a week of unfortunate weather, we were grateful the weather gods were on our side on Saturday.



The shire garden and maintenance crew (Bob, Mick, Chris and Deb) worked their magic on the streets and buildings, the general comments on the day were how well presented and tidy our town looks. Music set the scene thank you Ez Pope, Liz Richter and Sophie Jane for volunteering your valuable time and keeping us entertained all day. Our volunteers, from the ready and eager to help, to the unsuspecting volunteer, who were situationally wrangled. You were there, months and days before at working groups, making posters, social media campaigning and joining busy bees. Our vollies started at 7:30am for set up, worked in various capacities through out the market day until after 3pm for the pack down. Our events as always do not run without your support. People from other towns were commenting that we have "The best Vollies, in Wessy" and that is so true!

Market stalls were setup inside and wrapped around the Old Miners Hall under gazebos and shady trees, on the intersection of Wolfram and Cement streets. The CRC's six 3x3 gazebos are being put to good use thanks to 2024's successful "Westonian's Working Together Towards Community Resilience" project,



supported by Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal (FRRR), through funding from the Australian Government's Future Drought Fund. Our amazing 2025 stall holders Brenda Perich, Cater Road Farm, Caylee custom creations, DC designs, Flowers by Ellie Paige, Nectarridge, Prettyfly nets, Rainbow & Lace, Stevie's succulents, Thermomix, TJT Photography, Westonia Craft Group, Westonia post office, Wheatbelt Wardrobe, Youngevity & Nature Direct and newcomers SJ

Music, Wessy playground fundraiser, Hartfield crafts & farm goods, G Bennett and Paint the Town. We love to see all the creative ideas, that these businesses and community groups come up with each year, to make our market day so special. It is a huge effort to bring their shops to us, each year and they never disappoint with the huge range of items to sell. We appreciate the energy put in to produce the vast range of options for people to be able to purchase on their doorstep and we thank you all.

The Westonia Christmas markets team are so grateful to the local business who did not disappoint and opened their doors for our annual market day. Westonia Tavern opened at midday for beverages and made way allowing us to set up the very popular

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food court under the
verandah's and in the beer
garden.



Thank you to the Westonia Co-op for opening from 8:30am until 2pm for food, drinks and groceries. A special thank you to Claire and Kila who worked miracles to help feed the hungry crowd. Thank you to Westonia Gallery Café who opened at 8am until 2pm for their regular trading hours. Brad Anderson with "Wheatbelt Coffee and Ice cream Time" was back on board and did a roaring trade, as did our newcomers, to the Wessy Christmas markets, "Mi Familia Flavors" Michelle & Caitlyn. We are so thankful for the efforts of these food outlets, keeping up with the crowds which is tricky to navigate, they were very appreciative of the patience of their patrons while the quest for food was upon them.

Thank you to Lani Hale, Mick and Glenda Cunningham for manning both of the museums on Saturday and Mick and Glenda for being the first of the volunteers to open both museums on Sunday the 9th of November.

Christmas decoration parade began at 11:30am, we were thrilled to see the effort put in by our 2025 contestants, who paraded their creations which made a difficult task for our Judge Shire Deputy President, Mr Ross Della Bosca. Eventually three winners stood out and the prizes went to Koby Scarett (best decorated bike), Louis Parker (best decorated tractor) & for the cuteness factor it was Grace Parker, pushing her tinsel laden trolley of presents.

Santa arrived on his big red 4W sleigh, with plenty of goodies for all the children. Santa listened to all your requests and after offering some friendly advice and well wishes, was on his way back to the north pole to prepare for his big journey next month.

From all of the Wessy Markets team, thank you for supporting our event and...

We wish you a very Merry Christmas !





WESTONIA BOWLS CLUB

Our pennant teams in both the men's Division 1 and the women's teams are yet to record a win this season. Though winless the games have all been great to watch with the home games drawing many vocal and interested spectators.



The men will be hosting Narembeen Club this Saturday 15th November with a night game at the Stadium.



The Westonia Ladies pennant teams will travel to Bruce Rock on Wednesday hoping for their first win of the season.

Two teams from the Wessy Wanderers men's side attended Merredin Club on Sunday the 9th to compete in the Merredin Errol Pustkuchen Memorial Open Day. They managed to come home with the 2nd and 3rd trophy winners for the day. Plus won the ham raffle. Well done to Bob Lockyer, Bill Price, Michael Lloyd, Brian Johnston, Daimon Geier and Ashley Geier.

The team of Diane Jones, Margie Crees, Shirley Johnston and Ainslie Faithfull are off to Narembeen to play in their Open Day on Friday hoping to emulate the men's win.



Sunday Social Bowls is running very smoothly under the guidance of Brian Johnston (Boulder) The winners on Sunday 2nd November were the team of Ainslie Faithfull, Daimon Geier, Helen Barnett and our newest member Michael Lloyd. Winners for Social Bowls on Sunday 9th were Heather Lockyer, Keith Downsborough and Graham Bright.



It is nice to see the tennis courts being utilized again. Perhaps we can reach out to any prospective tennis players in Wessy and we may get the Club up and running again.





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🎉 Let's Get Moving! Seniors Stretch & Move Class 🎉

Get ready for 45 minutes of smiles, stretches, and feel-good movement!

It's all about staying active, having fun, and keeping your body happy.

🕒 **When: 10:45 AM, Wednesday 19th November**

📍 **Where: Rec Centre**

💧 **Bring: Your water bottle, a towel, and your best energy!**

No experience needed – just come along, move to the music, and enjoy yourself!

