

Westonia Winning Hearts

Westonia has been welcoming more visitors than ever, and the feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. Our visitor books are filling with kind words from people who have fallen in love with everything our town has to offer.

The museums, in particular, continue to impress visitors of all ages. The Mine Tunnel experience is one of the biggest highlights, giving people a genuine glimpse into what life was like underground. We often hear comments such as, "I'm glad I wasn't a miner back in the day!"—a reminder of just how immersive and eye-opening the experience is.

The lifelike displays throughout both museums also leave a lasting impression. Visitors regularly comment on how realistic the mannequins are—from the bartender looking ready to pour a drink to the shearer appearing as though he'll stand up and say, "G'day!"

For many, the museums are a trip down memory lane. We often hear stories like, "My mum had one of these!" or "I used to fill my car from a bowser just like this." Car enthusiasts especially enjoy exploring the collection of vintage oil tins and memorabilia, often laughing as they say, "I had that... where did it go?" or "I should never have thrown mine away!"

Visitors are equally impressed with the Westonia Caravan Park, praising its cleanliness, affordability, and welcoming atmosphere. Many comment on how easy it is to explore the town on foot, appreciating the spotless streets and the friendliness of the local community.

Perhaps the compliment we hear most often is:

"Westonia is WA's best-kept secret."

As more travellers discover Westonia, it's clear that our town continues to leave a lasting impression—and we're proud to share it with everyone who visits.

Main Street Looking Its Best

The gardeners have been hard at work maintaining the main street, ensuring it continues to look neat, tidy, and welcoming for residents and visitors alike.

From trimming the hedges to carefully maintaining the date palms, his efforts have made a noticeable difference. The gardens are looking fantastic and help create a great first impression for everyone passing through town.

A big thank you for the pride and care their puts into keeping everything looking its best.



Improvements to Local Workers' Houses

Recent improvements have been completed at the local workers' houses, with the new concrete now finished and a Carport installed.

These upgrades provide a more comfortable outdoor space while improving the overall appearance and functionality of the homes.

The finished result looks great and is another positive improvement for our community.



2026/27 Budget Highlights

The Westonia Shire has again adopted another ambitious budget with an expenditure of @ \$ 10m.

Council have again considered the cost of living environment and have only implemented a 3% rate increase for a second consecutive year which equates to an additional \$ 30,000 to operational income. This illustrates the Council's sound financial management as Local Government is not immune to all of the additional cost increases from industry.

Recently the Auditor General released a report on the financial performance of Local Governments in WA (138). A major Performance Indicator is the Current ratio for a local government which measures a shires current assets vs its current liabilities. Westonia's ratio equates to 14.69 (which means its has \$ 14.69 for every \$ 1 of liabilities). **Westonia are proud to state that we are in the top 5 shires in the state with this performance.**

Major capital highlights included in the budget include

- \$ 30,000 Medical Centre Upgrades including new vinyl flooring, air-conditioning and computers
- \$ 25,000 Community Hub furniture & equipment to complete the fit out
- \$ 400,000 for a 3rd single workers accommodation and completion of fit out to overall project
- \$ 200,000 contribution to the 4 x new CEACA units
- \$ 25,000 towards an additional Niche Wall
- \$ 1.25m for the new playground development.
- \$ 50,000 for upgrades to the Stadium
- \$ 530,000 for the purchase of a new Cat Grader
- \$ 45,000 for small equipment purchases
- \$ 100,000 for upgrades to laundry and facilities at Caravan Park
- \$ 200,000 for upgrades and additional fit out to Museums
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- \$ 50,000 for a new Administration Vehicle Carport

\$ 350,000 towards Land Development initiatives.

- \$ 1.985m in road construction program

Another feature of the budget includes commitments with the contractors undertaking major works for the Water Corporation on the Goldfields Pipeline project between Merredin and Southern Cross. This includes the provision of accommodation and catering for staff over a 12 month period.

Council has also resolved to purchase a new Cat Construction Grader but will not be trading the old Cat Grader. Instead, Council intend to keep this machine and attempt to provide an opportunity for a trainee final trim grader operator under the tutelage of Kevin Paust.

