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MERRY CHRISTMAS

AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

THE SHIRE WISHES YOU
ALL A VERY MERRY
CHRISTMAS AND MAY THE
NEW YEAR BRING YOU
LOTS OF JOY AND
HAPPINESS



This year the Progress Association successfully put in a wheat crop over 262 hectares. It has been truly pleasing to see the community rally together to make this project happen. From start to finish, people generously offered their time, machinery and expertise, creating a real sense of shared purpose and pride.

This marks the first crop we have grown for the Progress Association in 10 years. After such a lengthy break, there was a lot of groundwork needed before we could even get the seed in the soil. Old fencing was removed, paddocks were burnt and cleaned, rocks were picked and the land was ploughed, all in preparation for a fresh start. The hard work paid off. The crop averaged 1.4 tonnes per hectare, a great result for the season and a credit to everyone involved.

A very big thank you to our sponsors for their support. Merredin Rural Supplies and Nutrien Merredin contributed to the chemicals for the crop, while AFGRI and McIntosh & Sons generously provided demo machinery to assist with operations.

On behalf of the Progress Association and the Westonia community, we extend our sincere thanks to all volunteers for donating their time, machinery and equipment, and to our sponsors for backing this project. The success of this crop is a direct reflection of our community spirit. Without the contribution of so many, none of this would have been possible. Thank you

Contributors and volunteers: Merredin Rural Supplies, AFGRI, McIntosh & Sons, Market Ag, Aviso Insurance, Wheatbelt Equipment And Tim Della Bosca, Ross Della Bosca, Adrian Zwagerman, Angus Townrow, Morgan Price, Mark Crees, Shaun Crees, Brendan Crees, Frank Corsini, Lex Townrow, Fred Faithful, Dave Price, Ashley Geier, John McDowell, Colin Lindley, Dan Barnett, Mat Southall, Jed Barnett, Mal Nicoletti, Pete Antonio and Bill Price.

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe, happy and festive holiday season.

Tim Della Bosca



What A year!!

2025 has certainly flown by but not without a heap of milestones and achievements for the community. These include

- The Coopers Garage Museum
- Completion of the Swimming Pool Kiosk and landscaping
- Community Hub – good progress on the Warm Water Pool, Community Garden and Men's Shed project to be finished early in the new year.
- Expansion of Health Clinic including the extension of the Nurse Practitioner service
- Demolition of the Old Walgoolan Hall
- Successful Community Events including the Wessy on the Green, Seniors Sundowner and Xmas Markets
- Outside Construction Crew – as well as keeping our roads in very good order have been doing extensive private works for Fulton Hogan on the Great Eastern Highway and construction works for both the Nungarin and Mukinbudin Shire Council's.
- CEACA Expansion project will see an additional 4 x retirement units built at the school.
- Land sales will soon equate to a further 7 private residences, 6 light industrial sheds and 2 x commercial properties.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my gratitude to all of the Council staff who do an excellent job and are extremely committed to the Westonia community.

Corella Cull

Council would like to notify that a Corella Cull will be taking place for a period over the next few months to keep the bird numbers down.

Corellas are invasive birds which destroy infrastructure, habitat for native birds and trees so shooting will take place on the town extremities from a Council vehicle when safe to do so.

If you have any issues with this please contact the CEO.

Mosquito Fogging

Thanks to the voluntary contribution of Fossil, the mosquito fogging program as recommenced. Diesel is no longer being used as the ingredient to make the smoke with the Council opting to use the approved Carmel Carrier nontoxic substance.

Housing Development

It is no secret that Council has purchased 35 Wolfram Street (K Love House), with the intention to demolish the old asbestos residence during January to make room for the development of 3 x single persons workers accommodation units.

There are several items that are for sale with the buyer being responsible for there removal prior to 9th January 2026. First in first served basis.

- Bird Cage \$ 250



- Garden Shed \$ 200



- Outdoor Setting (Free)



OUTRIGHT PURCHASE OF JD624K LOADER

Council is seeking tenders for the Outright Purchase of the following plant item:

2017 JD 624K Loader @ 6000hrs licensed until 30 June 2026.

Inspections of the loader can be made by contacting the CEO, Bill Price on 0427 467 063 or ceo@westonia.wa.gov.au

Tenders will be accepted until 4pm Tuesday 16th December 2025 and should be submitted via email to the above mentioned address.

