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Old Miners Hall updates

We've been busy giving the Old Miners Hall a much-needed upgrade! The worn stairs have been replaced with brand new steps, and an access ramp has been added to improve accessibility for everyone.

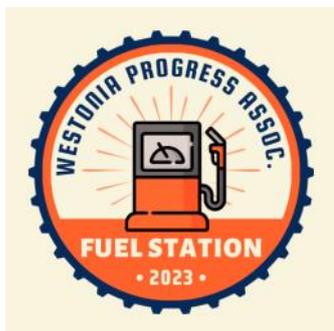
With the Ball coming up, there couldn't have been a better time to give the entrance a facelift. We can't wait for the community to enjoy the improvements



Progress fuel depot

Due to the current fuel shortage, the Shire is managing fuel distribution to ensure the local community continues to have access.

For assistance or further information, please contact the Shire on (08) 9046 7063.



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 19th March 2026**, will now be held on **Thursday 26th March 2026** 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

ARE YOUR DETAILS UP TO DATE?

An updated Westonia Community Directory will be sent out with all rates notices this year. Please contact the Shire office to update, remove or add your phone numbers before the 30th of June 2026.

The directory is only issued biannually so it is important to make sure your details are up to date.

If you don't receive a rates notice, you will be able to collect a copy from the Shire Office or the Community Co-op.



Happy Birthday



- 1 March: Scarlett Crees**
- 2 March: Narelle Millington**
- 3 March: Lani Hale , John Simmonds**
- 4 March: Dave price**
- 5 March: Pam White, Phil Read**
- 7 March: Annemaree Jensen**
- 8 March: Brad Penny**
- 9 March: Des O'Rafferty**
- 10 March: Charli Pobke**
- 11 March: Stephen Werner**
- 13 March: William Day, Connor Pearce**

- 14 March: Lorna Crews**
- 16 March: Olga Ward, Ben Millington**
- 18 March: Aaron Smith**
- 23 March: Steve LeMoignan**
- 24 March: Joel Corsini**
- 25 March: Ian Mahoney, Jan Swanepol**
- 26 March: Jo Millington, Jill Glass**
- 29 March: Robert McDowall**

Your local voice for Westonia!

Here to help!

Northam Office

-  (08) 9622 2871
-  PO Box 92, Northam WA 6401
-  185 Fitzgerald St, Northam

Merredin Office

-  (08) 9041 1702
-  PO Box 66, Merredin WA 6415
-  Old Town Hall, Mitchell St, Merredin

LACHLAN HUNTER MP

MEMBER FOR CENTRAL WHEATBELT

 lachlan.hunter@mp.wa.gov.au

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



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 18th March @ 1PM, At the Old School



Yerbillon Water Pump Station remediation

What is happening?

Our authorised contractor Merit Consulting Group is undertaking remediation work at the heritage listed Yerbillon Water Pump Station site, at the intersection of Smyth Road and Graham Road in Carrabin.

This work is to manage the removal of any historical contaminants remaining at the site.

There will be safety measures in place for the management of any asbestos material findings.

When is this happening?

The work is planned to start **Monday 9 March 2026** and will be completed in sections. Work is expected to be complete by the end of **August 2026**. You may notice vehicles and activity in the area beforehand.

Where is this happening?

Please see location of area below:



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WESTONIA BOWLS CLUB

As we go to print, Shaun Crees and Bob Lockyer had won their Sectional Pairs at the men's 2026 Country Week and are in the play offs. The fours team of Bob Lockyer, Bill Price, Drake and Shaun Crees were unfortunately beaten in their last game of their round and missed out on playing in the sectionals. Well done guys for flying the Westonian flag high. Good luck to Bob and Shaun in the play offs.



Friday the 20th saw 80 players participate in the Annual Westonia Sponsors Day. Thanks you to Ada and team, all the participants were well fed and thanks to Channy behind the bar who kept them all hydrated. To all the sponsor's for the day a special thank you. The winners for the day were the Yilgarn team of Snaggers, Skeeter, Crispy and Jack Beaton.