The Community Hub (Old School Site) is all set to be activated this financial year with all stages of the redevelopment now completed. A small Membership Fee has been introduced for regular users of the facility.

The outside works crew will again actively seek external contract works with neighboring shires to bring in additional outside money that allows the Council to generate exciting capital projects like what is listed above.

Heliport

With the amazing growth and the construction of the new ~~Ladies Bowls~~ playground shed council though it an opportune time to install a new heliport pad for helicopter medivacs from the heath clinic and causalities of the play ground.



OUTRIGHT PURCHASE OF TOYOTA LANDCRUISER LC300 V6

Council are seeking tenders for the Outright Purchase of the following vehicle under Section 3.58 of the Local Government Act 1995:

2025 Toyota Landcruiser LC300 VX Series V6 (Vin JTMAA7BJ404112308) Window Tint, Rubber Mats and Tow Pack. (Number Plate Not Included)

The vehicle is in as new condition with estimated @ 45,000 km at time of release and is licensed until 1 August 2026.

The above vehicle is available for inspections and is sold on "as is where is basis". By contacting CEO, Bill Price on 0427 467 063

Written offers addressed to the undersigned

Bill Price Chief Executive Officer

Shire of Westonia

41 Wolfram Street, Westonia WA 6423

Or email - ceo@westonia.wa.gov.au

Tenders Closing:

Friday 21st August 2026 at 12.00 Noon

Bill Price

Chief Executive Officer



We are seeking a motivated and reliable Town Maintenance Officer with experience in plant operation, grounds maintenance and general civil works. This position will suit someone with a strong safety focus, a proactive attitude and pride in delivering high-quality maintenance outcomes for the community.

The Town Maintenance Officer is responsible for the maintenance, presentation and upkeep of Shire assets, including but not limited to:

- Parks, gardens, ovals and public open spaces
- Road reserves and town infrastructure
- Operation and care of plant and equipment
- Slashing, mowing (including oval mowing), and general grounds maintenance

Supporting waste services and other operational activities as required.

Attractive conditions of employment are offered inclusive of service payments, with matching superannuation contributions and other benefits. Suitable housing can be arranged if required.

Interested persons should obtain an information package by contacting Jasmine Geier at the Shire Office on 9046 7063. Applications addressing the selection criteria should be sent to the undersigned at Shire of Westonia, Wolfram St, Westonia 6423, by 4.00pm Friday 21st August 2026.



Happy Birthday

1st August: Deb Pascoe

4th August: Kasey Townrow

6th August: Colin Lindley

7th August: Mia Du Plessis

9th August: Bill Price

15th August: Morgan Price

16th August: Koby McAuliffe

17th August: Adelaide Corsini

19th August: Tyler Geier

**26th August: Senga O'Rafferty,
Doug Hermon**

29th August: Graham Daddow

30th August: Abigail Townrow

**31st August: Mick Cunningham,
Lachlan DellaBosca**




a night at the
MUSEUM

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE OFFICAL OPENING
OF THE COMMUNITY HUB FOLLOWED BY A
STREET PARTY AT THE MUSEUM

- * FREE EVENT - BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
- * LICENSED BAR (NO BYO)
- * DINNER FROM UNCLE DIESELS
SMOKE N GRILL

16.10.26	4:30 PM AT THE COMMUNITY HUB
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PLEASE RSVP BY THE 28TH OF SEPTEMBER BY CONTACTING
THE SHIRE OFFICE

FOR MORE INFORMATION, EMAIL
WELLBEING@WESTONIA.WA.GOV.AU OR 9046 7063

COUNCIL WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED
FROM LOTTERYWEST, MENS SHED, MUKINBUDIN COMMUNITY BENDIGO BANK,
CBH, COLLGAR & THE WESTONIA COMMUNITY



**LAURA WILL BE AWAY
FROM THE 26TH AUGUST -
9TH SEPTEMBER
PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR
PRESCRIPTIONS ARE UP
TO DATE AND IF YOU ARE
NEEDING ANYTHING
BOOK BEFORE THE 9TH**

Thankyou to Fossil

The Shire would like to thank Fossil again for generously volunteering his time to help mow the vacant land blocks.