Bill Price

Chief Executive Officer

Shire of Westonia



18+ EVENT

Back to our Roots, Bring your Boots! BALL

ENTRY \$80

WESTONIA TOWN HALL
SATURDAY 21ST MARCH 2026 @6pm

SOPHIE JANE BAND, ENTERTAINMENT, LICENCED BAR (NO BYO) TAPAS STYLE FOOD

Bookings, search "Back to our Roots! Bring your Boots!" at trybooking.com or scan the QR

Event Contacts ; Stacey & Lani
9046 7063,
community@westonia.wa.gov.au

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Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development

Westonia Community Resource Centre

SHIRE OF WESTONIA

Tickets will be on sale from the 1st of January 2026 on trybooking.com or scan the barcode.

Ian, Cindy, John, Erin Jim and Amy would like to thank the Wessy community for your support throughout the year and look forward to seeing you all next year.

Hoping you have a happy and safe Christmas and New Year

Closed 22nd December
Reopening 5th January

WESTONIA BOWLS CLUB

The Beard Button Day was held on the 30th November for the first time being hosted by the Westonia Bowling Club. It was a day to enjoy the best of the best men bowlers in the league competing for selection in the ILRR Fours to be played in Narembeen 3rd – 5th January 2026. It was also a great day to showcase our stadium and enjoy the culinary skills of our Ada Barnett and her team. Well done Westonia. Congratulation to our Bob Lockyer who was selected to play in the ILRR.



Thanks to the mighty effort of Heather Lockyer, Skipper, Diane Jones, Third, Kay Geier, Second and Shirley Johnston Lead the women held onto a draw with Tammin on Wednesday 3rd December. They travel to Narembeen on the 10th which will be their last game for this year, commencing the pennant season in 2026 on the February 4th.

Ladies Club Championship fours will be run on Saturday 13th December whilst the men will be playing their last game of pennants for 2025 in Corrigin.

After their first win of the season against Bruce Rock on the 22nd November the men unfortunately could not back up on the 29th, going down to Merredin Club 103, 8 points to Westonia 50, and no points. Like Lazareth, the men then came back to defeat Civic at Civic on the 6th December, 86 , 7 points to Civic 80, 1 point. This was a double celebration for the men as it was the first time that Civic has been beaten this year on their home ground. The sore bodies and throbbing headaches the next morning were proof of the celebrations.



WESTONIA BOWLS CLUB

The winners for the day were Ainslie Faithfull, Diane Jones, Greg Tapp and Graham Daddow. Runners up were the team of Heather Lockyer, Kay Geier, Liz Richter, and our visiting German Compatriot Trutz Boettiger.

Prizes for the day were presented by John Simmonds. Players and spectators then enjoyed a treat of nibbles and a sausage sizzle to complete the day. Thanks to Fred and Bill for cooking.



Seniors Sundowner

The annual Seniors' Sundowner was held on the 3rd of December at the Wanderer's Stadium. Forty-four past and current residents made their way down around 5pm to enjoy a lovely evening together. Many laughs and stories were shared before the entrees and dinner were served, with a delicious dessert to finish the night.

A big thank you to Anslie and the office girls for jumping in to prepare and cook the food, and to Bill for working hard over the BBQ and keeping everyone hydrated. Thank you to everyone who came along—your presence helped make the night truly unforgettable. It was a pleasure to host this event.



