

What an incredible week exploring the Queensland Outback and connecting with communities from all around Australia and New Zealand!

We arrived Sunday afternoon, settled into our accommodation and headed straight to Chute 1 for a few drinks and do some networking with all the other participants from around Australia and New Zealand.



We kicked things off on Monday with a visit to the Qantas Museum before heading into our conference day. We heard from towns that have come from almost nothing to now booming communities, with exciting plans for the future. We also heard about the importance of health and wellbeing, particularly in rural and remote communities.

We were very proud to showcase Westonia, and a huge thank you to Sophie Jane for putting our video together. It was a massive hit and definitely put Westonia on the map! Our video made some eyes water in the room! A very touching film of our amazing town. Here's the link for the video— <https://youtu.be/H6QoSJSICSE?si=8PTDeGky9agSHSGg>

That evening, we headed to Outback Pioneers for a traditional stockman's dinner, beef stew, creamed rice and damper. followed by some classic Australian bush poetry. A very fitting night for the Outback!



Tuesday was an early start as we jumped on the bus and headed to Ilfracombe for breakfast and a look around their town. We then continued on to Aramac, where we learnt more about their community, their future goals and the important role cooperatives can play in small towns. Next stop was Muttaborra — the centre of Queensland! We had a quick 30-minute stop, just long enough to visit the Muttaborrasaurus Interpretation Centre... and sneak in two drinks at the Exchange Hotel. We like to call that supporting local.

Hot tip: Do NOT park a bus full of Westonians directly in front of a pub and expect nobody to go inside.



Wednesday morning meant another two-hour bus ride to Winton, where we visited the dinosaur museum, Waltzing Matilda Centre and explored the town on a street tour.



We finished up at the Crackup Sisters Dust Arena before heading out to Darr River Downs Station, where Fiona gave us a fascinating presentation about life on the station. Once back in Longreach, some of the group headed off to the Qantas light show, followed by a beautiful roast dinner at the staging post.

steam-powered wool washing plant, and learnt more about the creative initiatives happening across the Blackall-Tambo region. We finished the day at the Wellshot Hotel for dinner and a hilarious show from the Crackup Sisters. What a way to finish the day!



Friday, we finally got a bit of a sleep-in! Then it was a wander down the road to historic Drover's Place for a morning of presentations and more great stories, ideas and inspiration from rural communities.

Saturday we packed our bags ready to head back home, to fill in some time before the plane, we visited the Stockman's hall of fame, a beautiful museum which pays tribute to pioneers of the Australian outback.



What a week! So many incredible towns, passionate people, big ideas and plenty of laughs along the way. It was a great reminder that small towns might be small in size, but they are certainly not small in ambition.



Back on the bus again on Thursday, this time heading to Isisford, a town of just 100 people, to hear about their community and the incredible things they're achieving. From Isisford, we headed to Blackall for a town tour and a beautiful lunch at the old Masonic Lodge. We then visited the Historic Blackall Woolscour, Australia's last

Water Corporation construction update – September 2026

Water Corporation's contractors: Georgiou and SRG & McConnell Dowell have begun work to renew the Walgoolan and Yerbillon sections of the Goldfields pipeline – 566-kilometre pipeline from Perth to Kalgoorlie. The Shire of Westonia has 12.5km of the 44.5km of Stage One upgrades.

This infrastructure has been in use since 1903, and upgrades are required to continue to support development, and to ensure a safe and reliable water supply in the Wheatbelt and Goldfields.

What to expect:

The pipeline will be installed near Great Eastern Highway in Walgoolan and Bodallin. Maps of the work area can be seen below.

This work will take approximately **12 months** to complete.

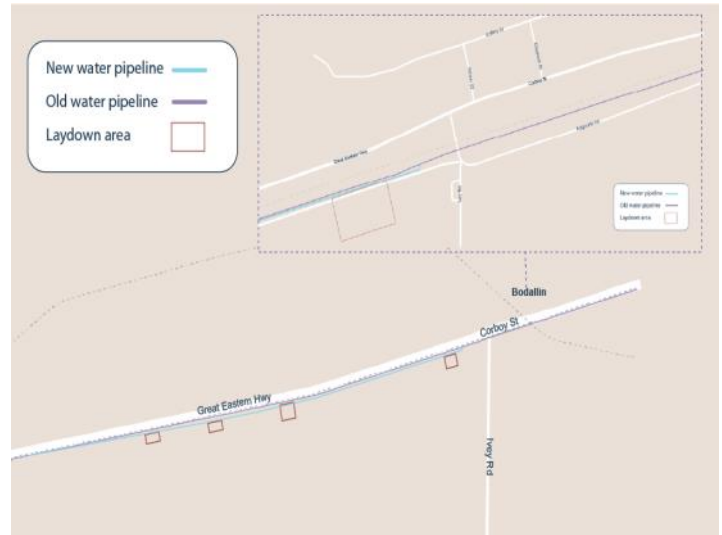
Yerbillon Road will be closed between Smyth Road in Carrabin and Ivey Road in Bodallin. Any access to Bodallin Dam can still be undertaken via Smyth Road, Lowe Road, and Stephen Road. Yerbillon Road will be closed until mid-2027.