Your hard work and willingness to help are greatly appreciated. Thank you for supporting our community.



COMMUNITY WESTONIA HUB



YOUR SPACE, OUR COMMUNITY



CONNECT



WORK



LEARN



BELONG



DAY FEE

\$15

- SUITABLE FOR OCCASSIONAL OR CASUAL USERS
- FLEXIBLE, PAY ONLY WHEN YOU USE
- BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

\$150

- BEST VALUE FOR FREQUENT USERS
- EXCLUSIVE ACCESS TO ALL AREAS
- BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

TO APPLY FOR MEMBERSHIPS OR TO MAKE
A BOOKING, CONTACT THE SHIRE OFFICE
9046 7063

WESTONIA GOLF CLUB

A wonderful day was had by all for the Edge of Reason Trophy on Sunday 2nd August. A big thank you to Nigel Edgecombe for Sponsoring the day and feeding the players after the game. The homemade sausage rolls went down a treat.



Longest drive on 8 was Harry Day. Longest putt on 9 was Harry Day. Nearest to the pin on 7 was Joel Corsini. Joel also took out Nearest to the pin on 4 and nearest to the pin on 11. Best second on 15 was Steve Hale. Best 3rd on 14 was Joc Antonio. Best 2nd on 18 was Mitch Crewes.



Winner of the day was Lani Hale on 42 points. That handicap is going to plummet Lani! Runner up was Steve Hale on 37 points.



Congratulations to Steve hale on taking out the third position at the Nungarin Masters on the 26th July. Welcome also to the Club Michael Lloyd. Nice to know there is another lefty on the course. Next Sunday is the third and final round of championships. The Allan Barnett Shield sponsored by Matt and Ada Barnett. Hope to see all our golfers out on the course.



A Century of Family, Farming and Memories: The LeMoignan Family Reunion

The LeMoignan family is preparing to come together in August for a very special reunion, celebrating the shared history and remarkable legacy of the descendants of Sam and Ada LeMoignan.

The gathering will be held at Warralakin where the dynasty began with Sam and Ada 100 years ago, where family members from near and far will have the opportunity to reconnect, share stories and celebrate 100 years of farming on the same cherished land.

For a century, the LeMoignan farm has been much more than a place of work. It has been the foundation of a family story built on dedication, resilience and a deep connection to the land. Through generations of planting, harvesting and caring for the property, the farm has remained a lasting symbol of the values established by Sam and Ada.

The reunion will be a chance to honour the generations who came before, remembering the hard work, determination and family spirit that have carried the LeMoignan name through the decades. Family members will share memories of life on the farm, childhood experiences, family traditions and the many moments that have shaped their shared history.

As descendants gather together, the celebration will recognise not only a century of farming but also the strong bonds that continue to unite the LeMoignan family. Old photographs, stories and memories will help bring the past to life and remind everyone of the remarkable journey that began with Sam and Ada.

A hundred years of farming the same land is a milestone worth celebrating — a testament to commitment, perseverance and the enduring strength of family connections.

The LeMoignan reunion will be a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the past, enjoy the present and look forward to the future generations who will continue this proud legacy.

Westonia Wildflower Website

<https://www.westoniawf.xyz>

The bush around Westonia will soon be transformed with spring flowering. Last August a website, *Wildflowers of Westonia Common*, was launched. Then there were about 100 species shown; now there are nearly 200 and there are more to go. The website is designed for easy browsing or for looking up something specific under a scientific or common name. It can be used on a computer, tablet or phone.

In July there have been over 900 authentic visitors to the site with half from Australia and the remainder from many countries including USA, Great Britain, Russian Federation, Romania, India and Denmark.

A link to the website is on the Westonia Shire website under 'wildflowers' in the 'explore Westonia' section.