Happy Birthdays



1st December: Ada Barnett

3rd December: Steve Hale

**7th December: Makayla Geier
(18th), Shaun Crees**

9th December: Clare Lemoignan

17th December: Ned Millington

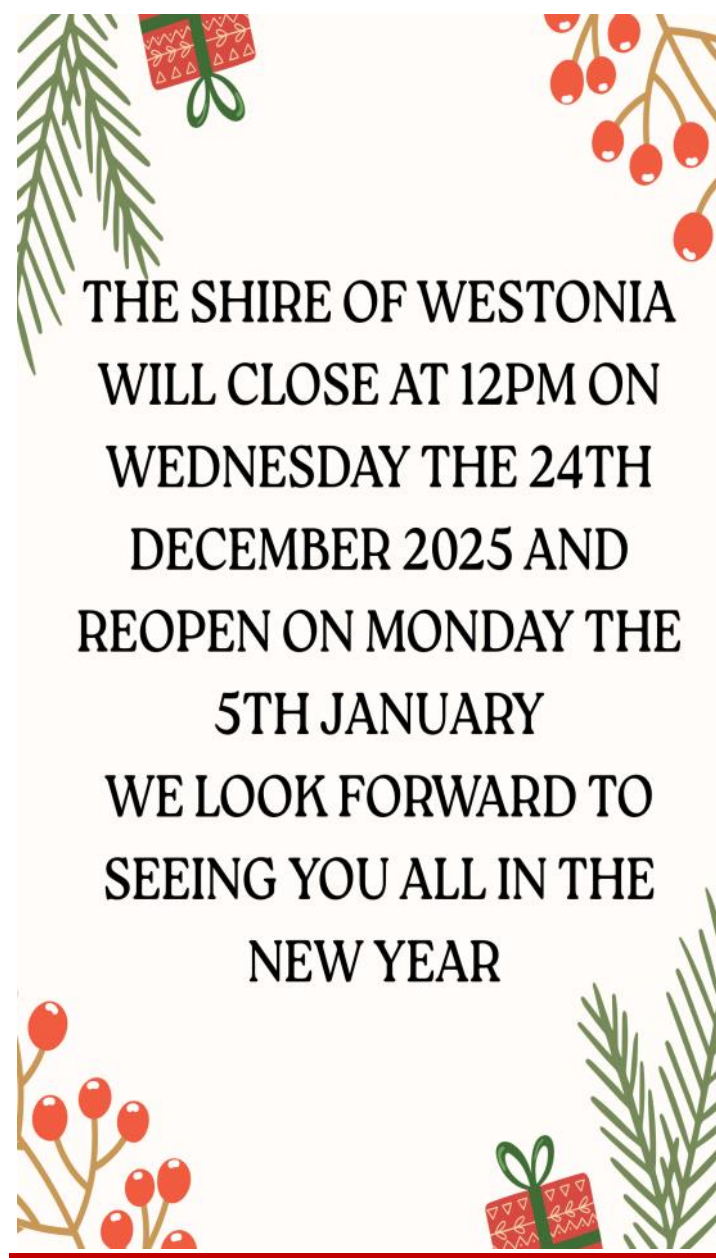
**21st December: Mark Crees,
John Townrow**

**24th December: Harold
Millington**

26th December: Kay Geier

28th December: Dan Barnett

30th December: Laura Black



THE SHIRE OF WESTONIA
WILL CLOSE AT 12PM ON
WEDNESDAY THE 24TH
DECEMBER 2025 AND
REOPEN ON MONDAY THE
5TH JANUARY
WE LOOK FORWARD TO
SEEING YOU ALL IN THE
NEW YEAR



IMPORTANT ANOUNCEMENT

General Waste Collection
Change of Day

Due to Christmas day falling on a
Thursday this year, Avonwaste
wish to advise customers that this
service will be moved to
TUESDAY the 23RD December

**AVON
WASTE**



On the 27th of November, the bingo group set off to Merredin for a well-deserved Christmas lunch at Jimmy's Chinese. They laughed just as hard as they do while playing bingo, enjoying good food, good company, and chatting about everything that happened over the year.

Rates Incentive Prize 2025/2026 WINNERS

1st PRIZE CP & CK LINDLEY

2nd PRIZE MULLYGULLY FARMING
TRUST

3rd PRIZE GG JOHNSTON

westonia craft group

Our sewing room was whirring for the final 2025 session on Monday.

The amazing Christmas gifts constructed were.

Christmas Stockings
Zippy pouches
Hexagon table runner
Gift Card pouches
Potholders
Christmas crackers

A delicious pre-Christmas Lunch was shared and enjoyed by all.

I would like to thank everyone who attended the sewing group for the past year, I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did preparing and instructing.

