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Back to our roots, bring your boots ball

Westonia's BRBB Ball went very well. It has been a very long time since we have run something, to this scale, in the old miner's hall. Thank you so much to our major sponsor Collgar renewables and their community fund grant of \$6000.00 which went towards the cost of the Band, advertising and decorations. The support of Shire and community was second to none again and somehow, we managed to pull this Ball together. We tried to keep cost's lower by sourcing donations and upcycling wherever possible. Bob, Jonesy, Mick & Pete have done an amazing job getting the Hall whipped in to shape. The new ramp & steps were a godsend and the rustic decorations, lighting under the tree's (to make an outdoor room), the new/old bar (thanks to Heather and Bob) really made the place pop. The Tickets were very slow to sell but we got there in the end. We had a good mix of locals and visitors who joined us on the night. Music from Sophie Jane and her band was incredible, it was not long before everyone was up and dancing the night away. The Westonia Playground fundraising group ran the Bar with Daimo Geier and Heather Lockyer, who put their hands up early, to serve refreshments to the thirsty crowd. There were fundraising raffles and games for the Playground fundraiser and Mikayla de Mol was our fabulous MC for the evening. A huge thank you again needs to go out to our volunteers who help plan, set up, cook, make sure people didn't go thirsty and help with the pack down they tirelessly show up when we need them. Another fabulous event for Wessy to be proud of.



Medical Immersion 2026

The WEROC Medical Immersion group visited the community from Tuesday 10 to Friday 13. The purpose of the visit was to provide participants with exposure to rural health services and community life while strengthening connections with the region. During their stay, the group took part in a range of activities, including a town tour and farm tour to gain insight into local industries and lifestyle. Community engagement activities included lawn bowls and a bingo session with senior residents. The group also delivered a Teddy Bear Hospital program at Moorine Rock Primary School and toured Southern Cross Hospital to better understand local healthcare services. A Community Thank You Dinner was held on Thursday evening to acknowledge the group's visit and provide an opportunity for informal interaction with community members.

Kay Geier has created some beautiful handmade bags to hold everyone's bingo winnings. Fantastic work, Kay—they look amazing!



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.



Please note the Shire Office and Public Library will be closed on **GOOD FRIDAY 3RD APRIL & EASTER MONDAY 6TH APRIL.**

In honour of Blanche, the bingo group gathered together to share cakes, tea, and cherished memories. It was a heartfelt afternoon, filled with warmth, laughter, and stories that reflected the special moments they had all experienced with her over the years. Friends reminisced about the joy Blanche brought to the group, her kindness, and the way she brightened every gathering. The room was alive with conversation and connection, as everyone celebrated not only her life, but the lasting impact she had on those around her. It was a beautiful tribute to a much-loved member of the community, and a reminder of the strong friendships formed through their time together.



The Westonia Shire Council
 would like to offer their
*Deepest
 condolences & heartfelt
 sympathy*
**To Kim, Steve and the extended
 family of Maria Farina**
**May your happy memories give you
 peace and comfort during this
 challenging time**



Make a difference for your community.
 Become an ambulance *volunteer*.

Calling all Westonia residents.... We need your help!

We need people passionate about helping their community.

We need you to become an Ambulance Volunteer.

- Full training provided in a friendly, supportive environment.
- No medical experience required – all you need to get started is a police check, a clean driver's licence, and a can-do attitude.
- Not all callouts are emergencies – you can help with routine transport.
- Commit to being available at times to suit your schedule – a minimum of 60 hours per annum.
- Uniforms and ambulance cover provided free of charge.

Your next move.

If this sounds like something you'd like to explore, visit stjohnchangelives.com.au or call our Community Paramedic on 0418 378 948, or email cp.easternwheatbelt@stjohnwa.com.au

search St John Volunteer



WESTONIA BOWLS CLUB

The new season of scroungers has now commenced being played on Saturday afternoon. The first week we saw Bob Lockyer take out the final and earning himself a handicap of 6 points. Our new top gun bowler in Daimon Geier was the next player to win and earn himself the 6 point handicap. Michael Lane (aka Packhorse), all dressed up with his new bowls showed the rest of us on Saturday 28th how to bowl. Packhorse now joins Bob and Daimon on the handicap board.



The 2025 Scroungers Final will be played on the 11th April. All players who participated in the scroungers, members and non-members are welcome.



Drake and Bob travelled to Bruce Rock on Sunday 29th March to compete in the Champion of Champion Pairs. They were very unlucky not to win their section so did not play off in the final. Never the less, we are proud of them both.

Sunday Social Bowls is still being played with the usual humor and banter. The last two Sundays have seen the men get up to out play the women on both occasions. Daimon Geier had magnets in his bowls because they were drawn to the kitty every delivery. Even his wicks paid off. Defiantly calls for drug testing in this sport.



There will be social bowls over the Easter weekend and then a couple of weeks of mixed bowls before the end of the summer season with the presentation night and Barnett Trophy wind up date to be decided.