Most work will take place **Monday to Sunday** between **7am to 5pm**. Water Corporation will be in touch via email if out-of-hours work is required.

You may notice an increase in noise, dust and heavy vehicle traffic along Great Eastern Highway during the work period.

Traffic management will be in place for a small period of this work to keep everyone safe. Water Corporation will let you know the details closer to when it's required.

For more information please visit Water Corporation's website: <https://www.watercorporation.com.au/outages-and-works/ongoing-works/goldfields-pipeline-replacement>



COMMUNITY HUB UPDATE

The first Community Hub meeting was held on 9th September. Thank you to everyone who came along, shared their ideas and contributed to the conversation about what we can achieve with the Hub.

A big thank you to everyone who went down to help Pete oil the gazebo. The new signs for each of the activity areas are now in place, and they're looking great!

There's also a new Games Room in the works, which will include a pool table and dart board.

We're excited to see the Community Hub continue to grow and become a space for everyone in our community to enjoy.

Mens Shed, Busy bee on Wednesday 7/10/26
2pm – 4pm and 14/10/26 2pm – 4pm

Membership Pricelist:

- Yearly \$150 or 1st October \$125, 1st Jan \$100, 1st April \$75
- Age 0-12 under parent membership Free, Age 13-18 \$75
- Non Members occasional use; Warm Water Pool only \$15 & all other areas \$5 (by member invitation or arrangement with Shire Council).

How to get involved with your Community Hub? Fill out the Westonia Community Survey, Get on the Community Hub Whatsapp



Please fill out this 5 minute survey to help us plan small events in Westonia. Share what you want to learn, or would be interested in!

Survey



WANT TO STAY UPDATED ABOUT OUR
community hub events?

Join our Whatsapp groupchat for updates, events and all other information.


Westonia Community Hub
WhatsApp group




Please note the Shire Office and Public Library will be closed on **MONDAY THE 28TH SEPTEMBER** for the King's Birthday.

FINAL CALL
PLEASE RSVP BY THE 28TH OF SEPTEMBER

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

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



FIRE INFORMATION



FIRE BREAKS

Fire breaks and all mandatory property maintenance (See Fire Breaks & Hazard Reduction Notice for details) to be installed and maintained between

1 NOVEMBER—30 APRIL

CAMPING AND COOKING FIRES

Camping and woodfire cooking fires may be lit at a persons permanent home or residence provided it is contained within a purpose built structure and the Fire Danger Rating for the District is not "High" or above.

Refer to Shires Campfire Information found on the Shires website for all terms and conditions.

RESTRICTED BURNING PERIOD

A permit is to be obtained from a Fire Control Officer prior to burning

16 SEPTEMBER—31 OCTOBER

15 FEBRUARY—31 MARCH

PROHIBITED BURNING PERIOD

STRICTLY NO BURNING

1 NOVEMBER—14 FEBRUARY

TOTAL FIRE BANS

During a Total Fire Ban (TFB) you must not light any fire in the open air, conduct hot works such as welding or grinding, operate an internal combustion engine on or near vegetation, or conduct any activity likely to start a fire.

Some exemptions may apply to business or agricultural industries— Visit the Department of Fire & Emergency Services Website for more information

MORE INFORMATION

For more information refer to the annual Fire Break & Hazard Reduction Notice, Shire of Westonia website or call 90467063

See smoke or Fire ?

www.emergency.wa.gov.au

To view all active incidents, warning, Total Fire Bans and Fire Danger Rating for your area.