I will continue in 2026, so if you haven't been and think you might like to come along, watch the newsletter for commencement date.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all the Westonia community.

Cheers
Kay





Christmas Opening Hours



WEDNESDAY 24TH—8:30AM - 4:30PM

THURSDAY 25TH—CLOSED

FRIDAY 26TH—CLOSED PAPERS OUT THE FRONT

SATURDAY 27TH—CLOSED PAPERS OUT THE FRONT

SUNDAY 28TH - CLOSED

MONDAY 29TH - 9.00AM—2PM

TUESDAY 30TH - 9.00AM—1PM

WEDNESDAY 31ST—9.00AM—1PM

THURSDAY 1ST JAN—CLOSED PAPERS OUT THE FRONT

**THANK YOU ALL FOR THE CONTINUED SUPPORT
AND SEE YOU AGAIN IN 2026**



WESTONIA PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL OPEN HOURS

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY - 2-6PM

(SCHOOL HOLIDAYS) - 11AM-7PM

WEEKENDS - 11AM-7PM

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS - 11AM - 7PM

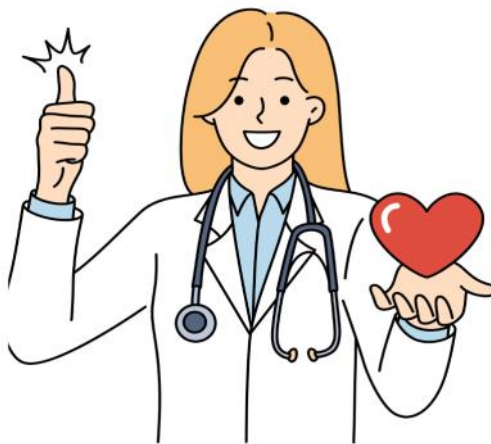
CHRISTMAS OPENING HOURS

CHRISTMAS EVE: 11AM-7PM

CHRISTMAS DAY: POSSIBILITY - CHECK FACEBOOK.

BOXING DAY: 2PM-6PM POSSIBLY EARLIER.

NEW YEAR'S DAY 2PM-6PM.



**LAURAS FIRST VISIT
IN 2026 WILL BE ON
THURSDAY 8TH
JANUARY**



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CHIEF BUSH FIRE CONTROL OFFICER

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DEPUTY CHIEF BUSH FIRE CONTROL OFFICER

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SHIRE FIRE CONTROL OFFICER

Bill Price | 0427 467 063

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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

FOR SALE

2003 BMW R1150R Motorcycle



This motorcycle will be available for inspection and road trial at 31 Pyrites Road by appointment (Tel 0401702079).

For a description, specifications, history and photographs of the motorcycle as well as information about the vendor visit the following hyperlink:

<https://app.mediafire.com/folder/wszd3nknkcmev/BMW-R1150R>



SWIM FOR FRUIT

WESTONIA SWIMMING POOL

Every Saturday

Swimming lessons, water safety education, and fun water games.




























Children receive a healthy afternoon snack and fresh fruit after participating

	AGE	COST	TIME
	5 to 17 years old.	FREE	1:00PM-2:00PM



2025 December



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
01 Early Morning Swim 6-7am 	02   S.C.R.A.B.B.L.E. D.Y.	03  Early Morning Swim 6-7am 	04   S.C.R.A.B.B.L.E. D.Y.	05 Early Morning Swim 6-7am 	06	07
08 Dr Olga day Early morning swim 6-7am 	09   S.C.R.A.B.B.L.E. D.Y.	10  Early Morning Swim 6-7am 	11   S.C.R.A.B.B.L.E. D.Y.	12 Sing along Xmas carols 5:30pm 	13	14
15 	16   S.C.R.A.B.B.L.E. D.Y.	17  last workout till next year 	18   S.C.R.A.B.B.L.E. D.Y.	19 Robyns Beauty Salon Shire Council Meeting 	20	21
22	23	24 SHIRE OFFICE CLOSED 12PM, REOPENS 5TH JAN	25  MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!	26	27	28
29	30	31	01	02	03	04
05	06	Notes:  Work out with Emilie  Early Morning Swim 6am-7am				