Saturday the 21st February saw Heather and Ainslie travel to Narembeen for the Champ of Champion Pairs. Unfortunately we were piped at the post by one point by the team from Civic. The eventual winners for the day were Nolene Abe and June Pietrzak from Corrigin.



Saturday night, 21st February, the men played their last game of pennants against Merredin Club under the lights at the Wanderers Stadium. Merredin Club won the night then settled in to steak and chips provided by Westonia Bowling Club.

The ladies played their last two games against the two Corrigin teams. We didn't come away with any points but celebrated the end of the season with a few drinks at the Stadium. Strategy planning is now under way for next



Five ladies battled in out for the Westonia Ladies singles championships on Saturday the 28th February. The final results were decided on shots up between three players. Heather 6 points 13 shots, Ainslie 6 points 18 shots, and the winner, Kylie Gibson with 6 points 20 shots up. Congratulation to all the ladies who committed to playing the singles and also to our Ladies' Captain, Kay Geier for running the day and stepping in to mark some of the games. Congratulations to Kylie who will be representing Westonia in the singles to be played at Bruce Rock on Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th March.



WESTONIA BOWLING CLUB

Westonia will play host to the Ladies pennant final on Wednesday 11th March. The winners to play off in the final will be decided at Corrigin on Wednesday 4th March. Corrigin Gold will play Merridin Civic, the winner to go straight through to the final in Westonia. The loser of the match will play the winner between Corrigin Blue and Bruce Rock.



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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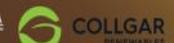
Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development



Westonia Community Resource Centre



SHIRE OF WESTONIA



COLLGAR RENEWABLES

Don't miss one of the best nights of the year!

Our Back to Our Roots – Bring Your Boots Ball is only a few weeks away and tickets are selling fast.

Scan the QR code now to secure your tickets and get ready for a great night out with friends, music, and plenty of laughs.

Sophie Jane will be playing all the hits to keep the dance floor going all night.

the bar will be open from 6pm until late, so come early and settle in for a ripper evening.

Bring a few \$2 coins to try your luck at some fun games and win great prizes.

Grab your mates and jump in the photo booth with fun props to capture the memories.

Pull on your boots, round up your crew, and come along for a fantastic night of country fun.

Scan the QR code and get your tickets today – you won't want to miss it!



Group Fitness Sessions

When: Every Wednesday (During school terms)



9:30-10:30 - General fitness

10:45-11:30 - Senior's strength and stretch



4:45-5:45 - General fitness

Where: Rec centre

Everyone welcome

Any question Call Emilie 0401656977



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NUNGARIN

Wheatbelt Markets

Sunday 1st March 2026

8am to 12noon

The Markets are back again for 2026! A great family day out!

Stalls are located in the main street and the hall.

The Markets own ice-cream van will be on site.

The March sausage sizzle will be run by the
Markets Committee.

Our "Op Shop" has been given a giant reorganisation and it looks
better than ever. There is a great variety of goods for sale.

The NCDG Café will be open in the hall for light lunches.

The Nungarin Heritage Machinery & Army Museum is open from 9am to 1pm.



If you want to book a stall call **0448244063** or email
nungarinwheatbeltmarkets@gmail.com

Something for everyone at the Nungarin Wheatbelt Markets!!!

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Whenever you're ready.

ACCIDENTAL COUNSELLOR

THE COURSE WILL PROVIDE INDIVIDUALS WITH BASIC SKILLS AND A STRUCTURE TO ENABLE INDIVIDUALS TO PROVIDE IMMEDIATE SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE USING THE 'RECOGNISE, RESPOND, REFER' MODEL