Happy Birthday



WHEATBELT CASH FOR CONTAINERS

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3rd April: Di Jones

9th April: John McDowall

10th April: Michael Iburg

13th April: Chelsea Glass

17th April: Sharon Bright

27th April: April Nicoletti

30th April: Patricia Rule



WESTONIA TOWNSITE RESIDENTIAL COLLECTION

2026 SCHEDULE

TUESDAY 13 JANUARY

TUESDAY 17 FEBRUARY

TUESDAY 17 MARCH

TUESDAY 14 APRIL

TUESDAY 19 MAY

TUESDAY 16 JUNE

TUESDAY 14 JULY

TUESDAY 11 AUGUST

TUESDAY 15 SEPTEMBER

TUESDAY 13 OCTOBER

TUESDAY 17 NOVEMBER

TUESDAY 15 DECEMBER

PUT BIN OUT BY 8.30AM ON COLLECTION DAY PLEASE

IT IS BECAUSE OF THE GENEROUS SUPPORT OF THE SHIRE OF WESTONIA AND WESTONIA PROGRESS ASSOCIATION THAT WE ARE ABLE TO OFFER THIS INNOVATIVE SERVICE. THANK YOU.



Your local voice for Westonia!

Here to help!

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PO Box 92, Northam WA 6401

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Merredin Office

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Old Town Hall, Mitchell St, Merredin

LACHLAN HUNTER MP

MEMBER FOR CENTRAL WHEATBELT

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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 15th April @ 1PM, At the Old School



Local workforce housing incentive

The Shire is introducing two single occupancy units specifically for local workers. These units are not intended for aged accommodation and will prioritise those actively employed within the local area.

Collect a application form to see if you are eligible
Allocation will be based on local employment



ACTIVE FARMERS

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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



Westonia Co-op Easter opening hours



Easter Opening Hours

3/4/2026 Good Friday: **Closed No Paper**

4/4/2026 Easter Saturday:

Open: 9:00am - 11:00 am

5/4/26 Easter Sunday: **Closed**

Newspapers out the front

6/4/26 Easter Monday: **Closed**

Newspapers out the front

**WE HOPE YOU
ENJOY YOUR EASTER**

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT DUE TO A STAFF SHORTAGE THERE WILL BE NO POST OFFICE SERVICES ON **MONDAY THE 13TH** OF APRIL AND **TUESDAY THE 14TH** OF APRIL

WE APPOLOGISE FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE. YOU WILL STILL BE ABLE TO GET YOUR PARCELS AND MAIL

SNAKE HANDLING COURSE

MONDAY, 20TH APRIL

\$550 PER PERSON

8:00AM - 4:00PM @ CRC

If you want to be prepared for snakes and how to safely handle them either at home or around the workplace, get involved with the CRC's snake handling course. This course will cover the psychology of fear, legal responsibilities, first-aid treatment, dress code, catching equipment, holding containers, correct catching techniques, and practice with venomous snakes, as well as practical experiences with live snake-catching scenarios.

The course is held mainly indoors with some catching activities outside. You must wear closed-in sturdy footwear (boots are preferable) and long loose trousers, plus a hat, sunglasses, and sunscreen.

Please note that at least nine participants are required for the course to proceed.

Contact the CRC to RSVP

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VINTAGE RALLY & SEARCHLIGHT PARTY

SATURDAY 4TH APRIL
FROM 2PM
\$10 per person

Come along and see a WWII searchlight
fired up and moving across the night sky.

Family friendly event of vintage
discovery, local stories and fun!

Dinner available from 5:30pm

At Nungarin Heritage, Machinery & Army Museum
26 Second Avenue Nungarin

For more information please call or email
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nungarinheritage@bigpond.com





Specs for a small home

Dimensions: l = 8M, W =3.5M, ceiling front 2.2M, rear 2.4M

Building materials: roof and walls 75mm Bondor insulated panelling.

Floor: 22mm wood flooring panel.

Base: 2 bearers 150 x100 x 4mm RHS, joists 75 x 20 x 2 RHS at 400mm centres

Windows: Bathroom 1.8M x 0.6M, side window 1.0M X 0.8M

Front Door/window: 2.2M x2.1M - all double glazed

Bed sitter styles small home. Amazing value for money.

Gain comfort and security.

These units have generous bathroom and laundry facility, double glazing features and most housing needs.

This is number 1, We have only just begun

We are motivated by the desire to help people at the bottom end of the housing market. Our first unit started out as a bed sitter type building 8M x 3.5M with a generous bathroom. one of the first people to check us out asked for #1 as an art studio/office with only a sink and a cupboard.

During construction and discussion with potential buyers we are now looking at several options.

A more regular shaped building using 75mm panels for ceilings with colourbond roofing. A floorplan 8.4M x 3.5M providing the same generous bathroom and closed off single bedroom 3.35M x 3.00M also a 3.35M x 3.9M kitchen dinette. Very comparable to a typical resort chalet or park home, approx. \$78,000.

One serious request for a double unit, ground based providing 2 generous bedrooms. This will need to satisfy building codes as for normal suburban homes 0 we have 2 engineers looking at this project.

A smaller unit to possibly operate under a caravan licence 7.2M x 2.4M. This will also have a generous bathroom with nearly 6M of living/sleeping space - approx. \$63,000.

**ALL ENQUIRIES TO
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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.












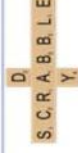








The course is open to anyone (15+) and no pre-existing skills or knowledge are required.



REGISTER NOW!



2026 April

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	
30	31	01	02  	03 Good Friday	04	05	
06	07  	08	09  	10	11	12	
Easter Monday	13	14   	16  	17	18	19	
20	21  	22	23  Council Meeting 	24	25 	26	
27	28  	29	30  Dr Olga Day 	01	02	03	
04	05	Notes:					