*Your local voice
for Westonia!*

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FROM YOU



Are you interested in health?

Would like to contribute to health care in your community?

WA Country Health Service invites you to join the Eastern Wheatbelt District Health Advisory Council (DHAC). This includes the Shires of Bruce Rock, Cunderdin, Kellerberrin, Koorda, Merredin, Mount Marshall, Mukinbudin, Narembene, Nungarin, Quairading, Tammin, Trayning, Westonia, Wyalkatchem and Yilgarn.

Why join?

Eastern Wheatbelt DHAC members meet bi-monthly at the Merredin Health Service, working together with the community, patients and WA Country Health Service teams to ensure that we provide the best care possible.



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Can you host a couple of medical students for three nights?

Wheatbelt Medical Student Immersion Program
TUESDAY 10 TO FRIDAY 13 MARCH 2026

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:**

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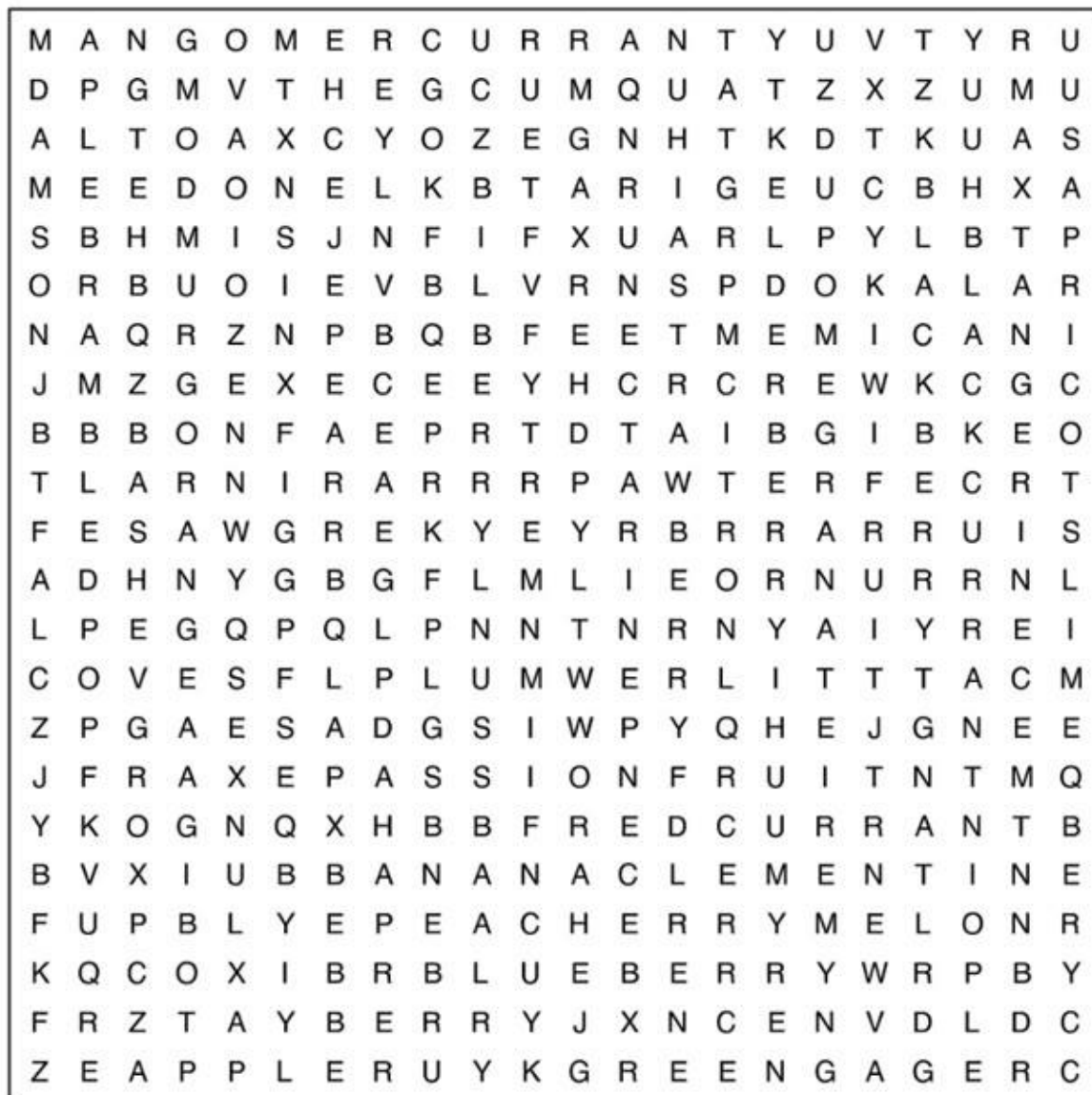
We want to hear from you if you would like to host, even if you need the students to roll out a swag in the living room.



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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  LAURA DAY D S C R A B B L E Y	05	06 B I N G O	07	08  Wessy Christmas Markets	09
10	11  LAURA DAY D S C R A B B L E Y	12	13 B I N G O	14 Early Morning Swim 6-7am	15	16
17 Early Morning Swim 6-7am	18  LAURA DAY D S C R A B B L E Y CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE	19 Event working group meeting at 8.45pm	20 B I N G O Robyns Beauty Salon Shire Council Meeting	21 early morning swim 6-7am	22	23
24 Early Morning Swim 6-7am	25  LAURA DAY D S C R A B B L E Y	26 Early Morning Swim 6-7am	27 B I N G O	28 Early Morning Swim 6-7am	29	30
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