Course Details -

Date: Wednesday, 22nd April 2026

Time: 9.00am - 4.30pm

Location: Old School Building - Westonia

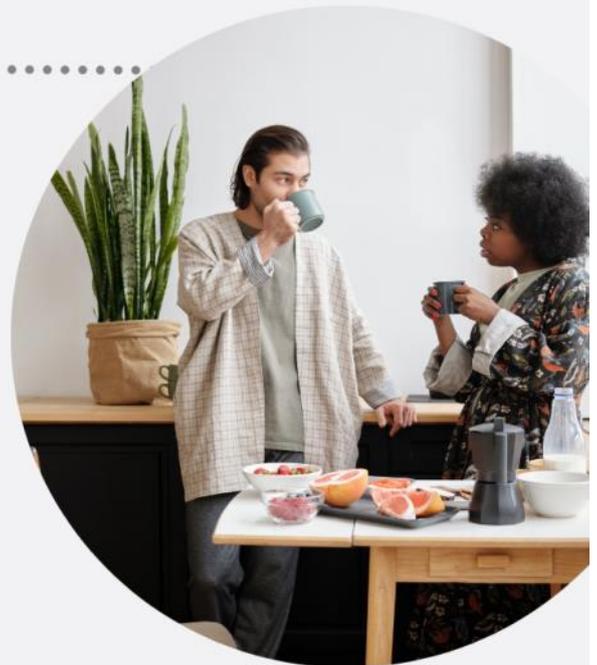
Facilitator: Jo Drayton

The Accidental Counsellor course aims to provide people who find themselves in a position of supporting somebody who may be experiencing stress and or distress but doesn't necessarily have formal qualifications or experience in doing so. Whether it be in our personal or professional lives, people often find themselves equipped with technical or task-oriented skills and knowledge. Good listening skills, compassion, empathy, and the ability to recognise signs of deteriorating mental health are important, but sometimes lacking.

Being equipped with the knowledge and skills to manage difficult conversations gives participants a framework for managing conflict, stress, or distress when engaged with another while having the awareness to uphold personal and professional boundaries.

You will learn how to help someone identify their strengths, that assist them to manage their problems better, and easier. You will learn how to reframe their thinking to give them a different perspective on something that previously painted a negative picture.

The course is open to anyone (15+) and no pre-existing skills or knowledge are required.



REGISTER NOW!





WELCOME TO THE TEAM

Our new gardener who is already doing an amazing job around town!

JUAN PETRONI



Archery Come & Try



Wednesday 25th March, 2026

Merredin Regional Community Centre: Bates St, Merredin WA 6415

11.00am - 12.00pm

This is a FREE event for people 18 years and over

Support person is required to stay for the duration of the program

Activities include

Archery



FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: chelsea@wadsa.org.au



SCAN FOR ALL EVENT DETAILS



Government of Western Australia
Department of Transport and Major Infrastructure

Empowering a thriving community



New label requirement

Electric, hybrid and hydrogen vehicle owners are now required to fit an EV or H label to help emergency services respond safely.



Scan the QR code to learn more transport.wa.gov.au/evlabels

✓ Position like this



✗ Not like this



The Wheatbelt Way

Building Momentum in 2026

2025 saw at least 15,379 people stay an average of 1.8 nights in local government caravan parks across the Wheatbelt Way, spending an average \$94 / night in those communities.

The Wheatbelt Way continues to grow as a vibrant and emerging tourism region, with exciting progress across events, visitation and attraction development.

A major focus for 2026 is the Wheatbelt Way Accommodation and Market Expansion Project.

This initiative assesses the adequacy and diversity of visitor accommodation across the region and identifies opportunities to meet current emerging market demand.

Tourism is an important part of the sustainability of our region. Our purpose is to empower our communities to activate local tourism assets that attract visitors and build vibrant towns— and we're committed to working together to make that happen.

- Following the outstanding success of the 2025 Wyalkatchem Rodeo, a comprehensive Event Management Plan has been developed to guide future rodeos and support long-term sustainability of this event.
- Our team has also represented the Wheatbelt Way at the Dowerin Machinery Field Days and the Perth Caravan and Camping Show, connecting with hundreds of travellers eager to explore our region.
- The 2025 Mukinbudin Community Bank Photography Competition attracted strong participation, with talented entrants beautifully showcasing the landscapes and character of our region. We were also pleased to host the Max Brearley famil visit, further strengthening connections and storytelling across the Wheatbelt.