Westonia Bowling club

Saturday Scroungers continues to attract the dedicated Club Bowlers. Well done to Lunny and Kay who have won the last couple of weeks. The Season proper will commence in October which is not far away. Men's pennants commences on the 1st October with Narembeen challenging Westonia. Ladies pennants will commence on the 14th October against Corrigin Gold. Would love to see all members get down to the green on Saturdays for practice.



If you would like to attend please register via the QR code. If you would like a ride on the bus to the event please contact the shire office.



Her COMMUNITY

A FREE EVENT FOR ALL WOMEN

MERREDIN BOWLING CLUB
23 CORONATION ST, MERREDIN WA
SATURDAY 22ND AUGUST 2026
10AM - 12PM



JADE LEWIS MCRIM.
Founder, HER Community &
Yellow Ribbon Project Australia
jadelewis.com



TANYA SERVAAS
Wheatbelt Suicide
Prevention Coordinator
Holyoake



SARAH-JANE SIMONETTI
President, Wheatbelt Women
Connect & Small Business Owner



LAURA BLACK
Nurse Practitioner
Westonia Medical
Services

Event Details

- Light Refreshments will be Served
- Free Event (Registration Essential)
- Limited Numbers
- Doors open at 9.30AM for a 10AM start
- Raffles and Door Prizes

Scan Here to Register and to Find Out More



yellowribbonproject.org.au

Instead of playing Scrabble on 28/7/26 our group plus a few friends went on a trip to Moorine Rock Hotel for lunch and to view the beautiful artwork by artist Natalie Veale both in the dining room and the outer quadrangle. The outing was a great success. A special thank you to Liz for driving the bus. Lance and Emma (owners of Moorine Rock Hotel) opened up especially for our visit. Lance was a great barman and Emma was so amazingly efficient bringing out our meals in record time and they were fantastic meals.




CHINESE LUNCH IN MERREDIN

We are planning a trip to Merredin Palace Chinese on Friday 28th of August if you would like to join, please contact the shire office




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WESTONIA 2030 YOUR IDEAS. OUR FUTURE.

Young Leaders Forum with Peter Kenyon



Wednesday
19th August



12:00pm - 4:00pm



Old Miners Hall
Westonia

Join renowned community development specialist Peter Kenyon for an engaging and interactive forum designed to empower young leaders to share their ideas and help shape the future of Westonia.

Lunch provided on arrival & participants are invited to attend a dinner function at Wanderers Stadium immediately after the forum concludes

Please RSVP by Wednesday, 12 August 2026 to:
Kayla Coulter Administration Officer
(08) 9046 7063

library@westonia.wa.gov.au



Delta West (RTO # 40599)



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SOLUTIONS

Employment Training Solutions
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Phone: 0414 703 205
E-Mail: info@etswa.com.au
Website: www.etrainingolutions.com.au

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

MERREDIN

21st September – 27th September 26

Heavy Rigid truck license

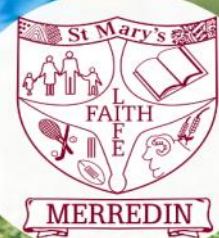
Multi Combination Truck License

Heavy Vehicle Pilot License



Please register any interest in these courses by emailing ETS
a copy of your driver's license ASAP
info@etswa.com.au

Pre-Kindy Enrolments for 2027 are now open.
For enquires please contact St Mary's School.



Further Council information is available at Shire of Westonia 41 Wolfram Street, Westonia 6423
Telephone: 08 9046 7063 Email: shire@westonia.wa.gov.au Web: westonia.wa.gov.au



Newsletter



**Lions Cancer
Institute (WA) Inc.**

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BRINGING SKIN CANCER SCREENING TO REGIONAL WA

Over the past few months, the Lions Cancer Institute Community Skin Cancer Screening Program has continued to travel throughout regional Western Australia, delivering free community skin cancer screening and education to communities where access to skin cancer services may be limited.

During this period, our volunteer teams visited Leonora, Laverton, Leinster, Collie, Donnybrook, Boyanup, Narrogin, Kojonup, Tambellup, Albany, Denmark and Mount Barker, working alongside local Lions Clubs and community organisations to promote skin cancer awareness and encourage early medical assessment where appropriate.