TO REPORT ALL FIRES CALL 000



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shire@westonia.wa.gov.au
www.westonia.wa.gov.au

BUSHFIRE IMPORTANT CONTACTS

CHIEF BUSH FIRE CONTROL OFFICER

Frank Corsini | 0429 467 042

DEPUTY CHIEF BUSH FIRE CONTROL OFFICER

Michael Crook | 0428 449 004

WESTONIA BRIGADE FIRE CONTROL OFFICERS

Frank Corsini | 0429 467 042

Colin Lindley | 0427 467 004

Brad Penny | 0429 467 046

WALGOOLAN BRIGADE FIRE CONTROL OFFICERS

Jason Wahlsten | 0429 447 020

Shaun Crees | 0428 447 057

WARRALAKIN BRIGADE FIRE CONTROL OFFICERS

Dave Crook | 0428 440 127

Brayden Brennan | 0447 098 662

SHIRE FIRE CONTROL OFFICER

Bill Price | 0427 467 063

(General enquiries only. In an emergency call 000)

HARVEST BAN SMS

Call 9046 7063 to subscribe



Happy Birthday

1st September: Ray McLaughlin

7th September: Amanda Corsini

8th September: Ross Crews

9th September: Tia Penny

10th September: Jess Fitzgerald

13th September: Arnold White

**15th September: Celia Du Plessis,
Zoe Ashby-Deering**

17th September: Mal Nicoletti

22nd September: Greta Gejas

**24th September: Stacey Geier,
Zac Crees**

26th September: Lydia Nicoletti

27th September: Kane Corsini



Picnic
AT BALADJIE
Friday, September 25th
10:30am - Meet at Community Hub
Call the Shire to make a booking for the bus
BRING YOUR OWN FOOD AND
DRINKS & ENJOY GREAT
COMPANY!

FOR SALE



HEATER \$40



JOCKEY WHEELS
\$20 EACH



TRIGG HITCH \$50



4X PRADO RIMS
\$200

**PLEASE CONTACT BILL PRICE
0427 467 063**



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 21ST OCTOBER @ 1PM, AT THE
COMMUNITY HUB**





Plonk & Donk

\$5 if you are not a member at the Community Hub

CORN DOLLY MAKING

Thursday, 8th October

6pm

Activity Room 1 - Community Hub

BYO drinks & nibbles to share



OUT WEST
MECHANICAL
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PUTTS FOR PINK GOLF



9-Hole Ambrose
No golfing experience or equipment required



BBQ Lunch - Please bring a salad/side to share



Major Raffles valued over \$500 & a cake stall



Wear something pink! Best dressed prize up for grabs



All are welcome to attend the lunch for a fun filled afternoon and raising funds for breast cancer awareness. Please RSVP

All proceeds will be donated to the McGrath Foundation

SWING FOR A CAUSE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2026

WESTONIA GOLF COURSE

09:00 AM TEE OFF
12:00PM LUNCH



Phone Number
9046 7063

REGISTRATION DETAILS

Partners & Individual Registration Available
Registration Fee: \$10 / Player

MOVIE NIGHT
Old Miners Hall

FREE ENTRY

Tuesday 29th September
6:00pm

THE DRESSMAKER
Popcorn available
BYO Drinks

Shirts
AVAILABLE
TO ORDER

\$45

\$5 OF EACH ORDER GOES TOWARDS OUR DONATION



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CHAN TO ORDER**



PILATES

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mat pilates classes
to help build your
strength



— all ages welcome —
— weekly sessions —

THURSDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER | 5:30 PM | REC CENTRE

PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN MAT & WATER BOTTLES
LIMITED MATS AVAILABLE

FIRST AID COURSE

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WESTONIA IS HOLDING A FIRST AID
COURSE IN NOVEMBER
CONTACT THE OFFICE IF YOU ARE
INTERESTED
DATE TO COME SHORTLY



WE'RE HIRING

@ShireofWestonia

JOIN OUR TEAM!

ADMINISTRATION/LIBRARY OFFICER
OR
ADMINISTRATIVE TRAINEESHIP

*Are you enthusiastic, motivated and passionate
about your local community? The Shire of
Westonia is seeking an enthusiastic person for an
Administration/Library Officer or Administrative
Trainee position based at the Shire office.*

ADMINISTRATION/LIBRARY OFFICER or ADMINISTRATIVE TRAINEESHIP

Applications are sought from an enthusiastic
and motivated person for the Administration/
Library Officer or Administrative Trainee
position based in the Shire of Westonia office.

It is envisaged that the new position will
commence October 2026.