For more information or to get involved, connect with Wheatbelt Way today

Website: wheatbeltway.com.au

Instagram: [wheatbeltway](https://www.instagram.com/wheatbeltway)

Facebook: [Wheatbelt Way](https://www.facebook.com/WheatbeltWay)



WARRIOR WELLBEING ARTICLE

Sun Safety – Looking After Our Skin

BY THE REGIONAL MEN'S HEALTH INITIATIVE
March 2026

Us West Aussies love nothing more than getting outdoors and enjoying the abundance of sunshine that lathers our great state. A small amount of incidental exposure to sunlight, around a few minutes each day, is important for maintaining adequate levels of Vitamin D needed for strong bones, muscles and overall good health. Too much exposure however, places us at great risk of damage from Ultra Violet (UV) radiation which potentially could lead to the development of skin cancer. We need to get the balance right!



Australia has one of the highest rates of skin cancer in the world mainly due to our very high UV levels. According to the Cancer Council WA, at least two in every three people will develop some type of skin cancer before they reach the age of 70.

Of the three main types of skin cancer most of these people will develop a Basal Cell Carcinoma which is usually a small, slow growing abnormal growth found mainly on the upper body, head and neck. They don't usually spread far but if left can result in facial and body disfigurement. The next most common is the Squamous Cell Carcinoma often found on the lips, ears and scalp. These grow quicker and if left can potentially spread into the lymph nodes of the neck and then to other parts of the body.

The last and most dangerous type is the Melanoma which accounts for about one to two percent of all skin cancers. It can be found anywhere on the body but is mainly on the upper back of men and lower legs of women. It is an aggressive type and if left untreated can spread quickly to other parts of the body and potentially be fatal! It was estimated that this year alone there will be over 14,000 new cases nationally of Melanoma skin cancer detected, with over 8,500 of those men.

By spending more time in the sun, we inevitably place ourselves at an increased risk of skin damage and potential skin cancer. Taking measures to be sun safe should be part of our daily routine especially if we are involved in outdoor work! It is important to remember that the UV levels can still be high even on a cool and cloudy day. Following these simple tips will get us well on the way to being sun safe ...

- Cover up with appropriate clothes
- Use sun-screen (don't forget to re-apply often)
- Wear a hat (the broader the better)
- Seek out shade
- Wear sunnies to protect your eyes

Early detection is always the key. Check your skin regularly all over for any unusual spots or growths (get your partner to help). You can visit the Cancer Council WA website for information about what exactly to look for and don't hesitate to get anything of concern looked at by your doctor. An annual skin check with your GP or at a reputable skin clinic is also a good way to keep track of any changes or developments.

📍 @RMHI_4blokes

🎧 Working with Warriors Podcast

🌐 regionalmensheal



Public Vehicle Tender

Westonia Community Cooperative are seeking tenders for the outright purchase of the following vehicle.

2009 Holden Colorado single Cab tray back Ute. The vehicle is in a used condition @ estimated 123300km at time of release.

All enquiries and inspections of vehicle can be made made by contacting,

Graham Jones
Ph: 0427956722
email: Jadex2@icloud.com

Tenders will be accepted till 12pm (noon) friday 20th March 2026 and should be submitted via email marked HOLDEN COLORADO TENDER to the above email address.

Alternatively Tenders can be dropped to the Westonia CO-OP in a sealed envelope addressed to the Westonia Community Cooperative Board of Directors.



2026 March

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
23	24	25	26	27	28	01
02 Shire office closed	03  	04 	05  	06	07	08
09	10  	11 	12  	13	14	15
16	17   	18 Working group meeting @ old school 1pm 	19  Council Meeting Robyns Beauty Salon 	20	21  Back to our roots Bring your boots @ 6 pm	22
23	24  	25 	26  	27	28	29
30 Dr Olga Day	31 	Notes:				