Many participants had not undergone a skin check in more than 12 months, while others were accessing community skin cancer screening for the very first time. These visits continue to demonstrate the importance of taking skin cancer awareness and education directly into regional communities, helping to reduce barriers such as distance, travel time and limited access to healthcare services.

JUL TO NOV 2026 SCREENING ITINERARY

Contact details will be listed on the Lions Cancer Institute (WA) Inc. website as they become available. Please note that bookings can be made online. Check the website for details and to ensure that no changes to the program have been made.

Community skin screening delivered by Lions Cancer Institute (WA) is visual and observational only. It does not constitute a medical consultation, diagnosis, treatment, or referral. Participants remain responsible for their own health care decisions.

Lake Grace	18 July 2026	Esperance	6 September 2026
Pingrup	19 July 2026	Hopetoun	12 September 2026
Quairading	25 July 2026	Hopetoun	13 September 2026
Corrigin	26 July 2026	Beverley	19 September 2026
Kellerberrin	1 August 2026	Brookton	20 September 2026
Cunderdin	2 August 2026	Dalwallinu	10 October 2026
Wongan Hills	8 August 2026	Moora	11 October 2026
Goomalling	9 August 2026	Wandering	17 October 2026
Bencubbin	15 August 2026	Manjimup	24 October 2026
Beacon	16 August 2026	Manjimup	25 October 2026
Dardanup	22 August 2026	Williams	31 October 2026
Brunswick	23 August 2026	Wagin	1 November 2026
Esperance	5 September 2026		

MAR TO JUN 2026 SCREENING SNAPSHOT

- 728 people screened
- 384 volunteer screening hours
- 23% first skin check
- 3088 kms travelled
- 16% advised to seek further medical assessment



INTAKE NOW OPEN

Heavy Duty Mechanical Apprenticeships Merredin, Mukinbudin, Cunderdin & Corrigin

The opportunity

Our annual apprentice intake is currently open, offering 4-year Heavy Duty Mechanical Apprenticeships for commencement in February 2027. The apprenticeships will be based at the Hutton & Northey Sales branches of Merredin, Mukinbudin, Cunderdin & Corrigin.

The role

During your apprenticeship you will learn to diagnose, troubleshoot, examine, test & repair a range of heavy-duty machinery and equipment with industry leading technologies

The position

The apprenticeships are full-time and fully paid, providing the opportunity to gain hands on experience in the industry, and qualifying in a Certificate III in Agricultural Machinery Technology.

As part of your specific qualification training, each year you will be enrolled in three, two-week TAFE training blocks at an accredited TAFE training institution off site. We also offer ongoing upskilling and training into your employment to keep pace with rapidly changing technology in the industry.

Additionally, our experienced technicians will provide guidance and support you in your training and learning.

The next step

Please email your covering letter and resume to hr@hutnorsales.com.au with:

- Licences you have (eg: drivers, forklift)
- Certificates completed (eg: Cert II in Automotive)
- School Reports from your last 2 years of education (with comments)

Call our HR team on 08 9041 9500 for further information. Intake closes 30 September, 2026.

SEND US YOUR CV & WE'LL TAKE YOU TO THE TOP!

To apply and for further information
Phone HR 08 9041 9500
HR@hutnorsales.com.au
hutnorsales.com.au/careers

CASE II



Hutton & Northey Sales

Keeping Our Farmers Growing



2026 August

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
27	28	29	30	31	01	02
03 Westonia Craft Group, 9AM	04  LAURA DAY	05 	06  LAURA DAY	07	08	09
10 Westonia Craft Group, 9AM	11  LAURA DAY	12 	13  LAURA DAY	14	15	16
17 Westonia Craft Group, 9AM	18  LAURA DAY	19  Working group meeting @ old school 1pm	20  LAURA DAY Council Meeting Robyns Beauty Salon	21	22	23
24 Dr Olga Day Westonia Craft Group, 9AM	25  LAURA DAY	26 	27  LAURA DAY	28	29	30
31 Westonia Craft Group, 9AM	01	Notes:				