Applications addressing the selection criteria
should be sent to the undersigned at Shire of
Westonia, 33 Wolfram St, Westonia 6423, or
email j.geier@westonia.wa.gov.au, by
12.00pm Thursday 1st October 2026

Jasmine Geier

DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



HARVEST FESTIVAL

Nungarin 2026

WEEKEND

FRIDAY 2 OCTOBER - SUNDAY 4 OCTOBER

- CONCERT -
- FOOD -
- MARKETS -

WWW.NUNGARIN.COM.AU/EVENTS

Stay the weekend in Nungarin at our lovely hotels and caravan parks - more information at www.nungarin.com.au

· Nungarin Shire Caravan Park 9046 5006 · Mangowine Homestead 9046 5149 · Woolshed Hotel 9046 5084
· McCorry's Old Hotel 0497 575 907 (limited)

Additional accommodation at:

Merredin Tourist Park 9041 1 535, Trayning Caravan Park 9683 1001, Mukinbudin Caravan Park 0429 471 103 & Mukinbudin Hotel 9047 1133

- Welcome BBQ Tea - Museum fundraiser Friday, 2 Oct

Enjoy country hospitality at the 'Welcome to Nungarin' BBQ tea. A chance to make some new friendships, meet up with friends and have a drink at the bar.

Where: Recreation Centre **Cost:** \$20 **Time:** 6:00pm
Everyone is welcome - Limited seated places available



Nungarin Heritage & Military Museum Opening hours

Friday 2, Saturday 3 and Sunday 4: 9am-4pm

Mangowine Concert - Saturday, 3 Oct

Gates open: 4.30pm Entertainment starts: 5.00pm

Food & drink for sale (cash) or bring your own picnic
· LICENSED BAR - NO BYO · SMOKE FREE EVENT

BOYS FROM MUKA ARE BACK!

Eastern Line will be performing at 5.00pm

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BENDIGO BANK MANGOWINE CONCERT

A TRIBUTE TO

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★ SATURDAY 3RD OCTOBER ★

ONLINE BOOKINGS (VIA QR CODE)
OR CASH AT THE GATE

BOOK YOUR TRANSPORT TO THE CONCERT

MUKINBUDIN BUS

0429 471 103

MERREDIN BUS

9041 1886

NUNGARIN BUS

0429 471 103

General Admission

(online purchase
preferred & at gate)

\$30 per adult

CASH ONLY AT GATE

ON THE NIGHT

(Under 18 - free)

BYO chairs/picnic rugs

VIP

(online purchase only)

\$175 for two people

Only 110 available

✓ Your entry tickets

✓ Seating at a table

✓ 3-course meal in an

esky *(pick up from the bar upon arrival at event)*

✓ Choice of a bottle of red or white wine

Concert Transport

No bus fare charged for buses to and from Mangowine. An administration fee will be charged per person leaving from Nungarin
LEAVE FROM 4.00PM—LIMITED SEATING

To book

Nungarin : www.nungarin.com.au/events
Merredin Wheatbelt Visitor Centre: 9041 1666
Mukinbudin Caravan Park: 0429 471 103

Wheatbelt Markets - Sunday, 4 Oct



FREE TRAIN RIDES

Sausage Sizzle in aid of St John Ambulance

Craft Shop & Op Shop open

Café in the Hall - Ice Cream Van

Blessing of the Header @10.30am



Stall Bookings/ Enquiries 0448 244 063

Email: nungarinwheatbeltmarkets@gmail.com

**Additional information will be
available as soon as possible.**

www.nungarin.com.au/events

**Please check back again closer to event date
as information may have changed.**

· Where to buy breakfast/lunch on Sat & Sun

· Camping @ Mangowine

· Miscellaneous concert info (weather etc)



Department of
Primary Industries and
Regional Development

Tel: 9046 5400

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Nungarin
Community Resource Centre

Proudly supporting
the 2026 Mangowine Concert

NO ACCESS TO ATM IN NUNGARIN OVER THE WEEKEND

Be prepared for cold weather



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-  Old Town Hall, Mitchell St, Merredin

LACHLAN HUNTER MP

MEMBER FOR CENTRAL WHEATBELT

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2026 September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	01 D S C R A B B L E Y	02 	03 B I N G O 	04	05
06	07  Westonia Craft Group, 9AM	08 D S C R A B B L E Y	09 	10 B I N G O  LAUREL DAY	11	12
13	14  Westonia Craft Group, 9AM	15 D S C R A B B L E Y  CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE	16  Working group meeting @ old school 1pm	17  Robyns Beauty Salon B I N G O	18	19
20	21  Westonia Craft Group, 9AM	22 D S C R A B B L E Y 	23 	24 B I N G O Council Meeting 	25 	26
27	28  SHIRE OFFICE CLOSED KINGS BIRTHDAY	29  MOVIE NIGHT	30	01	02	03
04	05	Notes:				